

# Daily Bulletin



50th Spring North American Bridge Championships

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## Defenses to 1NT



Ask a group of experts about their favorite methods of competing when an opponent opens a strong 1NT (15-17), and you will receive a variety of answers. The Daily Bulletin will feature one method each day during the NABC.

Today's expert is Brian Glubok.

*Note: Players should be aware that several of the systems described in this series use Mid-Chart conventions and are not permitted in events that are restricted to the General Convention Chart. The director in charge can provide the information you need.*

The philosophy behind competitive bidding in tournament bridge has changed a great deal since the Seventies, particularly over the opponents' strong 1NT opening. Thirty years ago, you competed if you had safety and thought there was a chance for game.

Nowadays, you compete to make life more difficult for the opponents. Conventions such as DONT, Woolsey and others described in this series illustrate this sea change.

This article presents a method that allows you to compete over the opponents' 1NT opening in a maximum number of situations, with a maximum number of hand types.

For simplicity and ease of memorization, I recommend you use the same method in direct and balancing position, and at matchpoints, IMPs and board-a-match teams.

This method is not suitable against weak 1NT openings, for it relies upon an artificial double:

- Dbl = at least two suits (four or more), fewer than three clubs
- 2♣ = at least two suits, at least one major, at least three clubs
- 2♦/♥/♠ = natural
- 2NT = minors

Advancer bids as follows:

After double (two suits, fewer than three clubs):

2♣ = please bid your cheapest suit

2♦/2♥/2♠ = natural, prepared to play there even if the suit named doesn't match either of yours.

After 2♣: (two suits, at least one major, at least three clubs):

2♦: partner, please bid your cheapest (possibly only) major.

2♥/2♠ = natural, prepared to play there even if this is not one of your suits.

General notes. This method will not always get you to your longest fit (sometimes advancer will pass 2♣ with four when there is a longer fit elsewhere) but it will allow you to compete in a maximum number of situations. This method is particularly useful in the balancing position, and when either team is not vulnerable. While the method does not need to change with the form of scoring or vulnerability, the degree of aggression may vary with these conditions.

2NT is always forcing. We cannot play in 2NT

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## Vanderbilt moves into round of 16

Most high seeds survived the third day of play in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams as the event moves into the round of 16 today.

The highest seed to leave the event was No. 8, captained by Richard Schwartz. His team was pummeled 163-85 by the squad led by Piotr Tuszinski. Also going down was No. 11, Steve Robinson, ousted by the Bill Cole squad 167-113.

The original No. 73 seed, captained by Jason

Feldman, won again, ousting the Tony Kasday team 142-114.

Some high seeds had close calls on Tuesday. No. 2 George Jacobs trailed by 19 going into the final quarter of their match with Doug Simson's squad. Jacobs rallied to win 106-79. No. 4 Lou Ann O'Rourke trailed Mel Colchamiro 122-103 with a set to go, but came back to win 156-144.

## Top ABA player hunts Grand title



Chester Johnson, the No. 1 masterpoint holder in the American Bridge Association, is on a mission. Having earned more than 36,700 ABA points over the course of his bridge-playing career, which began in 1968, Johnson is

setting his sights on a different goal - to win a North American Bridge Championship.

The American Bridge Association was founded in the Thirties as an organization for African-American players. At the time, the ACBL was racially segregated like most other membership organizations of that period. Decades later, however, when the ACBL finally allowed black players to participate, the ABA continued its mission to serve black bridge enthusiasts.

In recent efforts to combine the missions of the two groups, the ACBL recognized the masterpoint system of the ABA, allowing their players to "convert" their masterpoints to ACBL masterpoints, though not on a one-to-one basis. Johnson has more than 13,000 ACBL points under this system.

Retired as a supervisor for the Ford Motor Company after 41 years of service, Johnson is in

his sixth year of retirement and uses his free time to play extensively.

"I spend a lot of time at the game. I play four to five times a week, and I travel quite a bit. I play in both ABA and ACBL tournaments," he said.

He has established partnerships with ABA and ACBL players including Herbert Taylor, Harold Bickham, Jean Randall, Harriette Buckman, Roger Lord and Harold Singleton.

Johnson recently eclipsed Robert Price as the ABA masterpoint king. Price held the title for more than 25 years. But masterpoints aren't the motivating factor for Johnson at this stage of his career. Rather, it's the lure of the Grand Life Master title, one that requires not only that a player earn 10,000 masterpoints - which Johnson has already accomplished - but that he also wins a non-masterpoint restricted North American championship.

"I've won more than 40 of the ABA national knockout titles, but I want to win one of the ACBL events now," he said.

Musing on the future of the ABA and the ACBL, Johnson believes the two organizations should merge.

"They should join up," he says. "You come to a tournament like this one and you see people from all over the world playing together. It's great. There are players from all these different countries, and they're all moving together. So should we."

## 49er Pairs kicks off today

The National 49er Pairs begins today as players compete for masterpoints and the Fifth Chair Trophy. Overall winners will receive gold points.

The National 49er Pairs is a two-session event limited to players with 0-50 masterpoints. Sessions begin at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Entries are \$16.50 per player per session.

Masterpoint awards are red - except overall awards, which are paid at 95% red and 5% gold.

The first National 49er Pairs was held in 1998. Winners names are added to the Fifth Chair Trophy. The Fifth Chair Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to promoting bridge on the Internet and attracting

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## Defenders leading in Mixed Pairs

Karen Walker and Tom Kniest, defending champions in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, took a lead of 18.74 matchpoints (25 top) heading into the event's final two sessions today.

Walker, of Champaign IL, and Kniest of University City MO, compiled 309.56 matchpoints in the two qualifying sessions, leading Peggy and John Sutherlin of Dallas, followed by about half a board by Jane and Bob Teel of Birmingham AL.

## Today's Goodwill Message

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

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

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman  
National Goodwill  
Committee



## Smoking notice

All Marriott hotels, which include Renaissance properties, are smoke-free. Smoking is not permitted inside these hotels, including the guest rooms.

The 2007 Summer and Fall NABCs will also be hosted at Marriott hotels.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

**Wednesday, March 14**  
 8:30 a.m. – **St. Louis City Tour.** Register at the Tour Desk (near  
 Noon Registration). Fee: \$26.

**Friday, March 16**  
 11:30 p.m. – **Women's Team Trials meeting.** Room: Lafayette,  
 2 a.m. Renaissance Grand.

**Saturday, March 17**  
 1 - 5:30 p.m. **Vugraph.** Room: TBA.  
 8 p.m. til **Vugraph.** Room: TBA.

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

**Wednesday, March 14**  
 12:15 p.m. **Ellen (Wallace) Kent** *Parameters of Preempts*  
 6:45 p.m. **Karen Walker** *Those Inconvenient Minors*

**Thursday, March 15**  
 12:15 p.m. **Chuck Said** *Extensions of the Negative Double*  
 6:45 p.m. **Mark Ehret** *How to Execute a Simple Squeeze*

**Friday, March 16**  
 12:15 p.m. **Jim Priebe** *Matchpoint Defense*  
 6:45 p.m. **Ken Monzingo** *Hand Patterns*

## LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

**Wednesday, March 14**  
 Please join us in Landmark Ballroom 4 after the evening session for "Cajun Night." Enjoy the great Louisiana food and enjoy the rhythm and blues styling of the Pennsylvania Slim Blues Band. You loved them on Monday and you will love them tonight. It might be an original song or it might be a song you have enjoyed for years.

**Thursday, March 15**  
 Forget the Ides! (But be suspicious of anyone wearing a toga.) It's "Hot Dog Night" in Landmark 4 after the evening session. And while you're enjoying the food, you'll enjoy the music of the Brett Stamps Jazz Quartet.

Stamps has a long and distinguished resume. He has performed, recorded and arranged for famous music groups including the Stan Kenton Orchestra. His group has performed at numerous prestigious events and venues. We will all enjoy the jazz of the Brett Stamps Jazz Quartet.

**Friday, March 16**  
 Please join us in the Landmark Ballroom 4 after the evening session for "Chinese Night." There will be great food and the wonderful music of the Brooke Baker String Quartette. These great musicians will make the evening memorable.

### Read your textbooks

*By Barry Rigal*

I'm a big fan of reading bridge books - after all, I wrote enough of them that I want to encourage you all to do the same. In our loss to the Welland team on Monday, this deal presented a textbook theme - not one I had encountered in real life before.

Dir: East ♠ –  
 Vul: N-S ♥ 10 8 4 2  
 ♦ Q J 8 3  
 ♣ A K Q 9 4

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

West	North	East	South
Welland	Alder	Fallenius	Rigal

Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
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All Pass

The auction was distinguished by its brevity and elegance. East had given some little thought to his two passes, so it was likely that there were breakers ahead in the side-suit splits.

The opening lead was the ♥7 to the 8, king and ace. If trumps were 2-1, life would be easy, so I had to assume they would be 3-0.

When I led a trump to dummy and East discarded, what possible shape could he hold? By far, the most likely was 5=2=0=6, but 5=3=0=5 was also possible. East was not expected to have four hearts. West would have bid spades at the one level or at a higher level preemptively.

The line of play that protects against both distributions is to cash a second heart, draw trumps and pitch the two losing hearts on the ♣A and ♣K. Now you ruff a heart to hand and ruff a spade to dummy, discarding your losing spades on the club and heart winners.

### Partnership desk

All partnerships, including NABC+ events, for the 1 p.m. games will be done at the America's Center only.



Charles Nemes and Martin Morris were second in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs.

### Housekeeping Requests

For guests staying in the Renaissance: If you will be using a "Do Not Disturb" sign, please remember to remove it for your room to be serviced during normal business hours. If you are requesting a special time for your room to be cleaned, please dial 5868. Rooms will not be serviced with Do Not Disturb signs

### Refrigerators

The Renaissance hotel has no more refrigerators for guest rooms. They were given out on a first-come, first-served basis and their inventory is depleted.

### Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$18

Other North American championships: \$16.50

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

Regional championships: \$15.50 for ACBL members, \$17.50 for all others

All other events: \$14.50 for ACBL members, \$16.50 for all others.

### Dining in the Renaissance

The Renaissance is offering you special operating hours:

Breakfast Buffet available from 6:30 am 'till 12:30 pm

Capri Breakfast Buffet \$15.95 featuring omelets "prepared-to-order"

Washington Avenue Bistro \$13.95 serving "the best Eggs Benedict in St. Louis"

**Capri Luncheon** served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Specialty Sandwiches

Shaved Ham & Smoked Gouda Panini with

Pesto

Tuna Melt on Toasted English Muffin

Chicken Salad Croissant

Roast Beef Po' Boy

**Washington Avenue Bistro**

Chef McFadden's featured dishes served

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Chicken BLT Wrap

Quiche Lorraine & Mixed Greens Salad

Flash Fried Cod & "the best" Mac and Cheese

Boeuf a' la Bourguignonne

Our Signature Dish

**Capri Dinner Buffet** serving from 4:30 pm

Old Fashioned Pot Roast

Roasted Turkey Breast

Sundried Tomato, Spinach & Goat Cheese

Quiche

Spaghetti Squash

Bread Crumb Stuffing

served with Chef Nathan's Salad Bar & Chef

Dan's Dessert Display

### Visit our vendors!

For all of your bridge-related shopping, be sure to check out the vendors here at the St. Louis NABC.

Visit the America's Center, second level, in the pre-function area next to where the regional games are being played.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS



## Strategy at teams and at pairs

By Mark Ehret

Most of us got our start in duplicate bridge at the local club game. Our love affair with bridge soon took over and we just couldn't get enough. Most local club games don't offer a lot of opportunity, however, to play team games. When we hit the tournament trail, many of the events are Swiss teams or knockouts, and the strategies learned at the duplicate table aren't the same.

First, pairs games are scored by matchpoints, which come from comparing your results with the results achieved by every other pair who played the same deals. In teams, your comparison is with the other table only. The scoring method is called International Matchpoints - IMPs for short.

Bidding vulnerable games at teams is critical. If you fail to bid a game that is bid and made at the other table, you lose 10 IMPs when your side is vulnerable. If you bid game and go down when they stopped in a partial at the other table, you lose 6 IMPs. That's 10-6 in favor of bidding a vulnerable game. If a game has even a 40% chance of making, go for it.

When your side is not vulnerable, however, you lose only 6 IMPs for failing to bid a making game, losing 5 IMPs if you bid game and go down when they make a partial at the other table. That means your non-vulnerable game should have at least a 50% chance of making.

Competing for the part scores at teams is not as aggressive as at pair games. At pairs, some players will never let their opponents play at the two level (unless it's a doubled contract).

In team games, the goal is to go plus. Plus 50 versus minus 110 costs only 2 IMPs. Plus 100 versus minus 110 is a wash. At pairs, doubling a close part score for a plus 200 can get you a top. In a team game, doubling the opponents into

game is one of the most dangerous things you can do. You gain only 3 IMPs if you change plus 100 to plus 200, but you lose 11 IMPs or more if the contract is made. It's a good policy not to double a part score at IMPs unless you can expect a two-trick set (that usually means you have a really good holding in their trump suit).

What about sacrifices at team games? Well, minus 500 versus minus 620 will gain your side only 3 IMPs, while at a pair game it could be a very good score. Doubling the final game contract occurs more frequently at IMPs.

It is reasonable at both forms of scoring to bid slams that have a 50% chance of making. At teams, it can help to know whether the players in your seats at the other table are aggressive or conservative. You should not bid a grand slam at either form of scoring unless you can count 13 tricks.

Declarer play and defense at teams is also somewhat different than at pairs. Going after a risky overtrick can get you a top in a pairs event, and if you are in a normal contract, go for it.

That extra IMP you might gain at teams for an overtrick is not worth going for unless it is absolutely safe. Just make your contract. Safety plays (playing for a bad break) are correct procedure at teams. They can be the correct play at pairs if you are in a great contract that most other pairs won't reach.

Overtricks generally are not crucial at team games, so try to beat the opponents' contract even if it may give them an overtrick. At pairs, of



This cartoon is from Jude Goodwin's new book, *Go ahead, Laugh*, published by Master Point Press, and available from bridge suppliers and major bookstores.

course, that overtrick can be the difference between a top and an average.

In a team game, do not put yourself in a position to go for a "phone number." If you make a super-aggressive preempt and go down 1700, that result can cost you the match. Save your flights of fancy for matchpoints, where one bad board won't cost that much.

Worrying about what is happening at the other table doesn't do much good either. If you think your team is behind in a match, don't overreach trying to get back to even. I once bid a grand slam off a king because I thought we were behind in a match. Well, guess what: They didn't even bid the small slam at the other table, and we lost because we went down in the grand slam at our table.

Finally, don't forget your Swiss team prayer: Don't let it be my fault.

## Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

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

♠ K Q J 10 7 5 2  
 ♥ 10 2  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ K Q 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

**Opening lead:** ♣J.

**Bidding commentary:** South's sequence shows opening-bid values with a powerful six- or seven-card suit. A direct response of 4♠ describes a weaker, preemptive-type hand.

**Defensive commentary:** East wins the ♣A and returns the ♣8.

**Play commentary:** South wins the second

club with the king (not the queen – please!) and realizes (or should realize) that East is probably now void in clubs. If a spade is led and West has the ace, West can give East a club ruff. The ♥A would then be the setting trick. If East has the ♠A, West may have the ♥A. If so, East will lead over to the ♥A to secure a club ruff. It is also possible that West is the one who is short in clubs. No matter. South is threatened with a club ruff and can put a stop to all this nonsense by playing the ♦A and ♦K and discarding the ♣Q –

a winner that has become an albatross – before starting on trumps. Simple enough, but South has to see it.

Whenever a suit is led and continued (clubs in this case), declarer usually gets a fairly accurate reading of the distribution. If declarer is threatened with a defensive ruff, one technique to avoid the ruff is to discard a winner in the threatening suit before drawing trumps. It only hurts for a little while.



Mike Flader answered questions on *Ruling the Game* at the Celebrity Speaker series on Monday. Each day a director or bridge expert will give a free lesson/talk.

## NT Defense

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when they have bid 1NT. Doubles of their artificial bids show that suit. Doubles of their natural bids are for takeout.

As Larry Cohen emphasized in his articles on DONT (Disturb Opponents No Trump), the emphasis is not on getting to game, but on getting in the bidding, competing at the two level, and taking the opponents out of their comfort zone.

While the opponents may occasionally double you and collect a large penalty, it is both difficult and risky for the opponents to double you at the two or three level. If the cards lie well, or you have extreme distribution, you will make your doubled partscore. This will more than compensate for the occasional penalty you will suffer.

Most important, using this convention will make you a more difficult opponent and will be fun for you and your partner. What could be better than that?

Brian Glubok is a New York-based bridge professional and screenwriter. He is the executive producer of "The Bridge Movie," a documentary about tournament bridge filmed at the Fall NABC in 1996. A five-time U.S. national team champion, he was also a long-time partner of the late Edgar Kaplan.

## The tough get going

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Kyle Larsen was faced with a tough defensive problem - partly because the "normal" play looks obvious and the winning play is counterintuitive.

Larsen sat East and defended 4♥.

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

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

Rose Meltzer (West) led the ♣4 (fourth best). It looks natural to try to win the ♣A and then attempt to cash three spade tricks. Larsen looked a little deeper. He realized that with only 21 high-card points out that the most likely shape for declarer was 4=6=1=2 with good hearts and a top spade. Meltzer, Larsen figured, was 3=1=5=4.

For South to bid 4♥, he was surely a favorite to hold the ♠A instead of the ♠K. If Larsen won the ♣A and did not cash the second club, it would go away on the ♦A after a successful finesse of the queen. If he won the ♣A and played another club, declarer would discard two spades on the good ♣Q and the high diamond.

So Larsen put in the ♣10, which won. He then cashed the ♣A and the defense eventually got two spade tricks.

The full deal:

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

## Hero worship

By Allan Falk

In 1966, my sister and then new brother-in-law gave me a subscription to The Bridge World for my birthday. Therein I read avidly of the exploits of Eddie Kantar and Marshall Miles, and hoped someday to achieve their level of success and recognition. Eddie would frequently write about a new convention he imposed on Marshall and the mayhem that followed when they failed to discuss follow-ups.

Well, I can at least match their success, as proved by this deal from an Internet team game (spots approximate):

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

Me	Partner
	2♣
2♦ (1)	3♣
3♦ (2)	3♠ (3)
5♠ (4)	6♣ (5)
6♠ (6)	6NT (7) (Dbl)
7♣ (8) (Dbl)	Pass (9)
7♠ (10) (Dbl)	Pass (11)

Me	Partner
(1) Waiting	(1) Positive (2♥ would be an immediate second negative)
(2) Second negative	(2) Wow! Partner has diamonds.
(3) Suit	(3) I'll show my spade stopper and see if pard can bid 3NT
(4) Time for the old Stanislavsky asking bid	(5) Oh, oh - the wheels have come off. This must be better than 5♠
(6) Oh, oh - the wheels have come off; this must be better than 6♣	(7) This must be better than 6♠
(8) This must be better than 6NT doubled	(9) This must be better than 6NT doubled
(10) This must be better than 7♣ doubled	(11) This must be better than 7NT doubled

Result: minus 800

Note how, just as Kantar and Miles used to do, we achieved an auction epitomizing the partnership aspects of bridge. In fact, we surpassed my heroes - as we reached the apotheosis, we were clearly on the same wavelength more and more, practically a mind meld. Not bad for an obscure seven-round sequence in an inexperienced partnership - and we did win the match.

Please do not be misled. I have had other successes of this nature, but usually aided by partnership discussion. For example, playing once (and only) with a likeable young professional player, I was asked if I would play Exclusion Blackwood. I agreed, specifying one condition: never in opener's first suit.

Leading a Swiss teams after three rounds (our teammates were really good), I picked up

♠ 6 5	♥ Q 7 5 4 3	♦ K Q 7 6 3 2	♣ -
West	North	East	South
	Partner		Me
	1♦ (1)	1NT	2♣ (2)
Pass	2♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	Dbl	7♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) Five-card majors.  
(2) Stayman.  
Of course, the 5♠ and 6♠ bids showed,

according to partner, one ace and one king outside diamonds. After we compared scores (we were no longer leading), my teammate, Geoff Hampson, asked how we went for a number on the board, and I recounted the sordid details.

Geoff shook his head sadly and said, "That must be the worst auction in the history of bridge."

I immediately responded, "That wasn't even the worst auction in this match!"

He leaped out of his chair, practically screaming, "Impossible!"

I then told him about another deal later in the match. He blinked, sat down, ashen-faced, and muttered almost inaudibly, "My God, you're right."

With my place in bridge history thus firmly cemented, I offer this additional exemplar of success in emulation of my idols, also from a Swiss teams, where I was playing with a different partner every match (five-person team). Spots are approximate.

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

Me	Partner
1♦	1♠
4♦ (1)	4♥ (2)
5♣ (3) (Dbl)	Pass (4)
Redbl (5)	Pass (6)

(1) Too good for 3♦.  
(2) Partner must be showing a big spade raise. Well, can't hurt to cuebid 4♥.  
(3) Ooh, cuebid! Me, too!  
(4) I prefer clubs to diamonds.  
(5) Second-round control also.  
(6) I still prefer clubs to diamonds.

Result: Minus 3400.

We also won this event. So success has proved easy, once I mastered the Kantar-Miles approach. Recognition has thus far eluded me, but with these results I can't be too far from the second part of my goal.

By the way, the last deal shows that - 20 years ago, anyway - I was not yet a "true bridge player," according to no less an authority than Bob Hamman.

Playing rubber bridge in the halcyon days of his youth, Hamman dealt and found himself looking at a 9-point hand with seven spades to the king and six clubs to the ace-queen. Both sides were vulnerable.

Hamman tried 1♠, and it went 2♥ - Pass - 3♥ back to him. He tried 4♣, and it went 4♥ - Pass - Pass. Now he offered 4♠, and it went Dbl - 5♦ - Dbl. He "slid" with 5♥ to emphasize his willingness to play clubs, and it went Dbl - Pass - Pass.

Hamman observed, "The technically correct call is redouble, but at rubber bridge, opposite a partner who bid 5♦, a 'real bridge player' has to recognize that it is no longer a question of finding the optimal contract but simply one of being able to wear your pants and shoes as you exit the club."

So Bob bid 5♠, "which was by no means a success - except in comparison with 5♥ redoubled."

Another hero for my pantheon!

## Cell phones

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



## TOURNAMENT APPEALS

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



### APPEAL CASE 2

**Subject:** Unauthorized information/tempo

**DIC:** Henry Cukoff

**Event:** Silidor Open Pairs

**Session:** Second qualifying

Board #: 6  
Vul: E-W  
Dir: East

Walter Schafer  
♠ 10 6  
♥ K J 8 7 5 4  
♦ J  
♣ 6 5 4 3

Steven Love  
♠ 5 3 2  
♥ Q 10 6 3 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A J 2

Julian Heicklen  
♠ K Q J 7  
♥ 9  
♦ A K 6  
♣ K 10 9 8 7

Bill Kent  
♠ A 9 8 4  
♥ A  
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 3 2  
♣ Q

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

- (1) Break in tempo (BIT).  
(2) A longer BIT.

**Facts:** The table result was 3NT making three for E-W plus 400 after the opening lead of the ♦10. The director was called when dummy's hand was tabled. N-S timed the first BIT as being 10

seconds after they noticed a pause. E-W did not think it was that long. There was agreement that the second BIT was longer than the first.

**Director's Ruling:** The BIT demonstrably suggested that 2♥ not be passed. Pass was considered a logical alternative (LA). Therefore, in accordance with Laws 16.A and 12.C.2, the score was adjusted to the result of 2♥ doubled by West, down one and N-S plus 100.

**The Appeal:** West stated that he felt that North's double of 2♥ was very fast and that his bid of 2♥ was bad. E-W agreed that East hesitated prior to passing over the double of 2♥. West felt he was bidding 3♣ as soon as North doubled and ignored the BIT by East.

**The Decision:** The committee found that the BIT suggested action rather than pass. In fact, West even told the committee that he knew that his partner had heart shortness when he hesitated.

The committee considered the authorized information that North, allegedly, doubled rapidly. The evidence for such undue speed was not so clear that West's obligations (to carefully avoid taking any advantage that might accrue to his side from his partner's BIT - Law 73.C) were reduced in any way. The committee decided that West had not fulfilled those obligations. Therefore, an adjustment had to be considered.

After considering the play of 2♥ doubled, the committee decided that most lines of play would result in the contract failing by one trick. Accordingly, the committee so adjusted the result.

Players in unlimited nationally rated events are expected to know of and adhere closely to the standards imposed by law. The committee found that this was a clear case of failure to comply to legal standards. The E-W pair should not have appealed the table director's ruling. Therefore, an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) was issued to E-W.

**Committee Members:** Doug Doub, chair, Gene Kales, Ellen Kent, Tom Peters and Jeff Roman.



St Louis native **Tom Oppenheimer** is a new Platinum Life Master. He has many high finishes in NABC events, including second in the IMP Pairs in Toronto in 1992. Oppenheimer is a perennial contender for the District 8

North American Pairs. He is a recently retired Anheiser-Busch capital investment analyst. Besides bridge, his other passion is fishing, something he now is able to spend more time doing in Mexico and Canada. Oppenheimer has also been active in bridge governance, serving as both Unit and District president.



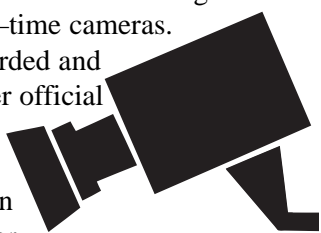
**Mike Edwards** has advanced to Platinum Life Master, a rank that requires 10,000 masterpoints. Edwards of Rock Island IL is a retired accountant. He also ran a bridge club for 23 years and is a Charity Committee member. He played his

first game in the Bettendorf (IA) City Community Center – the venue where he also won his 10,000th masterpoint. He has played with or been teammates with a who's who of bridge including Ron Andersen, Barry Crane, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth. He says he plays for the love of the game. "I've never really chased points," he said.

### Monitoring

At this and future North American championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.



### Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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



### Europe opens major championship again

The 3rd European Open Bridge Championships will take place June 15-30 in Antalya, Turkey, a holiday resort in the Mediterranean region.

The tournament is open to all players who are members in good standing of their respective national bridge organizations.

All events are transnational and there are no quotas.

The championships are Mixed Teams and Pairs; Open, Women's and Senior Teams, and Open, Women's and Senior Pairs.

There will be cash prizes for overall finishers.

The tournament will be played at the World of Wonders Resort, Kremlin Palace Hotel.

For more information, visit [www.bentouevents.com](http://www.bentouevents.com) or e-mail to [ebl@federbridge.it](mailto:ebl@federbridge.it).

### New Life Masters

**Jerry Thiessen** of Weyburn SK made Bronze Life Master in the Monday Compact KO. He was playing with his wife Ilyne Thiessen and teammates Gordon and Diane Bell. He also plans to play in the North American Pairs Flight B.

**David Dyer** of Houston TX made Life Master in the Morning KO Teams playing with Don Morgan. His teammates were Philip Duterme of Bellaire TX and Charlotte Blum, Bakersfield CA

All new Life Masters please report to the Daily Bulletin office to be recognized. Include you and your partner's names and hometowns, the event you were playing in and teammates if that applies. The Daily Bulletin office is located in the Renaissance Hotel on the Mezzanine level in the Parkview Room.

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# 49er Pair

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new players to the game.

Additional events for newer players include the 199er Pairs at the Summer NABC and the 99er Pairs at the Fall NABC.

**Past winners:**

- 1998 Roberta Lyon, Jim Washburn
- 1999 Linda C. Bell, Kristina Bohdanowicz
- 2000 Daniel Taylor, Judith Hunt
- 2001 Bill Nabors, John Balog
- 2002 Brian Duran, Stephen McDevitt
- 2003 Paul Weintraub, Marilyn Weintraub
- 2004 Candace Carlton, Terry Carlton
- 2005 Joan Dixon, Bernie Weiss
- 2006 Eric Sieg, Jim Thompson



Eric Sieg and Jim Thompson won the 2006 NABC 49er Pairs.

**MONDAY MIDNITE KNOCKOUTS**

- 12 Tables**
- 3.34 1 Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH; McKenzie Myers, Portland OR; Jennifer Lin, Rockville MD; Mike Develin, Berkeley CA; Justin Lall, Dallas TX; Jon Rice, Winston Salem NC
  - 2.51 2 Bill Lough, Edina MN; Richard Kain, Minneapolis MN; Charlotte Blum, Bakersfield CA; Elizabeth Becker, Evansville IN
  - 1.67 3/4 Bob Bainter - Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO; Richard Edwards Jr - Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO
  - 1.67 3/4 James La Fountain, Temple TX; Pam LaSelle, Round Rock TX; Thomas Corlett, Waco TX; Carolyn Pinto, Fort Worth TX

**MONDAY-TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET I**

- 7 Tables**
- 12.88 1 Bruce Houston, Mc Lean VA; Donald Van Arman, Bloomington IN; Janet Neel Fleenor - Harley McCabe, Bowling Green KY
  - 9.66 2 David Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR; Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN; Larry Klein, Cincinnati OH

**MONDAY-TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET II**

- 7 Tables**
- 7.78 1 Bert Shramko - Susan Shramko, Chattanooga TN; John Buechner - Betty Buechner, Hixson TN
  - 5.84 2 John Nesser, St Paul MN; Donna Nesser, Minneapolis MN; Fred Bode - Marilyn McDonald, San Diego CA

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**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET I**

- 16 Tables**
- Geoffrey Brod - Stephen Earl, Avon CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT
- vs
- Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; David Levy, Cannes La Bocca France; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA
- David Siebert - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo CA; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Eric Leong, Oakland CA
- vs
- John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA

**TUESDAY FAST PAIRS**

19.0 Tables	A	B	C		
14.70	1			Harry Nuckols - Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY	62.05%
11.03	2			Mike Bovarnick, Mercer Island WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	61.61%
8.27	3			Donna Pedrotti - Mary Hruby, Maryland Hts MO	59.08%
6.20	4			Marsha Bernstein - Sanford Lobliner, Houston TX	58.93%
6.20	5	1		Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL; Christopher Shaw Jr, Carlinville IL	57.44%
3.49	6			Ann Caparros, Springfield IL; John Cox, Kellogg ID	55.06%
4.65		2		John Link, Houston TX; Bobbi Kauffman, Katy TX	54.91%
3.49		3		George Hawley - Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO	54.32%
2.62		4		Denny Penticoff, Mountain Home AR; Ned Irving, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	52.98%
4.20		5	1	Gale Dimick - Katie Dimick, Hollister CA	51.19%
3.15		6	2	Charles Clark, Jr, Edwardsville IL; Bob Biarkis, Glen Carbon IL	50.60%
2.36			3	Teri Harrison, Columbia MD; Sorina Negulescu, Ellicott City MD	49.55%
1.77			4	Darrel Matlock - Annette Matlock, Springfield MO	49.26%
1.91			5	Malou Flato, Austin TX; Richard Muse, Hornell NY	48.81%

**TUESDAY SENIOR PAIRS**

27.0 Tables	A	B	C		
10.36	1	1		Cheryl Morrison - Larry Morrison, Edmond OK	59.54%
7.77	2			Betty Marggraf, Muskego WI; Gabriel Tawil, Glendale WI	58.62%
5.83	3			Jack Shartsis, Huntington Wds MI; Harry McKinney, Troy MI	58.35%
4.79	4	2	1	Nellie Chang - Walter Chang, Honolulu HI	58.08%
3.28	5			Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA; Greg House, S San Fran CA	58.04%
2.46	6			Jaime Roitman, Clifton NJ; Dan McCaw, Toronto ON	57.12%
3.14		3/4		Paul Janus, Lincolnshire IL; Erby Satter, Incline Village NV	56.38%
3.14		3/4		Sarah Furlow - Richard Furlow, Midland MI	56.38%
2.52		5	2	Barry Ekman - Sue Ekman, Evanston IL	54.23%
2.95		6		Aaron Cohen, Manchester To NJ; Mary Butts, Dixon MO	53.50%
2.15			3	Dave Kuschel, Minot ND; Kim Caley, Bismarck ND	52.38%
1.56			4	Charles Whitman - Ira Marcus, Chicago IL	50.38%
1.06			5	Daniel Wong - Lucille Y Wong, Honolulu HI	47.62%

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON 10/20/50 PAIRS**

10.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.10	1			Wayne Welborn, Waxhaw NC; Doris Niemann, Charlotte NC	62.50%
1.58	2			Frederic Beattie, St Louis MO; Elizabeth Beattie, Saint Louis MO	61.61%
1.18	3			Eric Bardin, Nashville TN; Walter Sackville, Vero Beach FL	60.42%
0.89	4			David Rowe, Laredo TX; Paul Paris, Maryville IL	59.23%
1.05	5			Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO; Thomas Poppas, Kokomo IN	58.33%
1.38	6	1		Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO; Shirley Tucci, St Louis MO	57.44%
1.04		2	1	Richard Ashby, Dallas TX; Susan Reiter, Caesarea Israel	55.65%
0.78		3		Caroline Gilje - Tara Hartke, St Louis MO	55.06%
0.71		4	2	Ruth Sobel, Olivette MO; Sylvia Holtzman, Clayton MO	51.79%

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS**

20.5 Tables	A	B	C		
4.38	1			Michael Voyles, Davenport IA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	60.96%
3.29	2			Sandy Bigg - Charles Parker, Saint Louis MO	59.70%
3.73	3	1	1	James Lyon - Louella Lyon, Paducah KY	58.93%
2.80	4	2		Joyce Sass - Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO	58.76%
1.39	5			David Olson, Owings Mills MD; Kay Cohen, Saint Louis MO	58.59%
2.10	6	3		Ronald Stevenson, Sr, New Buffalo MI; Edmond Douville, Hobart IN	57.65%
1.61		4	2	Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL; Nona Rathsack, Park Ridge IL	55.88%
1.40		5		Raymond Struck - Cathy Struck, Hattiesburg MS	55.58%
1.20		6	3	Celine Fox, Saint Louis MO; Carole Fowler, Charlevoix MI	54.61%
1.20			4	Philip Wilner - Wynn Wozobski, Tulsa OK	54.55%
0.74			5	Jennifer Larkin, Carpinteria CA; Suzanne Mason, Vero Beach FL	54.43%

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE SERIES**

20.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1	1	Jeroen Swinkels, St Louis MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	65.39%
3.41	2			Betty Freedman - Terry Currie, Houston TX	63.54%
3.08	3	2	2	Susan Edwards - Allan Edwards, London ON	61.34%
2.31	4	3		Jack Miller - William Grant Jr, Saint Louis MO	60.42%
1.44	5			Brian Berglund, Saint Louis MO; Brian Berglund, Santa Barbara CA	60.21%
1.73	6	4		James Sullivan - Carolyn Sullivan, Richfield OH	59.93%
1.79		5	3	Roberta Trochtenberg - Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO	58.10%
0.97		6		Jack Berry - Sue Wessner, Hamburg PA	53.94%
1.68			4	Schmuel Greenberg, Israel; Julian Wernick, Birmingham England	53.70%
1.18			5	Elizabeth Gilman - Janice Brown, Topeka KS	53.47%
0.84			6	Betty Markey, Indianapolis IN; Janice Van Buren, Saint Louis MO	52.31%

**TUESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS**

14 Tables	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1		Alan Broddon - Sanford Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; David Sterneck, Chesterfield MO; Jeff Kopolow, St Louis MO	58.00
2.54	2			Carolyn Joseph, Birmingham MI; Cydnie Reich, W Bloomfield MI; Donna Eide - Franklin Alan, Indianapolis IN	53.00
1.91	3	2		Thomas Frank - Mary Ann Frank, Indianapolis IN; Linda Stokes - Gary Stokes, Lakeside TX	52.00
1.55	4	3	1	Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL; Nona Rathsack, Park Ridge IL; Frank Nick - Yvonne Hunter, Madison WI	49.00
1.07	5			John Buechner - Betty Buechner, Hixson TN; Bert Shramko - Susan Shramko, Chattanooga TN	47.00

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE SERIES**

26.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.46	1				David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON; William Treble, Winnipeg MB	63.45%
4.10	2				Ken Gee, Regina SK; James Tucker Jr, Alexander City AL	63.26%
4.10	3	1			E Hale, Rolla MO; David Poriss, Burlington CT	62.31%
3.08	4	2			Leslie Brown, Huddersfield Great Britain; Karen Bradley, Huddersfield England	61.93%
1.73	5				Dick Duff, Denver CO; Allen Reiter, Caesaria Israel	61.74%
2.15	6				Harry Nuckols - Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY	60.98%
2.88	3	1			Dave Kuschel, Minot ND; Kim Caley, Bismarck ND	60.23%
2.16	4	2			Nancy Wein - Martin Wein, Richmond VA	57.58%
1.30	5				Jack Berry - Sue Wessner, Hamburg PA	57.20%
1.51	6				Aslam Siddiqui - Sandra Siddiqui, Carmel IN	55.11%
1.62			3		Trudie Weber-Penta - Marian Rogge, Tucson AZ	54.17%
1.22			4		Arthur Stepp, Saint Louis MO; Endre Tary, 63225 Langen Germany	53.79%
1.18			5		Paul Burnham, Wilton CT; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO	51.33%

**TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN**

33.0 Tables		A	B	C		
20.30	1				Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ; Patty Holmes, Las Vegas NV	62.73%
15.23	2				John Schwartz, Plano TX; Phillip Grothus, San Antonio TX	61.23%
11.42	3				Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Vish Viswanathan, West Windsor NJ	60.88%
8.56	4				Barry Piafsky, New York NY; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON	59.49%
6.42	5				Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI; Suzanne Siebert, Little Rock AR	58.33%
8.56	6	1			Bert Sheldon, San Antonio TX; Paul Sitz, Ramsey MN	56.94%
3.61	7				Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO	56.71%
6.42			2	1	Brian Zaugg, Burien WA; Jingsong Liu, Kirkland WA	56.13%
4.82			3		John Weber, Watseka IL; Frank Morgan, Williamstown MA	55.67%
3.61			4		Margaret France, Astoria IL; Carol Umbach, Havana IL	55.21%
2.71			5		Paul Linxwiler, Memphis TN; Harley Bress, Lakewood CO	54.98%
2.03			6		Paul Wolf II, Shrewsbury MA; Ramaratnam Soundarajan, St Louis MO	54.51%
3.34				2	Sandra Anderson - Paul Weiland, Troy MO	53.13%
2.50				3	Morris Gross, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL	52.66%
2.09				4	W Turner - Jane Turner, College Station TX	51.97%
2.48				5	Mark Dean, Union City NJ; Kenneth Zuckerberg, Chicago IL	51.62%

**TUESDAY STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS**

79 Tables		A	B	C		
11.79	1				Deana Liddy - Sue Himel, Omaha NE; Sarah Imig, Sioux City IA; Linda Webb, Fargo ND	104.00
8.84	2				Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Mike Petras - Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	101.00
6.63	3				Ruth Stober, Great Neck NY; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV; Diane Lazarus - Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	98.00
4.97	4				Hans Wandel - Naomi Wandel, Portland OR; Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR; Peter Kyper, West Chester PA	94.00
3.27	5/6				Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB	88.00
3.27	5/6				Kathy Longman - Jack Longman, Clearwater FL; Joan Webb - Keith Harrison, Ballwin MO	88.00
8.34	7	1			Lois Scott, Carmel IN; Ruben Egeberg, Rock Island IL; Sarah Dotson, Decatur AL; Charlene Lutz, Indianapolis IN	86.00
6.26	8	2	1		Philip MacFarlane, Parma OH; Barbara Kotton, Beachwood OH; Nicholas Ogan, Moreland Hills OH; Chantal Whitney, Shaker Heights OH	85.00
4.69			3	2	Chuck Ettelson - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; William Bunn, Brentwood MO; Mary Jarrells, Wildwood MO	84.00
3.52			4		Villa Aschenbrenner, Ledbetter KY; Evelyn Pruitt, Paducah KY; Susan Davis, Marion IL; Karen Coe, Ewing IL	81.00
2.64			5		Bill Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Michael Strong, Winfield IL; Randal Gentillon - Robert Kroupa, Idaho Falls ID	80.00
1.98			6		Gregory Sellgren, Las Vegas NV; Grant Petersen, Taylor MI; Laura Raczek, Joliet IL; Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA	78.00
2.64				3	Mary Lagu - Avinash Lagu, Carmel IN; Floyd Bilderback, Englewood CO; David Meeker, Commerce City CO	69.00
1.98				4	Elizabeth Gilman - Janice Brown - Gladys Dixon - Adeline Towle, Topeka KS	62.00
1.49				5	Frank Nelson II - Nancy Anderson - Theodore Flach, Louisville KY; Kenneth Gustafson, Crestwood KY	61.00
1.12				6	Harvey Laux - Robert Riggs, Saint Louis MO; Raymond Ford - Beverly Butler, Highland IL	59.00

**TUESDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS**

11.0 Tables		A	B	C		
2.97	1	1			Theresa Ann Brantley, Mabank TX; Carol Sossamon, Kemp TX	66.37%
2.23	2				Ronald Stevenson, Sr, New Buffalo MI; Edmond Douville, Hobart IN	63.43%
1.67	3				Michael Voyles, Davenport IA; Loysius Zupancic, Joliet IL	61.18%
1.25	4				Jim Bufkins, Denton TX; Mary Erdberg, Fishers IN	55.99%
1.52	5	2			Stuart Kane - Eleanor Kane, Prospect KY	55.49%
1.58	6	3	1		Travis Bogart, Columbia MO; Thomas Poppas, Kokomo IN	54.25%
1.19			4	2	Doris Niemann, Charlotte NC; Wayne Welborn, Waxhaw NC	52.13%
0.89			5	3	Lawrence Segar - Gayle Segar, Rochester MN	51.11%
0.67				4	Salutore Martorelli - Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO	48.89%

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 2**

15 Tables	
William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Ron Haack, New York NY; James Gordon, S Burlington VT; Dave Swarouth, San Antonio TX	
vs	
David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Ruman Nenov Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria	
vs	
Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL; Brad Carmichael, Overland Park KS; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; L James Phillips, Chicago IL	
vs	
G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Vancouver WA; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Richard Helams Jr, West Monroe LA; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 3**

16 Tables	
Claire Jones - Richard Anderson - Doug Rankin, Regina SK; Norman Athy, Saint Louis MO; Glenn Smith, Chesterfield MO; Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	
vs	
Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC; Donald Sache - Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC	
vs	
Mike Miller, Temple TX; Roy Baughman, Pantego TX; James Bauer, Dallas TX; Howard Tureff, Plano TX	
vs	
Edward Nield, Westchester IL; Rachel Chittaro, Kildeer IL; Alan Resser - Carl Sharp, Chicago IL	
vs	
Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Alec Price, Red Springs NC; Robert Park, Gibsonia PA; William Holt, Sewickley PA	
vs	
Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC; Rusty Krauss, Vienna VA; Barry Falgout, Rockville MD; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 4**

16 Tables	
Stephen Czecha, Potomac MD; Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI; Steven Picus, Mequon WI; Sima Sadri, West Vancouver BC	
vs	
Jay Friedenson, Morrisville VT; David Weisman, Englewood NJ; Ronald Felton, New York NY; Penny Lane, Williston VT	

Kurt Brescoll - Janet Brescoll, Mansfield TX; Mike Marlin - Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY	
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vs	
Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; Leah Newell, Springfield IL; Terry Goodykooztz, Champaign IL; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	

Sandra Nott - Jean Swann - Barbara Johnson, Memphis TN; Ruby Killebrew, Collierville TN	
vs	
Mark Patton, Dubuque IA; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Frank Hellenthal, Cedar Rapids IA; Marsha McElroy, Davenport IA	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 5**

16 Tables	
Ray Grace - Helene Grace, Sherwood Park AB; James Metcalfe - Patty Metcalfe, Edmonton AB	
vs	
Shirley Ashby - Preston Morrow, Dallas TX; Jules Schoenberg - Hazel Schoenberg, Plano TX	
vs	
Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; Billie Vickers, Montgomery AL; Robert Fournier - Jared Fournier - Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	
vs	
Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC; Robert Lurie, Wayland MA; Ben Feinswog, Coconut Grove FL	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 6**

16 Tables	
John Pulles - Mark Churchman, Saskatoon SK; Dora Lee - William Cox, Edmonton AB	
vs	
Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman, Rochester NY; Donna Harrison - Vickie Lanes, Columbia MO	

Phyllis Harlan - Bill Harlan - Fay Freeman - Leamon Freeman Sr, Oklahoma City OK	
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vs	
Ron Haney, West Hill ON; Bing Wong, Whitby ON; Leigh Ives - Paul Campbell, Barrie ON	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 7**

16 Tables	
Richard Olson, Colorado Sprgs CO; Loring Knoblauch, Chicago IL; Carol Bertz - Sung Mae Bleck, Englewood CO	
vs	
Adam Kaplan - Todd Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Elizabeth McGuffey - Michael McGuffey, Durham NC	
vs	
James Keating, Saint Peters MO; Norman Marks II, Hayward CA; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; Paul Rezabek Jr, Hazelwood MO	
vs	
Patricia Hoffman, Beavercreek OH; Joyce Dennis, Fairborn OH; Marilyn O'Connor - Wayne O'Connor, Dayton OH	

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 8****16 Tables**

Amy Staska, Lakeville MN; Edie Siemens - Marv Riedesel -  
Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN

vs

Scott Wansbrough, Dallas TX; Patrick Dutton, Cincinnati OH;  
Judith Ensor - Charles Ensor, Seabrook TX

Doris Rich - Johnie Imes, Lake Ozark MO; Roy Coplen -  
Geraldine Cunningham, Jefferson City MO

vs

William Miller - Robert Reiley, Great Falls MT; Deborah  
Gregory - Joy Sisk, Madisonville KY

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 9****16 Tables**

Stephen Schmetz - Diane Schmetz, Boca Raton FL; Debbi Myers  
- Kay Olness, Billings MT

vs

Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA; William Nason, Groton MA;  
Peter Manzoni, Waltham MA; Rick Holcomb, Malden MA

Ann Hamilton, Naples FL; Jean Carpenter, Harbor Springs MI;  
Marcy Rowan, Topinabee MI; Jane Huff, Columbus OH

vs

Jeremy Williams, Reynoldsburg OH; Jerome Williams,  
Westerville OH; Brian Simet, Rogers AR; John West III, Siloam  
Spgs AR

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 10****14 Tables**

Robert Johnson - Dianne Johnson, Louisville KY; Sharad Joshi -  
Shobhana Joshi, Ann Arbor MI

vs

Pamela Jones, Shaker Heights OH; Barbara Cunliffe, Bentleyville  
OH; Stephanie James, Chagrin Falls OH; Susan Hall, Cleveland  
OH

Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO; Suzanne Martin, Saint Charles  
MO; Mary Smith, Eureka MO; Joan Wieber, Ballwin MO

vs

Richard Kain, Minneapolis MN; Bill Lough, Edina MN; Diane  
Henson - Larry Henson, Minnetonka MN

**RUSSELL STOVER KO BRACKET 11****12 Tables**

Patricia Coontz, Palm Desert CA; Charlene Brennan, Lake  
Quivira KS; Robert Quintin, St Charles IL; Nancy Rafiner,  
Kansas City MO

vs

Thayer Talcott Jr, Morristown NJ; Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ;  
Terri U'Prichard, Egg Harbor Twp NJ; John Goetsch, Lowell OR

Teri Carpenter, Albuquerque NM; Dianne Aves - Helen  
MacDonald, Kitchener ON; V'Anne Desch, Topeka KS

vs

Robert Young - Shiaomay Young, Northfield IL; Cecilia Ip -  
Rosalind Juo, Walnut Creek CA

**Convention card reminder**

• Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

• 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.

**MIXED PAIRS QUALIFIERS**

		Carryover
1	Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL	309.56
2	Peggy Sutherlin - John Sutherlin, Dallas TX	280.82
3	Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL	266.88
4	Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA; Mildred Breed, Austin TX	265.97
5	Shirley Presberg, Boca Raton FL; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ	257.07
6	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI; J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner TX	253.44
7	Bob Balderson Jr - Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN	238.59
8	Ann Brinker Schwall, Houston TX; Jack Lacy, Round Rock TX	233.25
9	Anton Tsyppkin, Sharon MA; Yiji Starr, Wayland MA	229.82
10	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	227.97
11	Sue Weinstein - Jerry Weinstein, Las Vegas NV	227.42
12	Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	226.18
13	Linda Hanson, Brentwood TN; Coley McGinnis, Nashville TN	212.18
14	Susan Jackowitz, New York NY; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA	211.90
15	Steven Cooper - Kitty Cooper, Albuquerque NM	206.86
16	Ellen Cherniavsky, Silver Spring MD; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA	199.33
17	Kathy Baum - Jay Baum, Germantown TN	199.11
18	Janet Robertson, Timonium MD; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	196.87
19	Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA	195.30
20	Marc Rabinowitz, Hudson OH; Gerty Grotte, Aventura FL	195.05
21	Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI	192.75
22	Sara Sivelind, Ludvika Sweden; Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	191.85
23	David Wakeman - Rita Wakeman, Irvine CA	190.76
24	Jack Weingold - Joanne Antoniou, Boca Raton FL	188.94
25	Jenny Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON	186.87
26	Mary Vickers, Apex NC; Jim Dick, Woodbridge VA	183.49
27/28	Ashraf El Sadi, Union City CA; Elena Ziuleva, Walnut Creek CA	179.86
27/28	Marilyn Kivel - Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA	179.86
29	Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA; Roni Atkins, Pittsburgh PA	174.92
30	Lawrence Lerner, Warren NJ; Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ	174.66
31	Steve Clark - Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA	172.84
32	Jill Meyers - Sidney Brownstein, Santa Monica CA	167.14
33	Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping 58431 Sweden; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	161.91
34	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; John Russell, North Barrington IL	159.87
35	Elbert Moore, Crofton KY; Julia Bomalaski, Cocoa Beach FL	159.23
36	Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Arno Hobart, Toronto ON	158.97
37	Linda Smith - Ron Smith, Hixson TN	157.26
38	John Gustafson - Helen Gustafson, Des Moines IA	156.24
39	Suzu Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Dennis McGarry, Stuart FL	154.67
40	Petra Hamman - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX	150.54
41	Ulker Mutlu - Bernard Bernstein, Clearwater FL	149.37
42	Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda	148.90
43	Lew Walter, New York NY; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ	147.41
44	Rhoda Walsh, Palm Desert CA; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	143.70
45	Debra Hyatt, Denver CO; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	142.88
46/47	Robert Heitzman Jr - Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY	142.61
46/47	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA	142.61
48	Rozanne Pollack - William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ	141.53
49	Lee De Simone, Paso Robles CA; Paul McDaniels, Richmond CA	141.45
50	Sherby Chernin, Cincinnati OH; Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI	140.80
51	George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA	138.98
52	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Charles Durrin III, Madison AL	138.73
53	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	135.35
54/55	Amitabh Raturi - Nancy Sachs, Cincinnati OH	133.53
54/55	Darcy Parker - James Parker, Hollywood FL	133.53
56	Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO	133.48
57	Charlotte Sturm - Stephen Sturm, Fullerton CA	132.62
58/59	Lin-Huan Chen - Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	131.71
58/59	Paul Meerschaert, Tonka Bay MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN	131.71
60/61	Sandra Jenkins - Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA	128.99
60/61	Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills CA; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA	128.99
62	Malle Andrade, New York NY; Elliott Grubman, Brooklyn NY	127.32
63/64	Scott Levine - Judi Radin, New York NY	123.54
63/64	Nancy Turner, New York NY; Dmitriy Myedvyedyev, Moscow ID	123.54
65	Fred Chang, Flushing NY; Melody Bi, Woodbury MN	119.91
66	Cathy Nathan - Marc Nathan, Thousand Oaks CA	119.00
67	Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Jason Chiu, Piscataway NJ	118.90
68	Mary Savko, Tequesta FL; John Potter, Panama City FL	117.84
69	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	116.52
70	Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA	115.32
71	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA	114.45
72	Beverly Perry, New York NY; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	107.99
73	Gaylor Kastle - Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL	107.01
74/75	Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL	104.46
74/75	Randy Helmink - Noel Helmink, Avon IN	104.46
76	Wendy Krause - Arnold Krause, Toronto ON	104.28
77	Robert Matcha - Jane Matcha, Sugar Land TX	103.41
78	Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI; Chris Moll, Jefferson City TN	101.74
79	Lorraine Cable, Dorchester MA; Doug Anderson, Quincy MA	100.83
80	Linda Perlman, Lake Park FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	100.77
81	Barbara Nist, Kent WA; Dudley Brown, Grandview WA	100.03
82	Elliot Shalita, Elkins Park PA; Jane Segal, Villanova PA	99.92
83	Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX	99.05
84	Elaine Landow - Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA	97.27
85	Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico	97.20
86	Barbara Miller, Bangor PA; Mitchell Snyder, Earlington PA	96.29
87	Daniel Suty, Houston TX; Susan Parnes, Flint MI	95.63
88	Winston Legge Jr - Jennie Legge, Pensacola FL	94.97
89/90	Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	93.56
89/90	Robb Gordon - Linda Gordon, Sedona AZ	93.56



	Carryover
91 Linda McGarry, Stuart FL; Larry Griffey, Vero Beach FL	92.79
92 Carolyn Riely - Terry Riely, San Antonio TX	90.84
93 Roberta Meadow, New York NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	90.51
94 Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; Dee Berry, Arlington WA	90.00
95/96 Roger Passal, Woodside CA; Candace Griffey, Vero Beach FL	88.36
95/96 Mike Develin, Berkeley CA; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA	88.36
97 Chris Niemann - Gen Geiger, Sarasota FL	86.30
98/99 Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	85.39
98/99 Keith Connolly - Julie Tigges, Minneapolis MN	85.39
100 Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH	84.80
101 Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein, White Plains NY	84.48
102 Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Marlene Warren-Gasper, Lancaster CA	83.82
103 Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Alan Stout, Jacksonville FL	83.75
104 Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	82.73
105 Johan Upmark, Bromma Stockhol Sweden; Jessica Piafsky, New York NY	82.66
106 Gail Bell, King of Prussia PA; Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA	81.60
107 Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA	80.59
108 Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	79.71
109 Mark Shaw - Jane Shaw, Hanover PA	78.12
110 Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL	77.21
111 Sharon Hait, Livingston NJ; Lester Sokolower, Verona NJ	76.55
112 Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO; Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA	75.86
113/114 Marcia Dean - Robert Dean, San Jose CA	75.79
113/114 Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Topeka KS	75.79
115 Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL	75.39
116 Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE	74.49
117 Himani Khandelwal - Rajeev Khandelwal, Mumbai India	73.29
118 Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	72.93
119 Bernace De Young, Miami FL; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	70.82
120 Eli Borok - Lois Borok, Los Angeles CA	70.34
121 Sharon Jabbour - Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	69.68
122 June Deutsch, Aventura FL; David Sokolow, Austin TX	69.04
123 Debbie Gailfus - Alan Gailfus, Carlsbad CA	68.86
124 Bobbie Gomer, Willow Grove PA; Howard Kahlenberg, Philadelphia PA	64.49
125 Claire Tornay - George Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL	62.68
126 Joan Eaton, North York ON; Andy Stark, Toronto ON	61.77
127/128 Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON	60.86
127/128 Anne Leverone, Saint Paul MN; Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO	60.86
129/130 Carlos Munoz - Kassie Munoz, White Plains NY	59.95
129/130 Jan Assini, Aurora OH; Brian Ellis, Beachwood OH	59.95
131 Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	59.04
132/134 Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA; Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR	58.14
132/134 Richard Katz, N Versailles PA; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	58.14
132/134 Sylwia McNamara - Michael McNamara, White Plains NY	58.14
135 Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY; Valentin Kovachev, Sofia Bulgaria	57.90
136 Natan Erdberg, Fishers IN; Catherine Lindholm, Indianapolis IN	56.68
137 Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Ira Ewen, New York NY	55.59
138/139 Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA; Sharon Hammer, Huntington Bch CA	55.41
138/139 Frank Burke - Janet Burke, Seattle WA	55.41
140 Renay Danto Weiner - Jon Coffee, Scottsdale AZ	53.62
141 Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Christoph Eick, Houston TX	52.94
142 Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO	50.87
143 Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE	50.02
144 Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	48.62
145 Peter McLaren, Prince Albert SK; Angela Fenton, North Vancouver BC	46.59
146 Cathy Strauch - Riggs Thayer Jr, San Diego CA	46.33
147 Justine Cushing - Jeffrey Hand, New York NY	44.51
148 Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	42.69
149 Donna Watkins, San Antonio TX; Ed Rawlinson, Helotes TX	41.57
150 Joseph Ashcroft - Mollie Whalen, E Stroudsburg PA	38.88
151 Audrey Ventura - Lance Shull, Raleigh NC	38.31
152/153 Lynn Condon, West Redding CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	36.33
152/153 Georgia Heth, Morton IL; Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH	36.33
154 Suzanne Jones, Boulder CO; Fred Herring, Aurora CO	35.43
155 Steven Watson, Munster IN; Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN	35.25
156 Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY	34.52
157 Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA	33.56
158 Dorothy Moore, Crofton KY; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	30.16
159 Linda Leinicke - Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis MO	29.68
160/161 Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Halina Jamner, Hawthorne NY	28.16
160/161 Steve Scott - Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ	28.16
162 Ellen Kent, Chicago IL; Robert Kent, Marina Di Rey CA	27.86
163 Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA	22.96
164 Janice Nakao - Thomas Quinlan, San Mateo CA	22.75
165 Jackie Evans, Albuquerque NM; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA	21.19
166 Carol Pincus, Las Vegas NV; James Murphy, Concord NC	20.55
167 James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON	19.90
168 Kenneth Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Molly O'Neill, Ft Lauderdale FL	19.73
169 Gloria Tsoi, Arlington MA; Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA	19.47
170 Cecilia Rimstedt, Halmstad 30251 Sweden; John Diamond, New York NY	17.92
171 Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Teri Casen, Las Vegas NV	16.86
172 Bettie Gershman - Larry Kolker, Saint Louis MO	16.10
173 Jesus Arias - Alison Wilson, New York NY	15.44
174 Carolyn Peters - Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	12.72
175 V Netherwood - A Netherwood, Cincinnati OH	12.48
176 Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	12.47
177 Mary Dresser - William Peters, Laurel MD	11.56
178 John Richards - Joanne Yeager, Orlando FL	7.27
179 Natalie Hertz - Dan Hertz, Harrison NY	6.36
180 Suzanne Dunaway, Oak Park IL; Michael Kutska, River Forest IL	1.82
181/182 Matthew Heuser - Jill Ohlson, Lexington KY	0.00
181/182 Sherry Jackson, New York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	0.00

## A vacation with friends

By LeAnne Beason  
Fort Worth TX

How many words or phrases related to a deck of cards or the game of bridge can you find in the story below? Some of the words may be in plain sight, such as **deck of cards**. Some may be hidden, as in the following sentence. Let's go **hiking**.

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Soon everyone was feeling hungry, so they stopped at the Blue Diamond Café for some dinner. Pete ordered a mixed drink. He took one sip and spit it out.

"This is not rum," Pete shouted. "It is vodka!" Pete astutely called the waiter over and demanded a refund. "I just can abide cheap vodka. My friends and I deserve a round of drinks on the house." The crowd in the restaurant just stared. The rest of the group was so embarrassed they left the restaurant quietly.

Deb was really glad when they arrived at the hotel. She hadn't paid much attention to the name when she signed the contract, so she was pleasantly surprised when they pulled up in front of the Trump Suites and Inn. This was certainly one vacation no one in this foursome would ever forget.

Answers on page 12.

## Members advance to new rank

**Sara Parks** of Owensboro KY became a Diamond Life Master with more than 5000 masterpoints Tuesday playing in the Morning KO Teams. Parks placed #50 on the 2006 Barry Crane Top 500. Parks is a retired physician who only took up bridge in 1995.

**Bob Rasmussen** of Ann Arbor, Michigan became a Silver Life Master during Bracket 2 of Monday's Compact KO. He was playing with Craig Hemphill, Nancy Mitchell and Tom Rozinski. Their team finished third in the event.

## St. Louis Tours

### St. Louis City Tour

Wednesday, March 14, 8:15 a.m. till noon.

Cost: \$26.

Register for either tour at the Tour Desk located near the Tournament Registration Desk.



# TODAY'S PAIRING IN THE

Nick Nickell, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL

vs

Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia

George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY

vs

Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Mark Feldman - Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria - Fulvio Fantoni - Claudio Nunes, Rome Italy

vs

Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy

vs

Michael Moss - Chris Willenken, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina

Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

vs

Team Orange: Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Huub Bertens, Tilburg Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands; Simon de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands

Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russ Ekeblad, Providence RI; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Brad Moss, New York NY; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV

vs

Bill Cole, Silver Spring MD; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; David Butler, Keswick VA

Christal Henner-Welland - Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland

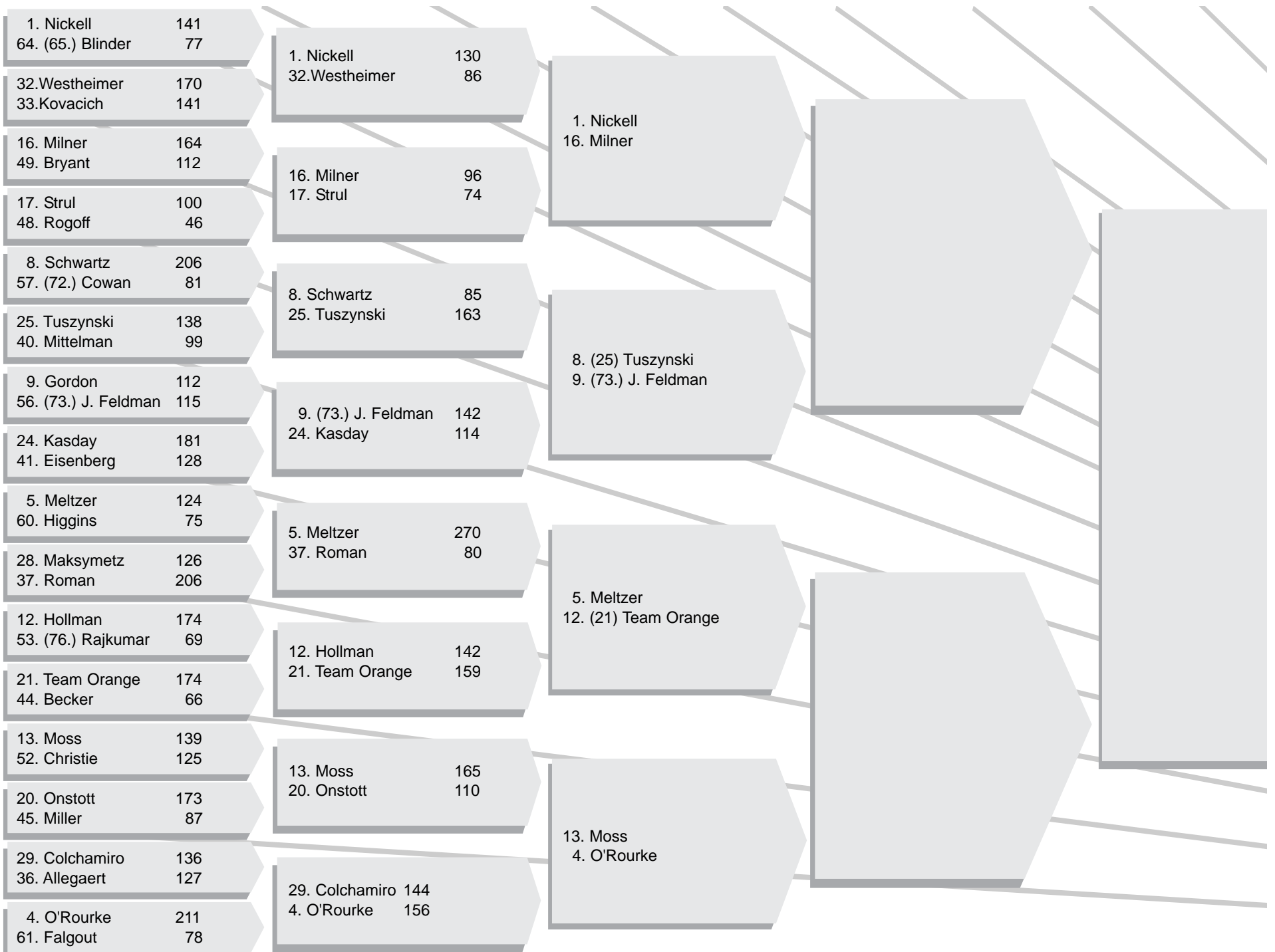
vs

Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL

Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Ed Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Nick Bykov, Stockton CA

vs

Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Steve De Roos, Brasschaat Belgium; Rutger Van Mechelen, Heverlee Belgium; Eric Debus, Leuven Belgium



# VANDERBILT KO TEAMS



25.00 17/32 Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Jim Krekorian, New York NY

25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas NV; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY

25.00 17/32 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Billy Cohen, Encinitas CA

25.00 17/32 Rita Shugart - Andrew Robson, Pebble Beach CA; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Ishmael Delmonte, Double Bay NSW Australia

25.00 17/32 Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Michael Polowan, New York NY; David Bakhshi, London England; Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY; Doug Doub, W Hartford CT

25.00 17/32 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Joergen Molberg, Trondheim Norway

25.00 17/32 Peter Schneider, La Canada CA; Grant Baze, San Diego CA; Krzysztof Buras, Chorzow Slask Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland

25.00 17/32 Tony Kasday, Puyallup WA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Thorlakur Jonsson, Kopavogur Iceland; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Sigurbjorn Haraldsson, Reykjavik Iceland; Bjarni Einarsson, Reykjavik Iceland

25.00 17/32 James Rosenbloom, New York NY; Richard Coren, Hollywood FL; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Brazil; Marcelo Branco, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Brian Glubok, San Rafael CA

25.00 17/32 Melanie Tucker - John Kranyak - John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands

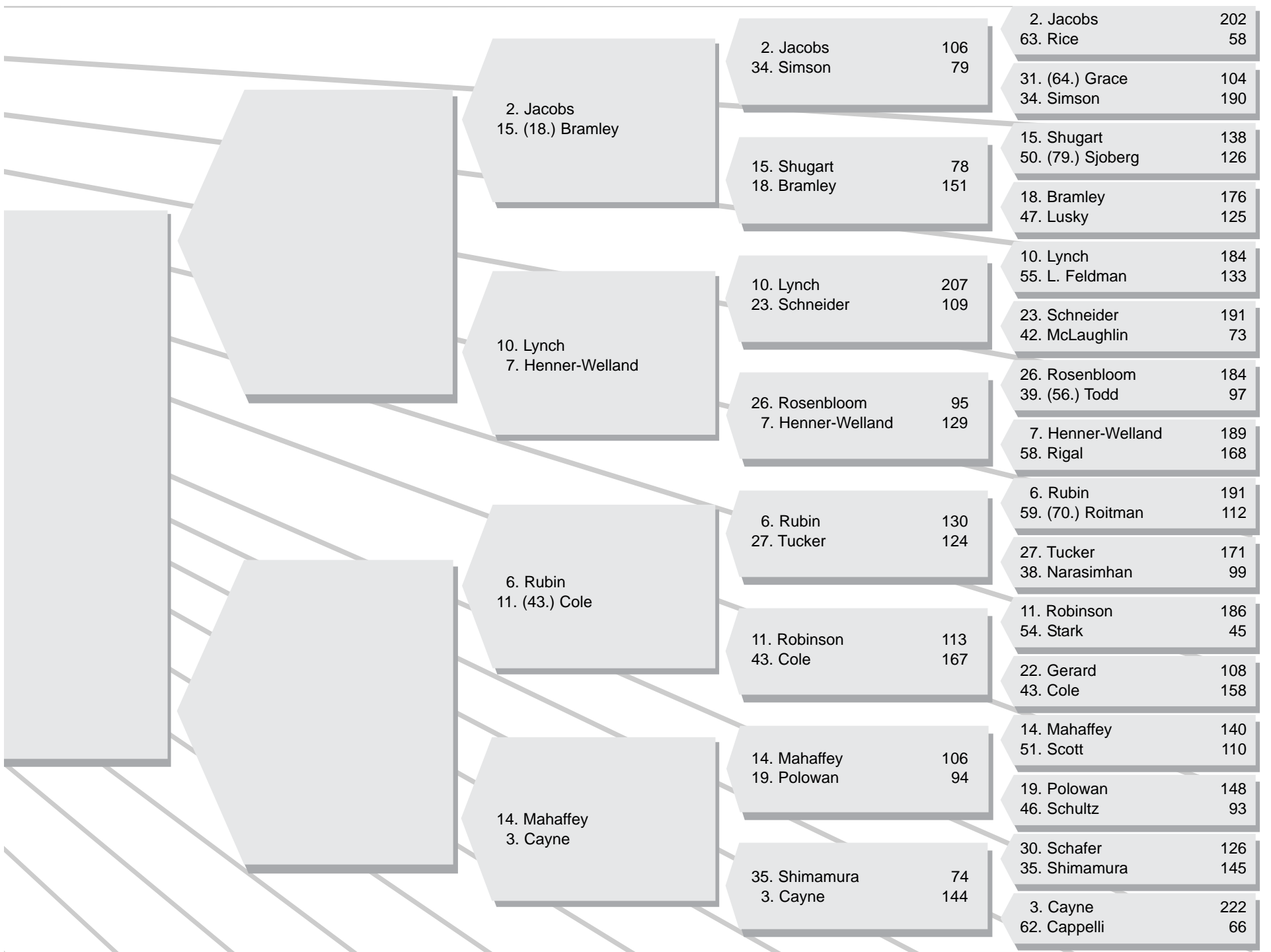
25.00 17/32 Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Steve Bloom - Betty Bloom, Duanesburg NY

25.00 17/32 Valerie Westheimer, New York NY; Migry Zur Campanile, Las Vegas NV; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel; Benito Garozzo, Palm Beach FL; Richard Reisig, Lantana FL; Melih Ozdil, Istanbul Turkey

25.00 17/32 Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN

25.00 17/32 Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo Japan; Tadashi Teramoto, Yokohama Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 21 Japan; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN

25.00 17/32 Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; John Fout, New York NY; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC



## NABC Diary

### Déjà vu



On the first board of a compact knockout teams match, Jonathan Steinberg had an experience that was eerie to say the least.

His partner, Martin Hunter of Toronto, opened 1♠, to which Steinberg responded 1NT. Hunter bid 2NT and Steinberg bid the game.

As he was putting dummy down, Hunter said, "Oops!"

What Hunter thought was a hand with 5-3-3-2 shape was actually 5=0=5=3. 3NT went down a trick for a push board, but that wasn't what gave Steinberg a strange feeling.

The event triggered a memory from the 1996 Fall NABC in San Francisco.

In the Blue Ribbon Pairs, Steinberg picked up a hand that initially had 5-3-3-2 shape and 20 high-card points. After he opened 2NT, Steinberg noticed that his actual shape was 5-5-3-0 (he doesn't remember the suits).

The story became even stranger that evening when Steinberg went back to his room, which he was sharing with his partner, Bert Eccles, and Darren Wolpert.

At one point, Wolpert walked in and said, "The strangest thing happened tonight," whereupon Wolpert proceeded to describe exactly what happened to Steinberg - on the very same board.

### Number game

Charles Wolpert of Boynton Beach FL has a question for players at the NABC. Does anyone have a Life Master number lower than his? It is 777. If you do, please stop by the Daily Bulletin office.

### Bad day

A top player was trudging through the hall outside the playing area on Tuesday.

"How's it going?" he was asked.

The reply was a bad word.

The proof: scoring 14 IMPs in 32 boards in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams while the other team racked up more than 130.

Wednesday's got to be better.

### No cake yet

Rick Beye will not be celebrating a birthday at this tournament. To avoid unnecessary mayhem in the Daily Bulletin office, the subject is taboo for the rest of the tournament.



### Happy anniversary

Twenty years ago, Susie Levenson of New York City and John Pringle of Wichita KS made their way to the Spring NABC in St.

Louis. They hadn't met, but a mutual friend, Nancy Schwantes, also of Wichita, planned to introduce them.

Schwantes wasn't playing matchmaker, but it worked out that way. It wasn't love at first sight, but they did hit it off well enough that they planned to see each other again at the 1987 Summer NABC in Baltimore. About a year later, they were married. They returned to St. Louis this year on the anniversary of their first meeting.

The two now live in the Scottsdale AZ suburb of Rio Verde, playing a lot of golf in addition to bridge.

Do bridge and marriage mix for the Pringles? "There have been moments," said Susie, "but it's been terrific."

## Bridge words revealed

(see page 9)

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Peter said, "Mac, the big **dummy**, has to be in the **lead**, so he told Ralph to **pass** the other cars, and now we have broken down." Pete and Mac used the **jack** to get a good look under the truck.

"I think I see the problem," said Mac, "and I know what just might do the **trick**." They put some basic **lubricant** on the articulated bolt surface, and the **repair** was made. The **travelers** were underway again.

Soon everyone was feeling hungry, so they stopped at the Blue **Diamond** Café for some dinner. Pete ordered a mixed drink. He took one sip and spit it out.

"This is **not rum**," Pete shouted. "It is vodka!" Pete **astutely** called the waiter over and demanded a refund. "I just can **abide** cheap vodka. My friends and I deserve a **round** of drinks on the house." The crowd in the restaurant just **stared**. The rest of the group was so embarrassed they left the restaurant quietly.

Deb was really glad when they arrived at the hotel. She hadn't paid much attention to the name when she signed the **contract**, so she was pleasantly surprised when they pulled up in front of the **Trump Suites** and Inn. This was certainly one vacation no one in this **foursome** would ever forget.

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## Masterpoint disclaimer

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Therefore, the masterpoint awards as shown are also subject to change.



## St. Louis NABC - A look back

This is the third in a series of articles that look back at previous St. Louis NABCs. Here is another interesting deal from those past tournaments.

### Eight is enough

On some deals, declarer or defender is on the lookout for a certain card. That was the case on this deal from the first qualifying session of the Stratified Open Pairs, played by Barry Rigal and Beverly Perry.

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

West	North	East	South
	Perry		Rigal
		Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

When 4♠ is doubled, it is easy enough to predict that trumps are not going to split favorably. On the lead of the ♦K, it is necessary to play low from dummy and ruff instead of playing the ace, so as to leave the ace as an entry to dummy, and to start reducing trumps to the same length as East.

Rigal led the ♠A and the sight of the ♠8 was a delicious one. Next Rigal played the ♠Q. East won and switched to the ♥4. The second stroke of luck for Rigal is that West was unable to read the position in hearts and won the ace immediately, instead of ducking.

West returned the ♥J and Rigal won the ♥Q, unblocking the ♥10 from his hand. He ruffed another diamond and exited with the ♣K, ducked by East. Another club put East on lead in this position:

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

Rigal was now able to run clubs, remaining in dummy for trick 11 and the trump coup.







## TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Event	Wednesday, March 14, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Wednesday–Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	1st	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Monday–Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Monday–Wednesday Morning Side Game Series*	3rd single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 10 a.m. &amp; 2 p.m.</b>				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 4	\$15.50	\$17.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 10 a.m. &amp; 3 p.m.</b>				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$15.50	\$17.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 1 p.m.</b>				
Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series	3rd single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 1 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</b>				
<b>Rockwell Mixed Pairs</b>	1–2 F	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
<b>NABC 49er Pairs</b>	1–2	America's Center 230	\$16.50	
Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Compact KO Teams	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Russell Stover Candy (Tuesday-Wednesday) Bracketed KO Teams	3–4	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 1 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>				
<b>Vanderbilt KO Teams</b>	Round 4	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.</b>				
Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series	4th single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
One-session Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Wednesday, March 14, 11:30 p.m.</b>				
Zip KO Teams	single	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$12/team/match	

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## TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Event	Thursday, March 15, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Monday–Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	4th	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday–Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday–Saturday Morning Side Game Series*	1st single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m. &amp; 2 p.m.</b>				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 4	\$15.50	\$17.50
<b>Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m. &amp; 3 p.m.</b>				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday, March 15, 1 p.m.				
Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series*	5th single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Thursday, March 15, 1 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</b>				
<b>Lebhar IMP Pairs</b>	1–2 Q	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>				
<b>Whitehead Women's Pairs</b>	1–2 Q	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>				
<b>Bean Red Ribbon Pairs</b>	1–2 Q	America's Center 240	\$16.50	
	2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.			
Stratified Open Swiss Teams*	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Anheuser-Busch Companies (Thursday-Friday) Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
<b>Thursday, March 15, 1 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>				
<b>Vanderbilt KO Teams</b>	Round 5	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
<b>Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.</b>				
One-session Stratified IMP Pairs*	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
<i>Open to Swiss dropouts and new entries</i>				
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series*	6th single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20, 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
<b>Thursday, March 15, 11:30 p.m.</b>				
Zip KO Teams	single	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$12/team/match	

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