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The Max Factor

Max and Mary Hardy spent most of 1999 on a year-long farewell tour before Max retired as a full-time tournament director in March.

So how is retirement? "We have stayed so busy it's been unreal," says Max.

Nineteen tournaments (including all three North American Championships) with one (Reno) to go -- that's the tally so far. "In a nutshell," says Mary, "we have been busier since he retired than in all our 19 years together."

He's retired only from directing, says Max, who began his directing career in 1961 at Los Angeles Bridge Week -- a 10-day marathon that usually drew more than 10,000 tables. In those days, there were no hand records but the boards were generally duplicated in 30-40 minutes.

Those were also the days of hand-scoring and Max was known as FPIW (the "Fastest Pencil in
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Max and Mary Hardy

Special for Toronto: Mini-Spingold event

Players who don't think they're quite ready for the Spingold Knockout Teams but who would like to play in an event like the Spingold are going to have their chance next summer in Toronto. The ACBL Board of Directors will run a mini-Spingold concurrent with the main Spingold at the Summer NABC in Toronto. Since the event will have national rating, players of less than expert ranking will have an opportunity to win a national championship.

The event will be contested in two flights -- 0-1500 and 0-5000. It will start on the same day as the Spingold and will continue for not more than five days. The conditions of contest, which will be similar to those for the Spingold, will be submitted at the Spring Board meeting for approval. These conditions will include the masterpoint awards. The event will be held for two years, after which time the Board will review it to determine the event's future.

One change from the Spingold -- day-long matches will be 56 boards in length instead of 64. If there are any situations where a half-day match is called for, it will be for 28 boards. It is expected that screens will be used in the late rounds.



Alex: tournament vet

Alex Phillips, attending his first North American Championship, is having a ball: he's playing afternoon, evening and midnight sessions -- and he's winning masterpoints: almost 8 so far this tournament.

Alex, 12, has played in 12 sessions since the NABC began and he's played with a variety of partners: "On Thursday in the Charity Game, I played with Ed; on Friday, I played with Elizabeth both sessions. I played with Laura on Saturday and with Jala on Sunday."

Alex's bridge adventure began earlier this year when his mom, Deb Phillips, began playing bridge online at their home in North Little Rock AR. "My mom was on the computer a lot, playing some kind of game. I had no idea what was involved and I kept asking her about it."

As a result, Alex was soon enrolled in Easybridge! He's now taken Easybridge! 1, 2 and 3 plus the *Club and Diamond Series*.

His grandparents died over the summer and his older brother and sister moved away. "Mom made a promise to me that we'd go to every tournament we could."

He likes the partners he's played with in Birmingham but his favorite partner remains Ralph Erwin, whom he met at a Little Rock club. "My partner and I came in first and Ralph and his partner came in bottom -- or close to bottom. So Ralph invited me to play with him. He just said if you can't beat them, join them."

North against South in Senior KO final

It's the North against the South in today's final of the Senior Knockout Teams. The Florida team captained by Jim Sternberg of West Palm Beach eliminated the Joe Harris squad with a furious fourth quarter, 165-118. The Northeast team, primarily from New England and captained by Dick Budd of Portland ME, had even a more powerful fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat the team captained by Hamish Bennett, 174-154.

The championship will be decided today when Sternberg faces Budd in a 64-board match.

Playing with Sternberg are Allan Cokin, Palm Beach; Bernie Chazen, Tamarac; Chuck Burger,
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Krekorian-Kiefer lead in Blue Ribbon Pairs

Jim Krekorian and Paul Kiefer, the only pair to score more than 2100 matchpoints in yesterday's qualifying round, lead 130 pairs into today's semifinal round of the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Krekorian and Kiefer scored 2102.20 to 2031.51 for Venkatrao Koneru and Hement Lall. Koneru and Lall were the only other pair to top 2000.

Other high qualifiers included James Kraft and Chris Compton, 1994.63; Martin De Bruin and Jay Korobow, 1992.55; Greg Hinze and Larry La Brecque, 1966.41; David Yang and Xiaodong Shi, 1965.75, and Birmingham's own Allen Hawkins Jr. and Jim Foster, 1950.96.

The Blue Ribbon Pairs ranks with the Life Master Pairs as the most prestigious -- and toughest -- pair events on the ACBL calendar. Like the LM Pairs, the Blue Ribbon Pairs is played over three days and includes two qualifying, two semifinal and two final sessions.

The event 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.



Polisner resigns to take WBF post

Jeff Polisner of Lafayette CA, ACBL Counsel since 1985, recently resigned this post to become the counsel for the World Bridge Federation, replacing the late Bob House. Peter Rank of Los Angeles will succeed Polisner as League Counsel.

This is Polisner's second stint as WBF Counsel -- he also served in 1993 and 1994 during the presidency of Bobby Wolff.

A civil litigator primarily, Polisner has a strong background in bridge. He has finished second in two North American championship events and is a Diamond Life Master. He has represented the United States in world play on three occasions.

On the administrative side, he has been Walnut
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Charity begins at Home

Monday night featured the ACBL-Wide Charity Game. Mark Horton, editor of the widely read *Bridge* magazine, arrived at his hotel at 6 p.m., having flown over from London, England. The first person he met in the lobby was his partner, Rabbi Leonard Helman, who told him they were going to play in this popular event. It did not take long for the action to start.

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

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

♠ K 10 9 7 5
♥ 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 2

West	North	East	South
Helman		Horton	
		1♦	2♦ (1)
Dbl	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) Michaels for the majors.

You have to take risks at matchpoints, but South's intervention on this deal was way over the top. East cashed two top diamonds and switched to the ♥K and a heart. West won and played back a heart, ruffed by the jack and overruffed by the queen. East returned the ♦J, and declarer tried ruffing with the 10. East won with the ♠A and completed a hot defense by returning his last heart, ensuring a trick for East's ♠6. Plus 500 was good for all the points.

It was not long before the defenders got another chance to get in a few ruffs.

Board 5 ♠ Q 6 5 2
Dlr: North ♥ 10 9 4 2
Vul: N-S ♦ A 7 5
♣ K 5

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

♠ K J 10 7
♥ A K 6 5
♦ 3
♣ Q 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
Helman		Horton	
	Pass	1♦	Dbl
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West's 3♣ bid certainly qualified for its description of weak! When East led the ♣A, Helman played the jack. East switched to the ♠A and a spade, ruffed the club return, and played a third spade. Only +200 this time, but another great result.

Having just written the commentary for a Europe-wide simultaneous event, Mark rated the ACBL deals as much more interesting, with several challenging problems for both sides. This deal caused excitement all around the room.

Board 12 ♠ K J 10 8 5
Dlr: West ♥ 4
Vul: N-S ♦ A 9 8 6 5
♣ A 6

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

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ J 10 4 3
♣ J 4 3

West	North	East	South
Helman		Horton	
1NT	2♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

South led a spade, and declarer won with the ace and played a low diamond. North went up with the

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, November 22

12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Bruce Reeve, *Care and Feeding of Your Favorite Pet*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Reeve, Raleigh NC, was recently elected to a second term as District 7's representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. Reeve, a Gold Life Master, is a real estate and stock market broker who also teaches bridge.

7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Michael Huston, *Doing It with Finesse*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Huston, Joplin MO, is a former English professor and labor relations consultant. He is now a bridge teacher and professional player.

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Billy Miller, *The Art of the Squeeze*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Miller, Las Vegas, is a professional player and teacher whose popular "Dear Billy" columns are a regular feature in *The Bridge Bulletin*.

7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Lynn Berg, *Responding to Notrump Openings with 5/5 Hands*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Berg, DeLand FL, is a club manager, accredited teacher and Easybridge! presenter. She is a Silver Life Master.

Friday, November 24

Mid-South Bridge Conference (District 10) Day

12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Jade Barrett, *It's All in your Head*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Barrett, Vancouver WA, is a professional player and teacher who is also an ABA Life Master.

7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Max Hardy, *Inverted Minor Raises*, East Meeting Rooms N & O. Hardy, Las Vegas, retired last year as an ACBL Associate National Tournament Director. He is a professional player and the author of *Five Card Majors - Western Style* and *Two over One Game Force*.

ace, so declarer did not need any guess in clubs to record +1210.

The commentary suggested that +110 or +130 would be a good result for East/West on this next deal, but our boys managed to eclipse that.

Board 17 ♠ 6 5 2
Dlr: North ♥ 9 8 6 4
Vul: Both ♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ A K

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

♠ Q 9 7
♥ K 10 3
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ J 8 4

West	North	East	South
Helman		Horton	
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1NT	All Pass

South led the ♠7, so declarer won in hand and played a club to the 9 and king. North switched to a heart, taken by South's king as declarer unblocked the queen. South now tried the ♦Q, but that was far too revealing. Given South's initial pass, it pinpointed the location of the ♣A. Declarer won in hand, passed the ♠10 and ducked a club to North's ace. Ten tricks and +180.

If you want to do well at matchpoints, you have to punish your opponent's indiscretions, and the session finished as it had started with North-South conceding a number.

Board 29 ♠ 9 2
Dlr: North ♥ K 10 3 2
Vul: Both ♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ K 6 5

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

♠ Q 8 7
♥ A 7 5
♦ 10 6 4
♣ A 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
Helman		Horton	
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣

Pass Pass Dbl All Pass

West led a top spade and switched to a trump. It was all downhill for declarer from there, and the payoff was -1100.

Lest you think our featured pair had a massive game, Mark reported that it would take at least ~~two Daily Bulletins to record their poor boards!~~

Goodwill message

How pleasant it is to hear a player call, "Director, please" – instead of a shouted "DIRECTOR!"

Why not extend the same courtesy to our caddies? Don't you think "Caddy, please" has a rather nice sound?

Remember that Birmingham is the first NABC for some of our players – and it's also the first NABC for many of our caddies.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee

Silent Auction

If you haven't picked up your Silent Auction item, you may do so at the Registration Desk.

Women who win in Open events

As pointed out in the front-page article in Daily Bulletin #4, women are definitely making their mark in open events. A few omissions have been called to our attention.

First of all, there is Edith Rosenkranz whose team won the Open Swiss Teams in Reno. This was a most interesting development because the runnerup team was captained by her husband George.

Several women other than those listed also won events back in the old days. These include Jan Martel, North American Open Pairs 1988; Dorothy Truscott, Life Master Pairs 1964; Barbara Rappaport (now Haberman), Life Master Pairs 1971; Mary Jane Farell and Marilyn Johnson, Life Master Pairs 1978; and Helen Portugal, Life Master Pairs 1960.

Bizarre bidding

There have been many bizarre happenings in bridge tournaments, of course, but the bidding on this round from the first qualifying session of the Open Board-a-Match Teams must rank up there with the most bizarre. This was the first hand:

Dlr: North ♠ A K Q J 9
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q 9 8 6 3
 Board 5 ♦ A
 ♣ 3

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

♠ 10 6 5 3	
♥ 4	
♦ 6 4 2	
♣ A 10 6 5 2	

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Note that North rebid his six-card heart suit even though he had a highly biddable spade suit. Did he make a mistake? No! He knew this was a likely slam hand and he wanted to know about the ♥K when he asked for key cards. So he led partner to believe that hearts was the agreed suit, and it's obvious that he made his point – partner raised to game with a singleton. The 5♦ response showed that either the ♣A or the ♥K was missing, so North knew he had to stop at the six level. He also knew his partner had some kind of holding in spades for his 2NT bid, so he brought spades into the picture for the first time at the six level. With nothing breaking badly, declarer brought this slam home easily.

On the very next hand, West doubled 4♠ for penalties, so North-South ran – all the way to 7NT!

Look at that auction.

Dlr: East ♠ A 9 7 5 3 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 4 3
 Board 6 ♦ –
 ♣ A 7 4 3

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

♠ Q
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ A K Q J 10 8 3 2
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Dbl	6NT	Pass	5♥
Pass		Pass	7NT
All Pass			

Bart Bramley brought these hands to us – both bidding sequences took place against his teammates at the other table. 7NT looks as if maybe North-South went a bit too far, but North brought the contract home on a difficult squeeze. The opening spade lead went to queen-king-ace. A heart finesse to the jack worked, and declarer began running all those diamonds. This put terrific pressure on West. This was the position with two diamonds left to play:

♠ 9
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ –
 ♣ A 7

♠ J	♠ –
♥ 9 8	♥ K 10
♦ –	♦ –
♣ K 5	♣ Q 10 9

♠
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ J

On the next-to-last diamond West sluffed a heart,

Keep me off lead, please!

By Barry Rigal

There was no doubt in my mind as to the wildest deal of the second qualifying session in the Life Master Open Pairs. Board 5 produced a remarkable spread of results, ranging from North-South collecting plus 850 at 5♠ doubled to – well, you'll see.

Dlr: North ♠ A K 10 6 5 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ 6
 ♦ 8 6 4 2
 ♣ K 5

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

♠ Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ A Q 2

If you look at the full deal, you will see that East-West can cash their three winners against 5♠ via the ♦A K and a diamond ruff. Life is far more complex, however, for North-South on defense to hearts which probably made it a good thing that I elected to declare the board and not defend against Diana Lowell and Doug Hardler who timed the auction very subtly. It went

West	North	East	South
	1♠	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

As North, I knew I was not going to find a good opening lead – after all, since East had not shown a heart fit, would you expect dummy to produce four tricks for play in hearts? On a heart lead, I can set 5♥ at least a couple of tricks.

Knowing my own limitations, however, I thought I was wise to bid 5♠ over 5♥ – down one on the diamond ruff.

Was that good enough to beat average? Just by a bit – but it was nowhere near as good as the result achieved by Eric Rodwell and Paul Lewis.

They sacrificed in 6♥ over 5♠ and North-South were salivating at the idea of defending this. They doubled and led a spade. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A K, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and led the ♦J.

South ruffed – with the ♥A! Declarer pitched his losing club and claimed 12 tricks for plus 1210.

declarer ditched a heart and East let go of a club. On the last diamond, West's discard didn't matter but he actually got rid of his last heart. Declarer also let go of his last heart, and East had to make a discard. If he pitched a heart, dummy had two heart tricks. If he pitched a club, declarer would cash his ♥A, forcing West to bare his ♣K or sluff his top spade. Either way declarer had all the tricks.

Can the grand slam be beaten? Yes. West has to abandon any hope of helping partner in clubs – he must hold onto his ♥9-8. Let's try it.

Once again dummy leads the next-to-last diamond, and both West and East throw a club as North sluffs a heart. On the last diamond, West tosses his ♣K – and now it's declarer who's squeezed.

He can pitch his spade, but East has a safe discard of the ♥10. The ♥A still drops the king, but West still has the ♥9 to cover dummy's deuce. And by holding onto the ♣Q-10, East prevents declarer from taking two club tricks.

An exceptionally interesting hand.

Birmingham where?

The team Julian Wernick, Liam Johnstone and Jon Downing of Birmingham and Simon Wernick of Hants, which has done well in several knockout events, didn't seem unusual at all at first. What's so unusual about a team being from Birmingham when the tournament is in Birmingham? Well, what's unusual is that this team is from Birmingham, ENGLAND!

District 10 – its birth and colorful history

District 10 was created by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1956 when they voted to increase the number of districts from 13 to 23.

The new district, previously a part of District 9 and stretching from El Paso to Memphis, included units in Arkansas, Shreveport, (West) Tennessee, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Mississippi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Alabama and middle Tennessee (Nashville) remained part of what was then District 8.

Louise Durham of Durant MS was elected in September 1956 to serve a three-year term. She was re-elected in 1959 for a second three-year term.

Durham, the first Life Master in Mississippi, was co-chairman of the National Goodwill Committee and a past president of Unit 138 (Mississippi Bridge Association). She also served as chairman of the planning committee for the 1960 Spring Nationals, held in Jackson MS. She was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1974.

Terry Teague of Birmingham (1904-1987) was District Director for District 8 from 1957 to 1960. Teague, an insurance agent, won several regional events – including four with his wife, Harriet, as his partner.

Teague was succeeded as District Director by Margaret Wagar of Atlanta (1902-1990), one of the great American women players of all time. Wagar's impressive tournament record spans three decades and includes 25 wins in women's and open competition – including a win in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams in 1941 and wins in the Spingold in 1946 and 1948.

Meanwhile, back in District 10, Julius Rosenblum of New Orleans (1906-1978) was elected as district director in 1962. Rosenblum, who had served as ACBL president in 1951, had been a "permanent director" and a member of the executive committee of the ACBL Board.

Rosenblum became secretary-treasurer of the World Bridge Federation in 1966 and a voting member of the WBF Executive Committee in 1968 when he was appointed to replace Waldemar von Zedtwitz, who retired. He was elected WBF president in 1970, 1972 and 1974 -- the first person to serve three terms. He was elected to the WBF Committee of Honor in 1974.

He was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1970. The International Bridge Press Association named him "Personality of the Year" in 1974.

District 10 underwent re-districting again in 1965 with Alabama and middle Tennessee (Nashville) becoming a part of District 10, effective Dec. 31, 1965.

Durham won a third three-year term in 1965.

She was succeeded by Nate Silverstein of Memphis (1909-1992). Silverstein was a devoted promoter of bridge for more than 30 years. He was largely responsible for the move to ACBL Headquarters from Greenwich CT to Memphis.

He was a tireless worker for charity and because of his drive, Unit 144 (West Tennessee) had the highest donations per capita for many years.

Silverstein served one term and was succeeded by Louis S. Gurvich of Metairie LA, who served three three-year terms. Gurvich (1921-1986) had been chairman of the Board of Governors from 1968 to 1971.

He was ACBL president in 1977 and chairman of the Board in 1978. He was general chairman of the 1978 World Olympiad in New Orleans, a member of the WBF executive committee and co-chairman of that committee in 1978.

Gurvich did not seek re-election in 1980 and was succeeded by Thomas K. Sanders of Nashville. Sanders, who has represented the United States in international competition, was non-playing captain of the 1981 Bermuda Bowl champions. He is a WBF World Master and an ACBL Grand Life Master.

Sanders served as ACBL president in 1986 and as chairman of the Board of Directors in 1987. He was instrumental in getting the ACBL Educational Foundation started, served as its first president (1987-1990) and was elected President Emeritus in 1990.

Sanders did not seek re-election in 1989 and was succeeded by Chuck Wilkinson of Jackson MS, who was re-elected in 1992, 1995 and 1998.

Wilkinson, an investment adviser, was the founder and editor of the Jackson Bridge Club newsletter. He is a past president of District 10 and Unit 138 (Mississippi Bridge Association).

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Each team is scheduled to report to the Appeals Area three nights:

RED Team	Saturday, November 18	Tuesday, November 21	Friday, November 24
WHITE Team	Sunday, November 19	Wednesday, November 22	Saturday, November 25
BLUE Team	Friday, November 17	Monday, November 20	Thursday, November 23

New Life Masters

A husband and wife earned their gold cards together in the Knockout Teams. ELIZABETH and BILL DANI of Coronado CA became Life Masters together in the Stratified Senior Choice Pairs.

It happened again! KATHLEEN TELKAMP made the grade when her team advanced to the semifinal of the Charity Knockout Teams. A day later RICHARD TELKAMP joined her in the Life Master ranks when their team made it to the Charity KO finals.

CHARLES BAUKNIGHT of Anderson SC became a Life Master in the Tuesday night Knockouts.

His teammates were Dale Soik, Gigi Blackwell and Reese Blackwell.

RACHEL BETHE of Alexandria VA went over the top in the Knockouts also. Her partner was Ken Kaufman of Derwood MD, and her teammates were Bob Schwenk of Silver Spring MD and Mark Steele of Livingston TX.

CAROL DAVNE of Boca Raton FL and Linville NC made the grade in the Steelworkers Knockouts, Bracket 6. On her team were George Pledger, Shinming Shih and Gemma Min.

Max Factor

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the West"). He recalls the 1969 NABC in Los Angeles when he and another director were given two sheets to matchpoint and score. "We both put down our red (matchpointing) pencils about the same time and picked up the black (scoring) pencils. We finished almost in a dead heat."

Curious about who could keep up with him, Hardy inquired as to the identity of the other scorer: Henry Francis, then a tournament director from Massachusetts and now Editor Emeritus of the *Bridge Bulletin*.

Hardy also remembers a later tournament when he won a scoring duel with a young New York director, one Sol Weinstein. "I saw Solly later," says Francis, "and his chin was dragging. Who was that guy, he wanted to know? That guy who beat me?"

"When I told him that Max was known as the fastest pencil in the West, he cheered up considerably." Some 30 years later, the one-time FPIW has put down his pencil for "more time to teach, to write and to play."

He's just finished the first of a two-volume set: *Standard Bridge Bidding for the 21st Century*. "This volume," he says, "is for people who want to learn to play 2/1 – the basics in depth." The book is endorsed by former and current world champions John Swanson, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Lawrence and Eddie Kantar.

Volume two, *Advanced Bridge Bidding for the 21st Century* – "the bells and whistles," according to Mary – is in the works. It's already won endorsement from Meckstroth, Grant Baze, Marty Bergen and Mike Passell. Also in the works is a column, "Max's Maxisms," that will debut in the *Bridge Bulletin* in the January 2001 issue.

The idea behind the writing is to "travel less and teach more," says Max. The preferred teaching method is a five-day, eight hours per day course offered at the Hardys' home in Las Vegas. The 40-hour course has three features: all lectures are taped and students receive a copy; students are never dummy but either declare or defend each deal; "bid 'em ups" where 12 low cards are removed and students bid with a 40-card deck.

One of their earliest students, Mary Keeler, described the course: "It's as though I went to driving school and came away with the keys to a Porsche."

The Hardys have had about 150 students to date and hope to expand the program. That fits in with their plans. "Being together is the most important thing in our lives," says Max. "We hate it when we're apart."

Polisner

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Creek Unit president, District 21 president, a member of the Board of Governors for nine years, a former co-chairman of the NABC Appeals Committee, the head of the District 21 Appeals and Charges Committee, and a member of the ACBL Laws Commission since 1983.

At the world level he is chairman of the Bylaws and Constitution Committee and is a member of the WBF Laws Commission.

When he is not involved with work or bridge, his primary interest is interaction with his family – his wife Victoria Rivera (a Life Master incidentally), their two daughters and their two grandchildren. "The grandkids are 7 and 2 – and they live only two minutes away from my house. I enjoy seeing them just about every day."

Jack Wachter

Jack Wachter of Deland FL, who played most of his bridge in the Wisconsin-Illinois area, died recently just three days before his 81st birthday.

Tournament Director Max Hardy called him "The Scourge of the Midwest" because he was a winner in that area so often. He was only 20 points shy of 8000 masterpoints when he died.

He ran a beauty supply business in Milwaukee for many years until he retired. He played very little over the past 10 years because of his illness.

Tournament appeals

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

Appeals Case 1

Subject: Tempo
Event: Life Master Open Pairs, 16 November, Second Qualifying Session

Bd: 15 *Terry Michaels*
 Dlr: South ♠ 3
 Vul: N/S ♥ J843
 ♦ K9543
 ♣ Q75

Bill Hagenberg *Dennis Goldston*
 ♠ A1065 ♠ 84
 ♥ Q ♥ 109765
 ♦ AJ8762 ♦ Q
 ♣ 63 ♣ K9842

Don Blum
 ♠ KQJ972
 ♥ AK2
 ♦ 10
 ♣ AJ10

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♠(1)
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠(1)
All Pass			4♠(1)

(1) Break in tempo

The Facts: 4♠ made four, +620 for N/S. The opening lead was the ♥Q. The Director was called to the table after the 3♠ bid. E/W objected to South's long hesitations before opening, bidding 3♠ and bidding 4♠. South said the pause before opening 1♠ was to allow the others time to sort their hands. The Director ruled that the 3NT bid was not suggested by the break in tempo, but by the strength South had shown with his rebid. The Director allowed the table result to stand (Law 16).

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Director's ruling. There had been a slow initial pass by South. (This was the first round.) E/W claimed that the slow pass and slow 3♠ bid in combination implied extras, making 3NT a more attractive action. N/S said that the slow 3♠ bid could have been based on all sorts of reasons. Extras was one possibility but not the only (or obvious) reason. Just for clarification North's 3NT was not slow. There was no suggestion by E/W that South's 4♠ bid was based on an out-of-tempo action by North.

The Committee Decision: The Committee quickly established that the Director had correctly ruled that the initial break before 1♠ was irrelevant and that the slow 3♠ bid pointed in no direction. The Committee members were all in agreement that the 3NT bid was not made more attractive by the slow 3♠ bid. To their minds it was unattractive whatever the tempo of the 3♠ bid. Given that the Director had made the correct ruling and that E/W had brought no new facts to the hearing, an appeal without merit warning was issued to East and West.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Barry Rigal (chair), Dick Budd, Barbara Nudelman, Marlene Passell, Riggs Thayer

Hungarian fling

The World Junior Pairs and World Junior Bridge Camp are scheduled for July 2001 at a resort outside Budapest, Hungary. ACBL will pay part of the costs for up to 40 ACBL Juniors.

The pairs competition is scheduled July 6-8 while the camp is set for July 9-18. ACBL will pay entries plus room and board (estimated cost: \$450 per person) for 40 ACBL Juniors. Juniors are responsible for their own airfare.

Junior players between the ages of 16 and 25 are encouraged to apply by e-mailing Charlotte Blaiss, Director of ACBL Junior Programs, at charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org

Appeals Case 2

Subject: Tempo
Event: Life Master Open Pairs, 18 November, First Final Session

Bd: 14 *Dave Treadwell*
 Dlr: East ♠ A983
 Vul: None ♥ J83
 ♦ 952
 ♣ A97

Jeff Meckstroth *Perry Johnson*
 ♠ 105 ♠ K
 ♥ --- ♥ K10742
 ♦ AQJ8 ♦ K764
 ♣ KQJ10852 ♣ 643

Bob Schwartz
 ♠ QJ7642
 ♥ AQ965
 ♦ 103
 ♣ ---

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

(1) Alerted; weak two-bid in either major

(2) Alerted; non-forcing

(3) Break in tempo

The Facts: 4♣ doubled made four, +590 for N/S. North hesitated before passing 4♣ and South called the Director to note the hesitation. The Director ruled that unauthorized information was available to South and that pass was a logical alternative. The contract was changed to 4♣ made five, +150 for E/W.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. South knew North had taken extra time. Some of that time was absorbed by North reading the Defense to Artificial Conventions booklet, but North also took some 10-15 seconds to call after reading it. South said he needed to find as little as Kxxx in either major and a doubleton in the other to go down one against a making 4♣. South also stated (in screening) that he thought he could expect even more in his partner's hand from the authorized information of the auction itself. West believed that bidding was dangerous since he could easily have strength and length in one major, his partner in the other. He further stated that in his opinion slow passes almost always were marginal raises and not close penalty doubles.

The Committee Decision: The Committee focused on two issues: whether unauthorized information from the slow pass demonstrably suggested that bidding would be more successful than passing; and whether pass was a logical alternative to bidding. In discussing whether there was message content in North's hesitation, the Committee agreed that North might have been debating between pass and double or between pass and bidding. The Committee then focused on what holding would cause an out-of-tempo action and concluded that this would almost always be "hard values," e.g. aces and kings, not queens and jacks. From South's perspective, aces and kings rated to be good and transferable to offense. Thus, the conclusion was that the slow pass did suggest that North would have useful values for offense, even if the alternative considered was double. The Committee also concluded that had North passed in tempo; a pass by South was a logical alternative. The Committee then considered whether East had "failed to continue to play bridge" when he did not bid 5♣ over 4♠. They decided that his action did not constitute such a failure.

Therefore, the contract was changed to 4♣ made five, +150 for E/W.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Henry Bethe (chair), Lowell Andrews, David Berkowitz, Ed Lazarus, Peggy Sutherlin



The ACBL Charity Foundation has given each member of the ACBL Board of Directors \$1,000 to be disbursed to a charity in their own district. District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg recently presented a \$500 check to his sister, Ivy Steinberg, executive director of the Cancer Research Society Inc. of Montreal. The Society funds basic research throughout Canada and "we appreciate that the ACBL has chosen to donate to a cause that affects so many bridge players and their families," said Ivy Steinberg. Jonathan Steinberg donated the remaining \$500 to the ACT (AIDS Committee of Toronto).

The magic 200

By Barry Rigal

Erik Secan (South) produced an interesting defensive problem here. Defending 2♠ on an unopposed sequence, he judged well to lead the ♦10 rather than attack a black suit. The ♦10 held – what next?

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

The right answer, Erik believes, is to cash the ♥A and then play a second diamond. The key must be to cash the heart winners before playing for a trump promotion – unless declarer has some very specific club holding, the losers in that suit won't go away while the chance of a trump promotion in diamonds is really very high.

To get the magic 200, you must take all five red-suit winners, then lead the fourth diamond to promote the ♠J.

Erik's actual diamond continuation might have worked – on the ♦A, he pitched a discouraging club to persuade his partner to play a heart away from the king (yes, an encouraging heart might have been better but Erik and his partner play reverse signals and that ♥6 looks awfully big). When North led the fourth diamond before cashing out the ♥A K, plus 200 became plus 100 when declarer simply pitched a heart loser to avoid the trump promotion.

Junior coupons

Junior players (25 and younger) may compete for only \$6 per player per session -- with a Junior coupon for each player and each session.

The coupon, presented with \$6 by the Junior named on the coupon, can be used to purchase an entry for one session of any event at the NABC. Please note that the fee has increased from \$5 to \$6.

The coupon must have the Junior's name, event and ACBL number before it will be accepted at a selling station. Only ACBL members may use Junior coupons.

The coupons are available at the ACBL Information Desk, at the Intermediate/Newcomer selling station or from Charlotte Blaiss.

STEEL WORKERS KNOCKOUTS

Bracket 1 16 Teams

44.47 1 Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH; David Sachs - Sue Sachs, Baltimore MD
 33.35 2 Barbara Nist, Bellevue WA; Dave Grubbs, Seattle WA; Loren Hawkins, Bremerton WA; Dudley Brown, Grandview WA
 22.24 3/4 Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL; Harry Ross, Winter Spgs FL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Randall Pettit, Marietta GA
 22.24 3/4 Robert Fendrick - Mike Sheldon - Allan Cohen - J Wolfe, Marietta GA

Bracket 2 16 Teams

36.57 1 Duncan Jones - Cheryl Holcomb, Newark NY; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN; Linda Webb, Fargo ND
 27.43 2 William Allison, Atlanta GA; Charles Galloway, Bolton ON; Lorraine Herlick, North York ON; William White, Markham ON
 18.29 3/4 Brian Gunnell, Jacksonville FL; Susan Fuller - Maris Zilant, Miami FL; Brendan Doyle, Narberth PA
 18.29 3/4 Alan Resser, Chicago IL; Martin Morris, Wheeling IL; Richard Rhoad, Wilmette IL; Robert Ward, Winnetka IL

Bracket 3 16 Teams

29.19 1 Jean Castonguay, Lery PQ; Maureen Beyrouiti, Saint-Laurent PQ; Henri Barki, Westmount PQ; Hayk Bosnakyan, Montreal PQ
 21.89 2 Robert Lurie, Wayland MA; Ben Feinswog, Coconut Grove FL; Allen McRae, Portland ME; Bob Lafleur, Las Vegas NV
 14.60 3/4 Daryl Fisher, New Orleans LA; James Willemet, Metairie LA; Ernest Gordon Jr - Sebastian Moore, Madison MS
 14.60 3/4 Jean Ritchie, Hickory NC; Kent Leggett - Jean Leggett, Clemmons NC; Eugene Rector, Mooresville NC; Jean Teneriello, Columbia SC
 6.57 5/8 Jerome Eitlinger, Great Neck NY; Melitta Bagge, Hot Springs AR; Rodney Severson, Orangeburg SC; Charles Lin, Atlanta GA

Bracket 4 16 Teams

22.54 1 Charles Bauknight, Anderson SC; Dale Soik, Murphy NC; Johanna Blackwell - Reece Blackwell, Greenville SC
 16.91 2 Vinay Apte - Ellen Townsend, Atlanta GA; Grace Clay, Marietta GA; Martha Blaine, Hot Springs AR
 11.27 3/4 Kris Ginthwain, Conover NC; Walter Tauber, Longmeadow MA; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE; Alan Steggle, Ravenna OH
 11.27 3/4 Edward Sinrich - Clara Sinrich, Boca Raton FL; Arthur Falk - Sue Falk, Somers NY
 5.07 5/8 William Johnson, Columbus MT; Charles Wright Jr, Winnetka IL; Julie Coleman, Billings MT; Charlotte Rueschenberg, Birmingham AL

Bracket 5 16 Teams

18.44 1 Mac Busby, San Diego CA; Grant Peacock, Irvine CA; Robert Miller, Fountain Hills AZ; Brad Campbell, Smyrna GA
 13.83 2 Martin Nathan, Atlanta GA; Jennifer Grisham - Jody Plummer, Duluth GA; David Buchyn, Norcross GA
 9.22 3/4 Jamie Sparks - Eddie Bass - Donna Sparks - Thomas Jahnke - Ken Navarro, Houston TX
 9.22 3/4 Robert Schwenk, Silver Spring MD; Kenneth Kaufman, Derwood MD; Mark Steele, Livingston TX; Rachel Lowrey, Alexandria VA
 4.15 5/8 Jerry Katz - Joann Katz, West Chester OH; Michael Purcell - James Bush, Cincinnati OH
 4.15 5/8 Richard Packard, Venice FL; Mary Kassay, Sarasota FL; Bernard Rockman - Riva Lubin, Kingston PA

Bracket 6 16 Teams

13.34 1 Carol Davne, Boca Raton FL; George Pledger, Santa Clara CA; Shih-Ming Shih, San Jose CA; Gemma Min, La Jolla CA
 10.01 2 Richard Brehm - Brian Cummins - Carol Brehm, Memphis TN; Visanji Gala, Germantown TN
 6.67 3/4 Polly Bridges - William Bridges - Jane Gregory - Buster Taylor, Gautier MS; Howard Gage Sr, Biloxi MS
 6.67 3/4 Jean Bourn, Alpharette GA; Sheryl Buchler, Cave Creek AZ; Kenneth Sagstetter, Dayton OH; Mona Mao, Springfield OH
 3.00 5/8 Richard Telkamp - Kathleen Telkamp - Margie Filipowski - Steve Filipowski - Beth Marshall, Birmingham AL

Bracket 7 16 Teams

10.96 1 Marc Warner - Mary Letts - Rodney Letts, Dallas TX; Mark Craiker, Carrollton TX
 8.22 2 Dennis Luft - Mary Haynes - R Camp - Lois Camp, Birmingham AL
 5.48 3/4 Denis Lavoie, Sainte-Foy PQ; Louise Greco, St-Aug-Desmau PQ; Gail Coker, Douglasville GA; Nelva Roop, Bowdon GA
 5.48 3/4 Ted Mullinix - Michelle Mullinix, Mc Kinney TX; Ann Tolle - Glen Tolle, Plano TX

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The gold medal winners in the Senior International Cup at the recent World Bridge Olympiad were honored by ACBL President Glenn Smith (standing, left). Team members are (seated) John Mohan, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff, (standing) non-playing captain Betty Ann Kennedy, Kit Woolsey and Steve Robinson. (Team member John Sutherlin was not available for a photo.)

Senior Knockout Continued from page 1

West Bloomfield MI; Richard Reisig, Boynton Beach, and Robert Lipsitz, Palm Harbor. Joining Budd are Robert Ryder, Caldwell NJ; William Hunter, Reading MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT, and Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA.

Sternberg trailed by 16 after 16 boards and was down by 22 at the half. Going into the last segment he was ahead by only 10. But they tallied 61 IMPs over the last 16 boards to only 24 for Harris.

Budd led at the quarter and the half by small margins, but Bennett came up with a 44-25 third quarter to go ahead by 15. But Budd picked up 74 IMPs over the last 16 boards while holding Bennett to only 39.

On the Harris team were Judy Randel, Michael Levy, Martin Schiff, Kenneth Badertscher and Carol Pincus. Playing with Bennett were Gene Simpson, Jim Robison, Murray Melton, Garey Hayden and Simon Kantor.

Cell phone restrictions

This is the ACBL policy concerning the use of cell phones:

Except for health-related equipment or with the permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament or the event, cell phones, audible pagers and similar electronic equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs."

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'Harmless' play loses

Here's a hand from the Barometer Pairs that Don Blum played with Terry Michaels as his partner. A seemingly harmless play by East paved the way for a squeeze.

Dir: South ♠ A K J
 Vul: None ♥ K J 10
 ♦ K 7 6 3
 ♣ 10 8 3

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

♠ Q 7 2
 ♥ A 7 5 4
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ A 7 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

Blum overtake took the ♠J with the queen on the opening lead of the ♠10. He took the heart finesse, crossed to his ♦A and led another heart, picking up West's queen. After cashing the ♥J, he led the ♣8 off dummy to tempt East to cover. That's exactly what East did, to his eventual dismay. His 9 held the trick, and he switched back to spades, Blum winning with the king. He led the ♣10, and East covered with the king as Blum won with the ace. He went back to the ♠A and led a diamond to the queen. That led to this three-card position:

♠ --	♠ 8
♥ --	♥ 9
♦ K 7	♦ --
♣ 3	♣ 2
♠ --	♠ --
♥ --	♥ A
♦ J 10	♦ 2
♣ Q	♣ 7

Blum led the ♥A and West was finished. Making 3NT with three overtricks proved to be a top.

TUESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS

6 Teams		A	B		
2.24	1	1	Patrick Squire, Clanton AL; Simon Erskine, Birmingham AL; John Donald, Hoover AL; Sharon George, Northport AL	63.00	
1.68	2		Ted Mullinix - Michelle Mullinix, Mc Kinney TX; Ann Tolle - Glen Tolle, Plano TX	59.00	

TUESDAY ABA/ACBL STRATIFIED PAIRS

112 Pairs		A	B	C		
28.60	1				Kathie Wei-Sender, Nashville TN; Juanita Chambers, Walpole MA	391.50
21.45	2				Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX	381.21
16.09	3		1		Aaron Cohen, Lakehurst NJ; Muffie Gur, Leonardo NJ	375.00
12.07	4				Joan Jackson - Petra Hamman, Dallas TX	366.00
9.05	5				James Edmunds, Altamonte Spg FL; Eileen Fertig, Winter Springs FL	365.33
6.79	6				Rhoda Nussbaum, Edison NJ; Leo Rosenbluth, New York NY	363.16
5.09	7				Steven Huhman, Pleasant Hill CA; John Erickson, Houston TX	358.96
3.82	8				Murat Azizoglu, Concord MA; Cindy Marshall, Knoxville TN	358.88
4.20	9				Joe Walden, Monroe NC; James Blackwell, Columbia SC	355.08
2.86	10				John Russell, North Barrington IL; Rob Crawford, Lauderdale FL	354.50
7.23			2		Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Robert Lepelletier Jr, Falls Church VA	354.46
5.42			3		Matthew Kappel, Middletown NJ; Reha Gur, Leonardo NJ	349.00
4.07			4		Thomas Perkins - Don Lowry, Columbus GA	342.79
3.05			5		Fida Hirschhaut, Caracas; Bernard Kay, Jasper IN	341.80
2.29			6		Thomas Tavcar - Mary Bresowar, Birmingham AL	336.50
3.41				1	Jim Hahn, Falls Church VA; Judy Hocking, Melbourne, Australia	331.70
2.87				2	Mike Annett - Lynne Annett, Hood River OR	320.13
1.92				3	John Hartigan - Pamela Hartigan, Hamden CT	319.00
1.44				4	Judith Bailey, Pell City AL; Larry Stefnik, Barrie ON	288.41

TUESDAY BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

34 Teams		A	B	C		
7.34	1				John Burgener, Noble IL; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO; Dottie Stoppe, West Palm Beach FL; Richard Stoppe, Greenacres FL	19.00
5.51	2				Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Tarek Radjef, Dallas TX; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Norm Coombs, Brookville IN	17.00
3.62	3/4				Don Heitler - Anita Heitler, Englewood CO; Roberta Epstein - Mark Epstein, Las Vegas NV	15.50
3.62	3/4				Ed Lazarus - Diane Lazarus, Baltimore MD; Richard Holmes, Wichita KS; Tom Brown, Duncan OK	15.50
2.32	5				Alan Resser, Chicago IL; Martin Morris, Wheeling IL; Richard Rhoad, Wilmette IL; Robert Ward, Winnetka IL	15.00
4.34	6		1		Jim Dobbyn, Anniston AL; Mary Conaway, Birmingham AL; Luanne Russell - Lee Stimson, Alexander City AL	14.50
3.26			2		Ken Kaufman, Derwood MD; Bob Schwenk, Silver Spring MD; Mark Steele, Livingston TX; Rachel Lowrey, Alexandria VA	14.00
2.67			3	1	Michael Warchol - Dick Whittington, Hyattsville MD; Reese House - Ted Guthrie, Washington DC	12.00
2.00			4	2	William Franke - Jean Franke, Norcross GA; Jim Eastham, Atlanta GA; Ed Foran, Marietta GA	11.50
1.20			5/6		Buddy Bass - Jamie Sparks - Donna Sparks, Houston TX; Dale Poszgai, Ponte Vedra FL	11.00
1.20			5/6		Henry Sokol, Milwaukee WI; Dave Secondino, Rochester WI; Alan Walters, Cape Porpoise ME; Charles Coffin, Danville NH	11.00

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

66 Pairs		A	B	C		
6.52	1				Mary Lawand - Rene Lawand, Etobicoke ON	155.50
4.89	2				Harold Emme - Carol Emme, Carbondale IL	135.94
3.67	3				Ross Rainwater - Jackie Jarigese, Vancouver WA	132.44
2.75	4				Naida Lamb, Oak Ridge TN; Jane McCoin, Knoxville TN	130.56
2.45	5				Bob Rinehart, Northumberland PA; Jim Relihan, Tampa FL	126.06
1.72	6				Marvin Shatz, Hilton Head SC; Chuck Whidden, Winder GA	125.00
4.25			1	1	Bill Johnson, Columbus MT; Julie Coleman, Billings MT	123.00
3.19			2		Ernest Tourtelot - Joyce Tourtelot, New Hartford NY	122.31
2.39			3		Stanley Simpson, Destin FL; Carrie Nelle Moye, Santa Rosa Beach FL	116.50
1.79			4		Rod Severson, Orangeburg SC; Ray Spalding, Atlanta GA	115.81
1.34			5		Patt Gross, Mountain View CA; Mary Jane Dunn, Cape Coral FL	115.00
2.05			6	2	Mike Purcell - James Bush, Cincinnati OH	112.94
1.54				3	Roy Berkon, Nashville TN; Tommy Latham, White House TN	112.00
1.15				4	Joe Monro - Rhonda Monro, Beverly Hills MI	110.31
0.86				5	Lynda Burnett - David Hurlbert, Baton Rouge LA	109.81

TUESDAY EVENING 100/50 PAIRS

10 Pairs		A	B			
1.75	1				Edwynna Testerman, Marion LA; Sandra Ford, Monroe LA	46.96
1.31	2				George Butcher, Carrollton GA; Steve Meadows, Luthersville GA	45.34
1.37	3		1		Alex Phillips, N Little Rock AR; Elizabeth Ruffin, Wilmington NC	43.30
0.74	4				J J Armour, Derwood MD; Donia Steele, Livingston TX	40.83
1.03			2		Patricia Shuler, Mansfield TX; Gloria Allen, Arlington TX	35.33

TUESDAY EVENING 300/200 PAIRS

16 Pairs		A	B			
2.52	1		1		Norma Temple - Sally Smith, Birmingham AL	71.50
1.89	2				Patricia Baril - Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi PQ	70.50
1.45	3		2		Alta Peck, Tyler TX; Byron Taylor, Fort Worth TX	69.00
1.06	4				David Sterner, Glen Burnie MD; Jane Winger, Glasgow KY	67.50
1.09	5		3		Steve Denenberg - Gary Nachman, Omaha NE	66.50
0.82			4/5		Robert Lewis, Dothan AL; Patricia Sales, Enterprise AL	60.50
0.82			4/5		Deb Phillips, N Little Rock AR; Carl Gray, Benton AR	60.50

STEEL WORKERS KNOCKOUTS Continued from page 6

2.47 5/8 Susan Stockham - Charles Ray - F. Thomas Craig, Birmingham AL; Ardis Weems, Cropwell AL

VULCAN KNOCKOUT TEAMS**Bracket 1 16 Teams**

James Murphy, Chesapeake VA; Woodruff Griffin, Southern Shores NC; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; David Better, Southampton PA; Louise Freed, Los Angeles CA; Derrell Childs, Garland TX

vs
Bill Eisenberg - Diane Jonas, Boca Raton FL; Lea Dupont - Benito Garozzo, Palm Beach FL

vs
Jim Hamilton, Wallingford CT; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ; Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Jeanne Fisher - Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; James Gordon, S Burlington VT

vs
James Welch, Ketchum ID; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID

Bracket 2 16 Teams

Louallen Leach, ; Jack Leach, Cedar Park TX; Richard Kiepf, Boerne TX; Jim Mahorner, Tallahassee FL

vs
Richard Gabriel - Ellen Gabriel, Chicago IL; Kathleen Burt - Jim Burt, Darien IL

vs
Henry Caspar - Tom Buttle, Toronto ON; Andy Stark, Hamilton ON; Janet Dunbar, Calgary AB

vs
W Dane Clay - Ann Clay, Little Rock AR; Davis Peters, Canton GA; Joan Braender, Newnan GA

Bracket 3 16 Teams

Clayton McAdams Jr, Huntsville AL; Tutty Wetzel, Reno NV; Anne Westfall, Shawnee Mission KS; Juanita McAdams, Jackson MS

vs
Raymond Hickey - Carla Hickey, Gulf Breeze FL; Mac Argo III, Birmingham AL; Doris Whitlock Denny, Smyrna GA

Bracket 4 16 Teams

Larry Shell - Dale Wicks, Muscatine IA; Alan Goff - Coral Harris, Waltham MA

vs
Ann Hedden, Watkinville GA; B.R. Winstead Jr, Birmingham AL; James Crouse, Hendersonville NC; David Bonner, Flat Rock NC

vs
Sardarsinh Gohel, Troy MI; Kristina Juk, Sarasota FL; Dave Srinivasan, Bolingbrook IL; Raghavan Srinivasa, Naperville IL; Catherine Raniolo, Safety Harbor FL

vs
Ralph Hoffman, Lake Forest IL; Edward Hung - Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; John Bacsca, Wood Dale IL

Bracket 5 12 Teams

Deanna Goh, Peterborough ON; Mark Zeitler, Davenport IA; Lawrence Harding, Hampstead NC; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA

vs
Andrea Frey - Joseph Gasper - Bob Vereen - Louise Marshall, Huntsville AL; James Light, Gurley AL

vs
Joanne McConnell, San Mateo CA; Cheryl Singer, Hollywood FL; Charles Eastin, Cleveland OH; Carey Brown, Brentwood TN

vs
Robert Lauderdale, Leeds AL; Carolyn Gunn, Pelham AL; Harry Lauderdale, Birmingham AL; Margaret Hubbard, Hoover AL

Birmingham Tours

Two tours are slated for Wednesday, Nov. 22. A tour of the Mercedes Benz Visitor Center begins at 8:00 a.m. and costs \$12. The tour features an M-Class Sports Utility Van, the first of its kind outside Germany. The exhibit presents the multimedia past, present and future of automotive technology. A box lunch will be provided.

A tour of Riverchase Galleria – a spectacular, glass-enclosed shopping mall that has more than 200 shops and 14 restaurants including Macy's, Abercrombie & Fitch, Chico's and Eddie Bauer -- is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$5.

Scheduled for Friday, Nov., 24, is the I-Max Theater, a dome theater in the McWane Science Center. The tour begins at 9:15 a.m. and costs \$10. Current features are the films: *The Magic of Flight* and *The Dolphins*.

Birmingham Race Track is the attraction on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes live Greyhound racing – plus private club house room with a three-course dinner and a track official to help you with your bets and handicapping.

MONDAY ZIP KNOCKOUTS I

9 Teams
 2.88 1 Hjalmar Beijl, Cleveland OH; Robert Lyon, Indianapolis IN; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Diane Travis - Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH
 2.16 2 Arthur Bergman - Jacqueline Bergman, Mammoth Lakes CA; Mary Cohron, Trussville AL; Elizabeth Ruffin, Wilmington NC
 1.44 3/4 Susan Perez - John Samsel, Saint Louis MO; Suzi Shymanski - Doug Moore, Ballwin MO
 1.44 3/4 Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN; Deborah Drury, Buffalo NY; Linda Wong, Poughkeepsie NY; Claes Lindh, Kalmar

MONDAY ZIP KNOCKOUTS II

9 Teams
 2.88 1 Michael Purcell - James Bush, Cincinnati OH; Jerry Katz - Joann Katz, West Chester OH
 2.16 2 Larry King, Hanalei HI; Tom Shannon, Toronto ON; Rob Kischuk, Scarborough ON; Earl Hamman, Knoxville TN
 1.44 3/4 Brian Hingerty, Knoxville TN; Noe Mallari, San Diego CA; Robert Rinehart, Northumberland PA; Jim Relihan, Tampa FL
 1.44 3/4 Nancy Fillmore, Pompano Beach FL; Jim Eastham - Dan Plato, Atlanta GA; David Stonex, Las Vegas NV

MONDAY MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

Bracket 1 13 Teams
 James Welch, Ketchum ID; Ross Rainwater - Jackie Jarigese, Vancouver WA; Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Boise ID; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA

vs

Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Hendrik Sharples, Portland OR; James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY

Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI; Woodruff Griffin, Southern Shores NC; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA

vs

Robert Kent - Marjorie Michelin - Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; Jean Hume, Livermore CA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA

Bracket 2 12 Teams

James Jacobs - Carole Chapman, Las Vegas NV; Kenneth Davis, Alexandria VA; John Ashe, Fairfax VA

vs

Henry Caspar - Tom Buttle, Toronto ON; Janet Dunbar, Calgary AB; Motaz Farag, Belleville ON; Andy Stark, Hamilton ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON

Henri Barki, Westmount PQ; Hayk Bosnaky, Montreal PQ; Jean Castonguay, Lery PQ; Maureen Beyrouiti, Saint-Laurent PQ; Richard Lesage, Fredericton NB; Denis Lesage, Longueuil PQ

vs

Daryl Fisher, New Orleans LA; James Willemet, Metairie LA; Ernest Gordon Jr - Sebastian Moore, Madison MS

Bracket 3 10 Teams

S Blankenship - Berniece White - Beth Marshall, Birmingham AL; Ann Munson, Hoover AL

vs

Richard Packard, Venice FL; Dorothy Rowe, Sarasota FL; William Golush, Denville NJ; Mona Mao, Springfield OH

B.R. Winstead Jr - Billie Winstead - Carolyn Opdyke - Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL

vs

Ronald Garmon - Betty Garmon, Decatur AL; James Seabrooke, Rogersville AL; Mike Savage, Huntsville AL

Bracket 4 12 Teams

Charles Findeisen, Aptos CA; Mary Cohron, Trussville AL; Raffie Jenco, Palm Coast FL; Carolyn Landi, Wyckoff NJ

vs

Andrea Frey - Louise Marshall - Joseph Gasper - Bob Vereen, Huntsville AL; James Light, Gurley AL

Simon Wernick, Hants, England; Julian Wernick - Liam Johnstone - Jon Downing, Birmingham, England

vs

Deanna Goh, Peterborough ON; Carey Brown, Brentwood TN; Charles Eastin, Cleveland OH; T. Seng Tjoa, Pomona NY

27 countries represented

At least 27 countries have players competing in the Birmingham 2000 NABC. These include the United States, Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, Saudi Arabia, Norway, Sweden, Poland, Israel, Japan, Great Britain, Venezuela, Brazil, Finland, Romania, France, the Netherlands, Spain, New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Australia, Netherlands Antilles, Russia, Jamaica and Argentina.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 50/20 PAIRS

10 Pairs	A	B		
1.58	1		E Doyle Shaw, Birmingham AL; Elliott Moore, Vestavia Hills AL	55.35
1.19	2		Robert Wegsten - Joanne Wegsten, San Francisco CA	53.18
0.89	3		Margaret McDow, Washington DC; Richard Weinberg, Pinehurst NC	52.85
1.21	4	1	Nancy Sims - Barbara Stewart, Birmingham AL	52.68
0.91		2	Brian Sims, Knoxville TN; Beryl Hedrick, Alabaster AL	49.82

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 300/200/100 PAIRS

31 Pairs	A	B	C	
3.64	1	1		Claes Lindh, Kalmar; Bill Willis, El Dorado AR
2.73	2	2		Patricia Boss, Fairhope AL; Maxine Mitchell, Spanish Fort AL
2.05	3	3	1	Evelyn Graves, Pelham AL; Dot Spencer, Birmingham AL
1.54	4	4		William Walker - Janet Walker, Biloxi MS
1.49	5	5	2	Catherine Scobel - Les Scobel, Slidell LA
0.91	6			Patricia Baril - Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi PQ
0.74		6		John Donald, Hoover AL; Sharon George, Northport AL
1.11			3	Edward Foran, Marietta GA; Joanne Gibson, San Diego CA
0.84			4	Patricia Kelley - William Kelley, Mableton GA
0.63			5	Lois Bittner - Marcia Lane, Lawrenceburg IN

TUESDAY STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

72 Pairs	A	B	C	
12.88	1			Kenneth Kornegay - Carolyn Neyman, Birmingham AL
9.66	2			Dottie Hudson, Midland GA; Darrell Penrod, Salem AL
7.25	3			Thomas Gardner - Beverly Gardner, Southfield MI
5.43	4			W Wayne Sands - James Hall, Coralville IA
4.08	5			Steve Lawrence, Athens TX; George Kirkwood, Lindale TX
7.03	6	1		Mary Bragg, Decatur AL; Margaret Miller, Athens AL
2.01	7/8			Josie Murphy - William McHenry, Birmingham AL
3.80	7/8			Balint Papp, Port Orange FL; Michael Kassay, Sarasota FL
5.27		2		Sue Jardine - Judith Kiper, Mobile AL
3.95		3		Richard Furlow - Sarah Furlow, Midland MI
2.97		4		Rose Calvin - Shih-Liang Hsu, Houston TX
3.28		5	1	William Dani - Elizabeth Dani, Coronado CA
2.46		6/7	2	A Covington - Joyce Peters, Louisville MS
1.55		6/7		Cordelia Menges - Ted Newman, New York NY
1.85			3	David Hall - Linda Hall, Centerville OH
1.38			4	Shoshana Romano - Albert Romano, Haifa
1.04			5	Tommy Latham, White House TN; Roy Berkon, Nashville TN

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CONTINUOUS PAIRS

38 Pairs	A	B	C	
4.40	1			Jane Sedlmayr, Vero Beach FL; Linda Perlman, Loxahatchee FL
3.30	2			Daniel Till, Lincoln NE; Patrick Moran, Dayton OH
2.22	3/4			Nancy Hetsko, Cumming GA; Carole Budnick, Atlanta GA
3.49	3/4	1		Don Haney - Richard Powell, Birmingham AL
1.63	5/6			J Bagwell - Buf Slay, Paris TX
1.55	5/6			Norman Leslie, New Orleans LA; Nick Bailey, San Marcos CA
2.62		2		Clayton Gerstenberger, Yakima WA; Fred Feigley, Houston TX
1.72		3/4		Alan Isaacson, Pensacola FL; Kay Huke, Gulf Breeze FL
2.43		3/4	1	Q, Ocala FL; Rhonda Monro, Beverly Hills MI
1.42		5		Jim Dobbyn, Anniston AL; Mary Conaway, Birmingham AL
1.42		6		Michael Estep, Fort Worth TX; Mark Friedman, Birmingham AL
1.82			2	Paul McNeer, Lilburn GA; Pepper McNeer, Jonesboro GA
1.37			3	Alan Walters, Cape Porpoise ME; Charles Coffin, Danville NH
1.03			4	Kathy Walker, Destin FL; Constance Freeman, Tucson AZ

TUESDAY MORNING CONTINUOUS PAIRS

46 Pairs	A	B		
5.01	1			Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Jim Linhart, Delray Beach FL
3.76	2			Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land TX; Ken Gee, Regina SK
2.82	3	1		Donna Sparks - Fred Feigley, Houston TX
2.11	4			Bill Hugenberg Jr, Grand Junction CO; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Springs CO
1.72	5			Stephen Lurie, Woodbridge VA; Judy Hocking, Australia
2.45	6			Charles Bradford Jr, Columbus GA; E Stephen Purdom, Midland GA
2.05		2		Stuart Foster, Mission Viejo CA; Ned Kohler, Canton OH
1.54		3		Tim Hayes - Edmond Fisher, Germantown TN
1.15		4		Shirleen Ellsworth, Kansas City MO; Donna Rice, Traverse City MI
0.86		5		Sue Delashaw - Peggie Wiegand, Tuscaloosa AL

TUESDAY MORNING 300/200/100 PAIRS

25 Pairs	A	B	C	
3.22	1	1		Rodney Letts - Mary Letts, Dallas TX
2.42	2	2		Janet Walker - William Walker, Biloxi MS
1.81	3	3		Byron Taylor - Thomas Anable, Fort Worth TX
1.36	4	4		Steve Denenberg - Gary Nachman, Omaha NE
1.13	5			Vilma Miller, Helena AL; Maynard Hacker, Birmingham AL
0.81	6			Kenneth Sagstetter, Dayton OH; Gerry Adlman, Larchmont NY
0.90		5		Irene Sprinkle - Larry Sprinkle, Dayton OH
1.52		6	1	Beryl Hedrick, Alabaster AL; Ronald Huffstetter, Montgomery AL
1.14			2	Madolyn Clipson - Lutie Shamburger, Tuscaloosa AL

EDGAR KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS QUALIFIERS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS A B C D E, EAST-WEST. Lists names, scores, and partner names for various pairs.

TUESDAY ABA/ACBL STRATIFIED PAIRS ONLY SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION RR, EAST-WEST. Lists names, scores, and partner names for various pairs.

TUESDAY BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS ONE SESSION

Table with columns: SECTIONS KK LL. Lists names and scores for various teams.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).

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

Wednesday, November 22, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Morning Bracketed KO Teams I (Continues at 9 a.m. Thursday)	3rd	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Morning Bracketed KO Teams II (Continues at 9 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday)	1 st	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Morning Side Game Series II*	3rd single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall	\$11	\$12

Wednesday, November 22, 2000, 9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Stratified Choice Open Pairs* 9:00 a.m. 1 & 8 p.m. <i>Play in any two of the event's three sessions.</i>	1-2	Exhibit Hall Meeting Rooms GHI	\$12	\$13
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Wednesday, November 22, 2000, 1:00 & 8:00 p.m.

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2SF	Ballrooms A & B	\$14.50	\$15.50
SENIOR KO TEAMS		East Meeting Rooms ABC	\$13	\$14
Bracketed KO Teams IV	3-4	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified Open Swiss Teams*	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams*	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Tuesday/Wednesday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$11

Wednesday, November 22, 2000, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday/Wednesday Side Game Series*	4 th single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified IMP Pairs*	single	Ballrooms A&B	\$11	\$12
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams*	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
Regions Bank 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
Regions Bank 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$11

Wednesday, November 22, 2000, Midnight

Zip KO Teams*	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
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Teams must pre-register for the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams by 8 p.m. Thursday. See Henry Cukoff in Ballrooms A & B.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

*Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).

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

Thursday, November 23, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Morning Bracketed KO Teams I	4th	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Morning Bracketed KO Teams II (Continues at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday)	2 nd	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Morning Side Game Series III* (Continues at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday)	1st single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Exhibit Hall	\$11	\$12

Thursday, November 23, 2000, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$12	\$13
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Thursday, November 23, 2000, 1:00 & 8:00 p.m.

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2F	Meeting Rooms GHI	\$14.50	\$15.50
Flighted/Bracketed KO Teams V Flight A (0-infinity)	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Flight B (0-2000) (Continues Friday)	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	1 st single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$11

Thursday, November 23, 2000, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	2nd single session	Exhibit Hall	\$12	\$13
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	single	Exhibit Hall	\$11	\$12
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$11

Thursday, November 23, 2000, Midnight

Zip KO Teams*	single	Meeting Rooms N&O	\$11	\$12
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