# Daily Bulletin 

82nd Fall North American Bridge Championships
Editors: Brent Manley and Dave Smith

## 'Little Viking' honored at Goodwill meeting

According to his good friend Ken Monzingo, Chris Larsen is known as "Little Viking," in part for his Norwegian heritage.

Even better, NABC Tournament Chair Monzingo told the crowd at the ACBL Goodwill Committee meeting, "we call him friend."

Monzingo offered glowing praise for Larsen, who last spring was selected as the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year but until recently was unaware of the honor.

A variety of factors kept Larsen, of Costa Mesa CA in District 22, away from the first two NABCs of 2009.

With the Fall NABC in Larsen's back yard, Goodwill Committee Chair Aileen Osofsky was finally able to present the award to him in person.

Monzingo said he has known Larsen since the early Seventies, when they first met in a "serious" bridge environment.
"Chris Larsen," said Monzingo, "exemplifies everything I would like to be as a bridge player. He is dedicated and highly ethical. He is one of the finest players in the country but he can play with a rank beginner and make everyone feel comfortable."

Larsen, at the podium, said, "I didn’t even
 know I kept anyone waiting." Accepting the honor humbly, he said, "Bridge has given me a tremendous amount in my life. I'm deeply gratified by this honor."

Another ACBL member presented with an honor as 2009 winds down was Jeff Polisner, the year's
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NABC Tournament Chair Ken Monzingo with Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky and 2009 Goodwill Member of the Year Chris Larsen.

## DeMartino embraces challenges as 2010 ACBL President



In the midFifties, Rich DeMartino was introduced to the game of bridge by his parents. It didn't take long before he was hooked. More than 50 years later, he is still immersed in the game in a variety of aspects.
With his election last summer as 2010 ACBL President, the District 25 representative to the ACBL Board took on the latest of many tasks in the service of bridge.

An accomplished player with four North American championships and nearly 20,000
masterpoints, DeMartino has been treasurer of District 25 (New England) since 1997 after holding several other administrative positions, including president and vice president. He was elected as the District 25 representative to the ACBL Board for the 2001 term and recently was re-elected for a fourth three-year term.

DeMartino says his motivation for getting into administration was to give back to the game he loves.

Just as important to DeMartino, a retired former executive with Equitable Life and CIGNA, is his bridge teaching, which he has been doing for nearly five decades - "basically since 1961."

DeMartino grew up in a household where many games were played, and one day when he was in high school he saw his parents playing bridge in the kitchen. He learned the game from a Charles
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## Senior KO in semifinal round

The unheralded Stephen Shane squad that ousted the top seed on day two of the Senior Knockout Teams is still in the hunt, having bested another strong team in the quarterfinal round.

Shane, of White Plains NY, is playing with Eugene Davidson, Boynton Beach FL; Sedat Nassi, Hollywood FL, and N. Schwartz, San Marcos CA.

On Monday, they took the measure of the Mike Levine squad, which features Zeke Jabbour, David and Allan Siebert, Dennis McGarry and Randy Pettit.

The matchups for today's semifinal round are Shane versus Amos Kaminski and Carolyn Lynch, the No. 2 seed, versus Steve Robinson.

Shane led all the way against the Levine team, taking a 96-59 lead at the halfway point and increasing it to 129-91. Levine won the final set 5520, falling just short as Shane prevailed 149-146.


The Open BAM winners are Jerzy Zaremba, Josef Blass, Andrew Gromov, Cezary Balicki, Aleksander Dubinin and Adam Zmudzinski.

Gromov squad
takes Open B-a-M
The team captained by Andrew Gromov had two huge scores in the final two sessions to win the Victor Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams by 4.8 boards. The winners are: Gromov and Aleksander Dubinin of Moscow Russia, Josef Blass and Jerzy Zaremba of Chapel Hill NC, Cezary Balicki of Smolec Poland and Adam Zmudzinski of Katowice Poland.

The winners stood third after the two qualifying rounds. In the final, they scored 19.50 and 18.50 on a 13 average to win easily with a final score of 42.20.

The second-place team is Douglas Doub of
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Jim Sternberg, sponsor of the trophy honoring his late wife, poses with the winners of the Marsh May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Benedicte Cronier, Joyce Hampton, Sylvie Willard and Jenny Wolpert.

## Hampton captures Women's BAM

The team captained by Joyce Hampton, tied for first with a session to go, came through with the best game in the field in the evening to win the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams by nearly two boards.

Second place went to the Geeske Joel team, who were 1.75 boards out of first.

Hampton, of Blythewood SC, won her first North American championship and proclaimed that
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## Attendance

5594.5 tables

## Goodwill Message

Be a good sportsman: If an opponent makes a nice bid or play, offer a compliment to acknowledge it.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MEET/NGS / SEMINARS/ |  |  |  |
| $9 \text { a.m.- Noon }$ | Tuesday, Dec. 1 <br> 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. Room: Ford A \& B Seaport Tower. | $10 \text { a.m. - Noon }$ | for bridge directors to increase their skills presented by internationally acclaimed ACBL Tournament Director Guillermo Poplawsky. Continued from Tuesday. Must attend both sessions. Room: Maggie - 3rd Floor Harbor Tower. Open Team Trials meeting. Room: Ford C. |
| $9 \text { a.m. - Noon }$ | Club Director Refresher Course. Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills presented by internationally acclaimed ACBL Tournament Director Guillermo Poplawsky. Continues Wednesday. Must attend both sessions. Room: Maggie - 3rd Floor Harbor Tower. | $9 \text { a.m. - Noon }$ | Thursday, Dec. 3 <br> Recorder Seminar. Join ACBL's NABC Recorders for details on how to effectively serve as a recorder. An overview on handling player memos and Q\&A. Room: Ford B. |
| $10 \text { a.m.- Noon }$ | Senior Team Trials meeting. Room: Ford C. |  | Sunday, Dec. 6 |
| 9 a.m.- Noon | Wednesday, Dec. 2 <br> Club Director Refresher Course. Continuing education | $\begin{aligned} & 1-6: 30 \text { p.m. } \\ & 8 \text { p.m. til } \end{aligned}$ | Vugraph. Room: TBA. <br> Vugraph. Room: TBA. |
| CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM |  |  |  |
| Be sure to hear these free expert lectures at the San Diego NABC. They are held in the Manchester Ballroom GHI. |  |  | Wednesday, Dec. 2 |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9: 45 \mathrm{am} \\ & \text { 6:45 pm } \end{aligned}$ | Ken Monzingo Hand Patterns <br> Judy Elbogen Bergen Style |
| Tuesday, Dec. 1 Bergen Style |  |  |  |
| 9:45 am | Mike Flader Ruling the Game |  | Thursday, Dec. 3 |
| 6:45 pm | David Berkowitz Partnerships | $\begin{aligned} & 9: 45 \mathrm{am} \\ & 6: 45 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | Phillip Alder An Intro to Defensive Signals <br> Haig Tchamitch Responding to a Takeout Double |
| ENTERTANMENT/FOOD |  |  |  |
| Tuesday: Ice cream bars at 10:30 p.m. -- Fourth floor Randle Ballroom. Wednesday: Lemon/Chocolate pie at 10:30 p.m. -- Fourth floor Randle Ballroom. |  |  | Tuesday, Dec. 1 |
|  |  | 10 a.m. | Rose Meltzer's "Breakfast with the Stars" |
|  |  |  | Admission: $\$ 10$ (limited seating) |
|  |  |  | Purchase tickets at Bridge Registration Desk |
| Peter Rank’s "My Fair (Little Old) Lady"Show at 11 p.m. on Tuesday; |  |  | Wednesday, Dec. 2 |
| Admission: Free (refreshments at all performances) |  | $11 \text { p.m. }$ | Book signing \& discussion with Gary Pomerantz Author of The Devil's Tickets A dramatic reading will be performed. Admission: Free (refreshments) |

## Improve your directing skills

A club director refresher course will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a continuing education program for bridge directors to increase their skills. There are two sessions, and you must attend both. The $\$ 15$ fee covers both days, and you can sign up at door.
It will be held at: 9 a.m. to noon, both days in the Maggie room.

## Child care available

Child care is available during the Fall NABC from noon to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight. Activities include swimming, art and bridge lessons (noon to 12:30 p.m.). There will be a pizza party on Thursday. For more information, contact Donna Compton in Room 631 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

## Breakfast with the stars

There is still seating for Rose Meltzer's "Breakfast with the Stars." Players can have breakfast with some of the best-known players in the world and chat and ask questions. The event will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Tickets are $\$ 10$ and can be purchased at the Registration Desk.


## NABC Insider

Ken Monzingo and Bonnie Bagley have done a truly amazing job as co-chairs of the San Diego NABC. They had a vision of what this tournament should be - a tournament to match the quality of the tournament site. They put together a team of committee chairs that combined experience and newer blood that have blended to provide the players with outstanding service, a great gift, excellent partner matching, incredible hospitality and everything else that goes into making a tournament memorable. The Insider will long remember what a great tournament this has been and I'm sure all of you will as well. No detail has been too small to overlook, no problem too big to be overcome. If you see Bonnie and Clyde (as the Ask Me girl refers to them) let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. And, let the crews manning the various desks know what a good job they have done too.

The Insider is all too aware that he will be seeing San Diego tote bags far into the future luckily he likes these. While here, the Insider has seen Reno bags from the previous two NABCs there, a Dallas bag and even a couple of WBF bags. Bridge players certainly get their money's worth from these useful registration gifts. Speaking of Reno, the NABC roadshow will be heading off to Nevada this spring. We'll encamp at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino - same place we have been at the last two Reno NABCs but with a new look and a new name. Reno is always a fun stop on the tournament trail. Kathy and her team are deep into their planning, the room rate is great, the hotel has had a great deal of re-modeling and now that the Ask Me Girl is heading back to Memphis to start the heavy paperwork, everything is falling into place for another great NABC. Call Mega-Housing for a room reservation as soon as you get home.

The S.C. is making his plans, make sure you do too. (The other 2010 NABC sites are New Orleans in the summer and Orlando next Fall.)

The S.C. came down from the 47th floor luxury suite again last night but didn't even check the Senior KO results prior to hopping into the ACBL stretch, armor-plated Hummer to zip off to a very special dinner in recognition of Ask Me Girl's Goodwill Committee induction. He reports it was a great meal. Ask Me Girl reports her cheeseburger at Buster's was pretty good too but that it might have been nice to be invited to "her" special dinner.

## Morse passes 20,000 masterpoint plateau

Dan Morse of Houston TX
 topped the 20,000 masterpoint mark. Morse is a member of the ACBL Board of Directors representing District 16. He was ACBL president in 2008. He is a Grand Life Master, and has numerous NABC wins. Morse has won all the major teams: Spingold KO, Vanderbilt KO, Reisinger BAM, Grand National, Senior KO, Open Team Trials and Senior Team Trials.

Morse is a WBF Open International Master. He has been active in international bridge both as a player, administrator and non-playing captain. His team won the Senior Teams at the World Team Olympiad in 2000. His teams were also third in the Rosenbloom Teams twice and third-fourth in the Bermuda Bowl.

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 JUST FOR NEW PLAYERSI have a confession to make. I'm writing this column under false pretenses. I am far from a top-flight player. I'm admitting to you what my Faithful Readers, partners and many opponents already know: I'm only a strong mediocre player-that, folks, is a euphemism for "average."

## I win a lot more

 than my share, though, for a couple of reasons. First, I'm fearless and like life on the edge. I pick partners who have either a great sense of humor or are so shell-shocked from former games with me that they don't care what happens. I believe that vulnerability is for wusses (although I admit to glancing at it before jumping off the edge). I recognize the value of shape at least as much as high-card points. I'd rather have a fifth or sixth card in a suit than money in the bank (Well ... you know what I mean), and I know how to wring the most tricks out of dummy's five-card treasure. I pay attention to every card my partner plays, praying for guidance on defense. And while all that doesn't really make up for my many deficiencies, it goes a long way toward victory.Also, being congenitally lazy, I'm more than willing to let the opponents do my work for me.

So in keeping with the holiday season, I'm going to take time today to thank some opponents for giving me completely undeserved wins.

The absolute tip-top gift opponents insist on giving me is the "Ace from Space" lead: The lead of an unsupported ace. For you beginners, that's an ace that doesn't have the king firmly attached to it. Twice last week, my opponent led the ace smack-dab into the king in my hand - the king I had already counted as a loser!

One of them actually said, "Well, let's get a look at that dummy," as she dropped her unsupported ace on the table. What did she think was going to happen? If she doesn't win the trick, she doesn't get to see the dummy? I held K-x and was going to go down if she led another suit. She had bid the suit with the ace. Did she think her partner wouldn't lead it? My partners always lead the suit I bid!! (Yeah, sure. That's a story for another day, though)

| Thinking bridge <br> By Eddie Kantar |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dlr: South | ヘ 87 |  |  |
| Vul: E-W | - J 74 |  |  |
| -9653 |  |  |  |
| * K Q J 2 |  |  |  |
| * 64 |  |  | - 95 |
| - AK Q 2 |  |  | - 10653 |
| -K74 |  |  | - J 108 |
| *9743 |  |  | - 10865 |
| A AKQJ 1032 |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark 98$ |  |  |  |
| - A Q 2 |  |  |  |
| - A |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  |  |  | 2* |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 2^ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3^ |
| Pass | 4* | Pass | 4* |
| All Pass |  |  |  |
| Opening lead: $\downarrow$ A. |  |  |  |
| Bidding commentary: $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ is the standard |  |  |  |
| tool for very strong opening hands. $2 \star$ is often |  |  |  |
| played as a waiting response to see what opener |  |  |  |
| has in mind. Opener usually rebids 2NT to show |  |  |  |
| 22-24 high-card points, balanced. If so, responses |  |  |  |

We all know there are times when we must lead an unsupported ace: You know from the bidding that you are going to be ruffed real fast in the suit, or maybe when Pard has bid a suit in which you are holding the A-x. There are more reasons, but I'm here to tell you that getting a look at the dummy isn't one of them!

And then there are the opponents who don't pay attention to each other's defensive signals. Yesterday, East (I was South) clearly begged for a club lead, smack dab through my dummy's K-J-x-x. She asked for a club lead by playing a low heart (you had to be there ... it was obvious to three other people at the table that she was screaming for a club). She held the $\because \mathrm{A}$ Q 10 and could have set my 3NT contract easily. What did West lead? Yup. A heart.

Next, there are the opponents who come to the table more determined to beat each other than my pard and me. You know them. They are still fighting about what happened two tables ago, vying for supremacy on who made the biggest mistake. They are snapping at each other, grinding teeth ... a real pleasure. They are distracted and edgy. My favorites. Would it surprise you to know that sometimes I even pour a little gasoline on their fire? "Oh, you mean board 12? Gee, that was an easy win for East-West when that was played here," I say so innocently. Heh, heh.

Falling into this category are the people who come back from lunch or dinner, obviously having had cocktails. Let me tell you about when Gary and I got our first red points. It was at the NABC were held in Lancaster PA. We were absolute newcomers, and that day had won the 0-5 game. Total beginners. We were having such fun that we decided to try the Speedball Midnight Open Pairs. What did we know. The game was filled with big, famous players. Many of them had little posses of kibitzers with them, hanging on them, obviously with a snoot-full. We went to the table of one of the top players in the world ... so famous that even we recognized them!


At first, we were quaking with fear. But we quickly noticed that they were so full of themselves and "spirits" and were so unconcerned with us as opponents that they were bidding to their crowd, rather than the cards. Gary and I didn't know much, but we knew when players were in over their heads, and we knew what to do. We got three top boards, and it was just enough to give us our first red points. Wow.

So, I don't know who to thank more, the wonderful people who continue to play with me, or the wonderful opponents who are determined to help me. To my partners, thank you. To my opponents, may I buy you a drink?

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are similar to a 2 NT opening bid. South's $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ rebid suggests an unbalanced hand with long spades. 2NT shows a scattering of strength and 3^ is looking for more information. 4* shows where North's strength lies and South signs off in 4^ needing red-suit strength, not club strength, for slam.

Defensive commentary: West starts with three rounds of hearts.

Play commentary: As South, before playing to the first trick, count your sure tricks (or losers) and look over your own hand and dummy suit by suit to see if there are any problems. And if you find one (like clubs being blocked), ask yourself if anything can be done. You need a dummy entry to use the clubs after you unblock the $\because \mathrm{A}$. You have one. See it? If you ruff the third heart high (first key play), cash the A and lead a low spade to the 7 (second key play)


Two of the Intermediate-Newcomer players are Bruce and Janice Scott of Nipomo CA. Bruce says they are "having a whole lot of fun."

## President

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Goren bridge book and began playing in clubs before going off to college at Lehigh University in Bethlehem PA.

He still played in college, although not as much, and he also took it easy after he and his wife, Sandy, started a family, but he never quit playing. The DeMartinos now have four children and one grandson, Alexander, age 6.

DeMartino says he had a plan after signing on with Equitable - "I wanted to retire at 55 and start teaching bridge." Retirement came in the early Nineties and he has stuck with his plan to teach, which he thoroughly enjoys. "It's satisfying to see my students progress and enjoy success," he says.

ACBL's new president is bracing for extra travel in 2010 as he assumes the duties that include visiting various parts of North America, and he says he has a few goals for his 12-month term.

Here are some key issues he hopes to address in the coming months:

- Advancements in technology that have potential to improve the game and the experience of playing, including the new wireless electronic scoring devices used at this tournament. "I am enthusiastic about continuing to take advantage of the latest technology," DeMartino says.
- Slow play. DeMartino says he believes tournament directors would be more aggressive in enforcing regulations about slow play if they believed doing so would be supported by the ACBL board and the players.
- Development of a ranking system based on current performance rather than accumulation of masterpoints. Without such a system, DeMartino says, many players are forced to play in strata above their skill levels.
- Continuation of good-working relations with ACBL management.

DeMartino says that as he and his wife, Sandy, travel around the continent during his term, he hopes to hear from ACBL members "about what people think we need to do better."

He also plans to spread the word that the ACBL "has done some amazing things" in terms of membership growth and customer support. "We are continually working to meet the needs of our members. I want people to know that."

DeMartino acknowledges that the ACBL could do a better job of attracting more of the millions of people who play bridge but not duplicate. "We aren't getting enough of them as members," he says, "and we need to figure out how to change that."

He also notes that he has "big shoes to fill" in taking over for current ACBL President Fleming. "Jerry has done a great job as president."

Overall, DeMartino is optimistic about the future of bridge and the ACBL: "I feel good about what we've accomplished and where we're headed."

## Monitoring

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

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

## Threading the needle By Barry Rigal

Dave Siebert needed to follow a very precise route to victory on this deal from the Senior Knockout Teams day three.

| Dlr: South <br> Vul: Both | - 72 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | -A9864 |  |  |
|  | * Q 5 |  |  |
| ^ K Q 5 |  |  | ^J983 |
| - K 8 |  |  | -1097 |
| - Q J 102 |  |  | -73 |
| * K 973 |  |  | * J 864 |
|  | A A 1064 |  |  |
|  | - A 643 |  |  |
|  | - K 5 |  |  |
|  | * A 102 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  |  |  | 1NT |
| Pass | 2\% | Pass | $2 \vee$ |
| Pass | 4 | All |  |

Siebert won the lead of the $\bullet \mathrm{Q}$ in hand and guessed to lead a club up. West won the $\curvearrowleft \mathrm{K}$ and shifted to a top spade, so declarer won, unblocked clubs and then decided to cross to the A to pitch dummy's losing spade on the $\boldsymbol{\bullet A}$.

Now Siebert led a second trump. West won and forced dummy with a spade. This was the ending:

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-A986
- A 986
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Siebert cashed the $\star$, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade with the Q and continued with another diamond, scoring the $\mathbf{v}$ en passant.

## Life Master news

Joan and Tony Viidik of Waterloo ON came in first in Strat B in the Friday Daylight Open Pairs, pushing both past the 1000 -masterpoint mark and making them Silver Life Masters.

Mary Lemmons of St. Paul MN became a Life Master playing in the Saturday-Sunday Knockout Teams. Her partner was Judy Hansen of Eagan MN. Their teammates were Sheila Kim of Minnetonka MN and Eric Mueller of Minneapolis.

Mary Poplawski of Vestal NY became a Diamond Life Master by placing in the overall of the Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs. She was playing with her husband, Harry Nuckols, who she described as "my favorite partner." Poplawski has been a club owner for 20 years and is the education chairperson for District 4.

Laurence Grey of Chandler AZ moved up to Bronze Life Master with his team's performance in the Compact KO, Bracket 5. He played with Lamar Maruani of Vallejo CA. Their teammates were Dan McGuire and Molly Hosford, both of Las Vegas NV.

Cecilia Kim of Walnut Creek CA is another new Life Master, going over in the knockout teams. Her partner, Iris Libby, became a Bronze Life Master in the process. Their teammates were Elizabeth Golamco of Alamo CA and Hedy Wee of San Ramon CA.

Success in knockouts helped Janice Joerger of Rancho Santa Fe CA to her gold card. Joerger was playing with Marilyn Kalabsa of Solana Beach. Their teammates were Connie and Richard Unger of San Diego.

Eric Rolfe of Kansas City MO is a new Life Master, having made it playing in the side series with his mother, Kathy Rolfe of Lake Winnebago MO. They are previous champions in the national 99er Pairs.

Sofia Pineda of South Pasadena CA soon will be the proud owner of a gold card as a new Life Master. Her husband Roland helped her to achieve her goal in the Saturday Daylight Open Pairs

## 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
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.
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.

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## It only works for Rabbis By Mark Horton

A board－a－match event can be relied upon to produce a host of interesting stories．These are from the first qualifying session of the Victor Mitchell Open BAM，all involving the Rabbi Leonard Helman，who enjoyed his 83rd birthday yesterday．（The Rabbi＇s plans to celebrate by rappelling from the 40th floor had to be put on hold due to unexpected high winds．）

| Dlr：North <br> Vul：Both | A A 72 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | －Q 62 |  |  |
|  | －A 1052 |  |  |
|  | －962 |  |  |
| － 93 |  |  | ヘ 10864 |
| －A10973 |  |  | －K 54 |
| －KJ983 |  |  | －Q 764 |
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| －K Q J 5 |  |  |  |
| $\bullet$ J 8 |  |  |  |
| －－ |  |  |  |
| ＊A Q 107543 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  | Horton |  | Helman |
|  | Pass | Pass | 1＊ |
| $1 \vee$ | 1NT | 2v | 3NT |

The Rabbi＇s buccaneering approach to the auction left North in a game that depended entirely on the club suit．

East led the 4 and West took the ace and switched to the $<$ ．That made it clear that East had at least one diamond honor as well as the $\downarrow$ K． Since you are never going to play for East to hold all three missing clubs，the only question is which singleton to do play West for？

To some extent it＇s a guess，but playing with the Rabbi，there is only one realistic choice．

Playing as he would himself，I took the diamond switch with the ace and played a club to the ace．The king did not fall，the contract finished three down，but never mind，I had another story to add to the legend．（Plus，I＇m sure had we played this deal yesterday the bridge Gods would have dealt West the singleton king－a decent birthday present for the Rabbi．）

| Dlr：South <br> Vul：None |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\bullet 43$ |  |
|  |  | －Q J 765 |  |
|  |  | ＊A Q 7 |  |
| ＾ 6 |  |  | － 10872 |
| －J 9875 |  |  | －AKQ62 |
| － 9 |  |  | － 32 |
| ＊J 106532 |  |  | ＊K 9 |
| A A9543 |  |  |  |
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| －AK 1084 |  |  |  |
| － 84 |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  | Horton |  | Helman |
|  |  |  | $1 ヵ$ |
| 2＾（！） | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Pass | 6 | 6 | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl | All |  |

Modern bridge dictates that you should try to bid when it is your turn，so I have a sneaking admiration for West＇s entry into the auction．East did very well to take the save－it only cost 300 ，to win the board．

The next deal illustrates an important rule－ don＇t miss－describe your hand in a forcing auction：

| Dlr：East | － 7 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul：E－W | －KQ 72 |  |
|  | －A Q J 109 |  |
|  | －K Q 10 |  |
| ヘ K 9862 |  | － 543 |
| －J 1085 |  | －A943 |
| －63 |  | － 872 |
| －92 |  | －J 86 |
|  | ＾A Q J 10 |  |
|  | －6 |  |
|  | －K 54 |  |
|  | －A 7543 |  |


| West | North <br> Horton | East | South <br> Helman |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | $1 \star$ | Pass | $1 \star$ |
| Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | 2NT（！） |

Aside from the minor detail that North＇s fourth－suit forcing bid of $2 \vee$ did not promise any values in hearts，the Rabbi eschewed the option of bidding $3 \star$ ，which would have led to an easy $6 \star$ ． Mind you，I admire his confidence in surmising that the $\mathbf{6}$ might be a good enough stopper for notrumps．It was a push，West leading the $\downarrow$ J．

I＇ll sign off with a tough deal that had more than one point of interest：

| Dlr：West <br> Vul：E－W | － 8654 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | －K 974 |  |  |
|  | － 5 |  |  |
|  | ＊J 1065 |  |  |
| －K 1073 |  |  | ＊Q J 2 |
| － 1085 |  |  | －Q J 2 |
| － 76 |  |  | －A K Q J 9 |
| ＊Q 942 |  |  | － A 7 |
|  | ＊A 9 |  |  |
|  | －${ }^{\text {6 }} 3$ |  |  |
|  | －108432 |  |  |
|  | －K 83 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  | Horton |  | Helman |
| Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3＊ | Pass | 3 ＊ | Dbl |

I think I was on my mother＇s knee when she told me that in this type of situation you should never simply play in the doubled partscore－ always up the ante by redoubling．

It was understandable that East should settle for $3 \bullet$ doubled，but as it happens that contract can be defeated，while 3NT is a heavy favorite to succeed．

South cashed the $\uparrow A$ and played a second spade，declarer winning with the jack．He now played five rounds of diamonds，putting South on lead in this position：


To defeat the contract South must switch to a low heart，enabling North to win and switch to a club，setting up a fifth defensive trick．

## Cell phone service

Cell phones and other specified electronic devices are not allowed in the playing area for NABC＋events．What can you do？The cell phone desk，located just outside the playing area，will hold phones as a convenience for players for a \＄2 fee．
＂Every penny goes to charity，＂says Suzanne Siebert，bridge player and organizer of the program． The charity is Teen Challenge International，and volunteers from that group are at the desk by 12：15 p．m．and throughout the day．

Siebert is happy that the money goes to a worthwhile cause．＂It gives me a sense of satisfaction，＂she says．

There is more information about the Teen Challenge program on their web site at www． teenchallenge．com

## Parking

The Manchester Grand Hyatt is offering discounted self－parking for $\$ 17$（no in and out）． The rate is good for overnight guests of the hotel and drive－in guests．Valet parking is $\$ 22$ ．

One man＇s routine By Barry Rigal

| Dlr：West | －K J 109 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vul：None | － 74 |  |
|  | －A932 |  |
|  | －Q 75 |  |
| ヘ 4 |  | ＾A732 |
| －AQ 1053 |  | －KJ 82 |
| －J 65 |  | －Q 10 |
| ＊J 1062 |  | － 984 |
|  | ＾Q 865 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 96$ |  |
|  | －K874 |  |
|  | ＊AK 3 |  |

On this deal from the Sunday evening session， it looks normal enough for East－West to compete to 3 and for North－South to bid to $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ ，technically the par contract．

The auction might be：

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1 ＊ |
| $1 v$ | Dbl | 3 －（1） | Pass |
| $3 \vee$ | Dbl | Pass | 3＾ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

West leads the $\boldsymbol{\pi} \mathrm{J}$ and declarer wins in hand and plays two rounds of trumps，both ducked by East．Obviously，declarer must abandon trumps，but South appears to be able to set up diamonds and then revert to trumps．

But at many tables，South fell from grace by playing diamonds at once（and whether he ducks the first，second or third diamond is irrelevant）．

If you give up an early diamond，the defenders play for a diamond ruff．If you give up the third diamond，East pitches a club，West plays a second club and East wins the $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ A to put partner in with a heart to get the club ruff．

Correct play is to cash your other two clubs and only then play three rounds of diamonds．

West can do no better than to win and cash his side＇s two heart tricks．East is on lead in this ending：


East can take only one more trick whatever he does．

## Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 0－5000 Mini－Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification or for those members on the Lifetime Top 100 masterpoint list．

Foreign players must receive a waiver．They should be aware that waivers are granted on a one－ time－only basis．Previous waivers can＇t be used． This is a change from last year．

For waiver information，please see Tournament Director Millard Nachtwey here at the tournament． He may be contacted through the Tournament Headquarters office，and he will also be available at the selling sites．

## No smoking

Per California law，smoking is not allowed within 20 feet（six meters）from an entrance．Please use the designated smoking areas．

36 Tables
Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX

Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY

Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Allan Graves, Barnet VT; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ vs
Stephen Shane, White Plains NY; Eugene Davidson, Boynton Beach FL; Sedat Nassi, Hollywood FL; N Schwartz, San Marcos CA
$45.00 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA; Jerry Clerkin Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN
$45.00 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL; David Siebert - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Dennis McGarry,
Stuart FL; Randy Pettit, Marietta GA
$45.00 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA; Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE; Thomas Weik, Reading PA
$45.00 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ Fred King, Falls Church VA; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; David Abelow, Owings Mills MD; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD
$25.00 \quad 9 / 16 \quad$ Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Matt
Granovetter - Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Russell
Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI; Ron Rubin, Miami FL
$25.00 \quad 9 / 16 \quad$ Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
$25.00 \quad 9 / 16 \quad$ Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, Leawood KS; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine CA; Robert White, Raleigh NC
$25.00 \quad$ 9/16 Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher, Tucson AZ; Gerry McCully, Victoria BC; Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM; Darrell Keel - Steve Bruno, Peoria AZ
25.00 9/16 David Kendrick, Royston Herts England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Jan Van Cleeff, Ah Den Haag 250 Netherlands; Jon Sveindal, Bergen Norway
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Netherlands, } \\ 25.00 & 9 / 16 & \text { Jerry Gaer - Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Brian }\end{array}$ Schoenfeld, Va Beach VA; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ
$\begin{array}{lll}25.00 & 9 / 16 & \text { Tony Ames - Judy Nassar, Minnetonka MN; }\end{array}$ Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; William Schreiber, Van Nuys CA; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA 25.00 9/16 Robert Heller - Barbara Heller, Decatur GA; Linda Smoak - J Fletcher Smoak, Roanoke VA

## Senior KO line scores:

| 1. Shane $\quad 34$ | 96 | 129 | 149 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8. Levine 33 | 59 | 91 | 146 |
| 5. Kaminski73 | 108 | 133 | 180 |
| 4. King 21 | 87 | 107 | 139 |
| 3. Cohen 39 | 53 | 64 | WD |
| 6. Robinson22 | 84 | 145 |  |
| 7. Howman 26 <br> 2. Lynch 27 | 67 | 81 | 118 |

## SUNDAY EVENING ZIP KO

$\begin{array}{ll}10 \text { Tables } \\ 3.03 & 1 \\ \text { Lynn Yokel, Campbell CA; Lynn Shannon, }\end{array}$ Los Gatos CA; Alan Malloy, Santa Clara CA; Laura Rassbach, Los Gatos CA; Al
Westminster CO
Westminster CO
$2.12 \quad 2 \quad$ Arline Rubin - Olivia Brown, San Antonio TX; Barbara Jur, Warren MI; Peter Peca, El Paso TX

SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \# 1

## 8 Tables

Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI;
Karl Hicks, Dominion NS; John Russell, North Barringto IL;
Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY
David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen
Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \# 2

6 Tables
Cookie Potter, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Charles Jeffrey Jr, Safety Harbor FL
Elliot Sternlicht - Riva Akerman, New York NY; Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI

## 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. Before they are
published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, however, revisions may be made.


## APPEAL CASE: \#3


(1) Break in tempo of 5-7 seconds.

Facts: North made 3NT for plus 400 after the lead of the $\wedge \mathrm{A}$. The director was called during the auction and again after the play was completed. After the BIT, North bid again with a minimum. South said that her "bids are always slow."

Director's Ruling: The director determined that the BIT demonstrably suggested the 3NT bid

## Making a good read <br> Poker players often have to decide whether to

 call a large bet or fold. If they do the right thing, it's called making a good read. Bridge players also have to read the position. This deal helped Lynn Deas and Betty Ann Kennedy finish fifth in the Helen Sobel Smith Women's Open Pairs:| Dlr: South <br> Vul: E-W | - A 103 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - A 942 |  |  |
|  | - A Q 93 |  |  |
|  | - 82 |  |  |
| - 872 |  |  | AJ96 |
| - KJ 875 |  |  | $\checkmark$ Q 10 |
| -107 |  |  | - J 8642 |
| * A Q 7 |  |  | -1094 |
|  | - K Q 54 |  |  |
|  | -63 |  |  |
|  | - K 5 |  |  |
|  | - K J 853 |  |  |
| West | North | $h$ East | South |
|  |  |  | 1* |

3NT All Pass
Deas was declarer in 3NT. East led the $Q$ and continued with the $\vee 10$, both ducked. East shifted to the $\wedge 6$. Deas played four rounds of spades, then three rounds of diamonds. This was the position with one diamond to cash:

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ヘ --- |  |
|  | - A 9 |  |
|  | - Q |  |
|  | -82 |  |
| A --- |  | ^ --- |
| $\bullet$ K J 7 |  | - --- |
| ---- |  | - J 8 |
| $\because \mathrm{A}$ Q |  | -1094 |
|  | ヘ --- |  |
|  | จ --- |  |
|  | - --- |  |
|  | * K J 953 |  |

West was in trouble. If she discarded the $\curvearrowleft \mathrm{Q}$, declarer could lead a club, establishing her ninth trick in that suit. Instead, West discarded the $\vee 7$. Deas now read the position. She played the $\vee \mathrm{A}$ and another, endplaying West in clubs. Making plus 400 was worth 22 matchpoints on a 25 top.
and pass was judged to be a logical alternative. Therefore, the result for both sides was adjusted to $3 \wedge$ by East down one and a score of minus 50 for East-West. Laws 16A2 and 12C1(e) were cited.

The Appeal: North-South appealed the director's ruling. North, South and West attended the hearing.

North-South said that they play automatic reopenings. Their convention car is marked "Auto reopenings over 1X-1Y-Pass-Pass."

North didn't notice a hesitation and South said she didn't take very long. West said East thought it was longer than five seconds. West said South took some time, but not a long hesitation. North said he would not have reopened if he thought South hesitated. West felt East might make 3a if the defense was not perfect. Also, West thought South would not have taken five seconds with nothing.

The Decision: The committee determined that a 5-7 second hesitation in a pressure auction did not transmit UI. Therefore, the committee found no irregularity and restored the table result of 3NT by North making three and a score of North-South plus 400.

The committee felt the appeal had substantial merit.

The committee: Aaron Silverstein, chair, Michael Huston, Gene Kales, Jacob Morgan and David Stevenson

## Inference or intuition or ... By Bill Schreiber

It's the last deal of a 64-board match against a highly seeded team in the Senior Knockout Teams. The match is close and it all comes down to your decision on this deal:

| Dlr: West <br> Vul: N-S | $\wedge$ Q |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - AQ 73 |  |  |
|  | -KJ873 |  |  |
|  | - AK 10 |  |  |
|  | - K |  |  |
|  | -1098642 |  |  |
|  | - AQ 4 |  |  |
|  | * Q 98 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| 3^ | Dbl | 4* | 5 |
| Pass | 6 | All Pass |  |

West leads the $\boldsymbol{\wedge} \mathrm{A}$ and shifts to a low club, won by South. Now, your bridge intuition and ability to make inferences come into play. If righthand opponent had a void, he probably would have sacrificed at favorable vulnerability, so you discount K-J-5 in LHO's hand. You also discount K-J in RHO's hand because there is nothing you can do about that. You think about symmetry: You have a singleton king, so is there another one? LHO had the high spade honor, so are the high cards split and RHO has the $\vee \mathrm{K}$ ?

You advance the 10 and LHO plays the 5 . If you make the contract, you advance. If you go down, you will be eliminated.

And the winning play is?
(Read what happened on page 9.)

## Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents -- and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty.

In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.

### 27.0 Tables

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 27.66 | 1 |  |  | John Currie - Audrey Currie, Palm Desert CA | 63.54\% |
| 20.75 | 2 |  |  | Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA | 61.90\% |
| 15.56 | 3 |  |  | Ned Irving - Denny Penticoff, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR | 61.62\% |
| 11.67 | 4 |  |  | Linda Friedman - Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA | 61.04\% |
| 19.28 | 5 | 1 |  | Joan Mesias, Temple City CA; Barbara Swan, Roseville CA | 60.95\% |
| 14.46 | 6 | 2 |  | Clarke Cunningham, Dearborn MI; R Lisa, Riverview MI | 60.55\% |
| 6.92 | 7 |  |  | Victoria Muir - William Muir, Kansas City MO | 60.16\% |
| 6.15 | 8 |  |  | John Wong, Anaheim Hills CA; Louis Shen, Hong Kong Hong Kong | 60.02\% |
| 10.85 | 9 | 3 |  | Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Bob Sanner, Palo Alto CA | 59.90\% |
| 4.82 | 10/11 |  |  | Dudley Brown, Grandview WA; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA | 58.97\% |
| 4.82 | 10/11 |  |  | Richard Wieland, Redding CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT | 58.97\% |
| 5.60 | 12 |  |  | Marigail Abinanti - Leroy Abinanti, Surprise AZ | 58.96\% |
| 4.26 | 13 |  |  | Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Sylwia McNamara, White Plains NY | 58.43\% |
| 3.69 | 14 |  |  | Marilyn Mac Donald - Bill Mac Donald, Corpus Christi TX | 58.14\% |
| 3.46 | 15 |  |  | Bruce Culmer - Elkhalil Binebine, Washington DC | 57.55\% |
| 8.13 | 16 | 4 |  | Paul Wacks, Peabody MA; Michael Schrage, New York NY | 57.25\% |
| 3.07 | 17 |  |  | Shirley Carroll, Newport Beach CA; Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA | 57.21\% |
| 4.14 | 18 |  |  | Robert Bitterman - Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC | 57.16\% |
| 6.43 |  | 5 |  | Jeri Adams, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Marilyn Florin, San Diego CA | 57.12\% |
| 5.51 |  | 6 |  | Frank Knier, Fargo ND; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN | 56.34\% |
| 7.67 |  | 7 | 1 | Burton Voorhees - Kinga Voorhees, Victoria BC | 56.11\% |
| 4.28 |  | 8 |  | Franklin Fine, Albuquerque NM; Bob Walsh, Santa Fe NM | 56.04\% |
| 3.86 |  | 9 |  | Bradley Ward, Lancaster CA; Lola Messiha, Palmdale CA | 55.89\% |
| 3.51 |  | 10 |  | Jack Ochs, Chugiak AK; Farideh Sigari, Los Angeles CA | 55.77\% |
| 3.82 |  | 11 |  | Eileen Ojakangas - Leona Hanson, Davis CA | 55.71\% |
| 2.97 |  | 12 |  | Robert Abrams, Atlanta GA; Michael Abrams, Pasadena CA | 55.07\% |
| 2.81 |  | 13 |  | J Howard Tate - F Ruth Tate, Toronto ON | 54.92\% |
| 3.25 |  | 14 |  | Robert Carroll - Sandra Carroll, Los Angeles CA | 54.80\% |
| 5.75 |  |  | 2 | Diane Anderson - Dennis Hoffelt, Sun Lakes AZ | 51.89\% |
| 4.31 |  |  | 3 | Claudia Tinajero - Moises Weinstock, Mexico Mexico | 51.78\% |
| 3.24 |  |  | 4 | Liliane Kirchhoff, San Francisco CA; Stuart Sechriest, San Diego CA | 49.68\% |
| 2.56 |  |  | 5 | Tom Ryder - Suzy Ryder, Boise ID | 49.62\% |
| 2.19 |  |  | 6 | Terence Maloy, Encinitas CA; Donald Cleveland, Del Mar CA | 49.59\% |

## Book signing

Eddie Kantar will be signing copies of his new book Take All Your Chances At Bridge, as well as all his other great books at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Event will be held in the Bookstore are on the second floor.

## Prizes

Players in any strat in any event who win their section will receive prizes. There are also prizes for first overall in any event. The Prize Desk is located next to the Registration Desk on the second floor outside the playing areas.
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57.95\%
57.20\%
56.63\%
54.36\%
53.22\%
51.70\%
50.76\%

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \#

## 8 Tables

Claude Tremblay - Muriel Tremblay, Niagara On Lake ON; Lorna Johnson, Ridgeway ON; John Mackay, St Catharines ON vs
Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA; Peter Manzon, Waltham MA; Maureen Weiman, Nashua NH; Kevin O’Brien, Arlington VA

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \#

8 Tables
Larry Willis - Paul Nelson, Petoskey MI; Marilyn Anstett Jennifer Paulsrud, Fargo ND

John Simpson - Pat Simpson, Madera CA; Mary Lemmons, St Paul MN; Judy Hansen, Eagan MN

SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \# 5
8 Tables
Dennis Boomgaarden - Arden Boomgaarden, Murrieta CA; Judith McManus - Bob McManus, Hemet CA vs
Christel King - William Bowld, Rancho Mirage CA; Jerry Astrove, San Diego CA; Gene Cook, Palm Springs CA

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \# 6

8 Tables
Larry Pizzey - Rita Pizzey, Red Deer AB; James Crone - Myra Crone, Sylvan Lake AB

Mary Ann Bond - Joey Gilbertson, Fargo ND; Sharon Madson, Scottsdale AZ; Vee Ann Backes, Peoria AZ

Francis Radford - Rodolfo Veinbergs - Nancy Kingman, San Diego CA; Mary Loehr, El Cajon CA
Shirley Carlson - Morgan Landry - Carol Zimmerman, Juneau AK Linda Johnson, US

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY MORNING K O \# 7

8 Tables
Phyllis Coelho - Joyce Bograd, Boulder CO; Jean Ingram, Huntington Bch CA; Judy Walker, Erie CO

Harry Eaglesham - Lorraine Eaglesham, Unionville ON; Ron Walenius - Eleanor Walenius, Toronto ON

## MORNING COMPACT KOS BRACKET I

12 Tables
Jerry Himes - Pam Himes, Merritt Island FL; Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN; Fay Teal, Mesa AZ
Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA; Christopher Pisarra, Lafayette CA; Bob Luebkeman, Walnut Creek CA

Kotowi Asakoshi, Tokyo Mexico; Yoko Yamazaki, Tokyo 156Japan; Kazuko Nakagawa, Tokyo 152- Japan; Fumiko Kiriyama, Kawasaki Japan

Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; Alan Walters, Naples FL; Raymond Depew, Kingston PA; Bridgett Pitt, Brookhaven PA

## MORNING COMPACT KOS BRACKET I

12 Tables
Marilyn Painter, Pittsburgh PA; Nelda Linman - Shirley Weissenfluh, Bend OR; Carol Stonis, Natrona Heights PA vs
Charles Wright Jr, Evanston IL; Carol Brager, Coronado CA; Marie Thome, Carlsbad CA; Mark West, San Diego CA

Yati Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea

Marion Tumen, Pacific Palis CA; Kathy Harouche, Beverly Hills CA; Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles CA; Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON

Susan Cuff - Eleanor Gendill, Denver CO; Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY; Ruth Logan, Greeley CO

Bob Case - Doris Ham - Verdie White - Monica Mitchell, Hot Springs AR

Alan Lasnover, Elfin Forest CA; Caryn Villalon - Fran White Wicker Gamble, Fallbrook CA

Patricia Prather - Ann Taylor, Port St Lucie FL; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Bernie Weiss, New Orleans LA

Valentin Vieru, Citrus Heights CA; Larry Silver, San Francisco CA; Barbara Wheeler, Sacramento CA; Fung Bao, Cupertino CA vs
Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI; Dave Kuschel, Minot ND; Jo Santa, Colorado Sprgs CO; Diane Black, Colorado Spgs CO

Bruce Scott, San Jose CA; Eileen Kotecki, Saratoga CA; David Cohan, Richboro PA; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA
Robert Brussel - Carl Kallina - Jo Ann Aiken - Barbara Feeley, Tucson AZ

## MORNING COMPACT KOS BRACKET III

12 Tables
Elene Solomon - Wendi Friedman - Lynne Newman, San Diego CA; Toby Cohen, Rancho Santa Fe CA
vs
Merle Arlen - Norma Arlen - Charles Kelley, Scottsdale AZ; Sandy Belfer, Paradise Valley AZ

Rick Holcomb, Malden MA; Michael Baker, Scottsdale AZ Walter Carlson - Charlene Carlson, Sarasota FL
vs
Lori Jacobs - Angela Arnone, Boca Raton FL; Sheldon Zimbler, Zephyr Cove NV; Peter Sager, San Rafael CA

## MORNING COMPACT KO - BRACKET IV

## 15 Tables

Bob Kirkpatrick - Arnold Schwartz, Dana Point CA; Calvin Hecht -Robert Reynolds, San Clemente CA
vs
James Tunnell - Anne Cohler - Charles Cohler - Gayle Tunnell, San Francisco CA

Jerry Bierman - Joanie Knight, San Diego CA; Lisbeth Blum Martha Roth, Coronado CA

Dennis Shermeta, Cheboygan MI; Susan Howe, Sedona AZ; William Reeves - Rebecca Ostrom, Ashland OR

## MORNING COMPACT KO - BRACKET 5

16 Tables
David Copi - Barbara Copi, Ann Arbor MI; Alan Carlton, Alameda CA; John Sherwood, Orinda CA

A; Hans Giroux, Irvine CA; Michae
Jody Pedri, Costa Mesa CA; Hans Giroux,
Kathy Allman, San Deigo CA; Adella Cloney - Betty Miller Elizabeth Brekke, Escondido CA

Roz Kahn - Maxine Sigel - Louis Lipset, San Francisco CA; Lois Jamart, Menlo Park CA

## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - I

12 Tables
43.931 Daniel Boye - Susan Boye, Farmington NY; Martin Caley, Montreal QC; John Gassenheimer, Wynnewood PA $30.75 \quad 2 \quad$ David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York
NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria $\begin{array}{lll}17.57 & 3 / 4 & \text { John Hrones, Needham MA; Richard }\end{array}$ Freedman, N Billerica MA; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Freedman, N Billerica MA; J
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON } \\ 17.57 & 3 / 4 & \text { Stephen Sturm - Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton C }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}17.57 & 3 / 4 & \text { Stephen Sturm - Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton CA; } \\ \text { Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO }\end{array}$

## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - II

## 12 Tables

26.73 1 Mark Bennett - Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA; Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA
18.712 Jim Howie - Deborah Thomas-Howie, Toronto ON; Fred Lerner, Markham ON; Ellen Gabriel, Chicago IL 10.69 3/4 Marion Kelly - Edward Rais - Douglas H Scott - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK
$10.69 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ June Pocock - Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC; Doug Hansford - Donald Sache, Delta BC

## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - III

16 Tables
$25.46 \quad 1 \quad$ Cookie Potter, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Charles Jeffrey Jr, Safety Harbor FL
17.822 Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Wei-Bung Wang, Riverside CA; Weidong Pei, Brea CA; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing People's Republic of China
10.18 3/4 Cynthia Berenson, Boston MA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; Everett Boyer, San Bruno CA; Steve Clark - Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA
10.18 3/4 Pam Himes - Jerry Himes, Merritt Island FL. John Long, Casselberry FL; Gloria McCain, Orlando FL

## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - IV

16 Tables
22.401 Lynn Yokel, Campbell CA; Grant Robinson, Danville CA; Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA; Lynn Shannon, Los Gatos CA
$\begin{array}{lll}15.68 & 2 & \text { Roxana Tom, Campbellton TX; Anyemarie }\end{array}$ Weaver - Dee Baker - Roxana Tom, San Antonio TX
8.96 3/4 Paul Foster - Donna Wood, Vista CA; Joan

Kroener, Cardiff CA; Arlene Hansen, Reno NV
8.96 3/4 Arnold Drill - Bev Drill, Kaneohe HI; Bernard Eddleston - Margaret Eddleston, Hitchin Herts England

SUNDAY MONDAY KO - V
16 Tables
$15.81 \quad 1 \quad$ Anita Levine - Lynne Bronner - Constance Fishbach - Angelika Hederer, Los Angeles CA
$11.07 \quad 2 \quad$ Marc Franklin - Elizabeth Kaplan - Ken
Cornelius - Mary Cornelius, Portland OR
$6.32 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Cary Breech, Danville PA; Valentin Vieru, Citrus Heights CA; William Taggart, Shingle Springs CA
$6.32 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Lori Jacobs - Alan Jacobs, Boca Raton FL; Sheldon Zimbler, Zephyr Cove NV; Peter Sager, San Rafael CA

## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - VI

16 Tables
$11.94 \quad 1 \quad$ Bill Schelstrate, Tucson AZ; Sally Craig, Port Moody BC; Dianne Rogots - Linda Schanz, Las Vegas NV 8.362 Iris Libby, Orinda CA; Elizabeth Golamco, Alamo CA; Cecilia Ip, Walnut Creek CA; Hedy Wee, San Ramon CA
$4.78 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Donald Blagden - Susan Blagden, Wiscasset ME; Betty Repa - Ted Repa, W Boothbay Hrbr ME $4.78 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Carolyn Crabtree - Howard Crabtree - Joan Maden - Kenneth Maden, Coronado CA

## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY A/E SIDE SERIES

### 48.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8.80 | 1 | 1 |  | Margaret Ferguson, Bonita Springs FL; Carol Frank, Burbank CA | 74.05\% |
| 6.60 | 2 |  |  | Jean Macdonald, Sacramento CA; Lorraine Day, Carmichael CA | 68.30\% |
| 4.95 | 3 |  |  | Craig Huston, Portland OR; Christopher Young, San Diego CA | 65.91\% |
| 3.25 | 4/5 |  |  | Stephen Massman, Beverly Hills CA; Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles CA | 64.20\% |
| 5.46 | 4/5 | 2 |  | Robert Victor, Palm Springs CA; Jamie Rubenstein, Scottsdale AZ | 64.20\% |
| 2.43 | 6 |  |  | Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ | 63.07\% |
| 4.85 |  | 3 | 1 | Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Dan Emmons, Pasadena CA | 61.74\% |
| 3.07 |  | 4 |  | Dorothy Favre, Seal Beachon CA; Sue Becker, Canton OH | 59.70\% |
| 2.30 |  | 5 |  | Judy McDonald, Henderson NV; Selim Benardete, New York NY | 57.58\% |
| 3.64 |  | 6 | 2 | Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Eric Rolfe, Kansas City MO | 57.22\% |
| 2.73 |  |  | 3 | Michael Smith - Susan Seitz, Des Moines IA | 56.82\% |
| 2.05 |  |  | 4 | Lois Hill - Marilyn Sidley, San Diego CA | 55.87\% |
| 1.53 |  |  | 5 | Gonzalo Herrera - Maribel Herrera, New York NY | 54.67\% |
| 1.15 |  |  | 6 | Rebecca Ostrom - William Reeves, Ashland OR | 54.42\% |
| MONDAY AFTERNOON 10/20/50 PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.0 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 2.21 | 1 |  |  | Barbara Schafer - Hiroko Kitamura, Chula Vista CA | 61.90\% |
| 1.66 | 2 |  |  | Linda Golm - Louis Golm, San Francisco CA | 59.82\% |
| 1.24 | 3 |  |  | Terry Smith - Penny Smith, Warrenton OR | 58.63\% |
| 1.30 | 4 | 1 | 1 | Jackie Mullin - Martha Berner, San Diego CA | 57.14\% |
| 0.98 | 5 | 2 | 2 | Robin Hill, Rolling Hills CA; Pamela Haskins, Pls Vd Pnl CA | 55.95\% |
| 0.77 | 6 |  |  | R Otto - Judy Coulson, Brea CA | 55.65\% |
| 0.73 |  | 3 |  | Jon Kechejian - Sandy Schoolfield, Seattle WA | 53.87\% |
| 0.55 |  | 4 |  | Sue Collett - Robert Collett, Medina WA | 49.70\% |
| MONDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36.5 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 6.64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Nancy Spelke, San Marino CA; Lynn Dotts, La Canada CA | 64.63\% |
| 4.98 | 2 |  |  | Christina Mann, Gold Canyon AZ; David Lading, Appleton WI | 62.20\% |
| 3.89 | 3 | 2 |  | James Willis - Josephine Willis, San Diego CA | 62.03\% |
| 2.92 | 4 | 3 |  | Barbara Hanson, San Diego CA; Jan Parker, El Cerrito CA | 61.62\% |
| 2.10 | 5 |  |  | Robert Dodd - Anne Ballard, Atlanta GA | 61.23\% |
| 2.19 | 6 | 4 |  | Barbara Babcock - Konny Murray, Carmel Valley CA | 59.23\% |
| 1.64 |  | 5 |  | Ann Atcheson, Fairfax VA; Jenny Shaefer, Manassas VA | 58.04\% |
| 2.24 |  | 6 | 2 | Eva Neu - Thomas Story, Borrego Springs CA | 56.60\% |
| 1.68 |  |  | 3 | Renee Wishengrad - Mark Lavine, Encino CA | 55.58\% |
| 1.26 |  |  | 4 | Louise Abbott, Los Osos CA; Gina Kirk, San Luis Obispo CA | 55.06\% |
| 0.94 |  |  | 5 | Richard Lee, Laguna Niguel CA; Tom Snooks, San Clements CA | 54.99\% |
| 0.71 |  |  | 6 | William Lennox - Susan Lennox, Scottsdale AZ | 54.42\% |



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## NABC Diary

## The play's the thing

If you don't think the My Fair (Little Old) Lady production you have been enjoying at this tournament is a labor of love, here is a bit of background on the popular
 show.

For starters, Producer Peter Rank and Director David Clark spent 11 of the 12 weekends leading up the NABC in rehearsals, making the 500 -mile round trip from their Palm Springs home each time.

Rank says the decision was made to go with bridge players instead of trained actors and singers, and that many in the cast spent their own time on singing and acting lessons to prepare for the musical.

More than 40 years ago, Rank produced the same show, also using bridge players. "Back then," he recalls, "I had three cocky young bridge players (for the key roles). Now I have three cocky old players."

Rank is more than gratified at the positive response to the show, but in moments when he is feeling the exhaustion of all the work, he allows, "I'm not sure why I'm doing this."

Audiences at the shows, the last of which is tonight, can tell him.

## Saw him coming

Hendrik Sharples was in the Daily Bulletin office the other day asking about some coverage for the 2010 Spring NABC in Reno, for which he is publicity chairman. Someone asked him about the job, and his quip was, "Did you see the word Sucker on my forehead?"

## Starting young

On a short elevator trip this week, Jenny and Gavin Wolpert were asked about their new daughter, 3-month-old Danielle. No, said Jenny, she doesn't know Stayman yet, but Gavin said she has sat in his lap through roughly 400 online bridge deals. Who knows, her first words might be, "Dad, take the hook."

## Star spangled CC

A couple of French players were apparently confused about which bids are Alertable by ACBL regulations and which are merely to be Announced. A helpful player referred to the ACBL convention card, pointing out the red type, which indicates that an Alert is required, and the blue, which means the bid should be Announced. "Oh," said one, "we thought it was just red, white and blue for America."

## 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: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are $\$ 20$ per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er 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.

## Goodwill

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District 22 President Teri Atkinson with Rex Latus and Aileen Osofsky.
Honorary Member, bestowed by the ACBL Board of Directors on a member for long and meritorious service.

ACBL President Jerry Fleming presented the plaque to Polisner, former ACBL counsel and currently counsel to the World Bridge Federation.

When he first started playing bridge 50 years ago, Polisner said, "I would never have guessed that bridge would be such a part of my life." His willingness to work in many capacities for bridge and the ACBL, he said, comes from his belief that "you need to give something back."

The meeting started with Osofsky asking for a moment of silence for four tournament directors who have died recently: James Cox, Phoenix; George Winter, Corvallis MT; Cam Cameron, Memphis TN, and Jay Magid, Pleasant Hill CA.

She then paid tribute to the teams of ACBL members who won medals at the World Bridge Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil, earlier this month: Bermuda Bowl winners Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood (Donna Compton non-playing captain, Eric Kokish coach), and Venice Cup silver medalists Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Irina Levitina and Kerri Sanborn (Sam Dinkin npc).

Fleming was asked to reflect on his year as

## Reno Spring NABC event sponsorship

## By Hendrik Sharples Publicity Chairman

We are offering sponsorships for all of the non-NABC games at the 2010 Spring NABC in Reno. We are trying to raise money for hospitality, our goal being providing transportation to local restaurants during the dinner hour.

This is an great opportunity for players to name a game or a day after their business, favorite partner, teacher, mentor, departed loved one and so forth, without a great deal of cost. By sponsoring a game, you get the game named as you see fit, and get a blurb written in the Daily Bulletin published at the playing site (and on the Internet) on the day your game takes place.

Additionally, each day will also have a sponsor. For this you get a two-session game that day, on-site banners and a bigger write-up, plus our undying gratitude.

We are offering games and days to commercial sponsors as well. The sooner you sponsor a game, the sooner you will see that game named on the ACBL web site. There are forms (as well as brochures about everything Reno has to offer outside of bridge) on the second floor. You can find me in person, or mail in the sponsorship request.

## Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, 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.

ACBL President, and he joked, "When I started as ACBL President, I was about 54. Now I'm 65." More seriously, he said of his travels across the continent, "It has been a wonderful venture and a wonderful trip."

Osofsky welcomed newly elected members of the ACBL Board of Directors: Bob Heller, Decatur GA, District 7; Suzi Subeck, Glenview IL, District 13, and Claire Jones, Regina SK, District 18.

The Goodwill chair played a trick on District 22 President Teri Atkinson, who was called to the podium to help honor Rex Latus, a member of the district, for his outstanding volunteer efforts. As Atkinson and Latus was heading back for their seats, Osofsky told Atkinson to stay put. Out came a certificate acknowledging Atkinson's "exemplary and steadfast service."

Another surprise was pulled on Wendy Sullivan, top assistant to Jeff Johnston, ACBL director and meeting planner. Sullivan, known as the Ask Me Girl, was made a member of the national Goodwill Committee. Said Osofsy to Sullivan: "You are a precious gift, and I can't believe you aren't already a member."

Before Osofsky announced Larsen's honor, she acknowledged two former Goodwill Members of the Year in attendance at the meeting: Kay Teal of Richland WA and Kay Afdahl of Oro Valley AZ.


Aileen Osofsky, 2009 Honorary Member of the Year Jeff Polisner and 2009 ACBL President Jerry Fleming.

## ACBL joins Facebook, Twitter

ACBL members can now discuss their favorite game on Facebook and Twitter, the popular social media web sites. Players can enjoy conversations on these free forums, allowing participants to meet other bridge enthusiasts from around the world, get the inside scoop on bridge news and events, and even leave messages for the ACBL staff.
"This provides a space for players to talk to each other and us," said Vicki Campbell, ACBL's marketing director.

To become a fan of the ACBL on Facebook, go to the ACBL home page and click the "Find us on Facebook" button.

To follow the ACBL on Twitter, go to www. twitter.com and follow @ACBLbridge.

## 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.

## Answer to Inference or intuition or . . . question from page 6: At the table, declarer played the $\vee \mathrm{Q}$ from

 dummy and lost to a singleton king. This was unfortunate because the other team played in game and made five. Your team was behind and you needed to bid the slam and make it to win. Even though it didn't work this time, the finesse is the percentage play. Sometimes knowing you made the right play has to be enough.
## SUNDAY MONDAY KO - VII

16 Tables
$\begin{array}{lll}8.16 & 1 & \text { Tracey Bauer - Keith Bauer, San Rafael CA; }\end{array}$ Mark Peterson - Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA
$\begin{array}{lll}5.71 & 2 & \text { Connie Unger - Toby Burke, San Diego CA; }\end{array}$ Karen Perling, La Jolla CA; Judy Dveris, Rancho Santa Fe CA $3.26 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Harvey Schleifstein, Encinitas CA; Judith McManus - Bob McManus, Hemet CA; Stu Gruber, Del Mar CA 3.26 3/4 Molly Anderson, Larkspur CA; Carol Morse, Glen Ellen CA; Jean Marchant, Kentfield CA; Frank Aftowicz, Novato CA; Susan Angel, Greenbrae CA

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - I

16 Tables
$32.50 \quad 1 \quad$ Brian Schoenfeld, Va Beach VA; Jerry Gaer Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ $22.752 \quad$ Geoffrey Brod, West Palm Beach FL; Victor King, Hartford CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA

Paolo Pasquini - Jose Valdes, Caracas
$\begin{array}{lcc}14.63 & 3 & \text { Paolo Pasquini - Jose Valdes, Caracas } \\ \text { Venezuela; Alejandro Bianchedi - Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires }\end{array}$ Argentina
$11.384 \quad 4 \quad$ Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - II

12 Tables
$19.31 \quad 1 \quad$ Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ Helene Drake - George Drake, Phoenix AZ
13.522 William Arlinghaus, Ann Arbor MI; Dave

Swarthout, San Antonio TX; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Jack
Shartsis, Huntington Wds MI
$8.69 \quad 3 \quad$ Maris Zilant, North Miami FL; Nancy Kalow,
New York NY; Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL
$6.764 \quad$ David Stern - Anevrin Griffiths - Ally Griffiths, Redfern Australia; Tonje Brogaland, Norway

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - II

## 12 Tables

$14.90 \quad 1 \quad$ Linda Green - Sam Whitten, Scottsdale AZ; John Hogan Jr, Wayne NJ; Susan Fulton, Maplewood NJ 10.432 Roger Lee - Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Melody Bi, West Warwick RI; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA
6.713 Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA; Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX
$5.22 \quad 4 \quad$ Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID; Janet Dunbar - David Johnson, Calgary AB; Paul Sorensen, Berwyn AB

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - IV

## 12 Tables

$12.95 \quad 1 \quad$ Donald Kersey - Mark Donovan - Shona 9.07 - Kenneth Allan, Kingston ON
chneider, S Yati Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Betsey Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea
$5.83 \quad 3 \quad$ Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE
4.534 Joseph Viola III, Altadena CA; Bill Papa

Upland CA; Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA; James Griffin
Jr, Rancho Mirage CA

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - V

14 Tables
$12.33 \quad 1 \quad$ Stuart Eastwood - Marcia Shaw - Terry Shaw, Halifax NS; Edward Hynes, Penobsquis NB
$8.63 \quad 2 \quad$ Donald Buchanan - Steven Gajdalo, Hilton
Head SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Gary Donner,
Bluffton SC
5.553 Elizabeth Smith, Montreal QC; Andre Chartrand, Lery QC; Ivy Steinberg - Allan Quaile, Cedar Valley
ON
4.32
Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Bill Wittmann Joe Luk, Colorado Spgs CO; Mary Olson, Colorado Sprgs CO

MONDAY COMPACT KO - VI
16 Tables
11.741 Gerri Knilans - Hal Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA; Cecil Glaessner - Theodore Glaessner, Pacific Plsds CA $8.22 \quad 2 \quad$ John Clark, Simi Valley CA; Freddie Straus, Encino CA; Julia Gosnell, West Hills CA; Michael Gosnell, Canoga Park CA
$5.28 \quad 3 \quad$ Carl Sharp - Drew Becker - Kenneth
Zuckerberg - Steve Kreiner, Chicago IL
4.114 Norman Shultz, Ocala FL; Ronald Resnick,

Makawao HI; Judy Rimer, La Jolla CA; Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI


## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY A/E SIDE SERIES

### 50.0 Tables

9.10
6.83
6.67
3.84
2.88
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3.75
2.81
2.51
1.77
1.88
1.41
1.18
0.84

| 105.0 Tables |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C |
| 29.80 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 22.35 | 2 |  |  |
| 16.76 | 3 |  |  |
| 12.57 | 4 |  |  |
| 9.93 | 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 7.98 | $6 / 7$ |  |  |
| 7.98 | $6 / 7$ |  |  |
| 6.62 | 8 |  |  |
| 5.96 | 9 |  |  |
| 13.09 | 10 | 2 |  |
| 4.78 | $11 / 12$ |  |  |
| 4.78 | $11 / 12$ |  |  |
| 9.82 | 13 | 3 |  |
| 3.97 | 14 |  |  |
| 3.73 | 15 |  |  |
| 3.51 | 16 |  |  |
| 3.31 | 17 |  |  |
| 3.06 | $18 / 19$ |  |  |
| 3.06 | $18 / 19$ |  |  |
| 3.50 | 20 |  |  |
| 7.36 |  | 4 |  |
| 5.82 |  | 5 |  |
| 4.99 |  | 6 |  |
| 4.36 |  | 7 |  |
| 4.90 |  | 8 | 2 |
| 3.67 |  | 9 | 3 |
| 3.50 |  | 10 |  |
| 3.02 |  | 11 |  |
| 2.92 |  | 12 |  |
| 3.13 |  | 13 |  |
| 2.75 |  |  | 4 |
| 2.26 |  |  | 5 |
| 2.91 |  |  | 6 |
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Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Ed Ulman, Portland OR
Robert Bell, Washington DC; Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD
Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY
Brian Senior, Nottingham England; David Kendrick, Royston Herts
England
Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA
Walter Schafer Jr, Buena Park CA; Bill Kent, Iowa City IA
William Esberg, Long Branch NJ; Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ
Riggs Thayer Jr - Cathy Strauch, San Diego CA
Hazel Schoenberg - Jules Schoenberg, Plano TX
Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY
Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Nancy Katz, Carolina PR
Jim Dingwerth, Kansas City MO; William Hoge, Olathe KS
Adele Verkamp - Paul Glick, Phoenix AZ
John Dukellis - Shirley Scott, Colorado Spgs CO
Art Brodsky - Patricia Brodsky, Huntingtn Sta NY
John Hodges, Santa Clara CA; John Twineham, Coos Bay OR
Alex Kornel - Barbara Seagram, Toronto ON
Doug Baxter - David Lindop, Toronto ON
Joel Hoersch - Greg Michaels, San Diego CA
Michael Fleisher, Sunnyvale CA; Roman Matusik, San Clemente CA
Bob Gruber - Linda Gruber, Camarillo CA
Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY; Linda Otness, Greenwich CT
Marianne Aronovich - Serge Aronovich, Tuxedo Park NY
Charles Cohler - Anne Cohler, San Francisco CA
Wayne Stroup, Pendleton SC; Steve Ramos, Seal Beach CA
Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Allan Karro, Burnaby BC
Michael Estep - Barbara Estep, Hurst TX
Elliot Shalita, Elkins Park PA; Paul Shalita, Tucson AZ
Jordan Chodorow, Los Angeles CA; Harvey Katz, Marina del Rey CA
Henryk Szejnwald, Los Altos CA; Neal Strand, Mountain View CA
Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Dave Kuschel, Minot ND
Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany; Estera Lisker, East
Quogue NY

## MONDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS

### 22.0 Tables

Nancy Gaunt, Evansville IN; Jane Skjei, Fargo ND
John Naber, Somerville MA; Sandra Naber, Victoria BC
Greg Foss - Jeannene LeVitre, Reno NV
Claire Steuernagel - Linda Atkinson, Carlsbad CA
Valerie Vaughan - Martin Deneroff, New York NY
Sharon Madson, Scottsdale AZ; Linda Collins, Fargo ND
3 Maribel Herrera - Gonzalo Herrera, New York NY
Gail Gorman - Robin Beddis, Calgary AB
John Stokdyk, Pacif Palisades CA; Pamela Flory-Smith,
Tallahassee FL
4 Claudia Cochran, Covina CA; Fay Richmond, Las Vegas NV
5 Irvin Drewel, Eureka MO; Diane Hayden, Overland Park KS
6/7 Alan Cawi, Mission Viejo CA; Dan Fontanilla, Dana Point CA
6/7 Deanann Dierks, Newport Beach CA; Gay Sevier, Kailua HI

## MONDAY EVENING 100/200/300 TEAMS

## 22 Tables

$4.52 \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \text { A } & \text { B }\end{array}$Armonk NY; Roberta Le Feuvre, Van Nuys CA

Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White - James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA

Dennis Walsh, Mashpee MA; Eleonore Freihofer, Monument Bch MA; Stephen Cutler - Alice Cutler, Chestnut Hill MA
Gregory Hanson - Lisa Hanson - Marcia Holland, Dana Point CA;
Sharon Donoff, Laguna Beach CA
72.92\%
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67.55\%
63.69\%
63.64\%
61.55\%
60.72\%
59.78\%
59.40\%
59.28\%
55.95\%
52.38\%
51.70\%
51.19\%
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57.20\%
6.72\%
56.34\%
55.78\%
55.21\%
54.83\%
54.17\%
53.60\%
53.31\%
53.25\%
52.56\%
52.19\%
51.97\%
68.00

Joel Speiser - Wendy Speiser, Holland OH; Harvey Schleifstein, Encinitas CA; Stu Gruber, Del Mar CA

| MONDAY EVENING SIDE SWISS |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 121 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 13.47 | 1 |  |  | Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON; John Valliant, Ottawa ON; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Jacek Jerzy Kalita, Warsaw Poland; |  |
|  |  |  |  | Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Bialystok 15 Poland | 109.00 |
| 10.10 | 2 |  |  | William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Suzanne Dunaway, Oak Park IL; Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; Michael Kutska, River Forest IL | 101.00 |
| 6.63 | 3/4 |  |  | Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Greg House, San Diego CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA | 98.00 |
| 6.63 | 3/4 |  |  | Douglas H Scott - Edward Rais - Marion Kelly - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK | 98.00 |
| 4.26 | 5 |  |  | Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Donald Sache, Delta BC; Harry Hays, Mesquite TX; Rick Roeder, San Diego CA | 96.00 |
| 3.20 | 6 |  |  | Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Garth Yettick - David Caprera Anne Brenner, Denver CO | 95.00 |
| 2.40 | 7 |  |  | Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH; Harriette Buckman, University Park FL; Richard Anderson - Janice Anderson, Regina SK | 94.00 |
| 12.17 | 8/9 | 1 |  | Cynthia Berenson, Boston MA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; Everett Boyer, San Bruno CA; Steve Clark - Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA | 92.00 |
| 1.65 | 8/9 |  |  | G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Franco Gusso, Pompano Beach FL; Janet Macchi, Stuart FL; Carlos Mendoza, Caracus Venezuela | 92.00 |
| 1.29 | 10/11 |  |  | Sylvia Moss - Judi Radin - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY; Joan Jackson, Dallas TX | 90.00 |
| 1.29 | 10/11 |  |  | Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD; Linda Smoak - J Fletcher Smoak, Roanoke VA; Barbara Heller, Decatur GA | 90.00 |
| 9.13 | 12 | 2 |  | Rhoda Cohen - Stephen Bierer, Baltimore MD; Carole Budnick Janice Phillips, Atlanta GA | 89.00 |
| 1.04 | 13 |  |  | Riva Akerman - Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY; Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI | 87.00 |
| 8.04 |  | 3 | 1 | Mary Ann Chestnut, Kalispell MT; Jack Dugan, Rapid City SD; Kimi Lambert - Kelly Moses, Biloxi MS | 86.00 |
| 6.03 |  | 4 | 2 | Marc Phillips, Del Mar CA; Maria Hedin, Jamul CA; Philippe Lamoise, Solana Beach CA; Ruth Aronsohn, San Diego CA | 84.00 |
| 3.85 |  | 5 |  | C. Buddy Carls - Mary Singer, Huntington Bh CA; Jim Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Nola Simon, Irvine CA | 82.00 |
| 2.89 |  | 6 |  | William Chan - Molan Chan, Van Buren ME; John McConnell, Cedar Hill TX; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ | 80.00 |
| 1.90 |  | 7/8 |  | Claude Tremblay, Niagara On Lake ON; Lorna Johnson, Ridgeway ON; John Mackay, St Catharines ON; Diane K.M. Gordon, St Davids ON | 79.00 |
| 1.90 |  | 7/8 |  | Michael Strong, Winfield IL; John Langer, Santa Clarita CA; Daniel Kraft, Cave Creek AZ; Kurt Oelze, Phoenix AZ | 79.00 |
| 4.52 |  | 9 | 3 | Kathy High - Dee Alexander, Modesto CA; Terry McMillan, Indio CA; Candace Garvey, Surprise AZ | 77.00 |
| 2.97 |  |  | 4/5 | William Swan - Nancy Brooks-Swan, Taos NM; Richard Colwell Rosemary Colwell, Las Vegas NV | 74.00 |
| 2.97 |  |  | 4/5 | Marilyn Swadron - Gail Bews - Caroline Colliver - Camille Collver, Calgary AB | 74.00 |
| 1.91 |  |  | 6 | George Soules - Thomas Dorsey - Ron Fertig - Joel Rosenberg, San Diego CA | 72.00 |

## Open BAM

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Second-place winners in the Open B-A-M are: Craig Gower, Michael Polowan,
Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky and Jacob Morgan. Missing is Alon Apteker.

West Hartford CT, Adam Wildavsky and Michael Polowan of New York NY, Craig Gower and Alon Apteker of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Jacob Morgan of Madison WI. They were tied for 20th entering final day of play and scored 19.50 in the afternoon to move into second place. At night, they posted a score of 16.00 to remain in second place.

## 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

Their final score was 37.50
The third-place team, with a score of 34.30 , is Chris Larsen of Costa Mesa CA, Joseph Kivel of Newport Coast CA, Wafik Abdou of Bakersfield CA, Mitch Dunitz of Sherman Oaks CA and Iftikhar Baqai of Irvine CA.
of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.
3.214 Gary Near - Rona Friedman - Don Friedman Emmanuel Vacakis, San Francisco CA

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - IX

16 Tables
$\begin{array}{lll}7.10 & 1 & \text { Diane Black, Colorado Spgs CO; Jo Santa, }\end{array}$ Colorado Sprgs CO; Aurelia Huffman, Crestwood KY; Barbara Hulsmeyer, Louisville KY
4.972 Nancy Allo - Clifford Allo, Puyallup WA; Kenlynn Gilbert, Bellevue WA; Suzanne Siklos, Toronto ON 3.203 Kathleen Zipp - Dee Warnecke, Denver CO; Diann Miller, Englewood CO; Shelbie Bastiaans, Parker CO $2.494 \quad$ Pat Larin, Rancho Mirage CA; Robert Englekirk, Carlsbad CA; Mitch Miladinovich - Terri Miladinovich, Acampo CA

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - X

16 Tables
$\begin{array}{lll}16.60 & 1 & \text { Charles Conrad - Ann Conrad - Robert }\end{array}$ Hamilton - Valerie Byrne, Castro Valley CA
$\begin{array}{lll}3.92 & 2 & \text { Chuck Abramo - Jo Murray, Ketchum ID; }\end{array}$ Barbara Bayer - Doris Lange, Calgary AB
$\begin{array}{lll}2.52 & 3 & \text { Mary Ann Bond - Patricia Anderson - Connie }\end{array}$ Weed, Fargo ND; Vee Ann Backes, Peoria AZ
1.964 Lynn Johnson - Curtis Johnson - Doreen Maes, La Palma CA; Phyllis Greenstein, Cypress CA

## MONDAY COMPACT KO - XI

16 Tables
4.00 $1 \quad$ Bruce Weiner - Dolly Messick Weiner, Rncho Pls Verde CA; Dennis Hollingworth - Krystyna Hollingworth, Redondo Beach CA
$\begin{array}{ccc}2.80 & 2 & \text { Meredith Murad - Richard Gliksman, Los }\end{array}$ Angeles CA; Marion Tumen, Pacific Palis CA; Kathy Harouche, Beverly Hills CA
$\begin{array}{cccc}1.80 & 3 & \text { Barbara Johnson - Mary Staahl - Virginia Marr, }\end{array}$ Fargo ND; Susan Lambe, Glenview IL
1.404 Shirley Laidlaw, Surrey BC; Anne Fenerty, Boulder CO; Alan Bostrom - Robert Chase, San Francisco CA

## MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION I

8 Tables
7.77 1 Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Richard Budd, Portland ME; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - III
6 Tables
3.26
$3.26 \quad 1 \quad$ Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Paul Nason, Los Angeles CA; Sheila Sache, Delta BC; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC
$1.73 \quad 2 \quad$ Karin Griffin - Ann Economidy, Albuquerque NM; Carol Schoenhals - Charlotte Blaiss, Lubbock TX

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - V
7 Tables
$2.651 \quad$ Phillip Cummins - Mark Schantz, Iowa City IA; Pat Thomas, Salinas CA; Janice Nakao, San Mateo CA

MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - VI
8 Tables
2.521 Panette Talia - Ray Yuenger, Campbell CA; Harriel Shea, San Jose CA; Melanie Kakalec, Fremont CA $\begin{array}{ccc}1.34 & 2 & \text { Walter Pease - Wonnie Duncan - Norman } \\ \text { Holthouse - Rita Holthouse Anchorage AK }\end{array}$ Holthouse - Rita Holthouse, Anchorage AK

## MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - VIII

8 Tables
$2.18 \quad 1 \quad$ Clark Muldavin - Barbara Wheeler, Sacramento CA; Phyllis Reisenberg, Floral Park NY; Judith Rosenblum, Key Biscayne FL
$\begin{array}{ll}1.16 & 2 \\ \text { Elaine Vona - Mary Miller, Redmond WA; }\end{array}$ Peggy Johnson, Lake Oswego OR; Maureen Schroder, Kirkland
WA
"Useful" Anacrostic
Short Answer Key
a. Blasé
b. Fierce
c. Inverted Minors
d. Signals
e. Calcutta
f. Best
g. Excite
h. Dealer
i. Math
j. Hit
k. Ref
I. Beer
m. Enses
n. Reason

## Darkner doubles

## By Bob Heitzman

I never knew Teddy Lightner, nor did many people who are still walking around, but I'm willing to concede that he was a wonderful player and a delightful man. However, he has been departed for a respectable number of years, so I don't think it's impolite to finally reveal to the world that
hate Lightner doubles.

Based on
my personal
experience, when my side or the opponents have perpetrated a Lightner double, or when I have heard about them being used at a different table, more often than not the result was an unmitigated disaster for the perpetrating side. I'm not sure how frequently Lightner doubles actually beat a slam that was otherwise destined to make, which is the alleged point. I'm sure it happens sometimes, although I can't actually remember the last time it did for me (they do say that memory can be selective). I'm willing to grant, for the sake of argument, that Lightner doubles serve their intended purpose about a quarter of the time -

I don't think even Teddy would have argued that it is much more than that.

But do the math - half of the time disaster, a quarter of the time triumph; what's the attraction? Let's take a look at the various types of Lightner disasters to see if they could possibly come up as often as I claim they do.

## Ambiguity

One of the big problems with Lightner doubles is that they are inherently ambiguous. The textbook definition is that they call for an "unusual lead," but that can be a very subjective concept. What seems unusual to you might seem completely normal to me.

When the contract is in a suit, many experts say the primary message of a Lightner double is to give the doubler a ruff. If they are in notrump, or if the ruff interpretation seems improbable in context - "improbable" . . . another subjective concept then the second priority is to lead their suit for fear that the doubler's tricks in that suit might go away if you don't.

Sometimes it is dummy's first-bid suit and we need to capitalize on the advantage of the opening lead; sometimes they have only bid one suit naturally in the auction, and that's the one partner is loaded in; sometimes they have bid several suits and partner wants you to figure out which one to lead - lucky you. Of course, if you pick the wrong lead, disaster ensues.

Yes, sometimes, perhaps even more often than not, the intended message of a Lightner is double crystal clear. But it's worse than that; sometimes it isn't even clear whether a double was intended as Lightner in the first place.

In some competitive auctions, ownership of the deal is unclear - the double itself might be construed to assert ownership and therefore by definition cannot be Lightner - the double must be reserved to increase the penalty, not to direct a particular lead. Or what if you make a Lightner double of one contract, and then double the contract they run to? Is the second double also Lightner, or does it revert to penalty? The definitive expert answer is . . . it depends.

If partner does intend his double for penalty,
and you perversely choose to lead one of their suits ... oops.

But suppose it is clear that the double is Lightner, and the lead asked for is clear, and you will get your ruff, or whatever it is you want? But it turns out that was your only trick; or, worse, that declarer is void also, and you don't even get to keep that trick; or you get to keep that trick but your double tips declarer off to the right line of play. They make it doubled, or on a bad day redoubled, or on a really bad day redoubled with an overtrick.

This is at best a poor result, and on the really bad days a disastrous one.

## Major disaster

Sometimes the message is crystal clear, and the planned defense is slated to work brilliantly, and . . . they decide to run to an alternative contract that you can't touch. You had them in a contract that was going down, and drove them to a contract that was cold. This meets anyone's definition of a major disaster.

So for a Lightner double not to be a disaster, it takes a three-way parlay:

1. It must be clear - that the double is Lightner and what lead the doubler wants - or if unclear opening leader must guess correctly.
2. Getting that lead must be sufficient to beat the contract.
3. The opponents must not have an escape route - an alternative contract that they can bid and make; or if they have one, they must neglect to take it.

Can you begin to see how Lightner double disasters might actually be pretty common? And further, consider that for a Lightner double to be a triumph, you must add the condition that getting the indicated lead is necessary to beat the contract. You might be starting to wonder about Mr. Lightner's invention as much as I do.

Perhaps the most insidious and overlooked aspect of Lightner doubles is the tempo issues they can cause during the auction. Suppose a player is considering a Lightner double - he knows he can get a ruff on opening lead - but eventually he decides against it - perhaps he sees that they will probably still make, or that they can run successfully to a different contract that you probably cannot beat. Good restraint, right?

## Tempo breaks

Maybe it is, but only if you can get through that entire thought process without a revealing break in tempo, however slight. If you do break tempo, then partner has unauthorized information. If he is a stickler for ethics, he'll know you can ruff something but will feel obligated not to lead it - even when that lead was needed to beat them after all, perhaps because he has a trick you weren't counting on. If he makes the lead notwithstanding the unauthorized information, then you might feel obligated to find another partner.

Of course, if we didn't have Lightner doubles, problem H in the Master Solvers Club might have to be converted into just another boring bidding problem. That wouldn't be good, would it?

Perhaps the strongest argument in favor of Lightner doubles is: what is the alternative? It certainly is not a great idea to go around doubling voluntarily bid slams on spec - especially if your double helps them in the play or guides them to a better spot.

It's usually not worth risking one of those scenarios to increase the penalty from 50 to 100 or 100 to 200.

## Anti-Lightner

Notwithstanding that, my strong preference is to play anti-Lightner doubles, or "darkner" doubles. When I double a freely bid game or slam contract, the primary message is - "I think we're going to beat it. Let's focus on increasing the
penalty." I know it's a novel thought.
If it seems likely you can give me a ruff, based on the auction or your holding in a certain suit, go for it, but do so whether or not I double.

If it seems unlikely we will beat the contract with normal defense, then by all means look for an unusual lead, but only if I don't double. When I double you should tend to make the expected lead. Whatever the evidence is, I've examined it and decided they're probably going down - this is not the time to get creative on me.

At matchpoints, darkner doubles can actually be a very powerful tool. Can you remember deals where the opponents have waltzed into a slam that you are pretty sure is going to be unlucky? If the field will be bidding this unlucky slam, you can earn quite a few matchpoints by "giving it the lash," as Reese loved to say. And you don't risk much - your equity in a deal where they have successfully bid a marginal slam is negligible at best. So at matchpoints, the risk-reward characteristics of darkner doubles are actually quite favorable.

## Make the switch

Even if your experiences with Lightner doubles have been rather pleasant, you should consider switching to darkner at matchpoints.

At IMPs, you should reserve your darkner doubles for situations where you suspect they may go down a lot, or where you know they are going down at least one and have reason to hope partner might have the wherewithal to get it a few extra. Or maybe the double will rattle declarer - that always worked for the Hideous Hog.

At any format, you must avoid doubles Lightner or darkner - that might help declarer in the play or drive them to a successful alternative contract.

If you beat them one doubled but were going to beat them two undoubled - a fairly common outcome - that is not a success; you took a risk with a significant downside and only managed to break even. The art of doubling games and slams will always entail judgment and risk, no matter what the double means.

Personally, I find one of the hallmarks of the great player is the ability to sniff out when the opponents have miscalculated and to make them pay the max. Darkner doubles give great players more leeway to be great. Lightner doubles, on the other hand, are somewhat insulting to great players - they already knew what to lead.

But I submit that darkner doubles are much less prone to these sorts of disasters than Lightner doubles - usually when you make a darkner double, the cards are just flat-out wrong for them, no matter how they play them or what contract they choose to play them in. But the best aspect of darkner doubles is that your partner will never have any doubt whatsoever about what your double means.

## Wold goes <br> past 55,000

Eddie Wold has topped the 55,000 masterpoint plateau. Wold is a Grand Life Master and a full-time player. He won the Barry Crane Top 500 in 2003 and tied for first in 1995. He won the Lou Herman Trophy (now called the Goren Trophy) in 1990 for winning the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC. Wold won the Mott-Smith Trophy for winning the most masterpoints at the Spring NABC in 1998 and 2005. He is a WBF Open Life Master

## Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs

## Rodwell, Meckstroth won 2008 contest

Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth completely dominated last year's Fall NABC in Boston with wins in the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams and the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. Their first final session score of $67 \%$ put them in control of the event, which they won by a board.

In second place last year were Frederic Wrang of Stockholm and Martin De Knijff of Las Vegas.

## The event

The Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs ranks with the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs (and now the new Platinum Pairs in the spring) as one of the most prestigious -- and toughest -- pair events on the ACBL calendar. Like the LM Pairs and Platinum Pairs, the Blue Ribbon Pairs is played over three days and includes two qualifying, two semifinal and two final sessions.

Entry is restricted to winners and runners-up in regional championships -- plus high finishers in North American championships, members of current Grand National district championship teams, members of current official teams representing ACBL and the top 100 lifetime masterpoint holders.

The Blue Ribbon Pairs was renamed the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1999 to honor one of bridge's all-time great players, writers, administrators and the authority on the laws of the game.

Kaplan (1925-1997) won his first North American championship in 1953 -- the Vanderbilt -- and his last in 1997 -- the Open Swiss Teams at the Spring NABC in Dallas.

Kaplan was recognized as the world's foremost authority on the laws of duplicate and rubber bridge. He became co-chairman of the ACBL Laws Commission in 1978 and was co-chairman of the WBF Laws Commission at the time of his death.

He was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1993. In 1995 he was inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame and the WBF Hall of Fame.

## The trophy

The event is contested for the Cavendish Trophy, awarded for the National Open Pair Championship and donated by the Cavendish Club of New York in 1928. Since 1963, the trophy has been awarded to winners of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Winners and runners-up:
1963 1. B. Jay Becker, Dorothy Hayden; 2. Harold Harkavy, Cliff Russell
1964 1. Robert D. Hamman, Lewis L. Mathe; 2. Gunther Polak, Robert G. Sharp
1965 1. Chuck Henke, John H. Moran; 2. Michael S. Lawrence, Ron Von der Porten
1966 1. Charles Coon, Richard Zeckhauser; 2. Leland Ferer, Gratian Goldstein
1967 1. Sami R. Kehela, Baron Wolf Lebovic; 2. Phil Feldesman, Lewis L. Mathe
1968 1. Larry Cohen, Richard H. Katz; 2. Bobby Goldman, Michael S. Lawrence
1969 1. Erik Paulsen, Alex Tschekaloff; 2-4. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray; 2-4. Tom Hodapp, Robert F. Morris; 2-4. Larry Cohen, Richard H. Katz
1970 1. Chuck F. Burger, Ira S. Rubin; 2. Richard Freeman, Cliff Russell
1971 1. Roger Bates, John M. Grantham; 2. Hermine Baron, Michael S. Lawrence
1972 1. Richard Khautin, Warren Kornfeld; 2. Garey Hayden, Mark Lair
1973 1. Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey; 2. Kathie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti
1974 1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay; 2. Roger Bates, George Rosenkranz
1975 1. Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey; 2. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean
1976 1. Jay Apfelbaum, Bill Edelstein; 2. James Jacoby, David Berkowitz

Women's BAM
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Second place in the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams went to Jill Meyers, Jill Levin, Janice Seamon-Molson, Debbie Rosenberg, Geeske Joel and Tobi Sokolow.
she was "in shock. It's incredible."
Her teammates were Jenny Wolpert, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Sylvie Willard and Benedicte Cronier.

Wolpert, Willard, Auken and Hampton's husband, Robert, were members of the squad that won the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams in Washington DC last summer.

Willard and Cronier are among the top players in France, where board-a-match teams are non-

1977 1. Lou Bluhm, Thomas K. Sanders; 2. Kathie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti
1978 1. Ron E. Andersen, David Berkowitz; 2. Ted Horning, Peter Nagy
1979 1. Robert Levin, Ron Smith; 2. James Bennett, Chester Davis
1980 1. Warren Rosner, Allan Stauber; 2. Dan Morse, G. Robert Nail
1981 1. Larry N. Cohen, Ron Gerard; 2. Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
1982 1. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth; 2-3. Robert Blanchard, Drew Casen; 2-3. Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson
1983 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen; 2. Peter Weichsel, Mike Lawrence
1984 1-2. Jack Kennedy, Bobby Wolff; 1-2. David Funk, Mark Lair
1985 1. Eric Rodwell, Walter Johnson; 2. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
1986 1. Bob Hamman, Ron Von der Porten; 2. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
1987 1. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein; 2. Kerri Shuman, Robert Levin
1988 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen; 2. Robert Levin, Ron Smith
1989 1. Mark Molson, Robert Lebi; 2. Gaylor Kasle, Roger Bates
1990 1. Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield; 2. Brian Glubok, Sam Lev
1991 1. Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell; 2. Mark Tolliver, Marc Zwerling
1992 1. Haig Tchamitch, Adam Wildavsky; 2. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy
existent. Willard is now two for two in victories in the only BAMs she has ever played.

After the first final session, Hampton and Japanese team led by Kyoko Shimamura were tied at 16.25 apiece. The Joel team - Tobi Sokolow, Jill Meyers, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg and Janice Seamon-Molson - were in third place.

Hampton finished the evening session with 17.5 out of 27 to 16 for Joel and 15.5 for Shimamura.

1993 1. Bob Hamman, Michael Rosenberg; 2. Martin De Bruin, Steve Price
1994 1. Mark Lair, Alexander Weiland; 2. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein
1995 1. David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen; 2. Paul Kiefer, Jerry Helms
1996 1. Jim Krekorian, Bob Blanchard; 2. Larry Cohen. David Berkowitz
1997 1. Adam Wildavsky, Allan Falk; 2. Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
1998 1. Zia Mahmood, Howard Weinstein; 2. Eric Rodwell, Marty Seligman
1999 1. Jill Meyers, John Mohan; 2. John Sutherlin, Russ Ekeblad
2000 1. Richard Coren, Marc Jacobus; 2. Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein
2001 1. Salvador Assael, Nafiz Zorlu; 2. Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Steve Landen
2002 1. Sidney Lazard, Bart Bramley; 2. Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart
2003 1. Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo; 2. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
2004 1. Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady; 2. Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein
2005 1. Gavin Wolpert, Jenny Ryman; 2. Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim
2006 1. Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes; 2. Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian
2007 1. Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha; 2. Ernesto Muzzio, Alejandro Bianchedi
2008 1. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth; 2. Frederic Wrang, Martin De Knijff


MONDAY COMPACT CONSOLATION - IX

## 8 Tables

$1.71 \quad 1 \quad$ Alice Wright - Thomas Wright, San Francisco CA; Norma Connor, Novato CA; Carla Hudner, Kentfield CA 1.292 Sam Litovsky, Los Angeles CA; B Robson Joyce Robson, Great Falls MT; Tong Tjoa, Pomona NY

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables
Gerry McCully - James Galand - Glen Thornborough, Victoria BC; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA

IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL
ames Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Sallam McFall, New Berlin WI

Martin Morris, Wheeling IL; Peter Petruzzellis, Toronto ON; B Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Larry Bolls, Walnut CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA

Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables
Bridgett Pitt, Brookhaven PA; Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Patricia Prather - Ann Taylor, Port St Lucie FL

Dixie Lee Birnie - Mary Lou Kerr - Julia Price, Toronto ON; Lamya Abougoush, Calgary AB

Charles Williams, Palm Desert CA; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX; David Lodge, Rancho Mirage CA; Nancy Arnold, La Quinta CA vs
Fredrik Svensson - Kristina Johnson, Mt View CA; Han-Yu Chang, Palo Alto CA; Neil Chua, New York NY

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables
Georgia Catton - Marion McDonald - Lynne Pyka - Matthew Belau, San Diego CA
vs
Noel Hanford, Rancho Mirage CA; Douglas Keller, San Francisco CA; Dewey Green - Michael Boyle, Palm Springs CA

Kevin O’Brien, Arlington VA; Cece Lichtenstein, Jacksonville FL; Marlys Haraden, Anaheim CA; Sydney Stephan, Corona Del Mar CA

Jonathan Buss - C. Deaun Moulton - Joan Viidik - Tony Viidik, Waterloo ON

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 4

13 Tables
K Stanbury - Deanne Dennison, Woodbridge ON; Pat Simpson, Madera CA; Howard Reed, Clovis CA
vs
Roland Pineda - Sofia Pineda, S Pasadena CA; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA; Tai Wang, Rosemead CA

Douglas McCalla - Rochelle Braunstein, San Diego CA; Marian Zeldin, La Mesa CA; Lawrence Rossman, El Cajon CA
vs

Rita Docken - Jim Nolan, Vancouver WA; Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables
Mischel Postas - L John Postas, Campbell CA; Phyllis Vierra, San Jose CA; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK
vs
Larry Willis - Paul Nelson, Petoskey MI; Marilyn Anstett Jennifer Paulsrud, Fargo ND

Harold Kahn, Tarzana CA; Sandra Patack, Albany NY; Fran Malina, Los Angeles CA; Sandra Satlin, Beverly Hills CA vs
Jay Eggener, Hartford WI; Gary Ansok, Camarillo CA; De Becker - Judie Hlavka, Racine WI

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 6

16 Tables
Robert Horowitz, West Palm Beach FL; Bernice Ashe - Linda Gu Albert Folkman, San Diego CA
i, Ann Arbor MI; Alan Carlton, Alameda A; John Sherwood, Orinda CA

Leslie Levine, Mission Viejo CA; Meg Casalaspi, Laguna Beach CA; Myrna Silverman, Laguna Nigel CA; Sharon Forslund, San Clemente CA

Sheila Kim, Minnetonka MN; Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Eric Mueller, Minneapolis MN; Mary Lemmons, St Paul MN

## ONE MONTH TO GO KO BRACKET 7

16 Tables
Seymour Feshbach - Norma Feshbach, Los Angeles CA; Michael Korney - Ellen Korney, Beverly Hills CA
vs
Clifford Crew - Natalie Crew, Rio Vista CA; Marlene Mohr, Lodi CA; Maryann Gransee, Fort Myers FL

Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA; Phyllis Kreider - Donald Kreider, San Rafael CA
vs
Alexander Frey - Helen Frey, Oceanside CA; John Jones - Marcia Jones, Minneapolis MN

## OPEN BOARD A MATCH TEAMS

60 Tables
140.001 Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Josef Blass - Jerzy Zaremba, Chapel Hill NC; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland
105.002 Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky - Michael Polowan, New York NY; Craig Gower - Alon Apteker, Johannesburg South Africa; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
78.753 Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa CA; Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA
62.224 Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL; Kevin Bathurst, New York NY; Ishmael Delmonte, Sydney Australia; Ashley Bach, Eggenfelden Germany; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdan Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands
56.005 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Fu Zhong, Beijing People’s Republic of China; Jie Zhao, Tianjin People’s Republic of China
50.916 James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow - Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland
$46.67 \quad 7 \quad$ David Walker, Salem VA; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL
43.088 John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, San Anselmo CA
40.009 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY
37.33 10 Robert Morris, Houston TX; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA
35.0011 Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Jorgen Molberg, Trondheim Norway; Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Joe Grue, New York NY
32.9412 Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; William Cole, Silver Spring MD; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; David Chechelashvili, San Diego CA
31.1113 Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY
29.4714 Fredrik Nystrom, 11421 Stockholm Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden; Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden
27.34 15/16 Warren Cederborg, Visalia CA; Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; Jim Munday, Camarillo CA
27.34 15/16 Steve Clements, Aliso Viejo CA; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Ellen Kent - Robert Kent, Marina Dl Rey CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA
25.4517 Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway
24.3518 Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legiowowo Poland; Josef Piekarek, Hamburg Germany; Alexander Smirnov, Lubeck Germany
23.3319 Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United

Kingdom; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Jerzy Skrzypczak, Mragowo Poland; Boguslaw Gierulski, Elblag Poland
21.56 20/22 Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Mark Feldman, Austin TX; David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Tom Townsend, London England
21.56 20/22 Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Alison Wilson - Margo Sinclair, New
$\begin{array}{lrl} & & \text { York NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; John Russell, North Barringto IL } \\ 21.56 & 20 / 22 & \text { George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Bart Bramley - }\end{array}$ Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Diego Brenner, L'Eixample Barc Spain
19.66 23/24 Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX
19.66 23/24 Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Roy Welland Chris Willenken, New York NY; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA
18.37 25/26 Lou Ann O’Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy
18.37 25/26 Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY
17.5027 Dano De Falco, Rubano (P Italy; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Patricia Cayne - Jacqui Mitchell, New York NY; Charles Weed, Shreveport LA
16.9728 Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV
16.4729 Andrew Gumperz, Castro Valley CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA; Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Michael Levinson, Daly City CA; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL
16.0030 Mark Teaford, Seal Beach CA; Tadashi Teramoto - Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA
15.5631 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Jim Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt 27.90
15.1432 John Feo, Kennewick WA; Bill Greenberg, Laguna Niguel CA; Jay Borker, Greenwich CT; Seth Cohen, Stamford CT; Richard Gertner, Ossining NY
14.7433 Barry Rigal, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY
14.3634 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Ed Davis, Seal Beach CA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; David Bakhshi, London England
13.83 35/36 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands
13.83 35/36 Jessica Piafsky - Barry Piafsky, New York NY; Bob Drijver, Tilburg Netherlands; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON


| Orlando Winter Regional January 4-10, 2010 | Knockouts - Swiss <br> Senior Pairs \& Senior Swiss Side Games - Fast Pairs Intermediate/Newcomers Program |
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| BuenaVista Palace hotel \& SPA | Play 1/4/10 at 1:00 \& get 1 entry FREE for any |
| 1900 N Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena $\begin{aligned} & \text { ista, } \\ & \text { Toll Free: } \\ & \mathbf{8 6 6 6}\end{aligned}$ | Chairperson Jane Formet 407-649-2022 janeformet@yahoo.com |
| Bridge Rate $\$ 125$ (Single/Double) with reservations before 12/4/2009 | Partnerships George \& Julie Clark 321-267-6713 iclarkbridge@gmail.com |
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## Club Director Update

Join Guillermo Poplawsky, ACBL Tournament Director, Club Manager and Teacher for an update course for club directors. Refresh and renew your directing skills. Anyone who is a club director is invited to participate.

Fee: $\$ 15$ covers both sessions
Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt - Ford B
Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon (both days)




## Event

Wednesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams Tuesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series

SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS

299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs
0-20, 0-5 Pairs

Stratified Fast Open Pairs

Stratified Daylight Swiss Teams

Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series

## EDGAR KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified Open Pairs
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed Knockout Teams

299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs
$0-20,0-5$ Pairs
Stratified Side Board-a-Match Teams
Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs
0-20, 0-5 Pairs

## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Wednesday, December 2, 9 a.m.

| Session Sold | Entry/player/session ACBL members* | Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| 2nd Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| 3rd single session Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 10 a.m. \& 4 p.m. |  |  |
| Round 6 Emma C, 3rd Floor | \$20 | -- |
| Wednesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. |  |  |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. \& 1:30 p.m. |  |  |
| 1-2 Manchester Ballroom D, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. \& 3 p.m. |  |  |
| 1-2 Manchester Ballroom A, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 1 p.m. |  |  |
| 5th single session Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 1 \& 7:30 p.m. |  |  |
| 1-2 SF Douglas Ballroom B, 1st Floor | \$20 | -- |
| 1-2 F Douglas Ballroom B, 1st Floor | \$17 | -- |
| 1-2 Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| 1-2 Douglas Ballroom D, 1st Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| 1-2 Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| 3-4 Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 3 p.m. |  |  |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. |  |  |
| single Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| 6th single session Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Wednesday, December 2, 11:30 p.m. |  |  |
| single Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$12/team/match |  |

## ACBL members*

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Note: Entry for the REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS required by 11 a.m. Friday.

| Today's Bridge Events |  |  | See page 2 for other events |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tuesday, December 1, 9 a.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Event | Session | Sold | Entry/player/session ACBL members* | Other |
| Tuesday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams | 1st | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Sunday-Tuesday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams | 3rd | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Monday-Tuesday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams | 3-4 | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series | 2nd single session | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 10 a.m. \& 4 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| SENIOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS | Round 5 | Emma C, 3rd Floor | \$20 | -- |
|  | Tuesday, De | ber 1, 10:30 a.m. |  |  |
| 299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. \& 3 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Stratified Daylight Open Pairs |  | Manchester Ballroom A, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 1 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series | 2nd single session | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 1 \& 7:30 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| EDGAR KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS <br> Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal, 2 final sessions. | 1-2 Q | Douglas Ballroom, 1st Floor | \$20 | -- |
| Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Limited to p | $1-2 \text { Q }$ <br> yers with fewer than | Douglas Ballroom, 1st Floor masterpoints. | \$17 | -- |
| Stratified Open Pairs 2000+; 0-2000 | 1-2 | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Poinsettia Pairs 300-750; 0-300. Gold points for 0-750! | 1-2 | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed Knockout Teams | 1-2 | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Monday-Tuesday Bracketed Knockout Teams | 3-4 | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 3 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| 299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Stratified Side Swiss Teams | single | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series | 4th single session | Elizabeth Ballroom, 2nd Floor | \$16 | \$18 |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er \& 49er Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$17 |
| 0-20, 0-5 Pairs | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$15 | \$15 |
| Tuesday, December 1, 11:30 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Zip Knockout Teams | single | Manchester Ballroom G, 2nd Floor | \$12/team/match |  |

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## Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs begins today

The Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, a national-rated four-session event limited to players with fewer than 5000 masterpoints, begins today. The contest features a two-session qualifier and a two-session final tomorrow.

There is a pre-qualification requirement: players must have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification to participate. (Players from outside North America must be granted a waiver to enter. Contact Tournament Director Millard Nachtwey at the Tournament Headquarters office or at the selling locations prior to game time.)

The entry fee is $\$ 17$ per player per session. Previous winners:
2005 1. Marty Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Frank Wharton, Paul Walker
2006 1. Joe Houde, Divakar Bhargava; 2. John Klayman, Lawrence Lau
2007 1. Patricia Menefee, Andre De Leon; 2. Metin Gokcen, Sadik Arf
2008 1. Chris Coffman, Roger Coffman; 2. Gene Maki, Arne Maki



[^0]:    Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). For Strati-Flighted events, A/X are 5000+/0-5000 and play in their own game; B (1500-2500), C (750-1500) and D (0-750) play in their own game.
    Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

