

Daily Bulletin



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TDs from Texas

Check this space each day for profiles of Texas-based ACBL Tournament Directors who are working here at the Dallas NABC.



Bridge clubs and tournaments thrive when players volunteer. Just ask Tom Whitesides of Dallas.

“When I started playing duplicate bridge, I lived in east Texas. There were no clubs, however, and nobody wanted to start one,” he said.

So, while still in college, Whitesides took it upon himself to start a club in east Texas.

After college, Whitesides moved to Dallas where he began a club there, too. As with other directors in this series, however, a twist of fate got him involved in tournament directing.



“In the late Seventies I attended a sectional in Oklahoma City, run by the late National TD Ken Stone and his wife Mary. The turnout was much larger than expected and they desperately needed help, so I pitched in,” he said.

Whitesides became more and more involved in the tournament directing scene over the years, where he eventually earned the rank of National Tournament Director. Whitesides — who, in addition to his bridge career, also was a florist for 10 years — became one of ACBL’s Field Representatives, the director in charge of other directors in a geographic region. In Whitesides’s case, it’s District 16 (most of Texas and Mexico) and District 17 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and parts of Nevada, Utah and Wyoming).

As Field Representative, it’s Whitesides’s job to assign directors to various tournaments throughout this region, and to write evaluations

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Today’s Goodwill Message

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

The late Dick Frey, editor of *The Bridge Bulletin*, wrote these words in 1960, but they are still applicable 40 years later. *Aileen Osofsky, Chairman National Goodwill Committee*



Attendance through Tuesday evening:

5630 Tables

Upsets abound in Tuesday’s Vanderbilt action

Of the sixteen matches in yesterday’s Vanderbilt Knockouts, six saw lower-seeded teams defeat their higher-ranked opponents.

The #2 seed led by George Jacobs lost to original #34 seed captained by the similarly named Dan Jacob 114-102.

Also out is the original #4 seed (Weed, npc) led by Jimmy Cayne. They were ousted by the Dutch squad Team Orange (#36 seed), 130-49 in three quarters of play.

Reese Milner (#10) got shown the door by Mike Moss’s (#23) team, 156-107.

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Rainwater, Jarigese lead Mixed Pairs

Ross Rainwater and Jackie Jarigese of Vancouver WA are narrowly in first place in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs after Tuesday’s qualifying round.

Rainwater and Jarigese posted a two-session total of 793.50

In second with 791.14 are Mike Cappelletti Jr., and Bronia Jenkins. Third were Joan Jackson and Norman Beck with 789.21.

296 pairs entered the event, and 156 pairs survived to today’s two-session final.

Pickup slips a thing of the past?

At last fall’s World Championship in Estoril, Portugal, North American players saw something new in the pair games. Instead of filling out a pickup slip after each round was completed, North entered the contract and result onto a hand-held, wireless device called Bridgemate. East or West pushed a button to confirm the result after checking the entry. Each table had its own device.

“Bridgemate acts like Wi-Fi, except that it has a different radio frequency,” said its creator, Ron Bouwland, who was here in Dallas earlier this week. “The results are sent to a central receiver which is connected to a computer that does the

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Ron Bouwland enters a result on Bridgemate, a wireless scoring device that he created.



Victoria McCullough, archives specialist, is shown here with a copy of Time magazine featuring Charles Goren on the cover.

ACBL’s past being preserved

Archival of the bridge history is moving into high gear. Plans to create a virtual museum on the ACBL web site are well underway.

“These artifacts are irreplaceable,” said Victoria McCullough, archives specialist. The artifacts include pictures, photos, books, videos and movies. “We haven’t been preserving them properly. They should be available to future members. We want to have a record of where we were then and where we are now,” she added.

McCullough uses a sophisticated software package which helps organize the matter by date or subject. The long-term goal is to have this completed by 2012, the ACBL’s 75th anniversary. She hopes to be at a point where new material can be added.

“We plan to have an exhibition at the Chicago NABC this summer,” said McCullough. “We will have examples for bridge players to see exactly what we are trying to preserve.”

The Goren Club is an offshoot of the project. The ACBL is producing a full season of “Championship Bridge with Charles Goren” on DVD. A booth has been set up near the Landmark Ballroom (Lobby Level) and ACBL members have supported the project with \$10 donations. On Saturday, \$480 was collected and on Sunday, \$780, including a \$500 donation by TD Peter Marcus.



At the Monday evening meeting of the ACBL Goodwill Committee, Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky introduced the 2005 Presidential Volunteer Members of the Year: Cindy Kirk of Novato CA and Roni Gitchel Atkins of Pittsburgh PA. With them is District 5 Director Sharon Fairchild.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 5</p> <p>9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Club Directors Update Course with Guillermo Poplawsky. Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills. Certificate given for successful completion of all three days. Wednesday: the Proprieties, running a successful club, dealing with problem people. <i>Room: Pryor AB.</i></p> <p>10: 30 a.m. - Noon Team Trials meeting. <i>Room: Sanger B.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 6</p> <p>9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Club Directors Update Course with Guillermo Poplawsky. Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills. Certificate given for successful completion of all three days. Thursday: Advanced ACBLscore. <i>Room: Pryor AB.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 7</p> <p>11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. Women's Team Trials meeting. <i>Room: Cumberland D.</i></p> |
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

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| <i>Daily at 12:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. in Landmark Ballroom D.</i> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 5</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Shannon Cappelletti, <i>Slam Bidding</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Michael Huston, <i>Unmanageable Hands</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 6</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Chuck Said, <i>Extensions of the Negative Double</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Steve Shirey, <i>Avoid Ace-Asking</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 7</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Karen Walker, <i>Opening Leads</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Zeke Jabbour, <i>Winsome & Loathsome</i></p> |

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

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| <i>Check out the following attractions after the evening session:</i> | |
| <p>April 5, Wednesday</p> <p>Poker: No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament \$10 buy-in, cash prizes. Be sure to sign up early Wednesday evening to get an entry.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">April 6, Thursday</p> <p>"The Not-So-Newlywed Game" <i>Hosted by Mike and Nancy Passell</i> Sign up at the Entertainment Table to be a contestant. Prizes will be awarded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 7, Friday</p> <p>Karaoke</p> |

Naked king, flying jack

On this deal (rotated), from the second qualifying session of the North American Pairs, Flight A, Margie Gwozdzinsky and Ira Herman pulled out all the stops on defense to create an illusion that ensnared declarer.

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| <p>♠ Q 9 4 3</p> <p>♥ A Q 9</p> <p>♦ 8 5</p> <p>♣ K 10 9 6</p> | <p>♠ J 10 6 5</p> <p>♥ 8 4</p> <p>♦ K 7</p> <p>♣ A J 8 5 4</p> |
| <p>♠ A K 8</p> <p>♥ K J 10 6 2</p> <p>♦ A Q 10</p> <p>♣ Q 2</p> | <p>♠ 7 2</p> <p>♥ 7 5 3</p> <p>♦ J 9 6 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ 7 3</p> |

South was declarer in 4♥ after an auction in which South showed a strong (18-20 HCP), balanced hand.

Gwozdzinsky, West, led the ♠J, won by declarer's ace. A heart to dummy's queen was followed by a club to the queen and Gwozdzinsky's ace. She exited with a trump to dummy's ace.

Declarer drew the last trump, Gwozdzinsky pitching a club, and continued with a club to dummy's king. The ♣10 was called from dummy as Herman, East, pitched a diamond perforce. Declarer ruffed and played the last trump, on which Gwozdzinsky discarded the ♦7 in tempo, baring the king.

This was the position:

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| <p>♠ Q 9 4</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ 8</p> <p>♣ 9</p> | <p>♠ 10 6 5</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣ J</p> |
| <p>♠ K 8</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ A Q 10</p> <p>♣ —</p> | <p>♠ —</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ J 9 6 4 3</p> <p>♣ —</p> |

Declarer cashed the ♠K, took the spade finesse, cashed the ♠Q and played a diamond. Herman alertly flew with jack, trying to make it

appear that his last two cards were the ♦K J. Declarer pondered this for a moment before finally deciding to take the finesse. Gwozdzinsky claimed the last two tricks.

Holding declarer to 10 tricks was worth 11 out of 13 matchpoints.

Dining in the Hyatt Regency

Antares
Revolving restaurant presents stellar New American cuisine amid the stars. Located atop Reunion Tower. Reservations recommended.
Lunch: Mon.–Sat. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
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Dinner: 4–10 p.m.

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Dinner: Daily, 5–10 p.m.

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It's the place for a quick meal. We have a variety of gourmet coffees, espresso, cappuccino and snacks.
Lobby Level, open 24 hours.

1NT range Announcement

Announcing your 1NT range remains a requirement in ACBL-sanctioned tournament play. Failure to Announce your 1NT range, while rarely penalized, remains a procedural infraction. Please make life easy for your opponents and your tournament directors by Announcing the high-card point range of your 1NT opening bids.

Registration, Prizes and Partnerships

The Registration Desk, the Prize Desk and the Partnership Desk are located on the Lower Level near Marsalis Hall.

Play in a world championship

Your chance to play in a world championship without having to win a trials event is just around the corner — the 8th World Bridge Championships in Verona, Italy, this June.

Play begins June 10 with the Mixed Pairs and continues with a full slate of events, concluding June 24. Besides the Mixed Pairs, there are the Rosenblum and McConnell teams (open and women's respectively), Senior Teams, Open, Women's, Senior and IMP pairs.

All events are transnational — teams or pairs may be made up of players from any countries. There are no quotas or restrictions, but you must register for the tournament before May 8 through your national bridge organization. For players in North America, that would be the ACBL or the Canadian Bridge Federation. If you have questions, you may contact Ann Gudge, World Bridge Federation liaison, at anna@ecats.co.uk.

Verona is one of Italy's top cities, famous internationally as the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Players who are interested in the rich culture and heritage of the area (Verona is only 68 miles from Venice) will find much to enjoy.

The playing facility is a modern, air conditioned convention center.

For travel arrangements and more information, visit www.worldbridgehouse.com

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Sweeping out the corners of the bridge mind

By Bruce Greenspan

Well, it's almost time to go. Let's hope a few of the synapses are still firing. Most people don't think of bridge as a physical activity, but several days of intense concentration can be grueling. Many matches are won or lost at the very end of the session. Keep focus, stay in the present and as the Grateful Dead sang, "Keep on truckin'."

Most bridge expressions are totally meaningless. Eight ever, nine never is one that pops to mind. Often, a decision about finessing for a queen depends on whether there a dangerous opponent (no, not your partner). If you have a nine-card suit, but you can avoid losing the lead to the dangerous opponent by taking a finesse, take the finesse. How can you tell the dangerous opponents? The player in a position to play through an unprotected honor is the dangerous opponent. Look at this layout:



Dummy

♠K 6 5

You

♠7 5

In this scenario, your left-hand opponent is the dangerous opponent. If RHO leads spades, you are guaranteed a spade trick. If LHO gets in, the next thing you know a spade comes flying through. If RHO has the ace, your king is dead.

Another meaningless expression: when in doubt, lead a trump. There is usually a clear

indication that a trump is the right lead. For example, if the opponents end up in a secondary suit, lead a trump. Say the opponents bid without competition: 1♠—1NT; 2♣—Pass. This screams for a trump lead. Dummy probably has one spade, and declarer is going to crossruff for his contract. Lead trumps early and often. Another occasion that calls for a trump lead is when you are strong in declarer's secondary suit and you think he's going to try to ruff that suit in dummy.

One expression I believe in is "6—5 come alive." If I had a choice between a 18-point flat hand or a minimum opening hand with a six-card suit and a five-card suit, give me the latter every time. Long suits provide tricks.

A couple of defensive tips: when you break a new suit in the middle of the play as a defender, use attitude leads. The lower the card, the more you like the suit. A high card says if you win trick, do something else.

Make the defense easy for partner. Inexperienced players rarely overtake a trick partner is going to win and hope that partner will do the right thing. I often tell my partner, "There is no hope in bridge." If you know what to do, overtake the trick.

Two final notes. I see so many players who turn from Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde as soon as they enter the bridge room. We play the greatest game ever invented, and yet so many take the joy out of it. I know I'm an atypical bridge player, but one time playing in a club game against a lovely woman, her partner bid Blackwood and she responded. Now, her partner bid 5NT and she blurted out, "I don't know what that means." I said that her partner was asking you how many kings she had. She asked me how



to answer and I told her that it was just same as aces. At first, my partner squinted at me, but later she smiled and thought it was a great thing to do.

One of my role models was the late Tom Belle. He was an excellent player, but an even better person. No matter how badly he got fixed or how terrible a mistake his partner made, Tom would always have a smile and quip. You could not have a better partner, and I have resolved to be more like Tom. See you at the table.

The author, who lives in Danvers MA, is director of bridge services for World Winner Bridge (formerly ACBL Online). He is an ACBL-accredited teacher and club manager. He is also former president of the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association.

Thinking Bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: East ♠ 10 9 5
 Vul: None ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ A K J 10
 ♣ 8 6 2

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

♠ A K Q 8 2
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ A K 5

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| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 2♦ | 1♥ | Db1 |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | 2♠ |

Opening lead: ♥9.

Bidding commentary: South's takeout double followed by bidding a suit typically shows 17-18 high-card points with five cards in the bid suit. Given this, North's leap to 4♠ is reasonable. 3♠ is also a possibility. Passing is beneath contempt!

Lead commentary: The lead of a high spot card in partner's unsupported suit shows a singleton or doubleton. With three (or four) low ones, the lowest card is the proper lead.

Defensive commentary: East knows from the lead that three hearts are cashing.

Further defensive commentary: On the third heart, West has a choice of discards — a low club or a low diamond. Any difference? West can "see" that the contract will be defeated if East plays a fourth heart, promoting West's ♠J to the setting trick. In order to encourage East to lead a heart, West discards a low club, denying interest in the suit partner will be tempted to lead. East is not about to lead a diamond! Important concept.

Further defensive commentary: When East

sees the discouraging club and glances at the impressive diamonds in dummy, East should play a fourth heart, looking for a trump promotion, ruff-sluff or no ruff-sluff.

Gold Point event

There will be a two-session 0-49er Gold Point event today. Each partnership must play both sessions and must be ACBL members. This is the only Gold point event that will be held in the IN area.

Celebrity lecture series continues

There's no such thing as a free lunch. There are such things as free bridge lessons and they are a great opportunity. Forty-five minutes before the afternoon and evening gametime, celebrity bridge players give talks and answer questions.

Jerry Helms, a regular contributor to the *Bridge Bulletin*, spoke Saturday. "I stay pretty busy for a man without a job," he said, referring to the fact that he is a full-time player and teacher.

Here are some "Jerryisms."

- "What you should bid depends on your preferences and your partner's sense of humor."
- "The only issues are where and how high. Go slow until you know where to go. When you know where to go, get there in a hurry."
- "I believe in what I call North Carolina



Jerry Helms is one of many top bridge players who give lessons each day.

game tries. When you can't decide, bid a game and try to make it."

Whitesides

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for each of these ACBL employees annually.

Whitesides will be right at home with the NABC here in Dallas, but like all the other tournament directors who are part of the staff, he works in whatever capacity he's needed.

"At the NABCs, national and lower-ranking TDs are assigned to all levels of games — national events, regional games and Intermediate-Newcomer games — to allow everyone to get experience."

Vanderbilt

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The team captained by Fred Chang (#44) beat 12th-seeded Michael Kamil's squad by a single IMP — 124-123.

Michael Polowan's #14 team fell to Paul Marston's (mainly) Australian squad 115-105. Marston was originally the # 46 seed.

The #20 seed led by Grant Baze defeated the #13 seed (Team Robison) with John Onstott at the helm.

Today's round of 16 will be played behind screens.

Bridgemate

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scoring."

The devices are about eight inches by four inches and runs on batteries. Bridgemate sends its signal using encryption. That means the data is encoded for protection. Sending the signal after each hands results in real-time delivery to either the Internet or to Vugraph.

The ACBL is considering using Bridgemates at tournaments and distributing them for units or clubs that may wish to purchase them. Using Bridgemate devices, fewer caddies are needed. Directors can be assigned to other duties. The initial cost, however, is an important issue.

Bouwland comes from a bridge-playing family, but doesn't play bridge himself. Eight years ago, a tournament director in his native Netherlands asked him how to get rid of travelers and an idea was born.

Bouwland's background is business, not computers, so he formed a team that included hardware and software engineers. Beginning in 2000, Bridgemate was used in clubs in the Netherlands. Initially, there were some flaws, but soon these were ironed out. In October 2004, the European Bridge League used Bridgemate in its Champions Cup. Then it was used again in the Open European Championships during the summer of 2005. In two weeks, over 75,000 scores were processed.

Bridgemate is currently used in Australia and the Scandinavian countries. France and Italy are considering it.

Besides tournaments, local clubs can also use the devices. After entering the result, a button can be pushed that allows Bridgemate to show results that look like a traveling scoresheet.

Cell phones

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



TOURNAMENT APPEALS

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



APPEALS CASE 2

Subject: Tempo
DIC: Henry Cukoff
Event: Silodor Open Pairs
Session: First Final
 Brd: #10
 Vul: Both
 Dir: East

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

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| North | South |
| 1NT (2) | 1♣ (1) |
| 2♠ | 2♥ (3) |
| 4♣ | 3♣ |
| 6♣ | 5♣ (4) |
| | Pass |

- (1) Strong and artificial.
- (2) 8+ high-card points, game forcing.
- (3) Transfer to spades.
- (4) Break in tempo.

The Facts: 1♣ bid was strong and artificial, showing 16+ HCP if unbalanced. 1NT denied a four-card major or a five-card minor and showed 8+ HCP (game forcing) and a balanced hand. 2♥ was a transfer to spades and was duly alerted. 2♠ showed exactly a doubleton spade (hence a 2-3-4-4 pattern). There was a break in tempo before South bid 5♣. The final contract was 6♣ making six, on the opening lead of the ♥A; plus 1370 for N-S.

The Ruling: The directors consulted with three (unnamed) world-class players, each of whom said he would not pass because his hand was so good. The directors decided that pass was not a logical alternative and allowed the table

result to stand.

The Appeal: There was no dispute that there was a break in tempo. E-W argued that North, by bidding 4♣, had shown significant extra values and was "bid out." With a weaker hand and a weak red suit, she could have bid her other red suit, else bid 3NT. The hesitation made it likely that South had the needed red-suit controls.

The Decision: The committee partially agreed with EW's assertion about the 4♣ bid, but thought 4♣ would also be bid with certain prime minimums, e.g.,

♠K x ♥x x x ♦x x x x ♣K Q x x,
 or,
 ♠x x ♥A x x ♦x x x x ♣K Q x x.

They noted that South would not have shown clubs with 5-2-2-4 shape unless interested in slam; if not, she would have just bid 3NT. Therefore, when South bid 5♣, she was marked with extra distribution and a minimum for her previous auction. The finite, but small possibility that South had two losing hearts, did not make pass a logical alternative; on all other hands, slam should be laydown. (A slam that is cold 75% of the time, and has no play the other 25%, is still a good slam, although not in the familiar sense. For this hand, a 75% estimate is conservative.)

The only hand presented to show that 6♣ had any danger was:

♠A Q J x x ♥J x ♦K ♣A J x x x

Accordingly, the committee decided that there was no logical alternative to bidding 6♣ and it ruled that the table result was to stand. (The possibility that South's slow 5♣ call did not demonstrably suggest slam interest as opposed to doubt about strain was also considered in passing but not pursued since the first argument was persuasive.)

E-W, experienced players, should have recognized that North with four super cards opposite a black two-suiter in the 16+ HCP range, had a slam drive, even without the matchpoint considerations. The possibility that slam might go down opposite a particularly poor and carefully chosen South hand, does not make pass a logical alternative for North. Having tried and failed once with the director, E-W should have known to give up their pursuit. Therefore, the committee gave the EW pair an Appeal Without Merit Warning.

The Committee: Bart Bramley, chair; Ed Lazarus, Bruce Rogoff, Michael Huston and John Solodar



Winners of the 2005 National 49er Pairs were Joan Dixon and Bernie Weiss

National 49er Pairs

The National 49er Pairs begins today as players compete for masterpoints and the Fifth Chair Trophy.

The National 49er Pairs is a two-session event limited to players with less than 50 masterpoints. Sessions begin at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Entries are \$16.50 per player per session and will be played in the Landmark D Ballroom.

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

The first National 49er Pairs was held in 1998.

Winners will have their names added to the Fifth Chair Trophy. The Fifth Chair Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to promoting bridge on the Internet and attracting new players to the game.

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

Past winners:

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

Calling all new Life Masters

Players who earn Life Master status here in Dallas, please report in to the Daily Bulletin office located in Cumberland Hall B. Your hometown, name and hometown of your partner or teammates, the event in which you earned your gold card and how many and what kind of points you needed should be included.

Silver lining

Lew Finkel and Gaylor Kasle won the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs that ended Monday evening by the healthy margin of two boards. Here are two deals (rotated) that helped them to victory.

This was the very first deal they played on Monday, the final round:

Dir: South ♠ Q 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 10 8 5 4
 ♣ 10 8 4 2

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

♠ A K J 8 3 2
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ K

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| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Finkel</i> | | <i>Kasle</i> | |
| | | | 1♠ |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Finkel led the ♥J, overtaken by Kasle with the king. He immediately switched to a trump. Declarer tried a second round of hearts hoping to be able to ruff a third round later in dummy, but Kasle won the ace and played a second trump.

This defense held declarer to exactly eight tricks, earning the winners 53-1/2 out of 65 matchpoints.

The very last deal they played on Monday featured Finkel in action as declarer:

Dir: East ♠ K 10
 Vul: Both ♥ A 7 5
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ Q 10 6 3

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

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

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| West | North | East | South |
| | <i>Kasle</i> | | <i>Finkel</i> |
| | | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

3NT was "gambling," promising a long, strong minor suit with little else on the outside. 4♣ asked the preempter to pass or correct. East, of course, bid diamonds, and only now did Finkel enter the auction with 4♠.

West began with the two top clubs and then gave his partner a club ruff. East then tried the ♦A, but Finkel ruffed and took stock.

Since East likely had an eight-card diamond suit for the preempt and had exactly two clubs, Finkel knew that East had three major-suit cards. At trick five, therefore, he played a spade toward dummy and called for the 10 when West played low. When this worked, he cashed the ♠K, noting that East followed. A likely pattern for his right-hand opponent, therefore, was 2=1=8=2.

Finkel figured he couldn't return to his hand via a diamond ruff since West would overruff, so

he played dummy's good ♣Q and ruffed it instead. The last trump was then extracted from West.

Finkel realized it would do him no good to take the heart finesse, since even if it worked, he would still be left with a heart loser. The only layout that would allow him to avoid a loser in the suit was when East began with a singleton king. So Finkel took his only chance by dutifully leading a low heart to the ace, dropping the singleton honor, and claimed.

Plus 620 was worth 59-1/2 out of 65 matchpoints.



Second in the Silver Ribbon Pairs were Marla Chaikin and Bill Esberg.

Partscore defense

By Barry Rigal

This deal comes from the first final session of the Silodor Open Pairs:

Dir: North ♠ Q 10
 Vul: None ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A 10 9 5
 ♣ K 6 5 4 3

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

♠ A J 9 7 6
 ♥ K 10 8 6
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ Q 7

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | All Pass | |

Perhaps a low trump lead by West stands out, but it's not clear that dummy will be able to ruff a heart.

On the ♣J lead passed around to the queen, declarer quite naturally led a diamond to the ace. Now a heart to the king and ace produced the belated trump shift. Dummy's ♠10 scored and a second heart was played.

It looks natural to win the ♥Q to play a spade. I thought my partner (Eric Leong) did well as East to put in the ♥7. This might have persuaded declarer not to put up the jack if he had started with K-J-x-x.

At the table, South put in the ♥8, letting West win the ♥J to play a second trump to defeat 2♠ in the fullness of time.



Vandy dandy

By Barry Rigal

We left our Vanderbilt round of 64 sufficiently early that maybe I should forget about it and move on to the next event. Nonetheless there were a couple of neat defenses.

Dir: East ♠ Q 8
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 9 8
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ J 9 6

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

♠ J 5
 ♥ 6 5 4 2
 ♦ J
 ♣ A K 8 5 4 3

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | All Pass | |

Stretching for points we overreached to 4♣. Hemant Lall led a spade to the ace, won the spade continuation and shifted to a trump.

Declarer won in hand and advanced the ♦J: queen, ace low. The ♦K was next followed by a diamond ruff, a high club to draw the remaining trumps, a heart to the ace and a diamond ruff to reach this ending:

♠ —
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ J

♠ 10 9 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ K J ♥ Q
 ♦ — ♦ 10
 ♣ — ♣ —

♠ —
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ —
 ♣ 8 5

When South led the ♥6 from his hand, Lall "crocodiled" his partner's queen by rising with the king, allowing him to cash the ♥J for down one.

On the next deal, both sides declared 4♥.

♠ Q 8 5
 ♥ A J 9 6
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A K J 10 3

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

♠ K 6 4
 ♥ Q 10 7 4
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ 8 6 4

On the lead of the ♣Q, East signaled with the 9 ("obvious shift" meaning "please play a diamond, our suit"). Declarer led a diamond from dummy and East hopped up with the ♦K to give a club ruff.

West ruffed and exited with a top diamond, letting dummy ruff.

Now declarer had to find a way back to his hand. He played the ♠Q, tempting a cover, but West declined and declarer's goose was cooked. He had to play the ♥A, hoping for a miracle, but when the ♥K failed to drop he was down one.

Fall classic double-header

October is World Series time, but the Mid-Atlantic has its own version of a fall classic. And this year, it's a double-header.

Columbia, SC — Oct. 16-22, at the Radisson (803) 731-0300, just off I-20, I-77 and I-26. Hotel upgraded and fully renovated in the past year. Chair: Elizabeth Beckwith (803) 754-0400, elizbeck@usit.net

Ocean City, MD — Oct. 23-29, great off-season dates and rates at the Princess Royale (410) 524-7777. Chair: Jean McKinney (410) 749-5178, dpgamckenney@cs.com.

Entry fee still just \$10 a session. Fliers on information tables, and please bookmark www.mabcbridge.org, the Internet gateway to all tournament bridge news.



Who will win the 2006 Mott-Smith Trophy?

Eddie Wold was the 2005 winner of the Mott-Smith Trophy, given to the player who earns the most masterpoints at the Spring NABC. Wold won 282.05 points, narrowly edging out partners Steve Weinstein and Robert Levin who tied for second with 271.11 points.



Wold earned 130 masterpoints for his victory in the Silodor Open Pairs with partner Bob Morris, 125 points for making it to the semifinal round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams as part of the squad led by Peter Schneider and 27.05 points for finishing tied for 13th in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams.

The trophy

The trophy was donated by friends in memory of Geoffrey Mott-Smith in 1961 and made retroactive to 1958 to include all the winners.

Mott-Smith (1902—1960) was co-chairman of the ACBL Laws Commission, editor of the *ACBL Bridge Bulletin* 1935—36, a contributor to *The Bridge World*, a writer and cryptographer.



Mott-Smith was one of the first to operate a bridge club and to direct bridge tournaments. He was the director of the annual intercollegiate tournaments and other “par” bridge events.

During World War II, Mott-Smith served as chief instructor for the OSS in the training of cryptographers and cryptanalysts.

He authored or co-authored more than 29 books on games and served as games consultant for the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers.

Mott-Smith was regarded as a great player, brilliant theorist and one of the soundest and most lucid of the early writers on contract bridge.

Winners of the trophy:

| | | |
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| 1958 | Ivar Stakgold | |
| 1959 | Lew Mathe | |
| 1960 | Norman Kay | |
| 1961 | Robert Jordan | |
| 1962 | Robert Jordan | |
| 1963 | Sidney Silodor/Norman Kay | |
| 1964 | Lew Mathe | |
| 1965 | Phil Feldesman | |
| 1966 | Phil Feldesman | |
| 1967 | Lew Mathe | |
| 1968 | Norman Kay | |
| These are the Mott-Smith Trophy winners since 1968, along with their point totals. An asterisk indicates the record was broken that year. | | |
| 1969 | Sue Sachs | 168 |
| 1970 | Barry Crane | 155 |
| 1971 | Barry Crane | 135 |
| 1972 | Paul Swanson, Jack Blair | 159 |
| 1973 | Bobby Wolff | 233* |
| 1974 | Ron Andersen | 250* |
| 1975 | Roger Bates | 203 |
| 1976 | Larry Cohen | 225 |
| 1977 | Mark Blumenthal | 200 |
| 1978 | Mike Passell | 250* |
| 1979 | Jeff Meckstroth | 215 |
| 1980 | Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell | 173 |

Ruling the Game



By Associate National Tournament Director Mike Flader Partnership Understandings

Law 40A states that a player may make any call or play, including an intentionally misleading one such as a psychic bid or one that departs from commonly accepted or previously announced use of a convention without prior announcement, provided that such a call is not based on a partnership understanding.

Law 40B says that a player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization.

What exactly does the foregoing mean?

Basically, our obligation as bridge players is to ensure that our opponents know as much about our agreements as we do. We have a further obligation to be aware of and to follow the regulations of the organization sponsoring the bridge tournament in which we play.

Within that framework, we are allowed to do as we please. Thus, it is okay to make a psychic bid as long as our partner is just as surprised as the opponents. When the use of a psychic bid comes to be expected by partner or when partner begins to make calls that allow for the possibility that we

have psyched, then, we have an agreement regarding the use of this call. In ACBL-sanctioned events, it is no longer legal to have an agreement regarding psychic bids. Psychs are actually regulated in a number of ways, and these regulations have arisen over a number of years.

For example, a player is not permitted to psych an artificial opening bid or an artificial response to an opening bid. Thus, opening a strong conventional 2♣ on a hand such as

♠ 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♣ K 3 2

would not be allowed. A player who did this would be subject to penalty. If the opponents were damaged as a direct result of this action, the director would assign an adjusted score. Even if there were no damage, the director would assign a procedural penalty to a player who was knowledgeable enough to know that his action was illegal.

Not all such actions would result in a penalty. For example, if a player opens 2♦ with a hand such as

♠ 6 4 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 9 4 2,

and it turns out that his partnership agreement was that 2♦ was Flannery, most likely this action would not be treated as a psychic bid since his hand seems to indicate that it is more likely that he forgot what he was playing rather than that he desired to mislead his opposition. In order for a call to be considered a psychic bid, there must be intent to mislead the opponents on the part of the bidder.

Another agreement that is illegal in ACBL-sanctioned tournaments is the agreement to open 1NT with a singleton or void unless the opening is by agreement strong, forcing, and artificial. A player may choose to open 1NT with a hand like

♠ K ♥ A 10 4 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ A 9 7 6 5.

As long as his partner is as surprised as the opponents by that singleton spade, there has been no violation of law and there will be no penalty. As soon as partner comes to expect the possibility and possibly make allowances for it, then an agreement exists and the ACBL regulations forbid that agreement.

There are a number of other regulations that affect our actions as bridge players in ACBL-sanctioned tournaments. They will be the subject of further articles.

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| 1981 | Allan Stauber | 166 |
| 1982 | David Berkowitz, Harold Lilie | 198 |
| 1983 | Mike Passell | 214 |
| 1984 | Lew Stansby | 172 |
| 1985 | Jeff Meckstroth | 196 |
| 1986 | Lew Stansby | 207 |
| 1987 | Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd | 200 |
| 1988 | Roger Bates | 193 |
| 1989 | Eddie Wold | 167 |
| 1990 | John Sutherlin | 300* |
| 1991 | Zia Mahmood | 183 |
| 1992 | Roger Bates | 186 |
| 1993 | Michael Seamon | 196 |
| 1994 | Chip Martel | 250 |
| 1995 | Michael Polowan | 242 |
| 1996 | Zia Mahmood | 252 |
| 1997 | Bart Bramley | 292 |
| 1998 | Eddie Wold | 243 |
| 1999 | Petra Hamman | 265 |
| 2000 | Jeff Meckstroth | 313* |
| 2001 | Jill Meyers | 234 |
| 2002 | Paul Soloway | 357* |
| 2003 | Geoff Hampson | 317 |
| 2004 | Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes | 364* |
| 2005 | Eddie Wold | 282 |

Restaurant/Transportation Information

There are many restaurants in the West End including Landry's Seafood House, On the Border, Spaghetti Warehouse and The Butcher Shop. The West End is a few minutes from the Hyatt on the DART light rail system. DART rail passes can be purchased from the ticket vending machines on the platform at Union Station. Single-trip tickets are \$1.25 and are valid for 90 minutes. Day passes are \$2.50. Fares for seniors 65 and older are .50 for a single trip ticket and \$1 for a day pass.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word — such as “transfer” — and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

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

TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE VANDERBILT KO TEAMS

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

vs

(Opponent is one of these two teams. Appeal pending at press time.)

Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland

OR

Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; John Fout, New York NY; Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY; Joshua Parker, Briarcliff NY

Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland

vs

Paul Marston, Australia; Hugh Grosvenor, Ljubljana, ; Zolton Nagy, Woodville West Australia; Richman Robert, Double Bay Australia

Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt

vs

Fred Chang, Flushing NY; Gunnar Hallberg, London England; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China; Seymon Deutsch, Laredo TX

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

vs

Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Brad Moss, New York NY; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Magnus Lindkvist, Hoor Sweden; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy

vs

Michael Moss, New York NY; Tony Forrester, Herefordshire England; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC

Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Mike Passell - Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV; Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL

vs

Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL

Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Ishmael Delmonte, Double Bay NSW 2 Australia; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Tadashi Teramoto, Yokohama Japan

vs

Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; John Zilic, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX

Grant Baze, San Diego CA; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Michael Whitman, San Francisco CA; Krzysztof Buras, Chorzow St. Lucia; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk

vs

Bas Dryver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam Netherlands; Berry Westra, Krmpen Den Yssel; Vincent Ramondt, Alphen Ran Den

25.00 17/32 George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy

25.00 17/32 James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Aventura FL; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

25.00 17/32 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Mark Feldman, New York NY; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX

25.00 17/32 Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Me Mexico; Sam Lev, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Las Vegas NV; Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL

25.00 17/32 Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Claudio Nunes - Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy

25.00 17/32 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Jim Krekorian, New York NY; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Glenn Groethem, Melhus Norway

25.00 17/32 Michael Polowan, New York NY; Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY; Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Migry Zur Campanile, Tel Aviv Israel

25.00 17/32 Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Jaggy Shivdasani - Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY

25.00 17/32 Tony Kasday, Puyallup WA; Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Nels Erickson, Sparks NV; Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV; Thorlukur Jonsson, Kopavogur Iceland

25.00 17/32 Melanie Tucker - John Kranyak, New York NY; Justin Lall - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Guido Ferraro, Torino Italy; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina

25.00 17/32 John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD

25.00 17/32 Sartaj Hans - Tony Nunn - Kieran Dyke - David Wiltshire,

25.00 17/32 Walter Johnson - Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Marc Zwerling - Mark Tolliver, Portland OR; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA

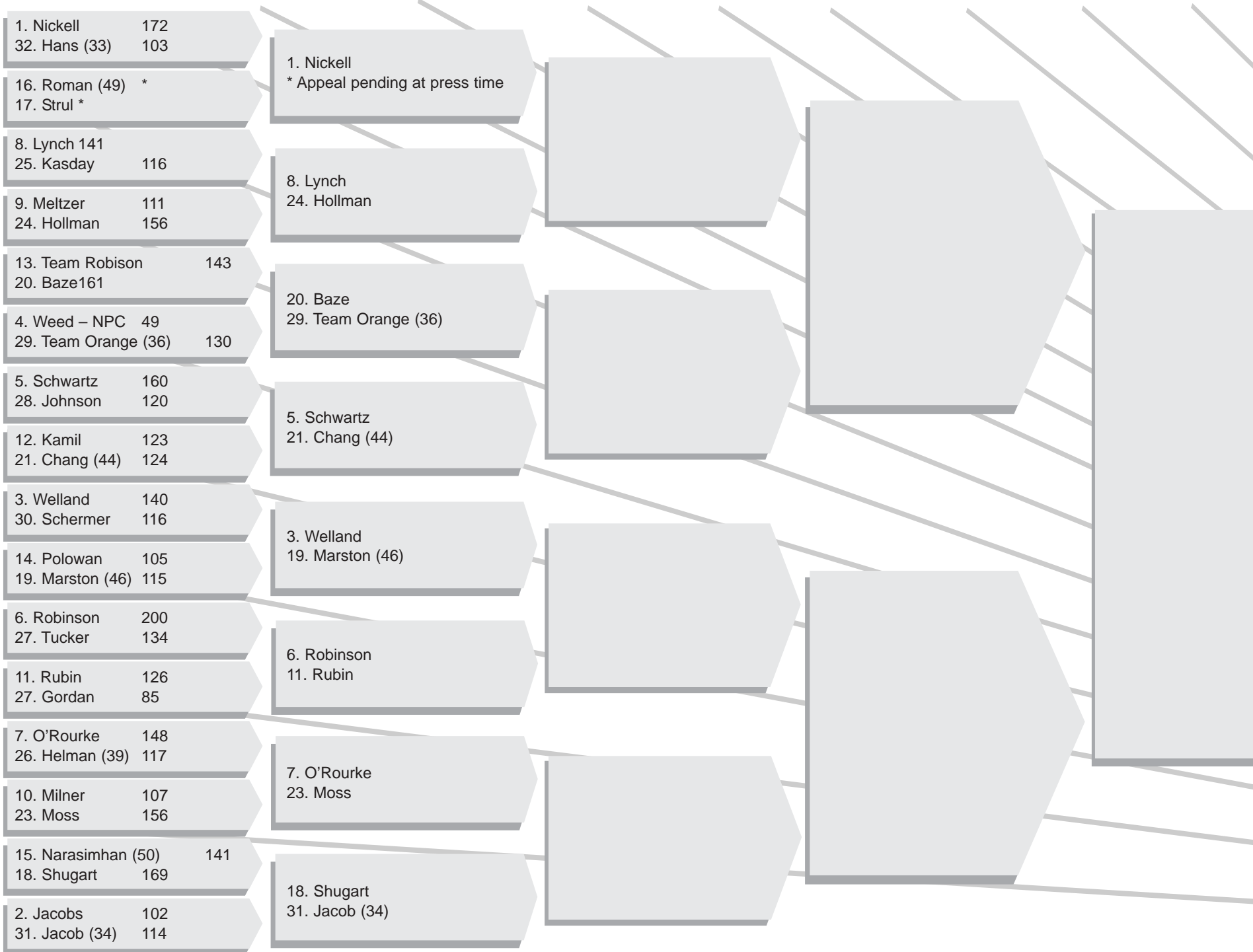
25.00 17/32 Leonard Helman, Santa Fe NM; Mark Horton, Romford Essex England; Valentin Kovachev, New York NY; Vladislav Ipsorski, Sofia Bulgaria; Pony Nehmert, Wiesbaden Germany; David Bakhshi, London England

25.00 17/32 Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; John Fout, New York NY; Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY; Joshua Parker, Briarcliff NY

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25.00 17/32 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA



Clubbed in the auction

By Barry Rigal

One of the most unlikely results you will ever see came up in the Round of 32 Vanderbilt Knockout match between the Meltzer and Hollman teams.

With both vulnerable, you hold the East cards:
 ♠ Q J 4 ♦ J 10 8 3 ♠ A K Q J 7 2 ♣ —

Here's the auction:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 1♠ | 1NT | DbI | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♣ | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 5♣ | 5♦ | Pass |
| 6♦ | 6NT | DbI | Pass |
| Pass | 7♣ | DbI | All Pass |

2NT is a run-out showing a weak hand with clubs.

You elect to double 1NT then drive toward slam. You are happy to get cooperation from partner, but rightly decide not to try for the grand slam.

North, however, has his own ideas and bids 7♣. What do you lead?

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

It doesn't matter what you lead! 7♣ is cold!

Yes, the 1NT bid may be a little off center, but we've come to expect that sort of thing from Bruce Ferguson, the North player in this case, who was playing with Bob Hollman.

Not to worry — in the other room, Larsen-Meltzer also reached 7♣ doubled by a more traditional route. No swing!

MIDNIGHT COMPACT KNOCKOUT

11 Tables

Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Denis Murphy, Belleville ON

vs

Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA; McKenzie Myers, Portland OR; G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA

Karen Tabak, Sugarland TX; Phyllis Crandall - Marsha Sachs, Sugar Land TX; Daksha Adhia, Missouri City TX

vs

Joyce Neville, White Marsh VA; Tracy Brines, Suffolk VA; Brian Duran, Somerville MA; Lorraine Cable, Dorchester MA

MONDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO # 1

12 Tables

G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Michael Katz, San Ramon CA

vs

Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Peter Petruzzellis - John Collins, Toronto ON; Martin Morris, Wheeling IL

Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Robert Cappelli, Bloomfield MI; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI; William Hunter, Reading MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA

vs

Susan Rechter - En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; Spencer Stanley Sr, Lawton OK

MONDAY-THURSDAY MORNING KO #2

12 Tables

Mike Compton - Jane Dickey, Little Rock AR; Ronnie Burns - Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR

vs

Jim Dick - Linda Dick, Woodbridge VA; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO

Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Kathy Stanford, Leesburg FL; Linda Lee, Destin FL; Ellen Miller, Highland Park IL

vs

Betty Capodice - Gail Moon, Bloomington IL; Eric Gettleman, Normal IL; Paul Holmes, Champaign IL

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS (CORRECTED)

(There were some late scoring changes. Here are the corrected final standings.)

65.0 Tables

| | | | |
|--------|----|--|---------|
| 100.00 | 1 | Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL | 2277.95 |
| 75.00 | 2 | William Esberg, Long Branch NJ; Marla Chaikin, Monmouth Beach NJ | 2144.82 |
| 56.25 | 3 | Joe Quinn, Richmond TX; Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA | 2088.06 |
| 44.44 | 4 | Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA | 2085.19 |
| 40.00 | 5 | Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein, White Plains NY | 2080.32 |
| 36.36 | 6 | Tom Kniest, University City MO; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA | 2073.00 |
| 33.33 | 7 | Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Robert Schwartz, San Pedro CA | 2065.28 |
| 30.77 | 8 | Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, San Bernardino CA | 2036.07 |
| 28.57 | 9 | Herbert Wilton, Fredericksburg TX; Elaine Said, Nashville TN | 2026.69 |
| 26.67 | 10 | Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD; Linda Maloney, Rockville MD | 2006.33 |
| 25.00 | 11 | John Fisher - Tarek Radjef, Dallas TX | 1979.98 |
| 23.53 | 12 | Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA | 1979.13 |
| 22.22 | 13 | Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Fred Paul, Cliffside Pk NJ | 1978.48 |
| 21.05 | 14 | Jim Barrow, Lake Charles LA; Don Caton, Pensacola FL | 1975.04 |
| 20.00 | 15 | Carlos Munoz - Warren Rosner, White Plains NY | 1972.45 |
| 19.05 | 16 | Linda Spangler, Duncanville TX; Charles Price, Sherman TX | 1961.10 |
| 18.18 | 17 | Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; James Deegan, Richardson TX | 1955.31 |
| 17.39 | 18 | Franklin Kasle, Flint MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI | 1945.02 |
| 16.67 | 19 | Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT; Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT | 1944.42 |
| 16.00 | 20 | Mary Poplawski - Harry Nuckols, Vestal NY | 1938.54 |
| 15.38 | 21 | Shirley Presberg - Sharon Jabbour, Boca Raton FL | 1909.30 |
| 14.81 | 22 | Karen Lee Barrett, Vancouver WA; Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR | 1906.00 |
| 14.29 | 23 | Robert Klein, Rohnert Park CA; David Neuman, San Francisco CA | 1898.37 |
| 13.79 | 24 | Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL | 1890.38 |
| 13.33 | 25 | Jane Segal, Villanova PA; Judy Kay-Wolff, Las Vegas NV | 1884.78 |
| 12.90 | 26 | Mark Shaw, Laurel MD; Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD | 1878.71 |
| 12.50 | 27 | Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles CA | 1873.46 |
| 12.12 | 28 | Nunzio Martorina, Chino CA; Berneice Anglea, Pasadena CA | 1869.71 |
| 11.76 | 29 | Steve Bruno - Darrell Keel, Peoria AZ | 1864.23 |
| 11.43 | 30 | Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Sharon Colson, Kirkland WA | 1861.42 |
| 11.11 | 31 | Kathy Baum, Germantown TN; Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH | 1858.34 |
| 10.81 | 32 | Doug Hansford - Donald Sache, Delta BC | 1845.41 |
| 10.53 | 33 | Mary Ruth Blustein - Maurice Blustein, Bellevue WA | 1844.34 |
| 10.26 | 34 | Hugh Brown Jr, Mc Cormick SC; John Potter, Panama City FL | 1841.70 |
| 10.00 | 35 | Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO | 1841.41 |
| 9.76 | 36 | Jerry Helms - Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC | 1839.50 |
| 9.52 | 37 | Rhoda Prager, Allentown PA; Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL | 1838.61 |
| 9.30 | 38 | Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN | 1836.04 |
| 9.09 | 39 | Larry Griffey, Daytona Beach FL; Henry Meyer, Indn Riv Shrs FL | 1834.63 |
| 8.89 | 40 | Fred King, Falls Church VA; Walter Schenker, Pine Brook NJ | 1825.22 |
| 8.70 | 41 | Charles Gray, Philadelphia PA; Gail Bell, King of Prussia PA | 1824.65 |
| 8.51 | 42 | Scott Levine - R Jay Becker, New York NY | 1817.83 |
| 8.33 | 43 | Bryan Storey, Plano TX; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie TX | 1817.50 |
| 8.16 | 44 | Judi Radin - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY | 1816.95 |
| 8.00 | 45 | Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA; Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa CA | 1813.96 |
| 7.84 | 46 | Lawrence Lerner, Warren NJ; Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ | 1810.88 |
| 10.97 | 47 | Marvin Schenk - Kathy Schenk, Phoenix AZ | 1809.31 |
| 7.55 | 48 | James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON | 1808.61 |
| 7.41 | 49 | Pat Cassidy, Arlington TX; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX | 1806.14 |

TUESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

27.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 5.61 | 1 | 1 | 1 | James Andre - Lily Andre, Rockville MD | 67.70% |
| 4.21 | 2 | | | Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA | 63.99% |
| 3.16 | 3 | | | Martin Moltz, Chicago IL; M Miller, Skokie IL | 62.20% |
| 2.37 | 4 | | | Arthur Ash, Bronxville NY; Stephen Czecha, Potomac MD | 60.89% |
| 3.30 | 5 | 2 | 2 | Edward Weisberger, Wayland MA; Steven Ansell, Hopkinton MA | 60.84% |
| 2.48 | 6 | 3 | 3 | Wendel Archer - Brian Archer, Hattiesburg MS | 60.42% |
| 1.86 | | 4 | | R Liguori - Jack Jordan, El Paso TX | 58.63% |
| 1.39 | | 5 | | Dolat Bhakta, Oklahoma City OK; Marjorie Jann, Clark NJ | 57.27% |
| 1.49 | | 6 | | Rose Calvin - Shih-Liang Hsu, Houston TX | 56.25% |
| 1.35 | | | 4 | Carl Brame, Tacoma WA; Molly Cusano, Hobe Sound FL | 55.65% |
| 1.01 | | | 5 | Adam Kaplan - Todd Kaplan, New Port Richey FL | 55.36% |
| 0.89 | | | 6 | Susan Johnson, Newport Beach CA; Naomi Orsay, Brentwood MO | 55.27% |

TUESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

14.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|---|---|-----|--|--------|
| 3.39 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Cathy Struck - Raymond Struck, Hattiesburg MS | 67.23% |
| 2.54 | 2 | | | Rhonda Huser - Phyllis Savell, Dallas TX | 65.34% |
| 2.10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Nancy Dean - Marilyn Sharratt, Austin TX | 59.66% |
| 1.43 | 4 | | | Beverly Geurin, Albuquerque NM; Dianne Decker, Austin TX | 59.09% |
| 1.58 | 5 | 3 | | Grant Sutton, Lawrence KS; Carol Hall, Horseshoe Bay TX | 57.01% |
| 1.18 | 6 | 4 | | Ray Ramer - Maribeth Ramer, Spring TX | 54.55% |
| 0.93 | | 5 | | Mary Calise, Cordillera CO; Diane Newsom, Avon CO | 53.98% |
| 0.66 | | 6 | | Pamela Elsner, Avon CO; Rick Lepscier, Tinley Park IL | 53.22% |
| 1.01 | | | 3 | V' Anne Desch, Topeka KS; Marilee Leming, Overland Park KS | 48.67% |
| 0.89 | | | 4/5 | James Hayhoe, Las Cruces NM; Donna Butcher, Winnipeg MB | 47.54% |
| 0.67 | | | 4/5 | Diane Beardsley, The Woodlands TX; Nancy Carlin, Spring TX | 47.54% |

Handling it just right

Diana Schuld, playing with Ruth Stober, found herself in a ticklish slam Monday evening in the Compact KO Teams. She found the line of play to bring home her contract on this deal (rotated).

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|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Dlr: South | ♠ Q 9 6 | | |
| Vul: N-S | ♥ 4 3 | | |
| | ♦ J 9 6 | | |
| | ♣ A J 10 7 5 | | |
| ♠ - | | ♠ K J 7 5 | |
| ♥ K 8 7 | | ♥ Q J 9 6 5 | |
| ♦ A K Q 10 8 7 5 3 2 | | ♦ 4 | |
| ♣ 6 | | ♣ 9 4 3 | |
| | ♠ A 10 8 4 3 2 | | |
| | ♥ A 10 2 | | |
| | ♦ - | | |
| | ♣ K Q 8 2 | | |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | Stober | | Schuld |
| | | | 1♠ |
| 5♦ | Dbl | Pass | 6♣ |

All Pass
At the other table Schuld's teammates, Buddy Marsh and Marianne Spannier, were allowed to play 5♦ doubled, making for a score of plus 550. Players sometimes complain about computer-dealt hands, but this one was hand dealt.

Schuld ruffed the ♦A opening lead and played the ♣K and a low club to the 10. When West showed out, Schuld switched gears and led the ♠Q covered and won by the ace. Declarer led another spade to the 9 in dummy, ducked by East. Schuld led yet another spade, won by East.

East now switched to a heart, but Schuld was in control. She won the ace, drew the last trump and claimed. Making six was an 18-IMP pickup.

APRIL SHOWERS KO 1

16 Tables
Larry Kolker, Saint Louis MO; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Rod Beery, Lincoln NE; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA

vs
Gene Freed - William Wickham, Los Angeles CA; Bryan Storey, Plano TX; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie TX

Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Vincent Demuy, Montreal-Nord QC

vs
Bartosz Chmurski, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Krzysztof Jassem - Krzysztof Martens, Poland

APRIL SHOWERS KO 2

16 Tables
Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV; Walter Fontaine, North Providenc RI; Ron Haack, New York NY; Ruth Stober, Great Neck NY; James Gordon, S Burlington VT

vs
Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; David Butler, Keswick VA; Frederick Allenspach, Potomac MD; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA

Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX; Bill Staats, Southlake TX; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Kimmel Jones, Eules TX; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX

vs
Victor Markowicz, Boca Raton FL; Julian Klukowski, Warsaw 0 Poland; Aleksander Jezioro, Krakow Poland; Shalom Zeligman, Bat-Yam 59 Israel; Jerzy Zaremba, Pittsboro NC; Victor Melman, Scarsdale NY

APRIL SHOWERS KO 3

16 Tables
Donald Sache - Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Bradley Bart, Burnaby BC; Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC

vs
Thomas Corlett - Ethel Corlett, Waco TX; Diane Schaffer, Frisco TX; Tomi Fitzgerald, Plano TX

Leo Cardillo, Fairfax VA; Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; J Louis Hortobagyi, Clearwater FL

vs
Jack Borenstein - Murray Berger - Kevin Podsiadlik, Dallas TX; Jim Clark, Double Oak TX; Ned Nolte, Fort Worth TX

APRIL SHOWERS KO 4

16 Tables
Brady Allen - Mark Lombard - Shaun Chooi, Dallas TX; Ian Friedland, Alameda CA

vs
Fred Chasalow, Millbrae CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Paul Soper - George Willis, Sierra Vista AZ

Sandra Marlin - Mike Marlin, Versailles KY; Kurt Brescoll - Janet Brescoll, Mansfield TX

vs
David Schultz, Washington DC; Martha Lackey, Mc Lean VA; La Quitta Talbot - Herbert Fallin Jr, Alexandria VA

TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS

42.0 Tables

| | | | |
|-------|---|---|---|
| | A | B | C |
| 24.15 | 1 | 1 | |
| 18.11 | 2 | | |
| 13.58 | 3 | | |
| 10.19 | 4 | | |
| 7.64 | 5 | 2 | |
| 5.73 | 6 | 3 | |
| 4.30 | 7 | | |
| 3.22 | 8 | | |
| 5.44 | | 4 | 1 |
| 4.08 | | 5 | 2 |
| 2.80 | | 6 | |
| 3.06 | | | 3 |
| 2.58 | | | 4 |
| 2.58 | | | 5 |
| 2.04 | | | 6 |

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| Joe Freeman, Flower Mound TX; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC | 60.43% |
| Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Paul Theroff, Kansas City KS | 59.31% |
| Jan Galey, Baton Rouge LA; Marcia Hutchison, Dallas TX | 58.73% |
| Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Chris Willenken, New York NY | 58.38% |
| Grady Gravel, Pineville LA; Bob Friz, Leonard TX | 57.67% |
| Doris Rich - Johnie Imes, Lake Ozark MO | 57.26% |
| John Collins - Peter Petruzzellis, Toronto ON | 57.11% |
| Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL | 57.06% |
| Kenneth Dye, Morrisville NC; Christopher Galbraith, Antioch CA | 55.34% |
| William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard, Irving TX | 55.04% |
| Christoph Eick, Houston TX; Jerome Tilles, San Antonio TX | 54.93% |
| Ray Lytle, New Orleans LA; Carl Spencer, Farmington NM | 53.47% |
| Pam Lashelle, Round Rock TX; James Flint, Zillah WA | 51.97% |
| James Hawkins Jr, Odessa TX; Jimmy Cox, Midland TX | 51.37% |
| Jerry Scoville - Patricia Scoville, Santa Rosa CA | 50.38% |

TUESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

75 Tables

| | | | |
|-------|---|-----|-----|
| | A | B | C |
| 11.58 | 1 | | |
| 8.69 | 2 | | |
| 6.51 | 3 | | |
| 4.89 | 4 | | |
| 3.66 | 5 | | |
| 2.75 | 6 | | |
| 8.65 | 7 | 1 | |
| 1.55 | 8 | | |
| 6.49 | | 2 | |
| 5.16 | | 3 | 1 |
| 3.20 | | 4/5 | |
| 3.87 | | 4/5 | 2 |
| 2.90 | | 6 | 3 |
| 2.18 | | | 4 |
| 1.43 | | | 5/6 |
| 1.43 | | | 5/6 |

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| Gene Keidan - Bruce Keidan, Pittsburgh PA; Janet Robertson, Timonium MD; Mary Vickers, Apex NC | 114.00 |
| Jessie Sanford, Falmouth NS; Hugh Shankel, Windsor NS; Raymond Depew - Norman Dressler, Kingston PA | 109.00 |
| Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Edward Zaluski, Ottawa ON | 102.00 |
| Linda Green - Martin Hester - Chris McNaughton, Scottsdale AZ; Larry Delfs, Donna TX | 95.00 |
| Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Daniel Denison - Mary Lou Denison, Solana Beach CA | 93.00 |
| Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Manuel Nowick, Shawnee Mission KS; Rosemary Searcy, Lees Summit MO | 91.00 |
| J C Meyers - Greg Reich, New York NY; Janice Diamond, Palm Beach FL; H Bossman, Brookline MA | 86.00 |
| Lawrence Lau, Westport CT; James Greer, New Canaan CT; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC | 85.00 |
| Joyce Ryan - Stephen Reichek - Robin Ladin, Houston TX; Marcia Bryant, Southern Pines NC | 84.00 |
| Carol Holcomb - Sherry Wortsmith - Diane Lord, Little Rock AR; Margaret Mathews, Maumelle AR | 81.00 |
| Inger Lise Blount, Horseshoe Bay TX; Jeanette Hughes - Shirley Naumann, Marble Falls TX; Virginia Ray, Meadowlakes TX | 80.00 |
| Robert Reiley - Susan Reiley, Great Falls MT; Latricia McConnell, San Diego CA; Molly Cusano, Hobe Sound FL | 80.00 |
| Carol Poritz - Ted Poritz, W Palm Beach FL; Brion Keller - Ellen Keller, Binghamton NY | 77.00 |
| Jeff Dater - Kevin Pheiffer, Dallas TX; Lorraine Little - Shirley Prewitt, Fort Worth TX | 66.00 |
| Paula Warren - Mary Rita de Hoyos, New Braunfels TX; Virginia Wynne, Nixon TX; Beula Mae Pearce, Karnes City TX | 58.00 |
| Marcy Cochran, Georgetown TX; Anne McKamy, Belton TX; Loretta Green, Dodd City TX; Sherrill Crawford, Trenton ON | 58.00 |

TUESDAY EVENING 5/20/50 PAIRS

3.0 Tables

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|------|---|---|---|
| | A | B | C |
| 1.37 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1.03 | 2 | | |
| 0.84 | | 2 | |

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| Lila Estes - Bill Estes, Mesquite TX | 58.75% |
| Joe Jewell - Gaylene Jewell, Houston TX | 57.50% |
| Judy Yonack - Beverly Friedman, Dallas TX | 53.75% |

TUESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS

13.0 Tables

| | | | |
|------|-----|---|---|
| | A | B | C |
| 2.85 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.85 | 1/2 | | |
| 2.10 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 1.58 | 4 | 3 | |
| 1.20 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 0.89 | 6 | 5 | |
| 0.90 | | 6 | 4 |
| 0.82 | | | 5 |

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| Susan Flick - Carla Guthrie, Mc Kinney TX | 59.66% |
| Christopher Hayes - Yvonne Hayes, Allen TX | 59.66% |
| James Thompson, Oklahoma City OK; Eric Sieg, Norman OK | 59.09% |
| Donna McKay, Dallas TX; Barbara O'Dell, Richardson TX | 58.90% |
| Linda Hartt, Westmount QC; Bruce Eisen, Newton MA | 58.71% |
| Julia Lunn, Hamilton Bermuda; Betty Outerbridge, Smith's Bermuda | 58.14% |
| Beverly Laster, Plano TX; Anne Schmieder, Dallas TX | 57.01% |
| Sheila Cook - Catherine Patchett, Dallas TX | 55.49% |

TUESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS

12 Tables

| | | | |
|------|---|---|---|
| | A | B | C |
| 3.11 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2.33 | 2 | | |
| 1.75 | 3 | | |
| 1.90 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 1.42 | | 3 | |
| 1.07 | | 4 | |

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| Cathy Struck - Raymond Struck, Hattiesburg MS; Kathleen McCool - Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO | 99.00 |
| John Daniels, Dallas TX; Phil Merkel, Plano TX; Randy Field, Overland Park KS; Bret Carrender, Blue Springs MO | 89.00 |
| Merlene Gager, Conroe TX; Susan Stone - RaeDonna Jones, Kingwood TX; Paul Cuneo, Spring TX | 82.00 |
| Karen Franklin - William Franklin, Rowlett TX; Carol Rieger - Pat Lewis, Rockwall TX | 71.00 |
| Mary Calise, Cordillera CO; Diane Newsom - Barbara Miller, Avon CO; Jo Dee Bowen, Avon/Beaver Crk CO | 59.00 |
| Steven Conover, McKinney TX; Burt Echtenkamp - Linda Echtenkamp, Richardson TX; Rick Carter, Dallas TX | 57.00 |

LEADING QUALIFIERS IN ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

Below are the top 78 qualifiers in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs out of 156 total qualifiers. Contestants should check recap sheets for qualification status.

| | Carryover |
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| 1 Jackie Jarigese - Ross Rainwater, Vancouver WA | 233.44 |
| 2 Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL | 229.87 |
| 3 Joan Jackson - Norman Beck, Dallas TX | 227.70 |
| 4 Jim Hall, Minneapolis MN; Melody Bi, Woodbury MN | 218.27 |
| 5 Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, Spring TX | 205.94 |
| 6 Mary Poplawski - Harry Nuckols, Vestal NY | 200.64 |
| 7 Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA | 190.28 |
| 8 Carolyne Fox - Edward Groner, Houston TX | 182.89 |
| 9 Helen Abbott, Mercer Island WA; Dan Romm, Seattle WA | 178.68 |
| 10/11 Mike Aliotta, Edmond OK; Carol Pielsticker, Tulsa OK | 177.41 |
| 10/11 Georgiana Gates - August Plate, Houston TX | 177.41 |
| 12 Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Sharon Colson, Kirkland WA | 175.89 |
| 13 Geoffrey Mallette, Port Richey FL; Carole Grob, Alexandria VA | 167.44 |
| 14 Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely, San Antonio TX | 166.05 |
| 15 Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Shirley Presberg, Boca Raton FL | 165.29 |
| 16 Betsey Schneider, San Carlos CA; Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA | 159.99 |
| 17 Donna Compton - Chris Compton, Dallas TX | 158.47 |
| 18 David Stevenson, Wirral England; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA | 154.93 |
| 19 William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ | 153.93 |
| 20 Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN | 153.17 |
| 21 Betty Scull - Martin De Bruin, Egg Harbor Twp NJ | 150.21 |
| 22 Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON | 144.84 |
| 23 Bobbie Gomer, Willow Grove PA; Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA | 143.33 |
| 24/25 Jennifer Williams, Wilton CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT | 141.82 |
| 24/25 Ljudmila Kamenova, Cambridge MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA | 141.82 |
| 26 Kathy Newman - Bert Newman, West Bloomfield MI | 141.06 |
| 27 Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein, White Plains NY | 136.51 |
| 28 Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Judy Fisher, Monte Sereno CA | 134.46 |
| 29 Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA | 134.24 |
| 30 Claire Tornay, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL | 129.70 |
| 31 Kitty Cooper - Steven Cooper, Albuquerque NM | 126.91 |
| 32 Mary Orock - Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX | 126.79 |
| 33 Fredi Consolo, Aventura FL; Allan Cokin, Wellington FL | 125.16 |
| 34 Sanda Enciu, Givataim 53106 Israel; Phillip Alder, Hobe Sound FL | 122.31 |
| 35 Jane Segal, Villanova PA; Stephen Shane, White Plains NY | 115.62 |
| 36 Marianne Spanier - Bud Marsh, Scottsdale AZ | 115.31 |
| 37 George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA | 114.55 |
| 38 Teri Casen, Las Vegas NV; Robert Morris, Houston TX | 113.80 |
| 39 Lawrence Lerner, Warren NJ; Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ | 111.01 |
| 40 Nadine Wood - William Cole, Silver Spring MD | 110.37 |
| 41 Shawn Quinn, Richmond TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX | 110.01 |
| 42 Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Grantham, Amarillo TX | 109.25 |
| 43 Jenni Hartsman, Kennesaw GA; William Ehlers, West Orange NJ | 107.35 |
| 44 Ruth Grant, Tarrytown NY; Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY | 107.10 |
| 45 Carolyn Pinto - Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX | 106.98 |
| 46/47 Annette Lee McHann, Brandon MS; Bill Cook Jr, Madison MS | 106.23 |
| 46/47 Aidan Ballantyne - Katrin Litwin, Burnaby BC | 106.23 |
| 48 Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart, West Chester PA | 105.47 |
| 49 Linda Smith - Ron Smith, Hixson TN | 104.98 |
| 50 Elaine Landow - Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA | 104.71 |
| 51 Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC | 104.17 |
| 52 Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL | 103.20 |
| 53 Steven Reuschlein, Middleton WI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI | 101.80 |
| 54 Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA | 101.11 |
| 55 Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; John Russell, North Barrington IL | 100.92 |
| 56 Donald Rothschild, Sunnyvale CA; Vivian Kilstrup, Denver CO | 100.17 |
| 57 Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Michael White, Atlanta GA | 98.65 |
| 58 Joe Harris - Cindy Harris, Albuquerque NM | 97.90 |
| 59 Maeve Mahon, New Canaan CT; Brett Adler, Westport CT | 97.14 |
| 60 Candace Griffey, Daytona Beach FL; Henry Meyer, Indn Riv Shrs FL | 96.81 |
| 61 Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA | 96.50 |
| 62 Eunice Portnoy, Boca Raton FL; Charles Gill, St Petersburg FL | 96.38 |
| 63 Panette Talia, Campbell CA; Ashraf El Sadi, Union City CA | 94.87 |
| 64 George Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL | 93.35 |
| 65 Barbara Flanagan - Michael Flanagan, Scottsdale AZ | 92.38 |
| 66 Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS | 89.29 |
| 67/68 Robert Ciaffone, Saginaw MI; Ina Demme, Maple ON | 88.81 |
| 67/68 Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA | 88.81 |
| 69/70 Barbara Nist, Kent WA; Stephen Hosch, Olympia WA | 87.29 |
| 69/70 Richard Schmieder - Jyme Schmieder, Boerne TX | 87.29 |
| 71 Jack Rollier, Allen TX; Jeanne Kretz, Mc Kinney TX | 86.54 |
| 72 Judy Kay-Wolff - Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas NV | 86.11 |
| 73 Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH; Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH | 85.93 |
| 74 Herbert Wilton, Fredericksburg TX; Elaine Said, Nashville TN | 85.02 |
| 75 Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO | 84.27 |
| 76 Ralda St Pierre - John Erickson, Houston TX | 83.51 |
| 77/78 Barbara Doran, Silver Spring MD; Richard Ferrin, Washington DC | 82.75 |
| 77/78 Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Halina Jamner, Hawthorne NY | 82.75 |

APRIL SHOWERS KO 5

16 Tables

Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; Thomas Cheng, Halifax NS; John Bronson, Lopez Island WA; Jay Armstrong, Albuquerque NM

vs

Cathy Fritsch - Terry Visentin - Jim Ball - Wendy Richardson, Winnipeg MB

Joyce Zachry - Henrietta Morris, Arlington TX; Walter Tauber, Longmeadow MA; Marvin Ellis, Tyler TX

vs

Bill Perry, Tupelo MS; Carol Fielder, Jackson MS; Paul Wright Jr, Mt Pleasant SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC

Pam Phillips - Kathy McCabe, Austin TX; Bram Bevis Dresden - Beverly Tait Dresden, Greenbrae CA

vs

Larry Davis - Robert Donathan, Austin TX; Shirley Ashby - Tom Pearce, Dallas TX

APRIL SHOWERS KO 6

16 Tables

John Dimmer - Kathleen Dimmer, Cordova TN; Cecile Skaggs - Marvin Skaggs, Memphis TN

vs

Cleopatra Guastella, Red Bank NJ; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS; Sylvia Gindi, Oakhurst NJ; Sydelle Shamah, Deal NJ

Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, East Windsor NJ; Melissa Baker - Robert Baker, West Harrison NY

vs

A Probst - Helen Probst - Stefan Davis - Ronni Davis, Wichita Falls TX

Linda Lee, Destin FL; Lawton Hutchison - Dean Truair, Austin TX; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Kathy Stanford, Leesburg FL

vs

Maurice Cahm, Surrey England; Mimi Zavitkovsky, Dallas TX; Ralph Meyer, Ridgewood NJ; James Bochsler, Davenport FL

APRIL SHOWERS KO 7

16 Tables

Steven Bronstein - Donald Kurson - Paul Fireman - Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA

vs

Barbara Fine, Setauket NY; Lindsay Pearlman, New York NY; Mike Develin, Berkeley CA; John Barth, Santa Cruz CA

Brian Baresch, Ft Worth TX; Bill Schutzel, Kansas City MO; Thomas Little - Doris Little, Pharr TX

vs

Anita Cokins - George Richards - Ellen Meyer, Austin TX; Wiley McMinn III, Cedar Park TX

John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard - Janite Borovoy, Mexico Mexico; Hilda Kreimerman, Huixquilucan Mexico

vs

James McKay - Ann Prehn, Thousand Oaks CA; Hans Vermeer, Utrecht 35 Netherlands; Hetty Kallman, Agoura CA

APRIL SHOWERS KO 8

16 Tables

Ronald Neben - Ann Couch, Fort Worth TX; Virginia Reinier, Joshua TX; Barbara Jones, Cleburne TX

vs

Margaret Jones, Breckenridge CO; Joyce Cooper, Austin TX; Jerrold Harrington, Garden Ridge TX; Milton Birmingham, Fort Worth TX

Michele Brown - Patricia Barham - Ann Williams, Monroe LA; Patricia Howard, West Monroe LA

vs

Donna Gerber - Beverly Greer - Jo McDaniel, Georgetown TX; Helen Simonette, Salado TX

APRIL SHOWERS KO 9

13 Tables

Stephen Hibbard - Penny Mixon, Arlington TX; David Pearlman, Trophy Club TX; Joseph Gill, Richardson TX; Stewart De Journett, N Richland Hls TX

vs

Jerry McCarter - Rebecca McCarter, Lake Kiowa TX; Barbara Hadaway - George Davis, Gainesville TX

Peter Galbraith, Bellingham WA; Phil Brown, San Antonio TX; Don Morgan, Houston TX; Sarah Hardin, Montgomery TX

vs

Roger Ellingson - Connie Ellingson, Little Rock AR; Carl Gray, Benton AR; Dick Heil, N Little Rock AR

APRIL SHOWERS KO 10

12 Tables

Becky Hamilton, Seminole TX; Mark Hatten, Carrollton TX; Robert Razon - Daniel Fife, Dallas TX

vs

Mark McDermott, Syracuse NY; Gary Philips, Liverpool NY; Diane Dillman, Irving TX; Rebecca Deaux, Collierville TN

Warren Wilson, Atlanta GA; Sheila Rohrer, Lenexa KS; Ed Harris, Forest City NC; Ruth Ruyle, Roseville CA

vs

Karen Tabak, Sugarland TX; Marsha Sachs - Phyllis Crandall, Sugar Land TX; Daksha Adhia, Missouri City TX

Looking back: Dallas, 1997

Dallas last hosted the North American Bridge Championships in the spring of 1997. Yesterday we began a review of what happened and some interesting deals. Here are some more.

Three toughies

These next three hands posed a series of problems — one in the bidding, one in declarer play and one in defense.

First a bidding problem.

♠ 9 8
♥ A K 9 6
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K Q 10

Vulnerable against not, you open a 15–17 point 1NT. You hear 3♣ on your left, double by partner showing values. Passing would be an option at other vulnerabilities, but is it right here? And if not, what should you do?

Dlr: South ♠ A J 4 3
Vul: N–S ♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ A J 9
♣ 9 7

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

♠ 9 8
♥ A K 9 6
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K Q 10

The winning action at the table was to bid 3NT. If you bid 3♥, you get raised to 4♥ and will have to guess well to succeed, but 3NT on a small club lead was easy. You cash the ♥A and take a diamond finesse. The defense can't prevent you from taking a second-round heart finesse and you come home with 10 tricks for plus 630 for 10 matchpoints out of 12. Plus 620 was worth only 5 matchpoints.

On the next deal, you reach 4♥ on the lead of the ♦6, the unbid suit. Plan the play.

Dlr: East ♠ A Q 4 2
Vul: N–S ♥ K 8 7
♦ A 8 7
♣ 7 5 4

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

♠ —
♥ A J 9 6 5
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ A Q 8 6

The best line is to take the ♦K and play two more rounds of diamonds at once. East wins and probably exits with a club. You put in the queen and it loses to the king. Back comes a club to your ace.

Now you lead the ♦10 and it is up to West to defend well by nonchalantly ruffing with the ♥2, a difficult play since it seems to be giving up a sure trump trick. If West does this, you will have to guess the trump position to make your contract.

But note that if West does not ruff, the consequences are catastrophic. Declarer can infer that West's failure to ruff marks him with the ♥Q. He can pitch a club from dummy on the ♥10, run the ♥J from hand, draw a second round of trumps, ruff one club and pitch a second club on the ♠A for an overtrick.

The key to the hand as declarer is not to touch

trumps at all. If you draw trumps by taking the trump finesse, the defense can exit with a third trump, leaving you with no chance.

And finally, your defensive problem, which also involves some good declarer play problems.

Dlr: South ♠ 9 8 6 3 2
Vul: N–S ♥ 2
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ Q 3 2

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

♠ A J
♥ A Q 10 6
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ K 9 6

When South played in 3NT, he got the lead of the ♣J. Declarer makes his first good move when he runs this to his king and crosses to a top diamond to play a spade to the jack. This play holds your spade losers to two tricks when East has the 10 doubleton. South wins his ♠Q and plays the ♣10. North wins, now what?

Well, South's play of the ♣10 denies the 9, so playing a third club will set up a winner — but that is not enough to beat the hand. Play the ♥9 and declarer is caught on the horns of a dilemma. If he puts up the 10 or queen, South wins cheaply and reverts to clubs to establish the defense's fifth trick. If declarer plays the ace of hearts and clears spades, East wins the third round and plays a heart, enabling South to cash two hearts for one down.

How do you play this suit?

You hold ♦A K 9 in your hand and ♦Q J 7 6 3 in the dummy. How do you play this combination? No, it's not a trick question, but a problem Larry Cohen faced playing with Arleen Lehman.

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

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

♠ Q 8 3
♥ Q J 8
♦ A K 9
♣ J 7 5 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------------|------|--------------|
| | <i>Lehman</i> | | <i>Cohen</i> |
| 1♠ | 2♠ | 4♠ | 5♥ |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |

Cohen was put on the spot by that 4♠ bid. But he had more than his share of high cards, his partner was marked with spade shortness and he knew he'd find at least five hearts opposite, so he bid 5♥ which West promptly doubled.

The opening spade lead went to the ace and Cohen led a heart to the queen and ace. West shot back the ♣9 to East's ace. At this point, East could have defeated the contract by returning a diamond, and considering the Michaels bid, there was a good case for doing exactly that. But he tried the ♠J, ruffed.

Cohen drew the rest of the trumps and took stock of the diamond situation. There would be no

problem with a 3–2 or a 4–1 break — the only holding he had to worry about was a 5–0 split.

He already knew West started with five spades (from his bid) and four hearts (from the play). But East had opened the bidding and had showed up with only 7 HCP so far. So the ♣9 had to be third best from the king-queen.

Cohen decided that West was likely 5–4–0–4, so he led a diamond from dummy and put in the 9! That's right — a first round finesse for the 10!! And he was right, so he wrapped up a top by making his doubled contract.

Good card play wins events

Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson won their first (as partners) of many NABCs, capturing the Open Pairs I title. Greco was a senior at the University of Virginia at the time. This hand was from the final session.

Dlr: North ♠ Q J 4 3
Vul: None ♥ 3
♦ A K 6 5
♣ K J 4 3

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

♠ 10 6 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ Q J 10 8 7
♣ A 9

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------------|------|--------------|
| | <i>Hampson</i> | | <i>Greco</i> |
| | 1♦ | 1♥ | 1NT |
| Pass | Pass | 2♣ | 2♦ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♥ | 2NT |
| All Pass | | | |

West led the ♥6 to East's ace and East returned the ♥2 as Greco won his queen and discarded a low spade from dummy.

Five rounds of diamonds followed. East followed to one round and discarded the ♠2, ♣7 and two hearts.

Now Greco cashed the ♣A and exited with his ♥J. East could cash two hearts and the ♠A but was forced to lead into dummy's ♣K J. Plus 150 was good for 62 of 77 matchpoints.

The pair also earned top marks on defense.

Dlr: North ♠ J 9 3
Vul: E–W ♥ J
♦ K Q 9 6 2
♣ 10 6 4 3

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

♠ A K Q 6 5
♥ A K 7 4
♦ 7
♣ Q 9 7

Against South's 4♠ contract, Greco led the ♦J. Hampson won his ace and shifted to the ♣2.

Declarer followed with a low club and Greco could have won his jack and cashed the ♣A. Instead, he won with the ace and returned the jack. Hampson won the king and returned another club, ruffed for down one — 56.6 of 77 matchpoints.

Stay tuned for more hands from the 1997 Dallas NABC.

APRIL SHOWERS KO 11

12 Tables
Kay Laird - William De Shane - Pat Prichard, San Antonio TX;
Kimi Lambert, Austin TX

vs

Jim Harp - J Reagan Dixon - David Clegg, Dallas TX; Glenda Cooper, Carrollton TX

Andy Villastrigo - Jay Thorne - Paula Wissman, San Antonio TX;
James Robenson, Floresville TX

vs

Maurice Krug - Carol Krug, Sarasota FL; Henning Toensmann, St Augustine FL; Edward Draiss Sr, Leesburg FL

Fall NABC schedule change

The start time for the Senior Knockout at the Fall NABC in Hawaii will be 1:30 and 8:00 p.m. Please note that this has been changed from the times printed on the Hawaii schedule being handed out at this tournament.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE SERIES - TWO OF SIX SESSIONS

Table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (RR/SS), and player names with scores. Includes names like Kris Alladi, Marianne Van Gelder, and Karen Coe.

TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS - 2ND OF 2 SESSIONS

Table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (MM), and player names with scores. Includes names like Nathan Glasser, Allan Smith, and Stephen Stewart.

Table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (NN), and player names with scores. Includes names like Doris Rich, Rodney Wilton, and Stephen Stewart.

Table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (OO), and player names with scores. Includes names like W Reynolds, Ralph Buchalter, and Christoph Eick.

TUESDAY EVENING 5/20/50 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns for session type (SECTION AAA) and player names with scores. Includes names like Lila Estes, Joe Jewell, and Judy Yonack.

TUESDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

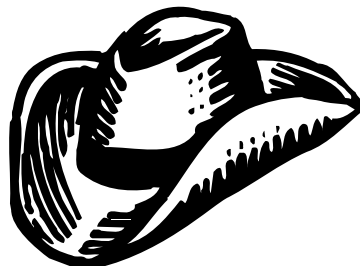
Table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (BBB), and player names with scores. Includes names like Susan Flick, Christopher Hayes, and James Thompson.

MIXED PAIRS - SECOND QUALIFYING SESSION

Large table with columns for session type (NORTH-SOUTH/EAST-WEST), section (C D, G J, H K, P Q, E F), and player names with scores. Includes names like Nadine Wood, Jane Segal, and Renay Danto Weiner.

New Life Master

Joe Gill, Richardson TX, earned his gold card Saturday evening when he won 16 masterpoints playing in the Bracketed KO Teams.



Notice to players

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

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Wednesday, April 5, 9 a.m.

| Event | Session | Sold | Entry/player/session ACBL members** | Other |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------|
| Wednesday–Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams | 1st | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Monday–Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams | 3rd | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Monday–Wednesday Morning Side Game Series* | 3rd single session | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Stratified 299er Pairs | single | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |

Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

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| Stratified Fast Open Pairs* | 1–2 | Reunion D | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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| Stratified Senior Pairs* | 1–2 | Reunion B | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Wednesday, April 5, 1 p.m.

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| International Fund Game | 3rd single session | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| <i>Part of the Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series</i> | | | | |
| Claire and Harry Weisz 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0–20, 0–5 Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |

Wednesday, April 5, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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| Rockwell Mixed Pairs | 1–2 F | Landmark C | \$18 | |
| NABC 49er Pairs | 1–2 | Landmark D | \$16.50 | |
| Stratified Open Pairs* | 1–2 | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Wednesday Compact KO Teams | 1–2 | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Tuesday–Wednesday Bracketed KO Teams | 3–4 | Reunion E | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |

Wednesday, April 5, 1 & 8 p.m.

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| Vanderbilt KO Teams | Round 4 | Landmark A | \$18 | |
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Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

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| ACBL-wide Charity Game | 4th single session | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| <i>Part of the Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series</i> | | | | |
| Stratified Swiss Teams* | single | Marsalis Hall (Lower Level) | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 299er Stratified Swiss Teams | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| Claire and Harry Weisz 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0–20, 0–5 Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |

Wednesday, April 5, 11:30 p.m.

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| Zip KO Teams | single | Landmark D | \$12 per round | |
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**Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Fort Worth Day

Thursday, April 6, 9 a.m.

| Event | Session | Sold | Entry/player/session ACBL members** | Other |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|--|---------|
| Monday–Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams | 4th | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Wednesday–Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams | 2nd | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Thursday–Saturday Morning Side Game Series* | 1st single session | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Stratified 299er Pairs | single | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |

Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

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| Stratified Fast Open Pairs* | 1–2 | Reunion D | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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| Stratified Senior Pairs* | 1–2 | Reunion B | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Thursday, April 6, 1 p.m.

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| Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series* | 5th single session | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0–20, 0–5 Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |

Thursday, April 6, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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| Lebhar IMP Pairs | 1–2 Q | Landmark C | \$18 | |
| <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i> | | | | |
| Whitehead Women's Pairs | 1–2 Q | Reunion E | \$18 | |
| <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i> | | | | |
| Bean Red Ribbon Pairs | 1–2 Q | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$16.50 | |
| <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.</i> | | | | |
| Stratified Swiss Teams* | 1–2 | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Dr. Theodore J. Werb Stratified Open Pairs* | 1–2 | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Thursday–Friday Bracketed KO Teams | 1–2 | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |

Thursday, April 6, 1 & 8 p.m.

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| Vanderbilt KO Teams | Round 5 | Landmark A | \$18 | |
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Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

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| Stratified IMP Pairs* | single | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| <i>Open to Swiss dropouts and new entries</i> | | | | |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| Tuesday–Thursday Side Game Series* | 6th single session | Marsalis (Lower Level) | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0–20, 0–5 Pairs | single | Landmark D | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |

Thursday, April 6, 11:30 p.m.

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|--------------|--------|------------|----------------|--|
| Zip KO Teams | single | Landmark D | \$12 per round | |
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