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Shugart leads qualifiers in Reisinger

Ten teams have survived to today's final round of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams.

The defending champion squad of Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo and Tony Forrester lead the qualifiers with a score of 34.55.

In second place is the Italian team of Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Dano DeFalco and Guido Ferraro who scored 34.16.

The final round may be seen on vugraph (see story this page).

Sternberg team seeks second win

Five members of the team that won the NABC Senior Knockout Teams will be seeking their second triumph of the tournament today as the final two sessions of the North American Swiss Teams take place. Jim Sternberg, Rich Reisig, Allan Cokin, Bernie Chazen and Bob Lipsitz, all Senior KO champs, plus Joseph Shay are the front-runners after yesterday's two semifinal sessions. Shay has replaced Billy Eisenberg who was a member of the team that won the Senior KO.

The original field of 140 teams has suffered two dramatic cuts through the qualifying and the semifinals so that only 16 teams will be battling it out today.

At present the Sternberg team has a 3.95 Victory Point lead over runners-up Neil Silverman, Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen. However, that margin will be reduced when the carryover formula is applied. Another 3.49 VPS back are Ron Gerard, Mark Feldman, Russ Ekeblad and John Sutherlin.

The teams will play eight seven-board matches in today's final.

Attendance to exceed 12,500

Attendance to date is just under 12,000 tables -- 11,945 to be exact. That practically guarantees that the grand total will exceed 12,500. This is substantially above the pre-tournament estimate of 11,750 tables.

Meckstroth is *Player of the Decade*



Jeff Meckstroth has been named *The Bridge Bulletin Player of the Decade, 1990-1999*.

The *Player of the Decade*, a masterpoint contest sponsored by *The Bridge Bulletin* magazine, is awarded to the player who earns the most masterpoints at nationally-rated events at North American Bridge Championships for a specific 10-year period.

The *Player of the Decade* contest for the 1990s includes all of the NABCs from the Spring 1990 tournament in Fort Worth TX to the Fall 1999 event here in Boston. (Yes, we know the decade officially begins in 1991, but, hey, it's our contest.)

Meckstroth, who currently has almost 5000 masterpoints from top-level events at these past 30 NABCs, is the unofficial winner of the contest. (There are still two national events that conclude today, but no one can surpass Meckstroth's total.)

Meckstroth's accomplishments as a player are mind-boggling. His victories in NABC events include

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Tournament co-chairs thank staff, players

Barbara and Howard Piltch, tournament co-chairs for the Fall NABC here in Boston, thanked everyone who helped them make the event successful.

"We want to express our gratitude to the Boston NABC Committee, especially to the chairpersons who have spent countless hours on making this a wonderful tournament," said Howard Piltch, who is also the District 25 representative to the ACBL Board of Directors.

Barbara Piltch expressed her thanks to the players, as well.

"We want to especially thank everyone who attended. The players have made the Boston NABC a success."



Reisinger final on vugraph today

All 54 boards of the Reisinger final will be featured on vugraph today in the America Ballroom South on the fourth floor of the Westin. The sessions will start at noon and 7 p.m.

Barry Rigal and Chip Martel will be the chief commentators. Rigal has an encyclopedic knowledge of the conventions and systems used by the various pairs. Martel, a many-time world champion, also has a strong working knowledge of how the pairs bid and play.

Ten teams have qualified for the final. An eleventh table is set up and surrounded by screens, and each round two pairs are sent to play there, and they are on vugraph.

During the afternoon session, every effort will be made to feature every pair at least once. In the evening, of course, those teams that are in contention for the title will be featured on vugraph.

Gold for the Golden Girls

They call themselves the Golden Girls, and now they have an additional reason to do so -- they've won their first golden points.

It all started when Lyn Shapiro started taking lessons from Martha McGhee in Orlando. Both originally came from Maine, and Martha decided it would be great to go to the Boston NABC and get back to their native haunts. Does the name Martha McGhee sound familiar? She was chairman of the Orlando NABC last fall.

Martha and Lyn immediately began getting ready for Boston. Martha drilled and coached Lyn. Lyn played on Zone.com three times a week, played twice a week in the 199er game at the local club, and, at Martha's insistence, also played in the open game once a week.

Jean Wheeler and Bill Barnby also were taking lessons, and they wanted to go to Boston too. And finally Martha Easter and Arlett Schutt, both more experienced players, asked

to go along as well.

So the Golden Girls descended on Boston and signed up for the first Bracketed Knockout Teams. Even though three members of the team were beginners, they were placed in Bracket 3 because the other three had so many masterpoints. They got all the way to the semifinals and earned 15.82 gold points -- Lynn, Jean and Billie now are well on their way to Life Masterhood because they now have more than 60% of the gold point requirement.

Most of the Golden Girls had to return home early in the week, but Lyn is still here. She's playing in the I/N area and adding more points to her collection. "I'm playing with a lot more confidence as a result of that experience in the Knockouts," she said. "And I'm going to continue playing on Zone.com -- you get a lot of worthwhile experience that way. In case you haven't guessed, I love this game."

The Golden Girls, left to right: Martha McGhee, Lyn Shapiro, Jean Wheeler, Martha Easter and Billie Barnby. Not pictured is Arlett Schutt.

“A Good Slam”

By Tom Miller

During the last round of the final session of the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, it was a kibitzer’s paradise. An SRO crowd of about 50 surrounded one table where an unusual result from this deal occurred:

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

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

♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q J 9 2
 ♣ A J 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♠	3♥	1♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

North led the ♣7 because of partner’s double. Declarer ducked in dummy and South played the ♣A and returned the ♣5. This was won by the king in dummy, and now declarer ran his nine spade tricks. This reduced the deal to a two-card ending.

Clearly North needs to retain the ♦A, but he could freely discard the ♥K if he chose, since if declarer held the ♥Q he would be squeezed. Indeed, he *should* pitch the ♥K to assist partner in case he’s unsure of what the red-suit position is. Note that in the actual layout, the ♥K discard would give South an easy job of holding onto the ♥Q 6.

At the table, however, North kept the ♥K and the ♦A. South, somewhat confused when declarer discarded the ♦K at trick 11, kept the ♦QJ to guard against the ♦A 5 in declarer’s hand. The flaw in that reasoning, however, is that if declarer had those two cards, he would have claimed at trick two! Declarer was then able to score the last two tricks with the ♥A J, making six.

Did you notice that the slam should have been beaten on the opening lead? Even if declarer had the ♦A, which of course he doesn’t, South should set the hand by putting in the ♣J.

As Zia has often commented on vugraph, “Any slam that makes is a good slam.”

Door prize

Today’s door prize of a silver Paul Revere Bowl was donated by the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association.

Corrections

Jeanne Stenger should have been listed in the Top 200 list. She has won 10,707 masterpoints.

Jill Meyers and John Mohan, winners of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, actually had almost 60% in the second final session, not just a little over average as originally reported.

Caddy volunteers

Caddmaster Jackie Matthews extends her thanks to those volunteers who helped out when we were so desperately short of caddies early in the tournament. She also expresses her thanks to the hard-working caddies, some of whom were picking up score tickets from three, even four, sections.

Bermuda supplies

Various items are available in the Daily Bulletin office (Regis Room, 3rd floor of the Marriott) for those who are planning to compete in the World Championships in Bermuda in January.

See Rena Hetzer or a member of the Daily Bulletin staff for WBF convention cards, the Guide to Completion for the WBF convention card, and the general and supplemental Conditions of Contest for the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup and the Trans-National Teams.

Senior ducking

The Microsoft Senior Knockout Teams was won by the six-man squad of Jim Sternberg, Bernie Chazen, Billy Eisenberg, Bob Lipsitz, Allan Cokin and Rich Reisig. Check out this deal from the final round, where Sternberg and Chazen defended a 4♠ contract:

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

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

♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ K Q 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Sternberg</i>		<i>Chazen</i>
Pass	3♦	Dbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Chazen led the ♦K, on which Sternberg followed with his lowest spot. Chazen, with few attractive alternatives, continued the suit. Sternberg went up with the ace, and declarer ruffed.

The ♠K was next, followed by the ♠J which ran to North’s queen.

Sternberg exited with ♣2 and declarer, unable to afford a possible club ruff if North started with a singleton club and held the last trump, rose with the ace. A spade to the ace pulled the last trump.

This is the position, from Chazen’s (South’s) point of view after six tricks have been played:

♠ ---
 ♥ ? x x
 ♦ 9 8 7 6
 ♣ ---

♠ 10 ♠ ---
 ♥ K 6 5 4 ♥ A ?
 ♦ J ♦ ---
 ♣ 9 ♣ J 10 7 6 4

♠ ---
 ♥ Q 10 8 2
 ♦ ---
 ♣ K Q 8

The ♣9 was played from dummy, Sternberg showed out and declarer played low. The hand is completely counted at this point, so Chazen was able to make a nice play. Instead of winning the club and being faced with the possibility of giving up an extra trick to declarer, Chazen simply ducked. Now declarer must lose two more tricks no matter how he plays.

If Chazen won the ♣9 with the queen and declarer had the ♥J, declarer could win the heart return with the jack, ruff out South’s ♠K, cross to the ♥A and claim.

A matchpoint problem

By Steve Hamaoui, Venezuela

Most of the time you play your hands pretty much the same whether it’s pairs or teams. But occasionally there’s a difference, as on this hand from a knockout match.

♠ A 7 2
 ♥ A Q 8 4
 ♦ Q J 8 4
 ♣ A 5

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

♠ J 6 5 4 3
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ A 9 7 5 2
 ♣ Q

Both Souths arrived in 4♠. The opening lead was a club and I rose with the ace. Next came the ♦Q, covered with the king and won with the ace. I played a spade and won West’s king with the ace. On the spade return, East played the 9. Playing in a knockout, of course I played the jack, which would assure the contract. But it makes a difference in a pair game -- you have to make an enlightened guess. If West has the doubleton king-queen, you have to duck the 9 to get 11 tricks. And that overtrick is ever so valuable in matchpoints.

In our match the board was a push because the other declarer also took the sure road to the game and put up the jack.

A strong notrump winning no tricks

This deal came up in the qualifying of the North American Swiss Teams. Salil Das and John Griscom combined to prevent declarer from ever taking a trick with the dummy, a hand good enough to open a strong notrump.

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

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

♠ A K 6 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A J 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Das</i>		<i>Griscom</i>
2♥ (2)	Dbl	1NT	Dbl (1)
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			Dbl

(1) Asks partner to bid 2♣, shows either clubs, the red suits or the majors.

(2) Transfer

At the other table East-West arrived in the spade game, making five. The story was altogether different at this table. Das opened his ♦K, taken by the ace, and declarer led a low spade to the jack. When Griscom won this trick, he did some thinking. Why didn’t declarer go to the hearts and get a couple of pitches? Aha! He doesn’t have any hearts! So Griscom cashed his two black aces and got out a trump. Declarer was forever locked in his hand. Eventually he had to lead a diamond, so Das was able to take three diamond tricks to defeat the contract two tricks.

Goodwill Message

As we prepare to leave Boston, take a moment to say "thanks" to NABC co-chairs Howard and Barbara Piltch and their fine volunteer workers. It's been a great tournament!

See you in Cincinnati in the spring.

Aileen Osofsky
Chairman, Goodwill Committee

Deals from the Open BAM

The winners of the Open Board-a-Match Teams last week were Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo and Tony Forrester. This international squad is one of the strongest four-handed teams in the world.

Forrester, of England, shared the following deals from the event. His partner was Helgemo, of Norway. The first deal is from the second final session:

Dlr: West ♠ J 10 7 5
Vul: None ♥ Q 8 2
♦ 10 4
♣ J 6 4 2

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

♠ 8 6 3
♥ K J 9
♦ 9 6 2
♣ Q 9 8 7

West	East
Helgemo	Forrester
1♦	1♥
2♦	2♠
2NT	3♦
3♠	4♣
4NT	5♥
5NT	7♦
Pass	

A very nice auction: after Helgemo revealed a long diamond suit, he temporized on the next round with 2NT, allowing Forrester to show belated support. Cuebids followed. Helgemo eventually instigated a keycard sequence. His 5NT bid confirmed all the keycards, so Forrester was able to bid the grand.

"Geir wouldn't have been able to ask for keycards unless he had some type of heart control, so I was fairly certain he had a singleton," said Forrester.

There was nothing to the play, and the team won the board when the opponents failed to bid the grand.

The next deal from the first final session is rather amusing. It features Forrester attempting a psychological ploy that nearly blew up in his face:

Dlr: North ♠ A 9 4
Vul: Both ♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ Q J 10 8

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

♠ 5
♥ A J 4
♦ A Q J 10 6 3
♣ K 7 3

West	North	East	South
Helgemo		Forrester	
	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2NT	3♠	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	All Pass	

Forrester, not content to allow the opponents to play 2NT, persisted with 3♠. The opponents responded by upping the ante --- they bid game.

Displeased with this development, Forrester tried a penalty double to see if he could talk the opponents into running. This decision, born of desperation, was also influenced by the position of the almost-certainly worthless ♦K.

But the opponents were not to be outdone in this bridge version of "chicken" --- they redoubled.

This ended the auction and Forrester led a spade. The story had a happy ending for the winners of the event, however. Despite the fact that declarer can run the diamond suit, he has only eight tricks available. Down one and plus 400 for the Shugart squad, which won the board.

My new favorite lead

By Barry Rigal

Of all the suit combinations you'd hate to lead from, K-J-7 has to rank quite high. Sometimes though when you have 13 unattractive cards to lead from, you really have no choice.

Board 5 ♠ K J 8 6 5 2
Dlr: North ♥ K J 7
Vul: N-S ♦ J 8
♣ 3 2

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

♠ 9 7
♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ A 8 4

After I opened 2♣ as North, East bid 3♣ and West corrected to 3NT, leaving me on lead with 13 horrible options. I selected the ♥J --- Rusinow, denying the 10 --- and that put declarer in a position where he "knew" I should have the ♣A and the ♠K-J for my opening bid. Was it correct to cover the ♥J and duck (leaving my partner to find the spade switch)? Probably, since now you can set up the clubs. As it was, when declarer after much thought elected to duck the ♥J all around, it was clear to me to shift to clubs for the heart continuation from Jeff Aker, my partner. When the ♥K won trick three, declarer was less than enchanted. I could clear the hearts, and in the endgame declarer could not set up either spades or diamonds. In the other room 3NT made 11 tricks for an overkill win at board-a-match.

Well, if K-J-7 was good enough to lead once, it was surely good enough to lead again. On the first board we picked up for Saturday's pair game (yes, our stay in the Reisinger was relatively short-lived), I picked up the once-dreaded combination.

Board 7 ♠ 9 4 2
Dlr: South ♥ K Q
Vul: Both ♦ K J 8 4
♣ Q J 10 8

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

♠ A
♥ A J 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 3
♣ A 6 5 3

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

It was clear that the fates had dealt me the lead of the ♠J. Again, it worked a treat -- this time without declarer having the option to recover.

From now on, it's a favorite lead.

Six-five, take a dive

This deal is for all you smarty-pants out there who are convinced that computer-dealt hands are designed specifically to torture innocent players such as yourselves. Here's a player-dealt hand from the Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockouts that's a nightmare:

Dlr: South ♠ A K 10 7 5
Vul: N-S ♥ 10 9 6 5 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ ---

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

♠ 8
♥ 8
♦ A J 10 5 4
♣ A Q J 6 5 4

Mark Myerson of Naugatuck CT reported this deal. Note that all four hands have a 6-5 pattern. What's so frustrating, however, is that neither partnership has an eight-card or longer fit. Here's the bidding at both tables:

Table 1

	West	North	East	South
				1♣
2♣	Pass	Pass!	Pass	

Here, East made the somewhat unilateral decision to pass partner's Michaels cuebid. This was defeated three tricks.

Table 2

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

(1) Precision. 11-15 HCP, natural.

After a Precision 2♣ opener by South, East-West managed to find their 5-2 spade fit via a Michaels cuebid (again). This finished five light. North's decision not to double seems rather remarkable.

So next time you're tempted to complain about "those computer hands," remember this evil little layout.

Italy wins 2nd IOC Grand Prix

The second International Olympic Committee Grand Prix, held in Lausanne, Switzerland, showcased a spectacular win by Italy, one of the top powers on the world bridge scene.

The IOC Grand Prix is a special event designed to allow members of the IOC to observe high-level, competitive bridge contests in preparation for bridge's entry into the regular Olympic Games as an exhibition sport in winter 2002.

Six teams participated in the Grand Prix. The teams, with their scores from the round-robin phase of the event, were Brazil (98), Italy (80), China (78), France (70), Netherlands (66) and USA (57). Brazil chose China as its semifinal opponent, while Italy squared off against France. The Brazilians won their match 103-62, while Italy won the other contest 114-71.3.

The Brazil-Italy final quickly became lopsided, however, as Italy jumped out to a 95-1 IMP lead. The final score was 140.3-85 over 60 boards.

In the Women's event, a transnational European team defeated a squad from the U.S., 278-210.

Tournament

In order to keep you informed of appeals results in detail, the NABC Daily Bulletin staff publishes write-ups.

Every effort is made to ensure that these reports are accurate and complete. Before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, however, revisions may be made.

APPEALS CASE 12

Subject (Unauthorized Information):

Event: NABC Life Master Open Pairs, 22 Nov 99, First Final Session

Bd: 16 Peter Weichsel
Dlr: West ♠ A 10 9 8 5
Vul: E/W ♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 9
♣ 10 6 4

Betty Parker
♠ ---
♥ A K 9 8 5
♦ A K 10 8 5
♣ Q 7 5

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

Alan Sontag
♠ 7
♥ Q 2
♦ Q J 7 4 3 2
♣ 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♦
Dbl(1)	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT			

(1) Alerted; three-card support

The Facts: 6NT made six, plus 1440 for E/W. As dummy was tabled West stated that his double of 3♦ had been misalerted. N/S stated that they wished to reserve their rights and play continued. The Director was called at the end of the hand and ruled that the 6NT bid was made more attractive by the unauthorized information from East's Alert. The 6NT bid was disallowed and because of difficulties in determining the final contract the Directors assigned Average Plus to N/S and Average Minus to E/W. In screening, the score was changed for both sides to 6♠ down two, plus 200 for N/S.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Director's ruling. North did not attend the hearing. E/W stated that they played support doubles only through two of responder's major and that this was marked on their convention card. West stated that she always intended to convert 6♠ to 6NT so she just bid it directly "to save time." South stated that he believed the unauthorized information from the Alert clearly suggested the 6NT bid to avoid any further problems. South said he would have been more inclined to accept West's actions had she simply answered aces and then converted 6♠ to 6NT. In response to an inquiry by the Committee, E/W said that an initial 2♠ response to 1♥ would have been an artificial heart raise. They had no forcing spade bid available to set up a Keycard auction for spades nor had they discussed what a bid of 4NT would have meant at responder's second turn after an initial 1♠ response. On further questioning they were firm that it would not have been Keycard for spades but it might have been interpreted as "regular" Keycard.

The Committee Decision: The Committee believed it was clear that the unauthorized information conveyed by the Alert had been a factor in the 6NT bid, to clear up the ambiguity of the auction. Although the Committee might have contemplated 4NT being natural and quantitative, E/W were never on this wavelength – they clearly believed it to be some form of RKCB. While the Committee might have considered allowing West to answer aces and then convert 6♠ to 6NT, they were agreed that the route she followed was clearly based on unauthorized information and should not be allowed (Law 16). Accordingly, the Committee considered for the offenders the most unfavorable result that was at all probable with both small and grand slams in hearts, spades and notrump being possible. Of these six slams, the most unfavorable to which any appreciable likelihood could be attached was 6♠, as this would permit declarer to establish various menaces, ruff out a red suit, or execute a trump coup. In the final analysis, 6♠ would almost certainly end up down two. The Committee therefore adjusted the contract for both sides to 6♠ down two, plus 200 for N/S.

Chairman's note: Had West converted 6♠ to 6NT after answering aces the Committee would have been harder pressed to decide on the unauthorized information issue. Here it was the blatant nature of West's action (jump to 6NT) which helped to decide the score adjustment.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Barry Rigal (chair), Harvey Brody, Dick Budd, Ellen Siebert, Riggs Thayer

APPEALS CASE 13

Subject (Tempo):

Event: NABC Open BAM Teams, 21 Nov 99, Second Qualifying Session

Bd: 4 David Siebert
Dlr: West ♠ J 6 5 4 3
Vul: Both ♥ Q 6 5
♦ 9 6 2
♣ Q 4

Henry Unglik
♠ 10
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ J 7
♣ A J 9 6

Dick Wagman
♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 8
♦ A 10 8 5
♣ K 5 3 2

Peter Friedland
♠ A K Q 2
♥ J 2
♦ K Q 4 3
♣ 10 8 7

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

All Pass

(1) Forcing one round

(2) Break in tempo

The Facts: 3♠ was down one, plus 100 for E/W. The Director was called when East broke tempo over 2♠. All four players agreed a break had occurred. The Director decided that a pass of 2♠ was not a logical alternative with the West hand and ruled that the table result would stand.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. N/S believed that pass by West was a logical alternative over 2♠. They also added that their own teammates on the same auction with no break in tempo did not balance. E/W did not believe that East's break in tempo suggested that bidding would be more successful than doubling since East might have been considering a penalty double himself.

The Committee Decision: The Committee believed that pass was a logical alternative to 3♣ with the West hand, especially vulnerable. The contract was changed to 2♠ by North made two, plus 110 for N/S.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Martin Caley (chair), Gail Greenberg, Simon Kantor, Corinne Kirkham, Richard Popper, Michael White (scribe)

APPEALS CASE 14

Subject (Misinformation):

Event: NABC Open BAM Teams, 21 Nov 99, Second Qualifying Session

Bd: 29 Cameron Doner
Dlr: North ♠ A K 8 5 3 2
Vul: Both ♥ ---
♦ 8 3
♣ K 9 7 4 2

Carlos Munoz
♠ 10
♥ A J 9 7 4 2
♦ K J 7 5
♣ 5 3

Harold Feldheim
♠ J 7 6
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ A 10 6

Keith Garber
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K 10 6 5
♦ Q 6 4
♣ Q J 8

West	North	East	South
3♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass	4♠	5♥	Dbl(1)

All Pass

(1) Alerted; see the Facts

The Facts: 5♥ doubled went down three, plus 800 for N/S. The double of 5♥ was Alerted and explained as, "Not for penalty but forward going, but my partner hasn't gotten it right yet this week." Spades were led and continued. Declarer ruffed and crossed to the ♣A to lead a heart to his jack. He next misguessed diamonds and got tapped again with a third spade. The

Director determined that there was no evidence of an understanding as to the meaning of the double and that North could have known that any comment he made would be likely to mislead declarer. The Director ruled that declarer would make at least one more trick if there had been no Alert or comment. The contract was changed to 5♥ doubled down two, plus 500 for N/S (which for comparison purposes was the same as plus 200 or minus 850 for N/S).

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. North stated that his partner's double was conventionally supposed to show a hand that wanted to go on to 5♠, but was doubling in case his partner wanted to convert for penalties. North said that South had been forgetting this convention all week and from his heart void he thought his partner had forgotten again. Had North been playing with the inventor of this type of double, he would have trusted his partner and pulled to 5♠. With this "forgetful" partner he left the double in. When asked, South said that he sort of thought his double was meant to show an offensive hand, but he figured that he had to double with this hand anyway because he expected his partner would sit and "somebody had to double." West stated that he thought that if anyone had a heart stack it would have been North. Accordingly, it never occurred to him to lead the ♥Q from dummy. When asked why he didn't start hearts with the ace from his hand, he said that he thought it was possible that South had ♥Kx.

The Decision: Some Committee members thought that N/S had correctly explained their agreement and that South just happened to screw it up, North fielding the error based on his hand. North tried to warn declarer by saying "partner hasn't gotten it right all week" and really hadn't done anything wrong. It was just E/W's bad luck. The other members were not happy with N/S's actions. It seemed they had to do a better job with this complex convention and that this combination of one player forgetting and the other fielding it was unacceptable. Given that South doubled with a heart stack, and North left it in with a heart void, the majority decided that in effect N/S weren't really playing this convention (which is what the table Director had ruled). The minority still thought that technically the agreement had been explained properly, South forgot and North fielded it, but they decided to go along with the majority opinion. The Committee did not need to look further into what score to assign (minus 500, minus 200, or plus 850) since the other table (BAM) was plus 620 N/S, so any of those results of more than nine tricks were equivalent. Declarer might not have given 5♥ doubled the best play, but he didn't do anything outrageously bad; the "misinformation" clearly contributed to his downfall. Without an Alert the Committee decided that declarer would have never gone down three. The contract was changed to 5♥ doubled down two, plus 500 for N/S.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Larry Cohen (chair), Doug Doub, Michael Huston, Becky Rogers, Steve Weinstein

APPEALS CASE 15

Subject (Claim/Concession):

Event: NABC Life Master Pairs, 20 Nov 99, First Final Session

Bd: 14 Sangarapil Mohan
Dlr: East ♠ K Q 8
Vul: None ♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ 8

Robert Stolinski
♠ A
♥ K Q 9 5 3 2
♦ J 5 4
♣ 9 5 2

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

Das Salil
♠ 9 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 10
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 7 4

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

(1) Alerted; strong or 12-14 balanced

The Facts: 5♣ doubled made five, plus 550 for E/W. North scored the result as minus 550 but later recounted the tricks and spoke to a Director. The opening lead had been the ♥10 which was won with the

ace. Declarer played a spade to the ace and led the ♦4 from the dummy to North's ace. North played a club to South's king and returned a diamond to declarer's king. Declarer played the ♣3 to dummy's 5, ruffed a small heart, and led a club to dummy's 9.

According to E/W, North pitched a heart on the second club and South left the table when the ♣9 was played. N/S maintain that a diamond was discarded on the second club and that declarer had claimed by calling for the ♥KQ from the dummy and folding and returning his hand.

The Director ruled that it was unlikely that North has discarded a heart from his holding and changed the contract to 5♣ doubled down one, plus 100 for N/S.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Director's ruling. E/W and a translator for East attended the hearing. East stated that North definitely pitched a heart on the second trump because otherwise he would not have known that the hearts were all good after one ruff. Instead of "claiming" he would have taken two discards, ruffed himself in and played the last trump, hoping that the defense went wrong in the one-card end position. He normally does not claim as a matter of habit because of language difficulties.

Furthermore, E/W were extremely upset that they were made to appeal after the result had been scored as plus 550 at the table. They could not understand how the score could be overturned without their agreement. They also mentioned an incident the day before in which they believed they had been unfairly treated when they had done nothing wrong. E/W said that South definitely left the table, making completion of the play impossible.

The Screening Director reiterated South's statement made during screening that he had not left the table and that East had claimed. The Directors had extensive conversation with both sides and judged the N/S contention as to the absence of a heart discard to be believable.

The Committee Decision: The Committee strongly believed that a serious injustice had been done to E/W and to the concept of due process. The members believed that there could be no dispute as to the facts, given the absence both of N/S and the table Director. Judging East to be a top-flight player, the Committee thought that his contentions were more likely to be accurate than that North had not made a careless error. In particular, his statement about how he would have played if a heart had not been discarded lent credibility to his case. But the fact that neither N/S nor the table Director were present to offer a different version of the facts left the Committee with no choice but to decide in E/W's favor.

The contract was changed to 5♣ doubled made five, plus 550 for E/W. The Committee conceded N/S's legal right not to appear at the hearing, but did not approve of that decision. The Committee was unanimously of the opinion that the Directing staff had badly mishandled this case. It should routinely have ruled in favor of E/W, both because they were "nonoffenders" in a way and to preserve the table result. That would have forced N/S to appeal, with possible consequences if the appeal were judged to lack merit.

Overturing the agreed-upon result without the concurrence of E/W violated correct procedure, to say nothing of the questionable judgment it exhibited as to the believability of the two sides if that were at all relevant. The Committee indicated that mistakes can occur just as easily in 5♣ as in 6♣, and that basing a ruling on the egregiousness of a card play error sets a dangerous precedent. The Committee made these ideas known both to the presenting Director and to E/W.

DIC of Event: Henry Cukoff

Committee: Ron Gerard (chair), David Berkowitz, Marlene Passell, Lou Reich, Peggy Sutherland

New Life Masters

EVELYN POWERS of Coventry RI earned her Gold Card playing with everyone --- literally. She got her last 0.25 gold points playing in the first session of yesterday's Stratified Individual. Powers is now also a Bronze Life Master, since she has more than 500 total points.

ESTHER WATSTEIN of Stratford CT became a Life Master yesterday in the Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockouts. She was playing with John Farwell of West Haven CT and teammates Molly Cusano of West Palm Beach FL and Beatrice Haley of Pompano Beach FL.

Four winners' trophies are going back to Caracas, Venezuela. These women won the 99er Swiss Teams, their first-ever victory. Left to right: Tanya Vaisberg, Andrea Cabezas, Anita Vaisman and Danielle Sevrin.

Charity begins at Boston

By Barry Rigal

Sometimes it takes a long while for the best hands to surface. Barnet and Maggie Shenkin won the Charity Pairs on the first Thursday and nearly a week later Barnet and I were waiting to start the Blue Ribbon semifinals when he came forth with a splendid hand. The motto here might be *nil desperandum* or never give up!

Dlr: West ♠ Q 9 3
Vul: Both ♥ 10 4
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ Q 8 7 4

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

♠ A 6 2
♥ A J 9 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ K 9 6

Playing a weak notrump, Maggie as East opened 1♣. After the 1♥ overcall Barnet bid 1NT and Maggie raised to 3NT; not a fancied spot on the lead of the ♥10!

Barnet, however, is known for his determination. Since South had not overcalled 2♥, it was a fair shot that hearts were 5-2. So at the first trick Barnet put up the ♥Q. Figuring that South would "know" to take his ace and return the ♥J, as indeed happened.

Obviously, playing on diamonds does you no good, since there is no re-entry to the hand. How do you *create* the entry you need? Lead the ♣J at trick three. When North covers, you are home. Win the ace, unblock the diamonds and play a second club, and South is helpless. Whether he takes or ducks the trick, you have seven minor-suit winners and two tricks in the majors.

Third-round winner: the 5

Theo Lichtenstein of Goddard KS reported an unusual occurrence in the club suit in this deal from Monday's Stratified Open Pairs. His partner was John Rothschild of Hawaii.

Dlr: North ♠ 9 5
Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 9 8 3
♦ 10 8 6
♣ J 8 3

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

♠ K 7 6
♥ A J 10 6 4 2
♦ A
♣ K 10 2

West	North	East	South
Rothschild		Lichtenstein	
	Pass	2♦	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dbf	All Pass

Rothschild led a low diamond to Lichtenstein's king and declarer's ace. South crossed to the ♥K, pulling trumps, and ruffed a diamond in hand. Returning to dummy with another trump, South ruffed dummy's last diamond. He returned to dummy again with a trump.

Declarer then called for the ♣J: queen, king, ace. Rothschild exited with the ♣7: 8, 9, 10. Declarer exited with his last club: 2, 5, 3, 4. It's rather odd when you think about it --- West won the third-round of a suit, all four players following each time, with the 5!

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 1

16 Teams
Rose Johnson-Meltzer - Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Chip Martel, Davis CA

vs

Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Harold Guiver, Long Beach CA; Matt Granovetter, Richmond Hts OH

Shawn Quinn - Joe Quinn, Katy TX; Alexander Kolesnik, Austin TX; Petra Hamman - Peggy Sutherland, Dallas TX; Gene Simpson, Redlands CA

vs

Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan; William Treble, Winnipeg MB; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa, Japan; Yasuhiro Shimizu - Natsuko Ishida, Tokyo, Japan

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 2

16 Teams
Diana Holt, Palm Beach FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Michael White, Atlanta GA; Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN

vs

Joyce Sillins - Jonathan Greenspan - John Rengstorff, New York NY; Glenn Eisenstein, Boca Raton FL; Richard De Martino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

Michael Efraim, Cote St Luc PQ; Philip Silverstein, Montreal PQ; Hans Jacobs, Aurora ON; Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON

vs

Edward Wojewoda, Antelope CA; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Nick Bykov, Carmichael CA; Leszek Rabiega, Salt Lake City UT; Robert Stolinski, Poland

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 3

16 Teams
John Anderson, Baton Rouge LA; Tim Crank, Arlington VA; John Paul McNamee, Temple Hills MD; Anthony Aukstikalnis, Beach Haven NJ

vs

Dianna Gordon - Sheri Winestock - Beverly Kraft, Toronto ON; Barbara Saltsman - Francine Cimon, Montreal PQ; Rhoda Habert, Saint-Laurent PQ

Richard Morgen, Havertown PA; Frank Dana - Duncan Jones - Cheryl Holcomb, Newark NY

vs

Charles James - Andrea Malone, San Jose CA; Albert Chow, Elk Grove CA; Jean Hume, Livermore CA

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 4

16 Teams
Paul Burlison, Cross River NY; Alene Friedman, New York NY; Philip Silverstein, Bronx NY; Sandra Friedman, Flushing NY

vs

Henk Uijterwaal, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Henry Wong, Medford MA; Willem Devius, Dublin, Ireland; Mary Vickers, Northborough MA

Larry Ascher, Whitestone NY; Diana Tenery, Nutley NJ; Rachael Moller, West Harrison NY; David Gurchich, New York NY

vs

Richard Weiss, Swampscott MA; Jacqueline Kovacs, Andover MA; Kathleen Centorino, Chestnut Hill MA; Charles Polay, Chelmsford MA

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 5

16 Teams
Bob Kiggins, Burnaby BC; Marti J Oppenheimer, Vancouver BC; Rodney Severson, Orangeburg SC; Arthur Stone, Sarasota FL

vs

Leila Sink - David Helmbold, Los Gatos CA; Sigis Keras, Toronto ON; William Watson, Windsor Locks CT

Kari Tetzlaff - Samuel Ehrlichman, Forest Hills NY; Timothy Goodwin, South Portland ME; Franco Baseggio, New York NY

vs

Arthur Crystal, Westport CT; Debbie Benner, Fairfield CT; V S Sharma, Potomac MD; Mark Myerson, Naugatuck CT

REPROPRINT INK KOS BRACKET 6

12 Teams
Jerry Newcomb - Carolyn Newcomb, Littleton CO; Duane Beisner - Doris Beisner, Las Vegas NV

vs

Otis Bricker, Attleboro MA; Steven Willner - Alex Perlin - David Harris, Cambridge MA

Paul Weinbaum, Norwood MA; Eric Hendrickson, Providence RI; Gordon Webster, Framingham MA; Randall Fadem, Waltham MA

vs

Rosemary Tator - Wes Tator, Dover NH; Murat Azizoglu, North Billerica MA; Marie Sengupta, Marlborough MA

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AM STRATIFIED SWISS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes teams like Anand Lele, Denis Lesage, Tom Shannon, David Davies, Larry Friedman, Edward White, Carl Gueli, Paul Pschesang.

SATURDAY AM SIDE/CONTINUOUS PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, Name, Score. Includes Shome Mukherjee, Mark Steele, Scott Aborn, Peter Filandro, Frank Morgan, Nicholas France, Edred Shen.

SATURDAY AM 200/100/50 PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Martin Andonian, Richard Simolari, Harvey Hodsdon, Arthur Parlin, Lynne Tolson, Howard Fink, Erek Slater, Sally Edmonds.

SATURDAY AM 299ER SWISS TEAMS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, Name, Score. Includes Seymour Friedman - Irene Friedman, Arthur Franz - Marilyn Schmidt.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, Name, Score. Includes C. D. Baron, Carleton Lett, Mike Graham, Judy Fiske, Mary Poplawski, Jacques Laliberte, Bruce Hunter Reid, Sheila Thomas, Lorna Stock, Stanley Berkowitz, Paul Orosz, Frank Morgan.

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Chaistopher Hogan, Roberta Koning, Rachel Farrington, Bruce Tedford, Bruce Gernaey, Dennis G Bezanson, James McGaha, Bernice Shahrabani.

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 200/100/50 PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Natalie Barker, David Mullins, Anne Farrington, Mark Yesley, Thomas Kurtz, Bill Walker Jr, Michael McGoldrick, Michael Jew, Martin Andonian, Gregory Hanifan, Andy Boyd.

2ND SATURDAY SENIOR STRATIFIED PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Sandie Campbell, Mike Cappelletti Sr, Diane Lazarus, Robert Casey, Irma Bronson, Barton Buffington, Betty Levin, Walter Hayward, Dorothy Larson, Leonard Garr, Eleanor Wynn, Douglas Thompson, Barbara Fine, Buzzy August, Kay Swanson, Anne Nevins.

SECOND SATURDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, X, Name, Score. Includes Eugene Prosnitz, Irina Levitina, Sandra Drum, Dolly Davis, Patti Burriss, Bob Glasson, Feng Liu, Jiang Chen, George Bessinger, Cathy Strauch, Roslyn Kurlan, Gabriel Tawil, Lorne Nicol, George Whitworth, Jeff Aker, James Rasmussen, Gerald Michaud, Jue Wang, Bob Clements, Darryl Legassie.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY EVENING CONTINUOUS PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, Name, Score. Includes Helen Jinks, Birgit Arons, Mark Brader, Karl Hicks, Robert Factor, Jim Barrow, Alvin Potter, Tanya Vaisberg, Bernice Shahrabani, Shoshana Romano, Lois Belliveau, Harold Phillips.

STRATIFIED BC PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Ralph Hoffman, Matthew Kappel, Martin Blain, Horace Gower, Donald Levy, Michael Tallent, Nobuko Wakasa, Rachel Brown, Sandy Kiesel, Kate Jeffus, Barbara Unger, Richard Hudson, Harvey Schwartz.

2ND SATURDAY INDIVIDUAL

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes John Putukian, Gerald Soucy, Richard Jaworowski, Richard Brown, Fred Zhang, Peter Stymfal, John Arena, Mary Enard.

SATURDAY EVENING BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes David Sokolow, Laurie Kranyak, Trudi Nugit, Colin Revill, Paul Hackett, John Holland, Dick Mc Cluer, Stephen Robbins, McIntyre, Ken Lowenstein, Cathy Mleko, Paul Reardon, Michael Ryan, Helen Moskowitz.

SATURDAY EVENING 50/20/5 PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes George Mann III, Jeff Portnoy, Rita Callahan, Adam Chambers, Cynthia Hanson, Anne Farrington, John Vecchione, James Hill, David Aronson.

SATURDAY EVENING 200/100/50 PAIRS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, A, B, C, Name, Score. Includes Norm Gordon, Regina Martinonis, Michael McGoldrick, Zev Bogan, John Yuratovich, Gordon Bussell.

More bridge humor from the past

Not at all anonymous

One of the directors at a New York tournament was walking back to the hotel after having dinner between sessions when an attractive young lady took his arm and said, "Hello Henry." Henry looked at the woman — he couldn't remember ever seeing her before. But he was polite and talked to her as they headed for the hotel. She suggested that they meet after the game, but Henry said he'd be too busy.

When he got back to the scoring room, Henry told what happened — "How could that woman have known my name!"

One of his fellow directors started

to laugh and pointed to Henry's lapel. Henry had worn his name badge to dinner!

A balanced approach

A couple of local directors, back in the days before the ACBL assigned only rated directors to sectionals, found the easy way to balance their scoresheets. They matchpointed as best they could, then added as best they could. Nobody waited for the scores — it took too long. The next morning the sheets would be spread on tables with the two directors standing by. They carefully noted all the corrections reported to them, and usually the Saturday sheets were in balance before the second session of the Sunday

team game got under way.

Just sit there?

When Ralph Hirshberg was reprimanded for giving hints to declarer as dummy, he was aghast. "What am I supposed to do when I'm dummy — just sit there?"

"Like my floor directors!"

A player was telling a story about how a hand was bid. "He had ace-king fourth in spades and ace-king sixth in clubs and something — well, his red cards didn't matter. He opens a club and it goes pass-pass-something and he bids a spade. It went two hearts and it went four spades or something. I don't remember the exact auction, but it went round and round and when it . . ."

At this point Harry Goldwater broke

in to say, "You sound like one of my floor directors."

Nice for a reason!

Charles Goren came to a tournament being run by Harry Goldwater. He asked Harry where Table One was going to be. "Anywhere you want it," said Harry.

"Well, the best place is here in the middle of the room — but that's a strange place for Table One. And we can put a lamp there so you'll be sure to have plenty of light."

"There's nothing in the rules that says Table One has to be in a corner," said Harry.

"You sure are nice to me. How come?" asked Goren.

Harry had an answer ready — "If it weren't for you, I'd have to work for a living."

REISINGER BOAARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 2ND SEMIFINAL SESSION

SECTION B

1	Douglas Doub, Hartford CT; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Stephen Goldstein, Elkins Park PA; Rich Rothwarf, Philadelphia PA	16.50
2	Shireen Mohandes - Andy Bowles, ; Hank Youngerman, Reading PA; Daniel Levin, Chicago IL	14.00
3/7	Nick Nickell, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL	13.50
3/7	Allen Hawkins Jr - Jim Foster, Birmingham AL; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA; Andrew Bernstein, Memphis TN	13.50
3/7	James Cayne, New York NY; Chuck Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL	13.50
3/7	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Robert Levin, Orlando FL; Steve Weinstein, Glen Ridge NJ; Drew Casen, Coconut Creek FL; Lee Rautenberg, Boca Raton FL	13.50
3/7	Sam Lev - Michael Polowan, New York NY; John Mohan, Frederiksted VI; Barnett Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Piotr Gawrys - Jacek Pzczola, Poland	13.50

2ND SATURDAY B/C PAIRS FIRST SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION NNN		EAST-WEST	
B	C				
1		Robin Gillett - Susan Gillett, Union NJ	193.50	1	1
2		Theo Korol - Matt Korol, Southlake TX	183.50	2	
3		Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Roger Walton, Bothell WA	175.00	3	
4		Susan Winkler, East Alton NH; Scott Aborn, Wells VT	168.50	4	2
5	1	Carole Carlson, Gloucester MA; Elizabeth Baker, Marblehead MA	167.00	5	
6	2	Michael Kammerdiener - Steven Berman, Philadelphia PA	165.00	6/7	
7		David Parizer, Woodbridge CT; Stuart Treworky, Cumberland RI	161.50	6/7	3
	3	Stephen Emerson, Bryn Mawr PA; Burt Saxon, Milford CT	158.50		
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION OOO		EAST-WEST	
B	C				
1		Myriam Milgrom, Miami FL; Paul Kubiak, Fort Lauderdale FL	196.00	1	1
2	1	Richard Hudson, Peabody MA; Steven Hudson, Revere MA	192.00	2	2
3		Courtney Nelson, Wells VT; Sandra Hammer, Dedham MA	183.50	3	
4		Howard Herndon Jr, Antioch TN; James Mandrell, Roslindale MA	181.00	4	
5		Marian Howarth, Sun City Center FL; Cathleen Speer, Portsmouth RI	176.50	5	
6		Richard Olson - Mary Olson, Randolph NJ	172.50	6	
7		Anne Bell - John D Rusher III, Milton MA	166.50	7	
	2	Susan Rangeley - Michael Schenker, New York NY	151.50		3
	3	John Berry, Coventry RI; William Gay, Framingham MA	144.00		
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION PPP		EAST-WEST	
B	C				
1		Judy Ann Cleveland - Peter Cleveland, Sanford ME	197.50	1	
2		Nobuko Wakasa, Kawasaki, Japan; Masaharu Wakasa, Kawasaki Japan	175.50	2	1
3	1	Seymour Friedman - Irene Friedman, Amherst MA	164.50	3	
4/5		Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY; Mike Marlin, Frankfort KY	161.50	4	
4/5		Jean Johnson, Smiths; Margaret Way, Paget, Bermuda	161.50	5	
6	2	Gloria Staples, Long Key FL; Theresa Lawlor, Pocasset MA	159.50	6	
7		John Banker - Kenneth Cable, Nashua NH	157.50	7	2
	3	Harvey Schwartz - Bob Rubinstein, New York NY	154.50		3/4
					3/4
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION QQQ		EAST-WEST	
B	C				
1		Jerry Jacobs - Sydel Jacobs, Stamford CT	182.00	1	
2		Alan Forsythe - Bette Lu Forsythe, Malvern PA	175.50	2	1
3	1	William Ware - Susan Ware, North Falmouth MA	172.00	3	
4		Sonja Spieker - Isaac Eskenazi, Englewood NJ	171.50	4	
5	2	Leonid Izakson - Karen Izakson, Stamford CT	171.00	5	
6	3	Frank Farrell, Methuen MA; Bradley Hennemuth, Tewksbury MA	161.50	6	2
7		Sylvia Gindi, Oakhurst NJ; Anna Zagoloff, New York NY	160.50	7	
					3

SATURDAY SENIOR PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION SSS		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			
1			Diane Lazarus - Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	197.25	1
2	1		Edwin Siegel, New York NY; Tutty Wetzel, Reno NV	195.72	2
3			David Weisman, Englewood NJ; Ronald Felton, New York NY	177.77	3
4	2		Dorothy Larson, Gilbert AZ; Fred MacNair, Albuquerque NM	172.34	4
5			John Currie, Halifax NS; Bryan Rapson, Dartmouth NS	148.23	5
	3		William Heess, Marlborough MA; Carol Jones, Paxton MA	143.64	
		1	Kay Swanson, Freeport IL; Erma Thompson, Warren IL	142.28	
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION TTT		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			
1			Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA; Bill Jessup, No Palm Beach FL	208.50	1
2			Sandie Campbell - Charlie Tupper, Bristol RI	183.00	2
3			David Miller, Lexington MA; Irv Block, Marblehead MA	178.00	3/4
4	1		Morton Case - Berna Case, Roslyn NY	168.50	3/4
5	2		Seymour Rothenberg - Frances Rothenberg, Windsor CT	165.50	5
6			Eleanor Wynn - Judy Rosenberg, Brookline MA	164.50	6
	4		Marilyn Goodman, Newton MA; Frances Cain, Norwood MA	163.50	
		1	Buzzy August - Jesse August, Hobe Sound FL	163.00	3
		2	Paul London - Bohkee Yap, Lexington MA	155.50	4
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION UUU		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			
1	1		Gerow Carlson, Montpelier VT; Mary Azarian, Plainfield VT	189.42	1
2			Irma Bronson, Jamaica Plain MA; Evelyn Schwartz, Swampscott MA	185.79	2
3			Marj Robertson - Kathryn Townsend, Bakersfield CA	178.46	3
4			Jeanne Stenger - Charles Stenger, Bethesda MD	178.13	4
5	2		Walter Hayward, Mount Desert ME; Joycelyn Bentfield, East Greenwich RI	174.70	5
6			Jim Stevens - Carole Gertz, Chicago IL	169.58	6
	3	1	Bunny Gerrig - Harriet Morrison, Lexington MA	162.75	
					3
					1

SATURDAY AM SIDE/CONTINUOUS PAIRS 3RD OF 3 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION JJ		EAST-WEST	
A	B				
1			Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; William Hunter, Reading MA	170.00	1
2			Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Smyrna DE	157.77	2
3	1		Frank Morgan, Williamstown MA; Brennie Morgan, Allentown PA	149.27	3
4	2		Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY; Beverly Tuck-Sherman, Mahwah NJ	148.73	4
5			Phyllis Chase, Providence RI; Ruth Steinberg, Newton MA	143.50	5
6			Charles Sheaff, Palatine IL; Charles Nemes, Hinsdale IL	142.27	6
	3		Edred Shen, Brick NJ; David Schulman, Newton MA	139.00	
	4		Joyce Merson - David Merson, Boynton Beach FL	133.23	

SATURDAY AM 200/100/50 PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION KK		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			
1	1		Arthur Parlin, North Grafton MA; Gordon Johnson, Waterbury Ctr VT	95.71	1
2			Lynne Tolson - John Tolson, Bedford NS	92.50	2
3	2	1	Erek Slater, Brookline Vlg MA; David Payne, Holliston MA	85.07	3
4/5			Bill Walker Jr, Acton MA; Caren Von Hippel, Newton MA	83.57	4
4/5			Eugene Wilson - Ellie Fox, Fort Myers FL	83.57	
					2

FRIDAY-SUNDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS 3RD OF 6 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION II		EAST-WEST	
A	B				
1			Judy Fiske, Buzzards Bay MA; W Noyes, Monument Beach MA	197.25	1
2			David Wachsmann - Todd Wachsmann, East Meadow NY	185.25	2
3			Edward Rasmussen, Weymouth MA; John Appleton Jr, Roslindale MA	183.75	3
4			Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH; Jeanne Martin, Dublin OH	179.25	4
	1		Naomi Harpak, ; Arthur Ziffer, Cambridge MA	157.50	1
	2		Mark Zeitler, Davenport IA; Lenore Smart, Columbus OH	150.75	2
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

*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 PAIR 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.

Sunday, November 28, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other	Sold
Stratified Open Swiss Teams* Playthrough; seven seven-board matches; no breaks	Flt A/X Strats B/C	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom E, Marriott Grand Ballroom E, Marriott
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams* Playthrough; seven seven-board matches; no breaks		\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom D, Marriott

Sunday, November 28, 1999, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs* 24 boards per session; approximately ½ hour break	1-2	\$11	\$12	Umass Hall, Marriott
Reprint Ink Saturday-Sunday Bracketed KO Teams VII	3-4	\$11	\$12	Umass Hall, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott

Sunday, November 28, 1999, Noon & 6:00 p.m.


Stratified Open Swiss Teams* Eight seven-board matches; approximately 1.5-hour break	1-2	\$11	\$12	America Ballroom, Westin
Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	5 th single	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott

Sunday, November 28, 1999, 6:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday-Sunday Continuous/Side Pairs*	6 th single	\$11	\$12	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	\$10	\$10	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$10	\$11	Grand Ballroom G, Marriott

Sunday, November 28, 1999, Noon & 7:00 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2F	\$13.50	\$14.50	Essex Ballroom, Westin
NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2F	\$12	\$13	America Ballroom, Westin



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