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# Bulletin

53rd Spring North American Bridge Championships

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## A welcome from the chairman

By Kathy Angstadt Hansen



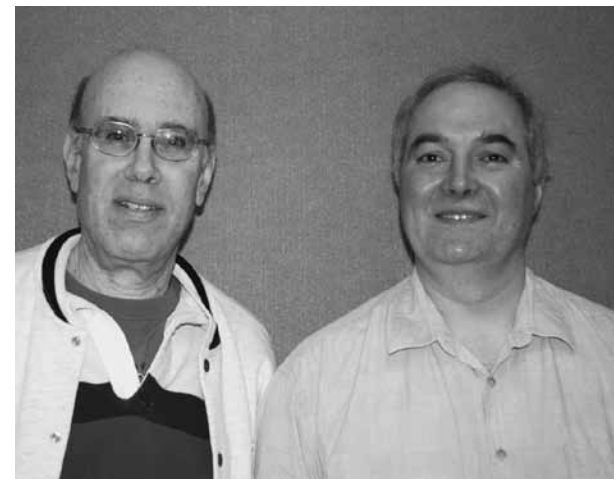
Welcome to the "Biggest Little City in the World," Reno NV. Reno has much to offer for everyone, from one of the greatest Spring North

American Bridge Championships ever (including the brand new NABC Platinum Pairs) to gambling, shows, shopping, bowling, movies and more.

Our staff has been working very hard these last couple of years to make sure your experience at the this tournament is a pleasant one. Be sure to say "Hi!" and "Thank You" to all of the committee chairs:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Player Hospitality    | Marilyn Vilhauer                  |
| Finance               | Jo Anne Murdock                   |
| Restaurant Guide      | Sheila Wimer                      |
| Intermediate/Newcomer | Karol & Guy Monroe                |
| Registration          | Cynthia Sinn                      |
| Partnership           | Sam Asai                          |
| Volunteers            | Staci Christian,<br>Donna Braniff |
| Information           | Sheila Wimer                      |
| Prizes                | Ouida McCullough                  |
| Publicity             | Hendrik Sharples                  |
| Caddies               | Sheila Wimer                      |

We wish you the best of luck at the bridge table and hope your time here in Reno will be a pleasant one.



Baldwin NAP Flight A winners: Frank Merblum and Doug Doub

## New Englanders win squeaker

With one round to go, the leading pair played the second-place pair in the Baldwin Flight A North American Open Pairs. Doug Doub and Frank Merblum had a score of 420.52 while Nikolay Demirev and David Yang stood at 415.21. Close behind in third place were Michael Polowan and Jared Lilienstein with 412.86.

The two final boards were part-scores and Doub and Merblum were slightly below average, but it was enough to hold on for the win. Polowan and Lilienstein had a good last round and moved up to second.

The winners scored 417.53 on a 13 top while Polowan and Lilienstein finished with 416.21. Demirev and Yand had 413.86.

Doub, of West Hartford CT, and Merblum, of Bloomfield CT, won the event in 2001 and were second in 2003. The Chicago-area pair of Yang and Demirev won in 2005.

Merblum and Doub were in fourth-place after the first final session and said they knew they "had a solid game" in the second final session. Merblum is an actuary for a major insurance company and Doub is a bridge teacher.

## Meckstroth passes Soloway to become masterpoint king

The Jeff Meckstroth roll continues.

On the heels of winning his ninth Barry Crane Top 500 title, earning 2009 Player of the Year plaudits and racking up his second Player of the Decade honor, Meckstroth is now the all-time leading masterpoint holder. All of that followed his Bermuda Bowl victory last fall as part of the Nick Nickell team.

In the first week of March, Meckstroth and his fiancée, Sallie Chapleau, traveled from Tampa FL to Indiana to play in the Indianapolis Winter Regional with Doug Simson and Walter Johnson of Columbus OH.

They won their first 13 knockout teams matches and went home with more than 120 masterpoints, enough to push Meckstroth past the late Paul Soloway for the top spot.

After the Indianapolis tournament, Meckstroth's masterpoint total was 65,566.69 to Soloway's 65,511.92.

No one familiar with the top levels of bridge is surprised at Meckstroth's success, a by-product of fierce competitive instincts and his love of the game.

As a bridge journalist, vugraph commentator and player, Barry Rigal has seen Meckstroth at work in the toughest of settings.

Says Rigal, "Jeff is perhaps the most difficult person in the world to play against. He never shows any sign of being happy or sad when the dummy comes down, and you can never draw an inference from the tempo of the cards that he plays."

Rigal adds, "If there's one card you don't want to see when he is defending or declaring, you can be sure the card will appear sooner than you would like it to."

Chip Martel, who figures he has played against Meckstroth as much as anyone, says the many-time world and North American champion "is certainly one of the most – if not *the* most – intense and fiercely competitive guys. He is willing to back his



judgment and do what he thinks is right."

Martel also recognizes Meckstroth's sportsmanship: "At the table, the atmosphere is intense but still friendly."

Zia Mahmood, Meckstroth's teammate on the Nickell team, says it's hard to find enough superlatives to describe the new masterpoint champ. "I would hate to say anybody else is the greatest," Zia says, "but it would have to be him."

Eric Rodwell, Meckstroth's longtime partner, says it is always a pleasure to sit across the table from a person "who plays better than anybody." Says Rodwell, "Jeff has a unique approach to the game. He is a good partner, but he is unpredictable to the opponents."

Meckstroth had not planned to attend the Indianapolis tournament, but he and Chapleau readily accepted when old friends and teammates

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## Platinum Pairs debuts today

Eligible players can make history today as the first NABC+ Platinum Pairs kicks off at 1 p.m.

The event will be played over six sessions, ending Sunday. Eligible players are paid 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.

## Goodwill Message

Welcome to the 2010 Spring North American Bridge Championships in Reno.

Tournament chair Kathy Angstadt 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.

Aileen Osofsky,  
Chairman  
National Goodwill  
Committee



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

### Friday, March 12

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: Whitney.*

10 am - Noon **ACBL Charity Foundation meeting.** *Room: Ruby 1.*

10:30 am - Noon **ACBL Tournament Director meeting.** *Room: Sierra 1.*

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: Ruby 1 & 2.*

11 - 11:30 pm **National Appeals Committee meeting.** *Room: Sierra 1.*

10 a.m. - Noon **ACBL Laws Commission meeting.** *Room: Teton 2.*

9:45 a.m. - 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: "Taking More Tricks" *Room: Carson 4.*

10 a.m. **Bridge-Plus+.** Free lesson for new players, followed by free game at 12:30 pm. *Room: Carson 4.*

10 a.m. **Breakfast with the Stars.**

10 - 11 a.m. **Marketing Matters — live.** Join Vicki Campbell, ACBL's Director of Marketing, and hear about the latest marketing tools and programs the ACBL has available to assist clubs and teachers in their marketing efforts. Bring your own marketing tips and tricks to share with others, too. *Room: Sierra 1.*

10 a.m. - Noon **ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting.** *Board Room.*

10:30 - Noon **Youth bridge from schools.**

12:30 p.m. **Bridge Plus+.** Special game for new players. 14 boards, no card fee. *Room: Carson 4.*

1 - 11 p.m. **Better Bridge Seminar.** Audrey Grant and the Better Bridge Team present new ways to introduce bridge to the absolute beginner using modern methods based on the Bridge Basics Series. The seminar will break for dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. *Room: Whitney.*

4:30 - 6 p.m. **Junior Reception.** All Junior players are invited to attend. *Room: Ruby 1 & 2.*

### Saturday, March 13

9 a.m. - Noon **Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises Seminar.** Join Peg Cundiff, host of more than 100 bridge cruises, for great tips on being a successful teacher and bridge host on a cruise ship. Fee: \$25 at the door. *Room: Ruby 1 & 2.*

9 a.m. - Noon **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** *Room: Sierra 2.*

9 a.m. - 10 p.m. **Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation Program.** Learn Audrey Grant's powerful, up-to-date methods that assure successful lessons for the absolute beginner and those with a wide range of experience and skill. An ACBL-approved teacher accreditation. Fee: \$125 *Location: Whitney Room on the Mezzanine level.*

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

*Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Reno.*

### Friday, March 12

9:15 am Jerry Helms *Ask Jerry*

6:45 pm Audrey Grant *What's Forcing?*

### Saturday, March 13

9:15 am Allan Mazer *The Art of Finding Queens*

### Sunday, March 14

9:15 am Peg & Dewy Cundiff *The Ever-Changing Bridge Hand*

6:45 pm Ken Monzingo *Hand Patterns*

## ENTERTAINMENT / FOOD

*Nevada Foyer - Lower Level*

### Sunday, March 14

6:30 p.m. Secrets of an "Old" Show Girl. Free. A humorous look at the life of an MGM Showgirl.

### Tuesday, March 16

10:30 p.m. Singer Chris Costa  
The Man of a Thousand Songs. Dance to music from the Fifties to the present top 20. Free beer and cash bar.

*Nevada Foyer - Lower Level*

### Friday, March 12

10:30 p.m. Cookies

### Saturday, March 13

10:30 p.m. Pretzels

### Slow play: the curse of the game

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

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

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

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

First: Do not post mortem between deals whether you are in a pair game or a Swiss team event. Finish the round and then discuss hands if there is still time. We, as directors, will not cut your time, but I think you will find yourselves under less pressure by following this suggestion. Remember: We provide hand records in pair games so you don't have to worry about forgetting a particular holding.

Second: If you are on opening lead, make your lead before recording the contract in your private

score. You will have plenty of time after leading to record the information and still see the entire first trick.

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

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

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

### No smoking

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



### Rose Meltzer's "Breakfast with the Stars"

There are just a few spots left to join Rose Meltzer and other world champions for a wonderful hot breakfast buffet. The breakfast will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, in the Nevada Room on the lower level.

Tickets are just \$20 and can be purchased at the Information Desk.

### Life Master news

Melanie Tucker of New York City has advanced to Platinum Life Master, a rank requiring more than 10,000 masterpoints. Tucker has won dozens of regional tournaments and is a contender each year in the Barry Crane Top 500.

Players who earn Life Master status or reach other major milestones should report in to the Daily Bulletin office in the McKinley Room on the mezzanine level.







# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Finding your way

By Lynn Berg

Even if this is not your first NABC, you may not have been taking full advantage of what is available here for all players, and specifically for 0-299 players. There's a lot going on, and your best source of information is in your hands right now – the Daily Bulletin. Take a good look at this issue – the format will be repeated every day.



Big news and features of interest to everyone appear on page one. Page two has a calendar of special events for the day, with locations and brief descriptions. Now look at the back outside page, where you will find the schedule of games with locations for today. Tomorrow's schedule is on the inside back page.

Some of you know I write a column for the monthly Bridge Bulletin on "Upgrading Your Game." You can take advantage of what is offered in Reno to further that goal. Each day, there are two terrific speakers scheduled for the 0-299 area. These free talks give you access to some of the best bridge minds and best bridge teachers on the continent. Find this list on page two every day. Many times a hand-out will be provided and you will have the chance to ask questions, a golden opportunity rarely available anywhere else but an NABC.

You are probably a member of ACBL (if not, any game director will handle the proper paperwork for you to join). If so, it means that at this NABC you are a citizen of ACBL. You may attend meetings of the Board of Governors. When you see the results of Appeals Committees reported in this paper, they are the result of hard volunteer work by knowledgeable members.

You should also take advantage of the free hand records offered at the end of every pairs game. Instead of discussing issues with your partner during a session, circle any hand that needs discussion and settle down afterwards with

the hand record.

Make sure you register. You'll get a copy of the complete 10-day schedule as well as restaurant information and other goodies. You can plan ahead to enjoy lots of different events as well as the entertainment planned by the very energetic host committee.

Never participated in a knockout or a Swiss team? Here's your chance. All sorts of events are scheduled at every level at an NABC. If you would like to see how some event works before deciding whether or not to participate, just go along and observe. Kibitzers are welcome. Once the game is running, you can also ask any floor director who is not busy how it works and who would be good to kibitz. A tip:

Try to watch someone better than you, but not so far advanced that systems, methods and even pace could be beyond your interest. Remember that you should look only at one hand, making no comments or expressing any opinion while the boards are being played. Don't be offended if someone says not to kibitz—being watched makes some players uncomfortable. If you have a question about one of the deals you watch, wait until the round is over (not just the board) and be sure it's okay with the person you're watching. Or make a note of the hand and look at the hand



record later if there is one.

Within the 299er area, you'll have chances to play in one- and two-session games and to play Swiss teams as well. Take advantage of the efficient and friendly Partnership Desk as needed—just give them enough time to do their jobs! If you do ask for a partner or a team, be honest about your skill level. Don't forget, someone who has fewer masterpoints might still be an excellent partner, especially if your styles are compatible. The first try might not be a good fit. If you've gotten to the Partnership Desk in a timely manner, you'll have a chance to try again.

## Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: West ♠ 7 3  
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 6 5  
 ♦ A 9 4  
 ♣ A 9 7 6

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

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

West	North	East	South
2♠	Dbl	Pass	6♣ (!)
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♠K.

**Bidding commentary:** Of course there are other ways of bidding the South hand, but 6♣ figures to be a reasonable contract facing most any sane takeout double of 2♠.

**Play commentary:** Counting winners, you have 11: five clubs, three hearts, two diamonds and one spade. Counting losers, you have two, a spade and a diamond. So far so good. Your losers and winners add up to 13.

**Play commentary #2:** You have several

chances to make this contract, including the unlikely ♦Q J doubleton. On a good day, hearts will break 3-3, but even if they don't, you still have a throw-in play available to force the opponents to break diamonds. Win the ♠A, noticing that both you and dummy each remain with one spade, the perfect setting for an eventual throw-in play, an evenly divided suit with a loser. Draw trumps and play three rounds of hearts. Assuming hearts don't break (otherwise you have 12 tricks), ruff a heart, stripping hearts from both your hand and dummy, and exit with your spade, forcing a diamond return.

## Welcome, Intermediate/ Newcomer Players, to Reno!

All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in the Carson 1 and 2 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. On Friday, March 12, at 9:15 a.m., Jerry Helms will present "Ask Jerry." And at 6:45 p.m., Audrey

Grant will discuss "What's Forcing?"

On Friday, March 12, there will be free Newcomer games (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 13, at 9:45 a.m., Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will give a free two-hour lesson. On Sunday, March 14, at 9:45 a.m., Audrey Grant will also give a free two-hour lesson.

On Saturday, March 13, there will be a reception for IN players. Check tomorrow's Daily Bulletin for time and place.

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 12-14 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 19-21.

# National Appeals Committee Roster and Schedule for the Reno NABC

**Director**  
Paul Janicki, Markham ON

**Chairman**  
Adam Wildavsky, New York NY

## National Appeals Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the National Appeals Committee on Friday, March 12, from 11 to 11:30 p.m. in the Sierra 1 Room.

### 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, Miami FL  
Jan Jansma, Malden, Netherlands  
Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD  
Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL  
Bill Passell, Coral Springs 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 13  
Tuesday, March 16  
Friday, March 19

### 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, New York NY  
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  
Bob Schwartz, San Pedro CA  
Joann Sprung, Philadelphia PA  
David Stevenson, Liverpool, England  
Jim Thurtell, Dallas TX  
Chris Willenken, New York NY

#### On duty

Sunday, March 14  
Wednesday, March 17  
Saturday, March 20

### 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 12  
Monday, March 15  
Thursday, March 18

## Today's hosts

Each day, a different group of units will host the NABC. The hosts for today are Area 1 and their representative is Zelna Morrow. The units in Area 1 are:

#### **Ukiah Unit 569**

The Ukiah area is known as, The New Napa Valley. They have 47 members and offer three bridge games each week.

Lakeport holds games on Monday and Friday and Ukiah has a game on Wednesday.

The club games are all non-profit. The Unit also subsidizes the Christmas party, as well as, the unit game which is held each March.

#### **Sutter Buttes Unit 460**

Located in the Northern Sacramento Valley of California, this Unit has a membership of 69.

They have bridge games in Yuba City, Ca on Monday and Friday. Oroville, The Gold City, also offers a game on Thursday.

The unit prides itself with friendly bridge players, great hospitality and their sectional tournament is famous for the fun and food they offer.

#### **Nevada County Unit 461**

This Unit is located in the Sierra Nevada Foothills and has a membership of 220 bridge players.

Games are held on Monday through Friday at the Golden Empire Grange in Grass Valley. Evening games are held at Lake Wildwood on Wednesday night and at Lake of the Pines on Thursday night. Swiss Teams are held on Fridays and all other games are open pairs.

The Unit holds a big Sectional in October, an award luncheon in May and one of their weekday games generously supports many charities within the Community.

Some ladies from the various bridge clubs have formed a group called Bridge Players have Hearts for Kids. Every year at Christmas they raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for the children in the Community.

## 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.

## Thursday's hosts

Each day, a different group of units will host the NABC. The hosts for yesterday were the Reno-Carson City-Tahoe area. Those units are:

#### **Reno Unit 473 (District 21)**

Reno, "The biggest Little City in the World," has 250 members. They have bridge games seven days a week with one evening game on Wednesday. Susanville CA is also a member of the Reno Unit and has a bridge game on Tuesday evening.

The unit has two very nice five-day sectional tournaments a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

#### **Carson City/Tahoe Unit 465 (District 21)**

This unit is comprised of four bridge clubs with 143 members.

Carson City NV has a total of four open games. They also have a abbreviated limited game on Tuesday mornings with a 40-minute lesson prior to the start of the game.

Gardnerville NV has a bridge game on Monday. Crystal Bay, located on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe offers a Tuesday evening bridge game in the summer and fall months. South Shore CA offers a bridge game on Tuesdays only during the summer.

# BRIDGE TEACHERS AND BRIDGE CRUISES

Join Peg Cundiff, host of more than 100 bridge cruises, for an informative session about what you need to know to be a successful teacher and bridge host on a cruise ship.

**Fee: \$25 at door.**

**Date: Saturday, March 13**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon**

**Location: Grand Sierra Resort – Ruby 1 & 2**





# Baldwin NAP-A winners

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 Zerbini
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

## Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy is revised as follows:

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## Defending champions

**Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A:** Jim Krekorian, John Rengstorff

**Golder North American Pairs, Flight B:** Robert McCaw, Lewis Gamerman

**President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C:** Elenalani Lam, Michael Bodell

**Vanderbilt Knockout Teams:** George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady

**Jacoby Open Swiss Teams:** Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

**Machlin Women's Swiss Teams:** Janice Seamon-Molson, Phyllis Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, Jill Levin, Tobi Sokolow, Jill Meyers

**Silodor Open Pairs:** David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen

**Whitehead Women's Pairs:** Lisa Berkowitz, Joann Glasson

**Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:** Dan Suty, Jim Hilton

**Rockwell Mixed Pairs:** Karen Walker, Tom Kniest

**Lebhar IMP Pairs:** Nikolay Demirev, Nicolas L'Ecuyer

**Bean Red Ribbon Pairs:** Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais

**Mott-Smith Trophy:** Jeff Meckstroth

## Starting young

The Reno Unit is sponsoring a Youth Bridge Session from the schools Saturday morning. There will be about 24—32 students playing in the Intermediate-Newcomer area. They will play bridge at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy lunch afterwards. Jeff Freeman, Director of Student Services for the Washoe County School District, is coming along with some parents and teachers.

## Restaurant Shuttle

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

### Departing the Grand Sierra to Downtown Reno:

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

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

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

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

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

### Returning to the Grand Sierra — 2 Options:

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

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

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

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

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

### RTC Passes:

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

For more information, visit the Reno NABC Information Desk.

## Entry fees

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: NABC+ Platinum Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$20 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$18 for non-members.

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

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



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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
1996	Mike Albert, Marilyn Hemenway
1997	Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge
1998	Jim Robison, Gene Freed
1999	Ralph Katz, George Jacobs
2000	Aschley 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

### Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.



### INTERNATIONAL FUND STRATIFIED OPEN

#### 94.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
19.19	1			Norman Rubin, Monticello NY; Jonathan Green, Kingston NY	68.75%
14.39	2			Linda Eakes, Leawood KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS	65.71%
10.79	3			Jean Orr, Middletown CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	64.58%
7.09	4/5			Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Stephen Stewart, Shawnee Msn KS	63.46%
7.09	4/5			Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	63.46%
11.02	6	1		Girard Brewer - Dorothy Brewer, Reno NV	62.98%
3.42	7			Leonard Wisbey, Graham WA; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	62.66%
3.03	8			R Jay Becker, New York NY; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA	62.50%
3.03	9			David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	62.34%
8.27	10	2		Leona Hanson - Eileen Ojakangas, Davis CA	62.02%
6.20		3		Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Richard Wieland, Redding CT	58.17%
4.65		4		Kathy Lane - Lorita Spalding, Reno NV	56.89%
5.11	5/7	1		Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Roman Sydorak, Los Angeles CA	56.73%
2.69	5/7			Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Kirsten Wibroe, Sausalito CA	56.73%
2.69	5/7			James Paschal, Reno NV; Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV	56.73%
3.83		2		June Lucas - Molly Rakestraw, Reno NV	56.25%
2.87		3		David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi TX	55.29%
2.16		4		William Schoenemann, Reno NV; Robert Rodenhizer, Tracy CA	54.17%
1.62		5		Mark Gospodnetic - Govind Narayan, Richmond VA	53.69%
1.21		6		Ray Lowe, Astoria OR; Sue Boyle, Seaview WA	53.37%

### INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER PAIRS

#### 17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.82	1	1		Diane Mayer, Boulder CO; Lorena Soares, Louisville CO	62.50%
2.87	2			Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA; William Pearman, Honolulu HI	60.42%
2.15	3	2	1	Leslie Dorsey, Gambrills MD; Everett Dorsey, Sun City West AZ	59.82%
1.41	4/5			Thomas McGuire - Rose Marie McGuire, Salem OR	58.93%
1.41	4/5	3	2	Jane Schwartz - Ed Schwartz, Sparks NV	58.93%
0.70	6/8			Robert Mix - Marge Mix, Reno NV	58.04%
0.94	6/8			Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; Donald McKush, Pride Lake MN	58.04%
1.00	6/8	4		Joseph Kushner, San Francisco CA; Doris Weiner Gluckman, Alameda CA	58.04%
0.75		5		Eleanor Battaglia, Foster City CA; Frank Pierce, San Mateo CA	57.74%
0.89		6		Gwen Davey, Fresno CA; Brenna Wundram, Los Gatos CA	57.14%
0.89			3	Gwenyth Conners - Gary Conners, Rochester NY	53.87%
0.67			4	Elizabeth Biggins, Palos Verdes CA; Laurie David, Rolling Hills E CA	49.11%

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14.0 Tables				
65.00	1	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT		417.53
48.75	2	Michael Polowan - Jared Lilienstein, New York NY		416.21
36.56	3	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL		413.86
28.89	4	Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN		407.11
26.00	5	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO; En Hay, Littleton CO		405.00
23.64	6	Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL		402.13
21.67	7	Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA; Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR		387.88
20.00	8	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA		381.30
18.57	9	Gene Benedict - Robert Brandow, Toledo OH		375.85
17.33	10	Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY		375.45
16.25	11	Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO		372.10
15.29	12	Sidney Lazard - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX		369.27
14.44	13	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY		367.05
13.68	14	Randy Joyce, Raleigh NC; Bill Wisdom, Salisbury NC		362.72
13.00	15	Andre Chartrand, Lery QC; Charles Martineau, Brossard QC		361.19
12.38	16	Rick Roeder, San Diego CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA		357.48
11.82	17	Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL		354.14
11.30	18	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; David Becher, Peabody MA		349.77

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION STRATIFIED PAIRS

117.0 Tables		A	B	C		
20.53	1			R Jay Becker, New York NY; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA		72.60%
15.40	2			Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Joan Gerard, White Plains NY		68.59%
11.55	3			Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Ishmael Delmonte, Sydney Australia		67.15%
8.66	4			Nurdin Kassam, North Vancouver BC; Zia Mahmood, London SW40DQ England		66.67%
6.50	5			Judi Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; David Vidaver, Sacramento CA		65.38%
4.87	6			Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI; Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan		65.06%
3.65	7			Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY		64.90%
2.74	8			Linda Eakes, Leawood KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS		64.26%
2.29	9			Linda Smith - Ron Smith, Hixson TN		63.94%
1.96	10/11			John Stonebraker, Magalia CA; Melvin Lubart, Hummelstown PA		63.46%
2.21	10/11			Charles Durrin III, Madison AL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL		63.46%
2.21	12			John Moffat, Bellingham WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA		62.82%
11.02	1			Janet Appel, Estill Spgs TN; Louise Fontecchio, Nashville TN		59.80%
8.27	2			Al Jinnah - Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC		59.46%
6.20	3			Joel Singer, Santa Clara CA; Michael Cohen, Denver CO		57.05%
4.65	4			Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA; Cordelia Menges, New York NY		56.57%
3.49	5			Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA		55.45%
4.12	6	1		Christina Siemer, Lewistown MT; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX		54.01%
3.09		2		Normand Malette - Gerry Malette, Sudbury ON		48.56%
2.32		3		Jacqueline Goodling, Mesa AZ; Sandra Carton, Billings MT		48.24%
1.74		4		Virginia Samaras, Red Bank NJ; Sandra Chandonnet, Freehold NJ		48.12%
1.30		5		Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC		47.92%
0.98		6		Jane Youngberg, Surrey BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC		46.77%

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 299ER PAIRS

15.0 Tables		D	E	F		
3.53	1	1		Scott Denison - Phyllis Denison, Santa Barbara CA		60.80%
2.65	2	2		Marilyn Swadron - David Swadron, Calgary AB		59.28%
1.99	3	3		Thomas McGuire - Rose Marie McGuire, Salem OR		58.52%
1.58	4	4	1	Larry Niedrigerke, Breckenridge CO; Charleen Gorrell, Gold River CA		57.77%
1.12	5	5		Juanita Painter - David Myers, Austin TX		57.20%
1.24	6	6	2	Laurie David, Rolling Hills E CA; Elizabeth Biggins, Palos Verdes CA		54.36%
0.89			3	Dan Thatte - Manda Thatte, Palo Alto CA		53.98%
0.67			4	William Pearman, Honolulu HI; George Beard, Corte Madera CA		52.65%

## Attention, Junior Corps

ACBL Junior Corps members attending the 2010 Spring NABC are asked to please attend the Junior reception, scheduled for Saturday, March 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Ruby 1 and 2 on the mezzanine level of the hotel.

Junior Corps members:

Blake Allen, Jennifer Allen, David Banh, Meredith Beck, Anton Blagov, Lisa Burton, Brad Campbell, Andrew Carver, Andrew Dubay, Robert

Glickman, Ethan  
Kotkin, Samanth  
Nystrom, Tim  
Oleskiw, Lindsay  
Pearlman, Peter  
Quesnel, Daniel  
Recht, Gregory  
Vance, Xing Yuan.



## Meckstroth

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Simson and Johnson invited them to play in the KO's. He and Chapleau have been practicing to prepare for the Mixed Pairs at the World Bridge Championships in Philadelphia in October.

Meckstroth knew he was close to passing Soloway, a member of the Nickell team until his death in 2007, and he was aware that he did so at the regional.

Although the milestone was meaningful because he achieved it playing with Chapleau, Meckstroth says masterpoints are not his focus. Passing Soloway, Meckstroth says, "makes me sad in a way because I miss my friend."

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET I

16 Teams	
Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC; John McMurdie - Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA	
vs	
Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA; Steve Clements, Aliso Viejo CA; David Siebert, Little Rock AR; Howard Parker III, Clements CA	
vs	
Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Kirsten Wibroe, Sausalito CA; Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	
vs	
Kathy Lane - Lorita Spalding - Leslie Balascoe, Reno NV; Kenneth Grafton, Dayton NV	
vs	
James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	
vs	
John Russell, North Barrington IL; Robert Cappelli, Bloomfield MI; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY	
vs	
Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Douglas H Scott - Norman Holthouse - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK	
vs	
C Cleveland - Roberta Cleveland, Bend OR; Hans Wandel - Naomi Wandel, Portland OR	

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET II

9 Team	
Norman Marks, Oakland CA; Kathryn Centoni, Anchorage AK; Alice Crain - Rob Lorck, Colorado Spgs CO	
vs	
Pam Himes - Jerry Himes, Merritt Island FL; Linda Glynn - Burt O'Dell, Jacksonville FL	
vs	
Henry Caspar - Nancy Strohmer - Hans Strohmer, Houston TX; Edward Rais, Anchorage AK; Terry Richardson, Austin TX	
vs	
Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Robert Hill, Anchorage AK; James Easterling, Casselberry FL; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	
vs	
John Cox, Kellogg ID; Ann Zorn, Billings MT; Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT; Robert Kroupa, Idaho Falls ID	
vs	
Gordon Link, Peachland BC; Angela Taylor, Nanaimo BC; Diane Bishoff, Reno NV; Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI	

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO BRACKET III

16 Team	
Murray Haggins - Marilyn Haggins - Carol Lee Bellam - Edward Faichuk, Calgary AB	
vs	
David Findley - Blythe Olshan Findley, Westchester IL; J Michael Bowes - Ginger Bowes, McKinleyville CA	
vs	
Robert McNeil, San Francisco CA; Jan Ratliff, Highland Park IL; Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA; Lenore Cavallero, Hillsborough CA; John Chan, Sacramento CA	
vs	
Charles Burns - Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Pamela Gladysz - Jerome Gladysz, Ft Worth TX	

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# Sure and it's a limerick contest to celebrate St. Patty's Day

Wednesday of next week is St. Patrick's Day, so the NABC committee organized a limerick contest to acknowledge that festive day.

Here are some of the entries. The winner to be announced on St. Patrick's Day.



**#101**

She was the director's beautiful daughter  
Who was doing things she shouldn't oughter  
She got kicked in the rump  
When she led a trump  
Because she forgot what Mathe had taught her.

**#102**

There was a young man who was dead  
From a board partner slammed on his head  
At bridge he had tried  
But that's why he died  
Because he bid too much when he was red

**#103**

The rare time I open a hand  
With aces and faces – How grand!  
It's just meant to be  
Partner's best card's a three!  
I really just don't understand.

**#104**

Ever wonder where missing queens lie?  
Will luck or a guess get you by?  
Counting's the key  
Count and you'll see  
You will know where missing cards hide.

**#105**

How much you win will depend  
On one thing pros recommend  
Experts agree  
On this, you see  
You must master how to defend.

**#106**

He sometimes errs, I don't care  
I do too, I'm aware  
That's why, you see  
We both agree  
To continue our bridge affair.

**#107**

Five finesses it might take  
Plus three or four lucky breaks  
Never say die  
You need to try  
Your 6 NT just might make.

**#108**

The secret to bridge is counting  
Without it, your losses are daunting  
We all want to win  
So when chances are thin  
Count and your chances are mounting.

**#109**

Counts aloud each trick he's taken  
Doesn't want to be mistaken  
Pulls a card, then hesitates  
Starts again, then waits  
Nervous wrecks of us he's makin'.

**#110**

Most often his play was so slow  
The director was called and said, "Go!"  
His friends wrung their hands  
And voiced their demands  
Please just get on with the show.

**#111**

Ain't no sunshine when he plays  
Jiggles his legs 'til the table sways  
Rude and bossy  
Unpleasant and cross, he  
Rains on the game many ways.

**#112**

Her bids are from outer space  
Her play of the cards a disgrace  
It matters not  
Because she's got  
Curves and a beautiful face.

**#113**

Good partner at cards he is not  
Agreed-upon bids he forgot  
She couldn't be mad  
He's such a great dad  
Good partner in life means a lot.

**#114**

To be dummy he just couldn't bear  
He insisted that he declare  
He just wouldn't bend  
Partner left in the end  
After all, that just was not fair.

**#115**

In every hand he taught a lesson  
This continued throughout the session  
The more he insisted  
The more she resisted  
But succumbed to a deep depression.

**#116**

At the table, Joe scowled at his wife  
She couldn't stand more of this strife  
Along came Joe Dunn  
Who was so much fun  
They escaped to a happier life.

**#117**

His urge to be the declarer  
Made him a bidding terror  
She left him at last  
Of himself, he asked  
"Think I made a great error?"

**#118**

Opponents with angelic faces  
Often hold too many aces  
When they start to purr  
You can be sure  
Missing kings are in the wrong places.

**#119**

Using keen observation  
With leads and distribution  
Your mind's reeling  
You stare at the ceiling  
Hoping to see a solution.

**#120**

The only bid he doesn't know  
is PASS; that's our man Joe  
No points? That's tough!  
13 cards are enough  
His partner suffers the blow.

**#121**

He earns first prize for originality  
His new systems abounds with variety  
Bids are esoteric  
Perhaps eccentric?  
Anything to avoid conformity.

**#122**

A Midwestern player named Cohen,  
Hit the tournament trail all alone.  
His play was so hot,  
That he won quite a lot,  
And the Bridge King ascended his throne.

**#123**

Let me tell you about a strange hand,  
Where an end play let me make a grand.  
The damage was done,  
From the lead at trick one.  
Just a routine day out in bridge land.

**#124**

Eric and Jeff M. could tell,  
Their partnership was going to be swell.  
So they filled out a card,  
And perhaps the Bard,  
Would have said, "All's well that's Meckwell".

**#125**

Bridge is a challenging game we play  
We're addicted to it night and day  
If we should stop  
We'd sure miss a lot  
Of many happy times, to our dismay.

**#126**

With her incorrect bid, we summoned the  
Director  
He tried his best to inform and correct her  
She would not concede  
Was very stubborn indeed  
Putting the adjacent tables in a stir.

**#127**

My partner's name was Big Jack  
When we played last month in the STaC  
His bidding was wild  
I sat there and smiled  
The silver points I hoped for I now lack.

**#128**

An accomplished North player named Ted  
When scoring a hand shook his head  
All the other teams  
Made three no trump, it seems  
But he bid only three clubs instead.

**#129**

The game of bridge requiring some skill  
Is played by many of us "over the hill"  
Right here in Lincoln  
It sure keeps us thinkin'  
Oh! What a void it does fill.

**#130**

For my bridge partner named Jay  
There are times he cares not to play  
If he had his wish  
He'd be out catching fish  
And bringing some home to fillet.

**#131**

This player quite agile and wry  
Must have visions from powers on high,  
For he seems to intuit  
Before we can do it  
Exactly the lead we will try.

**#132**

An opponent whom most players dread  
Makes others forget what is led.  
For her salads and dips  
And her crunching of chips  
Makes you think she has never been fed.

**#133**

Those who arrive at their table have found  
They are still on the hand from last round.  
And although you suggest  
That some haste might be best,  
They continue their talk most profound.



## 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\*S\* 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 is 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.



Chris Martin - Jeffrey Blake, Green Valley AZ; Carole Chiang - Chao-Wang Chiang, Rapid City SD

vs

Wayne Kaneko - Barbara Simon, Honolulu HI; Sabrina O'Hearn - James O'Hearn, Surprise AZ

Madhusudan Patel, Houston TX; Joyce Remsen, Sparks NV; Marcia McCalden, Wolcott CO; Jo Dee Bowen, Jonestown TX

vs

Lawrence Crain, Medford OR; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC; Carol Ashbacher - Richard Ashbacher, Newhall CA

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Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA; Phyllis Kreider - Donald Kreider, San Rafael CA

vs

Kay Hasseltine, Keller TX; Joyce Graf, Dallas TX; David Luzzatto, Richardson TX; Gloria Bosomworth, Apache Junction AZ

Ann Romeo, Bellevue WA; Leeanne Creech, Snoqualmie WA; Janice Tingler, Anchorage AK; Norma Callender, Houston TX

vs

Bradley Holcombe, White Salmon WA; Thomas Collins, Sedona AZ; Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; Donald McKush, Pride Lake MN

Dennis Sager - Jean Sager, Stanwood WA; Joe Moore - Chris Moore, Delta BC

vs

Frank Pierce, San Mateo CA; Eleanor Battaglia, Foster City CA; Bev Skulmoski - Robert Loewen, Regina SK

Mary Levine - Elizabeth Silver - Estelle Baum, Oakland CA; Esther Rubke, Piedmont CA

vs

Donna Cosgrove - James Rush - Martha Arrington - Carla Niemeier, Idaho Falls ID



**Baldwin NAP Flight A second-place finishers: Michael Polowan and Jaren Lilenstein.**

	NORTH-SOUTH
1	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL
2/3	Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN
2/3	Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA; Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR
4	Randy Joyce, Raleigh NC; Bill Wisdom, Salisbury NC
5	Rick Roeder, San Diego CA; Ifikhar Baqai, Irvine CA
6	Daniel Boye, Farmington NY; Thomas Weik, Reading PA

### NA OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT A - 2ND FINAL SESSION

SECTION Y	EAST-WEST
60.44% 1	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO; En Hay, Littleton CO
57.55% 2	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT
57.55% 3	Michael Polowan - Jared Lilenstein, New York NY
52.20% 4	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA
50.82% 5	Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL
50.14% 6	Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION STRATIFIED PAIRS - THURSDAY EVENING - ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION MM	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			66.67%	1		Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Joan Gerard, White Plains NY 68.59%
2			63.94%	2		Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Diana Schulz, Glen Head NY 64.90%
3			63.46%	3		Eileen Easterling, Casselberry FL; Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC 58.01%
4			55.45%	4		Jonathan Rivet, Wheaton IL; George Klemic, Bensenville IL 53.04%
5			54.97%	5		Jeffrey Hack, San Jose CA; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA 52.72%
6			54.49%	6		David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON 52.40%
7	1		51.28%	7		Rai Osborne - Allen Golbert, Anaheim CA 51.92%
	2		50.80%		1	Dolores Gunia, Monterey CA; Susan Furchtenicht, Santa Maria CA 50.00%
	3		49.36%		2	J Michael Slattery, Hollister CA; Robert Frohman, Gilroy CA 49.68%
	4	1	46.63%		3	Ian Kirk - Patricia Moody, Tualatin OR 48.56%
		2	45.19%		1	Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Brian Stone, West Vancouver BC 47.92%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION NN	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			59.62%	1		Kent White, Lincoln CA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA 59.46%
2			59.13%	2		Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA 58.01%
3			56.73%	3	1	Jay Baudler, Piedmont CA; Cordelia Menges, New York NY 56.57%
4			56.25%	4		Donald Crum, Winnetka CA; William Hall, Thousand Oaks CA 55.77%
5			55.29%	5		Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC 55.61%
6			52.24%	6	2	Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO; Steve Graves, Olney MD 53.37%
7	1		50.00%	7	3	Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA 52.08%
	2		48.24%		1	Normand Malette - Gerry Malette, Sudbury ON 48.56%
	3	1	46.15%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION OO	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			59.26%	1		Janet Appel, Estill Spgs TN; Louise Fontecchio, Nashville TN 59.80%
2			58.40%	2	1	Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA; Samuel leong, Mountain View CA 55.47%
3			55.77%	3		Phillis Herbster - Louis Herbster, Tucson AZ 54.37%
4			54.46%	4		Judith Bianco, New York NY; Lapt Chan, Forest Hills NY 52.88%
5			54.35%	5		Kathy Venton, Petaluma CA; David Pankratz, Santa Rosa CA 52.86%
6	1		51.74%	6/7		Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA 51.63%
	2		50.29%	6/7		Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Adam Parrish, Arlington MA 51.63%
				2	1	Barbara Wheeler - Clark Muldavin, Sacramento CA 50.00%
						Virginia Samaras, Red Bank NJ; Sandra Chandonnet, Freehold NJ 48.12%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION PP	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			65.38%	1		Andrew Gumperz, Castro Valley CA; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL 60.42%
2			59.62%	2		Steve Clark, Carlsbad CA; Paul Foster, Vista CA 59.78%
3			58.49%	3		Cathy Nathan - Marc Nathan, New York NY 59.13%
4/5			57.69%	4		Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA 57.85%
4/5			57.69%	5		Marilyn Loesberg, Rancho Mirage CA; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA 57.37%
6			53.53%	6		Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Marigay Harkins, Amsterdam NY 54.97%
	1		53.37%		1	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Michael Boothby, Wenatchee WA 50.16%
	2	1	48.24%		2	Jan Keller, Paradise CA; Jenni Boles, Chico CA 42.79%
	3		45.35%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION QQ	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			72.60%	1		Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Ishmael Delmonte, Sydney Australia 67.15%
2			63.46%	2		John Moffat, Bellingham WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA 62.82%
3			61.38%	3		Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Mike Bandler, Alamo CA 57.21%
4			60.90%	4		Anton Tsyypkin, Ashland MA; Lewis Gamberman, Westwood MA 55.61%
5	1		59.46%	5		Gregg Walsh - Peter Wityk, Des Moines IA 54.01%
6			51.28%	6		Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA; Barbara Kepple, West Chester PA 53.85%
7/8	2		48.88%	7		Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX 53.53%
7/8			48.88%		1	Gloria Tsoi, Arlington MA; Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA 49.84%
				2	1	Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Bridgett Pitt, Brookhaven PA 46.15%
						Melena Ose - Enlow Ose, Sacramento CA 41.67%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION RR	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			62.18%	1		Amy Downing - Michael Schreiber, Memphis TN 62.02%
2			61.22%	2		Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR 61.06%
3			59.94%	3	1	Joel Singer, Santa Clara CA; Michael Cohen, Denver CO 57.05%
4			58.33%	4		Dale Dye - Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA 56.09%
5			57.85%	5		Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL 54.33%
6	1		55.45%	6		Wolfe Thompson, Vancouver WA; Marc Zwierling, Portland OR 53.85%
7			53.04%	7		John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL 53.53%
	2	1	45.51%		2	Mark Johnson, Pinos Altos NM; Mark Steele, Albuquerque NM 52.24%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION SS	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			60.58%	1		Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI; Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan 65.06%
2			58.17%	2		Linda Eakes, Leawood KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS 64.26%
3			54.17%	3		Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Tobin Sokolow, Austin TX 54.97%
4			54.01%	4		Robert Johnson - Louis Ray, Las Vegas NV 54.49%
5			53.53%	5	1	Christina Siemer, Lewistown MT; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX 54.01%
6	1		52.72%	6		Marius Agica, New York NY; Michael McNamara, White Plains NY 51.76%
	2		45.99%		2	Bill Drewett - Kenneth Zuckenberg, Chicago IL 48.72%
					3	Doug Hawrelak, Edmonton AB; David Willmott, Folsom CA 46.96%

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 299ER PAIRS - THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION VV	EAST-WEST		
D	E	F	D	E	F	
1	1		59.28%	1		Scott Denison - Phyllis Denison, Santa Barbara CA 60.80%
2	2		58.52%	2	1	Laurie David, Rolling Hills E CA; Elizabeth Biggins, Palos Verdes CA 54.36%
3	3	1	57.77%	3	2	Dan Thatte - Manda Thatte, Palo Alto CA 53.98%
4	4		57.20%	4		Carole Schmitz - Marlene Lamoureux, Redding CA 53.03%
5	5		53.60%	5		William Pearman, Honolulu HI; George Beard, Corte Madera CA 52.65%
6		2	51.89%	6/7		Maralyn Smith, San Jose CA; Robert Martin, Saratoga CA 52.08%
				6/7		Betty Rosa, San Jose CA; Beverly Nuding, San Carlos CA 52.08%

INTERNATIONAL FUND STRATIFIED OPEN - THURSDAY AFTERNOON - ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION NN	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			62.50%	1		Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach CA 61.86%
2			61.06%	2		Bill Kent, Iowa City IA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN 58.33%
3	1		58.17%	3/4		Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO 57.37%
4			56.89%	3/4		John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkam ID 57.37%
5	2		55.61%	5	1	June Lucas - Molly Rakestraw, Reno NV 56.25%
6			54.17%	6	2	David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi TX 55.29%
	3		53.37%		3	Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS; Herman Xiao, Sammamish WA 54.97%
		1	46.63%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION OO	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1		62.98%	1		David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON 62.34%
2			58.33%	2		Darrell Keel - Steve Bruno, Peoria AZ 61.54%
3			55.13%	3/4		Jon Bartlett - Hal Montgomery, Portland OR 60.10%
4			54.81%	3/4		James Spike Lay, Daytona Beach FL; Joseph Godefrin, Sarasota FL 60.10%
5			52.24%	5	1	Kathy Lane - Lorita Spalding, Reno NV 56.89%
6/7	2		51.60%	6		Bill Irvine, Quincy MA; Walter Fontaine, North Providenc RI 55.77%
6/7			51.60%		2	Gail Lonnberg - Joanne Weilbrenner, Redding CA 53.53%
	3		49.84%		3	Fred Carlisle - Ed Curtis, Bakersfield CA 50.32%
		1	46.79%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION PP	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			68.75%	1		David Siebert, Little Rock AR; Howard Parker III, Clements CA 59.29%
2	1		62.02%	2	1	Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Roman Sydorak, Los Angeles CA 56.73%
3			56.25%	3		James Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL 54.81%
4			54.49%	4		Allen Tan, Singapore 30760 Singapore; Hua Poon, Singapore Singapore 54.65%
5			53.21%	5	2	Greg Humphreys - Meg Myers, Charlottesville VA 54.17%
6/7			52.88%	6	3	Ray Lowe, Astoria OR; Sue Boyle, Seaview WA 53.37%
6/7			52.88%			
	2		52.56%			
	3		50.48%			
		1	43.11%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION RR	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			63.46%	1		Carol Cummings, Owatonna MN; Pat Burrows, Rochester MN 58.65%
2			62.66%	2	1	Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; Kirsten Wibroe, Sausalito CA 56.73%
3			60.90%	3		Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA; Samuel leong, Mountain View CA 54.97%
4			54.17%	4	2	John Chan, Sacramento CA; Dorene Smyth, Portland OR 53.37%
5	1		54.01%	5	3	Kathryn Evans, Sparks NV; Rick Weiss, Reno NV 53.21%
6			52.08%	6		McKenzie Myers, Portland OR; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX 51.60%
	2		50.48%			
		1	46.47%			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION MM	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			61.22%	1		Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Mike Bandler, Alamo CA 61.38%
2			59.46%	2		Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT; Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA 57.05%
3			57.37%	3		Michael Streibinger, Port Coquitlam BC; Les Fouks, Vancouver BC 56.89%
4			56.73%	4	1	James Paschal, Reno NV; Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV 56.73%
5			56.25%	5/6	1	Mark Gospodnetic - Govind Narayan, Richmond VA 53.69%
6	1		53.37%	5/6		Sam Wilson - John Jeffrey, Las Vegas NV 53.69%
	2	1	51.92%		3	Bill Drewett - Kenneth Zuckenberg, Chicago IL 53.53%
	3	2	46.15%		4	Rose Boot, Fresno CA; Vivian Betcher, Incline Village NV 52.72%
					2	Charlene Beilman, Penn Valley CA; Margaret McCallum, Nevada City CA 46.47%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION QQ	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			65.71%	1		Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA 63.46%
2			64.58%	2		Joe Farley - D Jones, Sacramento CA 59.13%
3			61.86%	3		Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richld Hls TX 57.37%
4			60.26%	4		Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA 55.61%
5			56.25%	5	1	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Edward Raus, Anchorage AK 55.13%
6			55.93%	6	2	Robert Webster, Ripon WI; Nancy Ogrene, Wautoma WI 49.52%
	1	1	54.17%		3	Ann Van Ryn - Joyce Lewis, Rochester MN 48.08%
	2		51.44%			
	3	2	43.27%			



## INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER PAIRS - THURSDAY AFTERNOON - ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION UU		EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Leslie Dorsey, Gambrills MD; Everett Dorsey, Sun City West AZ	59.82%	1	1		Diane Mayer, Boulder CO; Lorena Soares, Louisville CO	62.50%
2			Thomas McGuire - Rose Marie McGuire, Salem OR	58.93%	2			Leonard Greene, Hamel MN; Donald McKush, Pride Lake MN	58.04%
3			Robert Mix - Marge Mix, Reno NV	58.04%	3	2		Eleanor Battaglia, Foster City CA; Frank Pierce, San Mateo CA	57.74%
4	2		Mary Levine - Elizabeth Silver, Oakland CA	50.89%	4			Sheilah Wasserman, San Rafael CA; Bobbi Kornbluth, Reno NV	54.46%
								Dan Thatte - Manda Thatte, Palo Alto CA	43.75%
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION VV		EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Jane Schwartz - Ed Schwartz, Sparks NV	58.93%	1			Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA; William Pearman, Honolulu HI	60.42%
2	2		Joseph Kushner, San Francisco CA; Doris Weiner Gluckman, Alameda CA	58.04%	2	1		Gwen Davey, Fresno CA; Brenna Wundram, Los Gatos CA	57.14%
3/4			Barbara Harrison - Amanda Bevier, Bakersfield CA	55.06%	3	2		James Bochinski, Reno NV; Preston Kauk, Cupertino CA	55.95%
3/4			Esther Rubke, Piedmont CA; Estelle Baum, Oakland CA	55.06%				Gwenyth Connors - Gary Connors, Rochester NY	53.87%

## NA OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT A - FIRST FINAL SESSION

SECTION Y		
1	Gene Benedict - Robert Brandow, Toledo OH	62.28%
2	Michael Polowan - Jared Lilienstein, New York NY	57.57%
3	Allan Stauber, Palm Beh Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	57.33%
4	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL	55.31%
5	Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	54.95%
6/7	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	54.73%
6/7	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO; En Hay, Littleton CO	54.73%
8	Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	54.59%
9	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	53.19%
10	Andre Chartrand, Lery QC; Charles Martineau, Brossard QC	52.22%
11	Jordan Cohen - Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON	51.86%

## NA OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT A - FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTION Y Z		EAST-WEST			
1	Sidney Lazard - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX	60.46%	1	Randy Joyce, Raleigh NC; Bill Wisdom, Salisbury NC	60.46%
2	Allan Stauber, Palm Beh Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	59.54%	2	Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	59.77%
3	Stephen Stewart, Shawnee Msn KS; Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR	59.46%	3	John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	59.54%
4	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	58.69%	4	Gene Benedict - Robert Brandow, Toledo OH	59.46%
5	Alan Watson, Lexington MA; David Becher, Peabody MA	57.46%	5	Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY	56.31%
6	Jon Bartlett - Hal Montgomery, Portland OR	57.00%	6	Jordan Cohen - Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON	55.08%
7	Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA; Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR	55.15%	7	Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	55.00%
8/9	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Niel Waletzky, Shaker Heights OH	54.92%	8	Mark Cohen - Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ	54.69%
8/9	Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	54.92%	9	Dan Fowler, Salisbury NC; Kay Joyce, Raleigh NC	53.23%
10	Daniel Boye, Farmington NY; Thomas Weik, Reading PA	54.85%	10/11	Andre Chartrand, Lery QC; Charles Martineau, Brossard QC	53.15%
11	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL	54.69%	10/11	Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	53.15%
12	Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA	53.62%	12	Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO	52.38%
13	Claire Tornay - George Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL	52.69%	13	Jo Anna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	52.08%
14	Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Kenton Schoen, Falls Church VA	51.54%	14	Susan Benedict, Toledo OH; Steven Bruns, Honolulu HI	50.15%

## NA OPEN PAIRS - FLIGHT A - 2ND QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTION Y Z		EAST-WEST			
1	Jordan Cohen - Barry Senensky, Thornhill ON	65.38%	1	Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	63.54%
2	Viktor Anikovich - Guy Green, Los Angeles CA	60.15%	2	Michael Polowan - Jared Lilienstein, New York NY	59.08%
3	Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI	59.54%	3	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT	58.23%
4	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	59.08%	4	Bob Todd - David Sired, Winnipeg MB	57.77%
5	Allen Kane, Pueblo West CO; En Hay, Littleton CO	58.54%	5	Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	56.77%
6	Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	55.85%	6	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	55.92%
7	Dan Fowler, Salisbury NC; Kay Joyce, Raleigh NC	55.23%	7	Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Alan Miller, New York NY	55.77%
8	Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	55.15%	8	Rick Roeder, San Diego CA; Ifikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	55.15%
9	John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	54.46%	9	Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	54.62%
10	Nancy Kornegay - Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd Hts TX	53.92%	10	George Klemic, Bensenville IL; Jonathan Rivet, Wheaton IL	54.54%
11	Sidney Lazard - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX	53.85%	11	Andre Chartrand, Lery QC; Charles Martineau, Brossard QC	53.46%
12	Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY	53.54%	12	Allan Stauber, Palm Beh Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	53.08%
13	James Tritt - Richard Mefley, Fresno CA	52.38%	13	Peter Wityk - Gregg Walsh, Des Moines IA	52.38%
14	Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Ken Penton, Calgary AB	52.00%	14	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL	52.31%

## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

## Rose Meltzer Day, Junior Day

## Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m.

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

## Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom	
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom	
Bridge-Plus+	single	Free	Free	Carson Ballroom	
<i>Lesson at 10 a.m., followed by 14 deals at 12:30 p.m.</i>					

## Saturday, March 13, 10 &amp; 3 p.m.

Burt Walker Stratified Daylight Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18	Crystal Ballroom
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## Saturday, March 13, 12:30 p.m.

Bridge-Plus+	single	Free	Free	Carson Ballroom	
<i>Lesson at 10 a.m., followed by 14 deals at 12:30 p.m.</i>					

## Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m.

Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	3rd single session	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
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## Saturday, March 13, 1 &amp; 7:30 p.m.

NABC+ PLATINUM PAIRS	1-2 SF	\$20		Tahoe Ballroom
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS	1-2 F	\$20		Reno Ballroom
Bill Holt Memorial Strati-Flighted Pairs				
A/X	1-2	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
B/C/D	1-2	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
Rose Meltzer Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1-4	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom

## Saturday, March 13, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom

## Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17	Summit Ballroom
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	4th single session	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom

## Saturday, March 13, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single		\$12/team/match	Crystal Ballroom
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**Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13.**

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

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

## Today's Bridge Events

### Friday, March 12, 9 a.m.

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

### Friday, March 12, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom
	single	Free!	Free!	Carson Ballroom

### Friday, March 12, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18	Crystal Ballroom
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### Friday, March 12, 1 p.m.

Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	1st single session	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
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### Friday, March 12, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>NABC+ PLATINUM PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required (see p.1).</i>	1-2 Q	\$20		Reno Ballroom
	1-2 Q	\$20		Tahoe Ballroom
<b>LEBHAR IMP PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying sessions, 2 final sessions.</i>	1-2	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
	1-2	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom

### Friday, March 12, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom
	single	Free!	Free!	Carson Ballroom

### Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Jo Heller Memorial Stratified Side Swiss Teams Friday-Saturday Side Game Series Stratified 299er Swiss Teams 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17	Summit Ballroom
	2nd single session	\$16	\$18	Summit Ballroom
	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
	single	\$15	\$17	Carson Ballroom
	single	\$15	\$15	Carson Ballroom
	single	Free!	Free!	Carson Ballroom

### Friday, March 12, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	\$12/team/match		Crystal Ballroom
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## Jo Heller of Grass Valley

Jo Heller was born in Wiesbaden, Germany. While working in the PX in Tripoli, Libya, she met her husband Ed, an American fighter pilot. Both were avid bridge enthusiasts. For several years they lived in Greece where Jo ran a bridge club. In 1976, after Ed retired from the service, they moved to Grass Valley CA.

Jo immediately became involved in our

Unit and soon acquired the Wednesday game. Jo was a Master Bridge Teacher and director. Her devotion, efficiency, friendliness and tireless effort succeeded in her game having the largest attendance of our five games; as many as 24 tables with the stratification starting with a 99er group. She happily promoted the extra ACBL games in order to give our members opportunity to earn

extra points. She always had a congratulatory cake in honor of a new ACBL Life Master. She stressed "Zero Tolerance" Jo's efforts contributed greatly to our Unit's growth.

Jo Heller was one of the greats in our Unit! Sadly, she passed away on July 15, 2008. She is sorely missed and is well remembered.

### The Insider

The NABC Insider is pleased to welcome all of you to Reno. Reno in the spring has always proven to be a great place and time for an NABC -- the three largest Spring NABCs ever have been here at the MGM-Bally's-Hilton-Grand Sierra. The local committee is really not so local this time with volunteers from Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington (at least), but they are pulling together to put on a great event for you. Of course we have tournament directors from all over North America, players from all over the world and some ACBL

staff from the Memphis/Horn Lake Headquarters.

(There has been speculation concerning the "logistical issues" that have caused the delay in the Memphis staff becoming the Horn Lake staff. The truth is that the Supreme Commander locked the doors to the new HQ when he left to catch the ACBL Gulfstream to Reno and brought the keys with him. If the S.C. remembers where he left the keys, work will continue on the building and the move will be completed. Any rumors about fiber optics or any other new-fangled technology should be disregarded as these "logistical issues" are nothing more than a lost set of keys.)

For regular readers of the Insider, we have Ask Me Girl who was at her post yesterday, the Bulletin Boys who flew all day and wrote all night, Boss Baum who keeps us all heading in the same direction, the previously mentioned S.C. who is up in his 42nd floor luxury suite, and, of course, the Insider who is here to share the inside stuff with all of you. In addition to both of the regular readers, we hope the rest of you enjoy the tournament, the city and our take on things as the next 10 days unfold.

Welcome to Reno, enjoy yourselves!

# 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 13 at the Grand Sierra Resort - Sierra 1

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

