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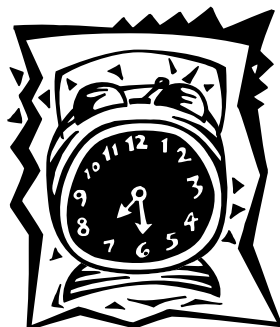
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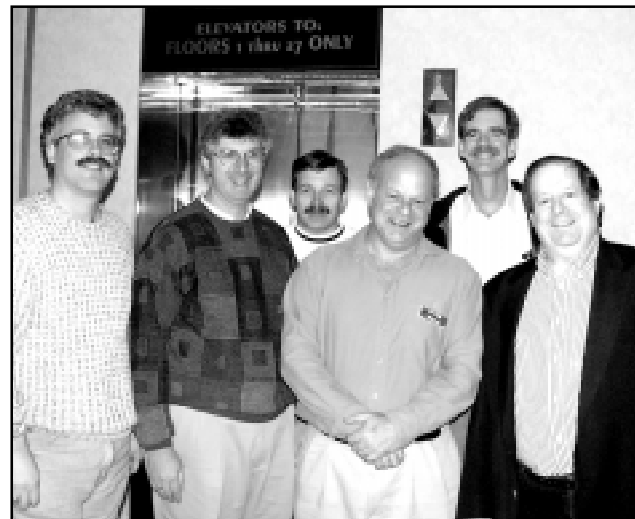
Don Moeller and Jim Zimmerman, right, present a \$5000 check to Joseph Silva of the Nevins Farm Equine Center on behalf of the ACBL Charity Foundation.

Boston standard time

Alert! Alert! Boston standard time: Beginning Friday, evening sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. This is a change from previously-published schedules. The switch was made to accommodate train and subway schedules, allowing local players to have enough time to play bridge, check their scores and get to the train or subway. In addition, Zip Swiss and KO games that were scheduled for midnight will now start at 11:30 p.m.



The only exception is the second Sunday (the last day of the NABC).



Internet champions from left to right: Eric Rodwell, Doug Simson, Michael Crawford, Marty Seligman, John Schuler, Paul Soloway

Charity Foundation honors local humane society

Joseph Silva, program director for the Nevins Farm Equine Center of Methuen MA, accepted a \$5000 check from the ACBL Charity Foundation on behalf of his organization, which operates an animal shelter for neglected, mistreated and abused farm animals.

"Nevins Farm is part of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," said Silva, who notes that the MSPCA is the largest hands-on humane society in the country.

"Through shelters, hospitals, law enforcement and a host of other programs, we come into contact with more than a quarter of a million animals a year.

"Our program is a private, non-profit organization that receives no state or federal dollars. Our operating funds come through donations and from countless individuals who contribute thousands of man-hours each year."

Although the Nevins Farm Equine Center is locally based, it performs equine care and rescue all over the U.S. and Canada.

"Our program has a national outreach," said Silva. "We have a total open-door policy in which we take all animals. We also run an adoption agency to help place these animals in appropriate environments."

Silva believes the program's chief beneficiaries, however, are people.

"Our organization promotes kindness, compassion and respect for all living things. Our farm also plays a valuable role in assisting people who have experienced tough situations in life --- special-needs kids, battered wives and other groups who seem to benefit from being able to interact with and actually touch the animals. This program is about people."

Silva thanked the ACBL Charity Foundation, "for its generosity in promoting our cause. We're grateful to everyone involved in our selection as the donation recipient. We also wish to thank the ACBL members for this wonderful gift."

Silva was presented the check by Charity Foundation members Don Moeller and Jim Zimmerman.

Members interested in an information packet or in making a contribution to the MSPCA and/or Nevins Farm Equine Center may contact Silva at 978-687-1150.



Larry Cohen and Patron Member Ed Ulman

Patron Member, Cohen team up in Charity Pairs

ACBL Patron Member Ed Ulman of Portland OR won the recent drawing to play with expert player and author Larry Cohen in the Charity Pairs last night.

"Larry was absolutely great to play with. It was an extremely enjoyable evening," said Ulman, a Gold Life Master, who added, "I only wish the day hadn't been so long. I got up at 4 a.m. --- Pacific time."

Ulman is retired from the Chrysler Corporation, where he worked for 30 years.

Cohen, who regularly plays with the winner of the Patron Member drawing at each NABC, said, "Ed's a good player. We had a nice session except for the two zeros we started with, one of which occurred when I got us overboard."

The pair finished above average and scratched in their section.

Cohen said, "The deals were interesting and Ed did a lot of nice things." He pointed out this deal as an example:

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Americans defeat Russia for Internet World Championship

Without ever touching a card and without ever seeing their opponents, a United States team defeated Russia to earn the first Internet World Bridge Championship. The 48-board match took place here at the Hotel Marriott yesterday. Russia led, 56-45, at the half-way mark, but the Americans took complete charge over the final 24 boards to win 123-69.

Out of an original field of 172 teams from 33 countries, Russia and the United States were the only survivors. Each finalist team was given \$5000.

Russia took the lead in the first half, capitalizing on a couple of vulnerable slam swings. But the Americans came back strong in the second half to pull away for the victory.

Never has there been a tournament like this. Every one of the 700-plus competitors sat alone in front of his computer screen in his own home as he played. Not only did they never see an opponent --- they never even saw their partner during any match. And through the magic of computer technology, they never touched a card! (From the quarterfinals on, a monitor was present with each player to verify that everything was according to Hoyle.)

The final was staged in similar fashion. The only difference was that all the players were here in Boston. Each player made his own bids and plays --- the computer did everything else. The computer produced and displayed the hands, showed all the bids and plays, kept score, etc.

Bridge players all over the world followed the match as it happened. Local players were entertained at the Marriott where the match was covered live on vugraph with commentary by Howard Weinstein, Jim Linhart and Peter Weichsel.

Simultaneously OKbridge, the primary sponsor, *Continued on page 4*

Special parking rates



All-day parking is available on weekends, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving for only \$8 at the John Hancock parking garage. You must get your parking ticket validated at the Hospitality Desk at either hotel before the afternoon or the evening session.

There is a \$6 rate after 5 p.m. --- validation is necessary.

The John Hancock garage is two blocks from the Marriott on the right-hand side of Clarendon Street, one block past the Hard Rock Café.

Boston logo

Oil painting drawing

Today's special door prize will be an original oil painting done by Carolyn Weiser, chairperson of the volunteers for this tournament. The prize is being offered by the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association, today's tournament host.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 19

- 9:00 a.m. - Noon TAP I, Suffolk Room, Marriott
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Easybridge! accreditation course A with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon Members of unit and district boards are invited to discuss ideas for marketing programs. Nantucket Room, Marriott.
- 12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Harriette Buckman, *Bridge: The Brain Game*, Salon G, Marriott. Buckman, Lincolnwood IL, is District 13's representative on the ACBL Board of Directors. She is a past president of the Chicago Contract Bridge Association and the ACBL Educational Foundation.
- 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Easybridge! accreditation course B with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 6:45 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Richard Budd, *Double ... and Then*, Salon G, Marriott. Budd, Portland ME, a retired physicist, is a Diamond Life Master with about 70 regional victories.
- 11:30 p.m. Entertainment: strings trio -- violin, flute and cello. Third floor atrium, Marriott. Food treat: New England clam chowder. Fourth floor atrium, Marriott; Staffordshire Room, Westin

Saturday, Nov. 20

Junior Day & Dress-up Night

- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Easybridge! accreditation course B with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Simmons Room, Marriott.
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. *Coffee with Jane*: Jane Johnson, manager of ACBL's Club-Membership Department, will answer questions about clubs and club games. Nantucket Room, Marriott.
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon Free Bridge Lesson with Harold Feldheim, well-known bridge writer and teacher. Feldheim presents an entertaining free lesson designed to make players more comfortable in the Intermediate/Newcomer Program at the NABC. Teachers are invited. Grand Ballroom Salons G-J, Marriott.
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon Education Liaison Workshop with Betty Starzec, ACBL Education Liaison Field Coordinator. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 10:00 a.m. - Noon ACBLscore seminar with Jim Lopushinsky, creator of the ACBL computer scoring program, who will answer questions and offer assistance. Hyannis Room, Marriott.
- 12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Howard Piltch, *Shape, Beautiful Shape*, Salon G, Marriott. Piltch, Andover MA, is NABC co-chair along with his wife Barbara. He represents District 25 (New England) on the ACBL Board of Directors. He was ACBL president in 1997 and chairman of the board in 1998.
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bridge Plus+ -- a low-key, short, fun duplicate game. Grand Ballroom Salons G-J, Marriott.
- 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Easybridge! accreditation course A with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Simmons Room, Marriott.
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Reception, Grand Ballroom Salons G-J, Marriott.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cooperative Advertising Seminar. Join Jean Patterson, ACBL's Director of Communications, to find out about funding for local advertising that can help you promote your local bridge activities. No fee. Hyannis Room, Marriott.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Junior Reception and Dinner. Junior players (age 25 and under) are invited for dinner and discussion of Junior bridge. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 6:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Curtis Cheek, *Top 10 Reasons You Don't Win as Much as You Should*, Salon G, Marriott. Cheek, Huntsville AL, is a professional player who has won more than 12,000 masterpoints and dozens of regional titles.
- 11:30 p.m. Entertainment: The Little City Blues Band, Salons A-E (fourth floor), Marriott. Food treat: top round of beef (fourth floor atrium, Marriott), steamship round of beef (Staffordshire Room, Westin)
- 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Women's International Team Trials meeting. Cape Cod Room, Marriott.

Sunday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Easybridge! accreditation course A with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Simmons Room, Marriott.
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises. Seminar with Arlette Schutte on becoming a teacher/game director on a cruise ship. Tips on how to get assignments. Certificate to participants. \$25 fee. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Unit Growth Seminar with Betty Starzec, ACBL's Education Liaison Field Coordinator. Hyannis Room, Marriott.
- 9:15 a.m. - Noon Board of Governors meeting. Staffordshire Room, Westin.
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. International Team Trials meeting. Cape Cod Room, Marriott.
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. OKbridge seminar. Learn how to play bridge on the Internet with OKbridge staff members. Grand Ballroom Salon G, Marriott.
- 12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Jim Kirkham, *Negative Doubles*, Salon G, Marriott. Kirkham, San Bernardino CA, represents District 22 on the ACBL Board of Directors. He is a Grand Life Master with two North American championships to his credit.
- 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Easybridge! accreditation course B with Easybridge! creator Edith McMullin and Marti Ronemus. Simmons Room, Marriott.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Accredited Teachers' Dinner Meeting. \$15 fee. Wellesley Room, Marriott.
- 6:45 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Jerry Helms, *Constructive/Obstructive Bidding*, Salon G, Marriott. Helms, Charlotte NC, is a full-time bridge professional, club owner, bridge teacher and TAP Teacher/Trainer for the ACBL Education Department. He is a member of the National Goodwill Committee and a Diamond Life Master.
- 11:30 p.m. Entertainment: concert pianist David Levy, Salon E (fourth floor), Marriott. Food treat: dress your own baked potato bar. Fourth floor atrium, Marriott; Staffordshire Room, Westin.

Avoid expensive parking rates -- use public transportation

For local players and those staying at hotels (without shuttle service) a fair distance away from the Marriott/Westin complex, substantial savings from inner city parking rates can be made by using Boston's Mass. Bay Transit Authority, or the "T", as it is usually called.

The nearest station to the playing sites is Back Bay (Westin Hotel is on the right one-half block from the Dartmouth St. entrance) on the Orange Line (Parking lots at Forest Hills, Wellington in Medford, Sullivan Square, and Oak Grove in Melrose).

If you use the Red Line (Parking lots in Braintree, Quincy-Adams, and Alewife in Cambridge), change to the Orange Line at Downtown Crossing, and go towards Forest Hills three stops to Back Bay.

If you use the Blue Line (parking at Wonderland in Revere), change to the Orange Line at State, and go towards Forest Hills four stops to Back Bay.

If you use the Green Line (trolleys) (parking at Riverside near Wellesley-Newton line just off I-95/128, and at Woodland, Waban, Chestnut Hill, and a limited number of parking spots at some other stops on the Riverside [D] Line), your shortest route would be to get off at Copley Station, which is on all branches (B, C, D & E) of the Green Line, and walk one block, past the Boston Public Library (to the Westin), or two blocks (bearing right at Huntington Ave., to the Marriott).

Operating times for the "T" are from 5:30 AM to 12:45 AM daily.

Fares range from 85 cents to \$1.70, and all-day rates at the "T" parking lots are in the range of \$2.25 - \$4.

If you use the Commuter Rail, all routes have at least one stop which interchanges with the above "T" lines. All Commuter Rail lines terminate at either North Station (on two branches of the Green Line), or South Station (on the Red Line), where you can follow directions above for getting to either Back Bay or Copley stations. The Framingham Commuter Rail Line actually stops at Back Bay, a perfect situation for those who live near stations on this line, west of Boston.

Further information can be obtained at the hospitality/information booths at the Marriott and Westin, where "T" system maps will be available.

Buses: Worcester and Western suburbs

Buses will be running from the western part of the state directly into the playing sites. A bus will start out in Worcester and make stops in Westboro and Framingham. This bus service will begin in time to reach the site for the Morning Knockouts and continue each 30 minutes until the afternoon game time. The buses will resume their routes going from Boston out to Worcester after the evening session. The cost will be \$12.00/person round trip.

Please contact Elena Bingham at 508 366-5119 or by email at elenabb@aol.com for information and reservations.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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

Goodwill Message

Welcome to Boston -- where bridge is Revered -- and to the 1999 Fall North American Bridge Championships.

Events have been scheduled for players of all skill levels. Enjoy yourself. Good luck to all.

Aileen Osofsky
Chairman, Goodwill Committee



The paths of glory

By Barry Rigal

They lead but to the grave, as the poet says. The first round of the tournament often is a good indication of how the event will go. Here Board 8 was a clue that the gods would not be running my way.

Board 8	♠ A 7 6 2		
Dlr: West	♥ 10 8 5 2		
Vul: None	♦ A 9		
	♣ K 10 2		
♠ J 8 4 3		♠ 10	
♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3		♥ --	
♦ K		♦ Q J 10 8 6 5 2	
♣ Q 9		♣ 7 6 5 4 3	
	♠ K Q 9 5		
	♥ A K J		
	♦ 7 4 3		
	♣ A J 8		
West	North	East	South
Katz	Rigal	Levin	Schneider
Pass	Pass	4♦	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Four hearts by North is not such an unreasonable spot, is it? Of course on a top diamond lead the suit was known to be 7-1, which made my chances decent. I led a heart from hand -- ugh!!! Not to worry -- I would still be well placed if the spades were 3-2. I put in the heart jack and Katz won to return another heart. I cashed the top hearts and prepared to cash the spade king and play a spade to the ace. I intended to cash the heart 10 and play winners. Sooner or later West would ruff and be endplayed in clubs.

The 4-1 spade split was a blow, but the stiff spade 10 gave me chances. Since Levin was known to be 7-5, I could hope to cash three clubs with the aid of the finesse. Again Katz could ruff in but would be endplayed to lead a spade into the tenace. Alas!!! When Katz turned up with the doubleton club queen I was one down. The spade endplay still held my losses to minus 50, but it was yet another case of what might have been!

What's the worst game contract you've ever seen? Well, this one has to come mighty close.

Board 11	♠ J 10 9 4		
Dlr: South	♥ A 5		
Vul: None	♦ A 10 9 5		
	♣ 8 4 3		
♠ A 8 5		♠ Q 7 3	
♥ Q J 10 8 7 3		♥ 4 2	
♦ K 3 2		♦ 6	
♣ A		♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 2	
	♠ K 6 2		
	♥ K 9 6		
	♦ Q J 8 7 4		
	♣ Q J		

You have three top losers in aces and kings, not to mention a couple of finesses. Well, consider five diamonds. All you need is a 7-1 club split with West holding the stiff ace -- not too much to ask for, is it? Then on a top club lead and a heart shift you win in hand, draw trumps with the aid of the finesse, and take the spade finesse. So long as the spade queen is onside and the suit splits 3-3, you can dispose of your club loser on the fourth spade. How likely is the game to make? Well, a conservative estimate comes to .005%. And of course if all that comes home, your partner will point out that 3NT would have fetched plus 430!

Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. Therefore, the masterpoint awards as shown are also subject to change.

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

West	North	East	South
	Cohen		Ulman
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠!	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

East got creative over his partner's 1♥ opener, but subsided over his partner's 2♥ rebid. Ulman, unwilling to allow the opponents to play on the two level, balanced. East persisted with a 3♥ call which West raised to game.

"I was feeling pretty ill when they got to 4♥," said Ulman, but East-West were entirely too high. They finished down four, a top for North-South.

Free shuttle service from Hyatt

A complimentary shuttle service from the Hyatt Regency Cambridge is available. Schedule:

Leave Hyatt

Monday-Thursday	10 a.m. & 7p.m.
Friday	10 a.m., 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 p.m.
Saturday	hourly, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday	hourly, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stop 1 Harvard Square

Johnson Gate, in front of Harvard Yard
10 minutes past the hour

Stop 2 Kendall Square

Red Line "T" stop, beside bike rack
20 minutes past the hour

Stop 3 Faneuil Hall

Beneath the steps of City Hall
25 minutes past the hour

Stop 4 Boston Common

Tremont Street, in front of Visitors' Center
30 minutes past the hour

Stop 5 Copley Place

Corner of St. James and Dartmouth
35 minutes past the hour

Return to Hyatt

45 minutes past the hour

Junior coupons

Junior players (25 and younger) may compete for only \$5 per player per session -- with a Junior coupon for each player and session. The coupons are available at the ACBL Information Desk, at the Intermediate/Newcomer selling station or from Charlotte Blaiss.



Defending champions

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
North American Swiss Teams: Steve Beatty, John Onstott, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair

Blue Ribbon Pairs (now the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs): Howard Weinstein, Zia Mahmood

Open Board-a-Match Teams: Grant Baze, Fred Gitelman, George Mittelman, Brad Moss, Michael Whitman

Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Judi Radin, Sylvia Moss, Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn, Petra Hamman, Peggy Sutherland

Life Master Open Pairs: JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby

Life Master Women's Pairs: Sharon Hait, Barbara Sartorius

Senior Knockout Teams: Mike Levine, Zeke Jabbour, Fred Hamilton, Arnie Fisher, Tom Sanders, Chuck Said

Non-Life Master Pairs: John Markey, John Cobb

National 99er Pairs: Larry Pack, Rick Wollner tied with Carol Robertson, Eileen Schrampf

Herman Trophy: Eric Rodwell

Tournament entry fees

Entry fees are shown per player per session. ACBL members whose payment of dues is current and Life Masters whose service fee is current will pay a lower entry fee than "others" -- non-members, members whose payment of dues is not current or Life Masters whose service fee is not current.

*Life Master Open Pairs, Life Master Women's Pairs, Women's Board-a-Match Teams, Blue Ribbon Pairs and Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: \$13.50 (ACBL members**); \$14.50 (others).

Other North American Championships: \$12.00 (ACBL members**); \$13.00 (others).

Regional Championships: \$11.00 (ACBL members**); \$12.00 (others).

All other events: \$10.00 (ACBL members**); \$11.00 (others).

* \$1.50 per person per session to benefit the International Fund.

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

Venezuelan Visitors

Tanya Vaisberg stopped by the Bulletin office to let us know about her group of 25 friends who are attending the Boston NABC from Caracas, Venezuela. ACBL welcomes Steve Hamaoui, Anita Vaisman, Guena Shneiderman, Odette Zigelboim, Sara Birnbaum, Andrea Cabezas, Danielle Seurin, Deizy Conde Jhan, Astra Barsumian, Morella Pacheco, Francis Vernon, Franco Gusso, Christian Blohm, Lutz Dohnert, Adolfo Mendoza, Fida Hirshaut, Elizabeth Rabicew, Paolo Pasquini, Jose Maria Valdez, Alberto Dhers, Michelle Otero, Jackie Blohm and German Otero and Maria Elena Valdez.

Caddies needed today

We're short of caddies today. Interested person should report to Jackie Matthews in the Braindeis Room on the third floor of the Marriott.

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relayed all bids and plays over the Internet to hundreds of thousands of bridge players all over the world. All matches from the quarterfinals on also were relayed to the world over the Internet.

Both finalists featured players who have passed the test of top-flight world competition. In fact the Russian team is the same squad that advanced all the way to the quarterfinals in the 1996 World Team Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece. The team, all World Masters in the World Bridge Federation, consisted of Alexander Petrounin, Youri Khiouppen, Vadim Kholomeev and Andrew Gromov. Petrounin and Khiouppen have finished second and third in the European Juniors Teams. Petrounin and Kholomeev were eighth in the North American Life Master Pairs last July. Khiouppen and Gromov placed third overall in the 1998 Life Master Pairs.

The United States team included many-time world champions Paul Soloway and Eric Rodwell, acknowledged world-wide as two of the best players in the world. Other members of the American team were Marty Seligman, Doug Simson, John Schuler and Michael Crawford.

Soloway has earned more masterpoints – 52,000+ — than any other member of the American Contract Bridge League. He has won four Bermuda Bowl world championships and 30 North American championships. Rodwell, second behind Bob Hamman of Dallas in WBF rankings, also has four world championships and 30 NABC victories to his credit. Simson, who has won three North American titles, has placed in the overall twice in the World Open Pairs. Seligman, who finished second in ACBL's Blue Ribbon Pairs a year ago, has won more than 50 regional titles. Schuler and Crawford, outstanding rubber bridge players, have confined their tournament play primarily to OKbridge.

Crawford plays in some ACBL tournaments and is a Silver Life Master. Schuler, however, has a serious vision problem and cannot play with cards. He used a 25-inch monitor yesterday to make it possible for him to see the cards in the computer display.

Three of the first five boards resulted in slam swings.

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

Room 1			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>	<i>Seligman</i>
3♦	Dbl	Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♠	All Pass	5♣

(1) Artificial, strong.

Seligman made a move over 4♠, but Soloway felt he did not have enough in reserve to jump to the slam. Seligman won the diamond opening lead, drew two rounds of trumps with the queen and 9, and led a heart. He surprised the vugraph audience when he went up with the ace. Then he crossed to the ♣A and led another heart. Khiouppen went up with the king, and Seligman had his game.

Room 2			
West	North	East	South
<i>Simson</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Petrounin</i>
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

(1) Weak-two in either major.

Here it was North, Gromov, who made the slam move. Petrounin was happy to accept the invitation. Petrounin got a break when the opening lead was a heart. When the club finesse worked, he had 12 tricks and 13 IMPs. Vugraph commentator Howard Weinstein remarked that it wasn't that good a slam, requiring two finesses. Jim Linhart retorted, "The definition of a good slam is a slam that makes." The definition applied to Board 4 as well.

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

Room 1			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>	<i>Seligman</i>
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

When Seligman made an invitation this time, Soloway was quick to accept. Soloway won the diamond opening lead and quickly got rid of his diamond loser on the club ace. He ruffed a club and led a heart to the queen, which won. He led a heart back, losing the 8 to the 10, but there was no way he could be prevented from ruffing a heart. That forced him to play the trump ace instead of finessing, and the king obligingly came falling down.

Room 2			
West	North	East	South
<i>Simson</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Petrounin</i>
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Petrounin decided his cards weren't good enough for an invitation, so Russia played in game, making of course.

An interesting point – how would Soloway have played the hand if the opening lead had been the heart ace? Then he would not have needed the heart ruff, so chances are good he would have made the percentage play of finessing for the trump king – and that would have been disastrous.

It was Russia's turn again on Board 5.

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

Room 1			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>	<i>Seligman</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Dbl	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	Redbl	Pass	3♥
	3NT	All Pass	

Seligman never rebid his clubs, so it was natural to play in the notrump game. But luck had to be with Soloway to make – he had to find the club king inside and the spades had to split 3-3. They did, so he made his game.

Room 2			
West	North	East	South
<i>Simson</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Petrounin</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Petrounin not only rebid his clubs – he bid them a third time. That convinced Gromov that his singleton was good enough to limit club losers to one, and with his wealth of controls he went on to the slam. With clubs splitting and the king inside, Petrounin had no problem making his slam.

Board 20 offered vugraph spectators a chance to see the Soloway magic in action.

Board 20	♠ J 10 6 5 4	
Dlr: West	♥ 9	
Vul: Both	♦ 9 2	
	♣ J 9 7 6 4	
♠ A K 9		♠ 8 3
♥ K J 6 3		♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ A 10 8 7 4		♦ J 3
♣ 5		♣ A Q 10 8 2
	♠ Q 7 2	
	♥ A Q 5 4	
	♦ K Q 6 5	
	♣ K 3	

Room 2			
West	North	East	South
<i>Seligman</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At the other table Gromov and Petrounin stopped in 3♥, just making. Soloway's task was a lot more difficult, especially when Kholomeev found a trump for his opening lead.

Soloway won with the king in dummy and led a diamond to the jack and king. Instead of continuing trumps, Kholomeev shifted to a spade. Soloway won, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. Next came the club ace and a club ruff. He ruffed another diamond, cashed the spade king and ruffed a spade.

At this point he led a club and South was fixed.— there was no way he could prevent Soloway from scoring his trump jack for his 10th trick and 10 IMPs.

The final was the climax of a tournament that started back in the spring. The 172-team field was divided into eight zones, and competition within zones left the field with eight survivors. In the quarterfinals, the United States defeated China, Russia eliminated India, Canada stopped Argentina and New Zealand toppled Colombia.

Russia had no problem defeating Canada in their semifinal, but the Americans had to come from behind to overcome New Zealand.

Three other sponsors helped OKbridge put on this special show – the American Contract Bridge League, the World Bridge Federation and *The Bridge World*.

Everyday resolutions

Note: This list of 10 resolutions appeared in the Daily Bulletin at the 1992 Fall NABC in Orlando.

1. I will not criticize or express disapproval of an opponent's play or bid.
2. I will politely call "Director, please" whenever there is an irregularity.
3. I will not comment that an opponent's error was anticipated or needed for my action to succeed.
4. I will refrain from offering unsolicited advice.
5. I will not discuss previously played boards with my partner in the presence of new opponents.
6. I will stop all cross table conversation as soon as one hand is removed from the next board.
7. I will not engage in lengthy postmortems between hands and between rounds.
8. I will keep cards in my hand until it is my turn to play.
9. I will not take the cards of other players from the board after play.
10. I will remain at the table until the next round is called and will pass the boards immediately.

Stansbys seek repeat in Life Master Open Pairs

JoAnna and Lew Stansby, propelled by a huge first final session, won last year's Life Master Open Pairs — their first major pair win together and her first North American championship — and are hoping for a repeat victory.

"Maybe we'll get lucky," said Lew.

The Stansbys had come close on two other occasions: second in the 1991 Spring Open Pairs in Atlantic City, losing out by one matchpoint, and second in the 1997 North American Pairs, Flight A. JoAnna is the first woman to claim victory in the LM Open Pairs, which was the LM Men's Pairs until 1990.

The Stansbys won in Orlando with a 68.5% game in the afternoon, followed by 58% in the evening. Reflecting on that big afternoon session, Lew pointed to a number of penalty doubles by his side that resulted in lots of matchpoints.

Dlr: East ♠ 7 4
 Vul: None ♥ A K 7 5 2
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ 9 8 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
Lew		JoAnna	
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	Dbl (1)
All Pass			

(1) Responsive.

Lew converted JoAnna's responsive double because of the quick tricks in his hand, plus the possibility that JoAnna could get a heart ruff (she would have raised hearts with more than two).

JoAnna did indeed get a heart ruff. Combined with three diamond tricks and the ♣A, the result was plus 300 and 71.5 out of 77 matchpoints.

Four boards later, Lew converted another of JoAnna's doubles.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Lew		JoAnna	
		Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Dbl	All Pass

Lew guessed to pass JoAnna's takeout double. "I thought it would be easier to defeat 3♦ than to make 4♣."

In fact, it would have taken a heart lead — unlikely on the auction — to defeat 4♣. Lew's pass, however, worked out well. A spade lead allowed the defenders to take all their tricks. Plus 300 was worth 67 matchpoints.

The Nail Trophy

Play begins today in this four-session event, restricted to Life Masters and played over two qualify-

ing sessions and two final sessions.

Before 1963 the event was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank. It was a men's event until 1990 when it became an open event.

At stake is the Bobby Nail Trophy, designated by the ACBL Board of Directors to honor the diminutive Texan (1925-95) who won this event in 1974 with longtime friend and partner Gerald Michaud.

Nail won four other North American championships and represented North America twice in the Bermuda Bowl. His team was second in 1963.

Past winners:

- 1961 G. Gard Hays, Max Manchester
- 1962 Sam Fuoto, Victor Mitchell
- 1963 Sami Kehela, Eric Murray
- 1964 Charles Coon, Bobby Goldman
- 1965 Paul Soloway, Alex Tschekaloff
- 1966 Carl Hudeck, Ray Zoller
- 1967 Harlow Lewis, Peter Pender
- 1968 Henry Bethe, John Solodar
- 1969 Chuck Burger, Jimmy Cayne
- 1970 Ron Andersen, Hugh MacLean
- 1971 Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel
- 1972 Leslie Bart, Marc Jacobus
- 1973 Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
- 1974 Gerald Michaud, Bobby Nail
- 1975 Steve Lapidés, Walt Walvick
- 1976 Roger Bates, John Mohan
- 1977 David Hoffner, David Schroeder
- 1978 Norm Coombs, Tom Hodapp
- 1979 Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 1980 Craig Janitschke, Jan Janitschke
- 1981 Roger Abelson, Mike Levinson
- 1982 Robert Lipsitz, Dan Gertsman
- 1983 Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen
- 1984 Per Olov Sundelin, Peter Pender
- 1985 John Mohan, Roger Bates
- 1986 Jim Krekorian, Paul Kiefer
- 1987 Bart Bramley, Lou Bluhm
- 1988 Robert Levin, Larry Cohen
- 1989 Steve Lapidés, Walt Walvick
- In 1990 the event became the Life Master Open Pairs.
- 1990 Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross
- 1991 Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross
- 1992 Michael Kamil, Michael Rosenberg
- 1993 Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy
- 1994 Robert Levin, Richard Katz
- 1995 John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley
- 1996 Walter Schafer, Ron Smith
- 1997 Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett
- 1998 JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby

Life Master Women's Pairs compete for Sobel Trophy

The Life Master Women's Pairs begins competition today for the Helen Sobel Smith Trophy.

The event, restricted to Life Masters, is played over four sessions with two qualifying sessions and two final sessions. Prior to 1963 it was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank.

The trophy recognizes Helen Sobel Smith, the first woman elected to the Bridge Hall of Fame and universally considered the best woman player of all time.

"In my lifetime," Edgar Kaplan, editor and publisher of *The Bridge World*, said in a 1995 interview, "she is the only woman bridge player who was considered the best player in the world. She knew how to play a hand."

Smith's style was frisky and aggressive — so aggressive that "some of her male partners were intimidated," Kaplan said. "These guys felt they were playing in the Mixed Pairs and they were the girl."

1944 was a banner year for Smith — she won the Vanderbilt, the Spingold, the Women's Teams and the Master Mixed Teams and placed second in the Reisinger.

In all, she won 35 national titles — the Vanderbilt twice, the Spingold five times and the Reisinger four times — and the McKenney Trophy (now the *Barry Crane Top 500*) three times: in 1941, 1942 and 1944.

When Smith died of cancer in 1969, the *Bridge*

Bulletin remembered her as a player "without a peer among women and very few peers among men. Helen played like a man, it was true. But she also played like a lady."

Last year's winners, Sharon Hait and Barbara Sartorius, posted two great sessions in the final to win by more than a board and a half.

The two were a bit shy on high-card points for their 3NT contract on the following deal but the six-card diamond suit made the difference.

Dlr: North ♠ K 8 6 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7

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

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ J 7 5 4 3
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q 5 4

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

(1) No stopper.

Sartorius liked the position of her spade honors and she thought her ♥Q might prove helpful, so she took another bid over 3♦. Hait was happy to bid 3NT with her good heart holding.

Hait put up the queen on the opening low heart lead and immediately took the diamond finesse. She wound up with 10 tricks — six diamonds, two hearts and two spades — although she probably could have won 11 if she was willing to gamble a bit. Her feeling, however, was that bidding and making the 23-point game was going to be enough. She was right — plus 430 was good for 32 out of 38 matchpoints.

Past winners:

- 1961 Dorothy Hayden, Helen Portugal
- 1962 Barbara Kachmar, Margaret Wagar
- 1963 Anne Burnstein, Hermine Baron
- 1964 Margaret Alcorn, Betty Kaplan
- 1965 Ann Sheaber, Jan Stone
- 1966 Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden
- 1967 Nancy Gruver, Sue Sachs
- 1968 Dorothy Talmage, Rhoda Walsh
- 1969 Gratian Goldstein, Sylvia Stein
- 1970 Bette Cohn, Marietta Passell
- 1971 Ruth Bloomfield, Della Levinson
- 1972 Amalya Kearsé, Rhoda Walsh
- 1973 Frieda Arst, June Deutsch
- 1974 Bernice Larson, Joan Stein
- 1975 Dorothy Moore, Marion Weed
- 1976 Barbara Furbeck, Barbara Herr
- 1977 Edith Kemp, Barbara Rappaport
- 1978 Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott
- 1979 Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp
- 1980 Kathie Cappelletti, Claire Tornay
- 1981 Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp
- 1982 Dorothy Buchanan, Barbara Morris
- 1983 Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas
- 1984 Karen Singer, Sharon Soules
- 1985 Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
- 1986 Mickie Kivel, Judi Cody
- 1987 Jill Meyers, Gaye Herrington
- 1988 Nancy Passell, Nell Cahn
- 1989 Rhoda Walsh, Sabine Zenkel
- 1990 Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy
- 1991 Sue Weinstein, Tobi Deutsch
- 1992 Shawn Womack, Jan Cohen
- 1993 Janice Seamon, Sabine Zenkel
- 1994 Lynn Deas, Rhoda Kratenstein
- 1995 Flo Rotman, Susan Miller
- 1996 Suzy Burger, Barbara Sion
- 1997 Janice Seamon, Sylvia Moss
- 1998 Sharon Hait, Barbara Sartorius

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500). For Continuous Pairs and single-session open events, strat breaks are: A (750+), B (0-750).*

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

Friday, November 19, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other	Sold
Charity Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
A.M. Compact KO Teams (Continues Saturday morning)	1-2	\$5.50	\$6	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Morning Continuous/Side Pairs*	1 st single session	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Stratified 199er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott

Friday, November 19, 1999, 1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS (Two qualifying, two final sessions)	1-2Q	\$13.50	\$14.50	America Ballroom, Westin
LIFE MASTER WOMEN'S PAIRS (Two qualifying, two final sessions)	1-2Q	\$13.50	\$14.50	Essex Ballroom, Westin
NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS (Two qualifying, two final sessions)	1-2Q	\$12	\$13	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom F, Marriott
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom A, Marriott
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams I (Continues Saturday)	1-2	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	1 st single session	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	
0-5 Pairs play free today!	Single	Free	Free	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott

Friday, November 19, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	2nd single session	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	
0-5 Pairs play free today!	Single	Free	Free	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott

Friday, November 19, 1999, 11:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday Late Night Compact KO I One 12-board match per night; continues Saturday, Sunday and Monday	1st	\$5.50	\$6	UMass Hall, Marriott
Zip KO Teams	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Junior Day and Dress-Up Night

**Unless otherwise indicated, Strati-Flighted Open events are divided: A (3000+, 0-3000); separate from B&C (500-1500, 0-500). Strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500). For Continuous Pairs and single-session open events, strat breaks are: A (750+), B (0-750).*

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

Saturday, November 20, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other	Sold
Charity Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
A.M. Compact KO Teams	3-4	\$5.50	\$6	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Morning Continuous/Side Pairs*	2 nd single session	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Stratified 199er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott

Saturday, November 20, 1999, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom A, Marriott
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Saturday, November 20, 1999, 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Artemus Tucker Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom F, Marriott
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Saturday, November 20, 1999, 1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS	1-2F	\$13.50	\$14.50	Essex Ballroom, Westin
LIFE MASTER WOMEN'S PAIRS	1-2F	\$13.50	\$14.50	Essex Ballroom, Westin
NON-LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2F	\$12	\$13	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
Strati-Flighted A/X Open Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	America Ballroom, Westin
Strati-Flight B/C Open Pairs*	1-2	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams I	3-4	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Saturday-Sunday Bracketed KO Teams II (Continues Sunday)	1-2	\$11	\$12	UMass Hall, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	3 rd single session	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom F, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	

Saturday, November 20, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom E, Marriott
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	4th single session	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom E, Marriott
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	

Saturday, November 20, 1999, 11:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday Late Night Compact KO I One 12-board match per night; continues Sunday and Monday	2nd	\$5.50	\$6	UMass Hall, Marriott
Zip KO Teams	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott
299er Zip KO Teams	single	\$10	\$11	UMass Hall, Marriott