

DAILY



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Editors: Brent Manley and Karen Walker

Kranyaks take Mixed Pairs title



The mother-son partnership of Laurie and John Kranyak put together two strong final sessions to win the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. It was the first NABC championship for both players.

Laurie, who lives in Bay Village OH, is a home health nurse. She has had several high finishes in this event in the past — a second in the early 1980s with Phil Becker and four sixth-place finishes playing with her husband, Ken Kranyak.

John is a junior studying mathematics at Columbia University in New York City. He has many successes in Junior events and is a member

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Cousins are tops in 49er Pairs



Charles Gill, left, of the Gold Group presented watches to the winners of the NABC 49er Pairs: James McKay and Hans Verveer.

Two cousins who live in different countries had a strong second session to win the NABC 49er Pairs. The winners are James McKay of Thousand Oaks CA and Hans Verveer of the Netherlands.

Second place went to Bernie Weiss of New Orleans LA and Joan Dixon of Etobicoke ON.

Verveer, who lives in Utrecht, is retired from a financial management company. McKay is in property management.

McKay has been playing bridge only a couple of years, and credits good teaching by Richard

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Sure and it's Logan Foy, shamrocks a-waving, as he poses with Jackie O'Matthews, fine Irish mother to all the young caddies at the NABC, and the two of 'em planning a huge St. Patrick's Day celebration today (within legal limits, of course). Are you wearing green today? For more on today's special celebration, see page 5.

Vandy QF begins today

Eight teams have survived to today's fifth-round action in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams.

After dispatching the defending champions in Tuesday's round, Larry Mori's squad was narrowly defeated by the team of Carolyn Lynch, npc: Roger Bates, Bobby Wolf, Dan Morse, Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha and Dennis Dawson. Final score 116-113.

The original #21 seed led by Mary Ann Berg (Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek and Bruce Ferguson) upset the #5 squad of Charlie Weed, npc (James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness). Berg won 120-91.

Bill Pettis's Cinderella run was stopped by Billy Eisenberg's team. Pettis (#35) lost to Eisenberg (#19) 96-68.

More bad news for Cinderella in the Kamil (#11) vs. DeMartino (#41) matchup. Kamil (Michael Kamil, Christal Henner-Welland, Peter Berthau, Fredrik Nystrom, Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni) rudely dispatched the DeMartino team 153-76 in three quarters.

Out to win the Vanderbilt? Be prepared to try harder



A practice match for players ousted from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Michael Rosenberg, Sam Lev, kibitzer Karen Allison, Zia Mahmood and Jacek Pszczola.

On Wednesday afternoon, four players sat around a table in a side room at the convention center. It was Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg opposing Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola.

Someone asked what was going on, and JoAnna Stansby, who was watching, joked, "It's the repechage to get back into the Vanderbilt."

Indeed, the players at the table were members of two top teams who found themselves on the sidelines in a stage of the event that at one time was a cakewalk for squads with single-digit seed numbers.

That may have been true 10 years ago, but not today.

On Tuesday, in the round of 32, the major seeds fell like dominoes. On Wednesday, No. 1, No. 3, No. 6 and No. 10 were all making other plans or playing practice matches.

Larry Cohen, a member of the Richard Schwartz team in the Vanderbilt, said a major factor is the influx of foreign players. In fact, the major events sometimes resemble world championships with players such as Norberto

Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Lorenzo Lauria (the world's No. 1-ranked player) and Alfredo Versace, four members of the team that won the World Team Olympiad in Istanbul last year.

"It gets harder every year," Cohen said between sets on Wednesday. He and David Berkowitz had just finished playing against a pair of experts from Turkey. "The field is deeper every year, and there are great teams with seeds as low as 20 and 30."

Interestingly, Cohen and Berkowitz have two Italian teammates, Andrea Buratti and Massimo Lanzarotti.

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Today's Goodwill Gesture: Discuss hands after the game



Hey, we have hand records! Use them for the postmortem at dinner.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Thursday, March 17
 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. Lawrence Room, Westin Hotel.
 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Guided Tour of the Heinz History Center.** Cost: \$8. (For details, see story on page 5.)

Friday, March 18
 7:45 - 9:45 a.m. **National Aviary Breakfast with the Birds.** Cost: \$15. (For details, see story on page 5.)

9:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Guided Tour of the Andy Warhol Museum.** Cost: \$10. (For details, see story on page 5.)

Saturday, March 19
 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Guided Walking Tour** of Allegheny County Courthouse "Richardson Romanesque." Cost: \$10. (For details, see story on page 5.)
 1 - 5 p.m. **Vugraph.** Room 406, Convention Center.
 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Vugraph,** Room 406, Convention Center.

BRIDGE TALKS

Thursday, March 17
 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Karen Walker, *Guidelines for Opening and Rebidding Minor Suits.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.
 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Judi Sonon, *Attitude Signals.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

Friday, March 18
 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Dick Early, *Disappearing Matchpoints.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Zeke Jabbour, *Winsome and Loathsome.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

Saturday, March 19
 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Anne Zwack, *New Minor Forcing.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.
 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Jeff Roman, *Game Tries.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, March 17
 5 - 7:30 p.m. **Barbershop chorus,** the Harmony Line Chorus, a capella choir. Fourth floor foyer.
 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Jazz ensemble, the Karen Dryer Trio.** Piano, bass, drums. Rooms 403 - 405. **After-game snacks:** cheese after the Senior game, pizza after the evening session.

Friday, March 18
 5 - 7:30 p.m. **Cabaret featuring Karen Dryer.** Vocals and piano. Fourth floor foyer.

11 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Jazz ensemble,** the Betters Quartet, featuring Harold and Jerry Betters. Rooms 403 - 405. **After-game snacks:** Cookies after the Senior game and after the evening session.

Saturday, March 19
 5 - 7:30 p.m. **Cabaret featuring Karen Dryer.** Vocals and piano. Fourth floor foyer.
 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Doo Wop band,** Rich Mansfield & the Rhythm Pigs. Band and vocals. Rooms 403 - 405. **After-game snacks:** pretzels and chips after the Senior game and carved beef and ham sandwiches after the evening session.

Play on a Dream Team

It's not often you have a chance to play with teammates of the caliber of Jeff Meckstroth-Eric Rodwell and Bob Hamman-Paul Soloway, but you can make it happen this May in Houston. It will be part of the United States Bridge Championships and Regional sponsored by Houston's Gallery Furniture.

The famous store, owned by Jim McIngvale, is back for a second round of sponsorship, having supported the 2002 Spring NABC in Houston.

The USBC begins May 12 or 13, and the regional is set for May 16-22 at the Marriott Westchase Hotel.

Here's how the unique event - called the Dream Team Extravaganza - will work. You and your favorite partner "team up" with one of the two famous pairs in a special game. The two of you will select the pair you want to play with - availability is on a first-come, first-served basis - and enter a regional pairs event. When the event is concluded, your results will be IMPed with your selected teammates (Meckstroth-Rodwell and Hamman-Soloway will have played the deals ahead

of time for comparison purposes).

There will be a North-South and East-West winner from the Extravaganza. The single-session event begins at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 16. The entry fee is \$100 per pair, including dinner and a question-and-answer panel show.

If you want to buy an all-star partner to play in the Extravaganza, you will have a chance at that, too. Many world-class experts will donate their time to play in the event, and for a donation of \$250, you can play with one of them, selected by lottery. If you want to draft a player by name, you may do so with a donation of \$400. The price includes the entry and dinner.

For a list of available experts, contact Marsha Bernstein at 713-621-7724 or marshab1@pdq.net. All proceeds will be used to support international bridge and bridge in the Olympic movement. Donations are tax deductible to the extent -allowed by law.

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Parking information

Convention Center Parking is \$10 daily with no in/out privileges. Remember that the Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show will be in the convention center through Sunday, March 13, so give yourself plenty of time to find a spot.

Parking in the lot at 11th and Smallman is \$7 a day. 11th is the street just east of the convention center. There is a lot at 15th and Smallman, priced at \$5 a day. Your Pittsburgh host committee is providing a parking shuttle from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. until midnight each day during the NABC. These lots require payment upon entrance. If you are parking for more than one day, please advise the attendant and pay the entire fee upon entering the lot. The lots are attended until midnight during the week and until 1 a.m. on the weekend. Cars may depart the lot at any time of day.

If you park at the Westin, self-parking is \$20 up to 24 hours with no in/out privileges. Valet parking is \$22 for 8 to 24 hours.

Pittsburgh NABC Parking Shuttle Service: Shuttle service will be provided from the open air parking lot at 15th and Smallman Streets. Departures every 10 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to midnight.

Childcare

Childcare is available daily from 12:30-5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight. Contact Room 1421 in the Westin for more information.



Pittsburgh NABC Hotel Shuttle Service:

Friday, March 11 - Saturday, March 19

Departure from the main entrance of the Omni William Penn to the East Lobby entrance of the David Lawrence Convention Center every 15 minutes beginning at 8:30 a.m.



until 12 midnight. More frequent departures between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 20

Departure from the main entrance of the Omni William Penn to the East Lobby entrance of the David Lawrence Convention Center every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

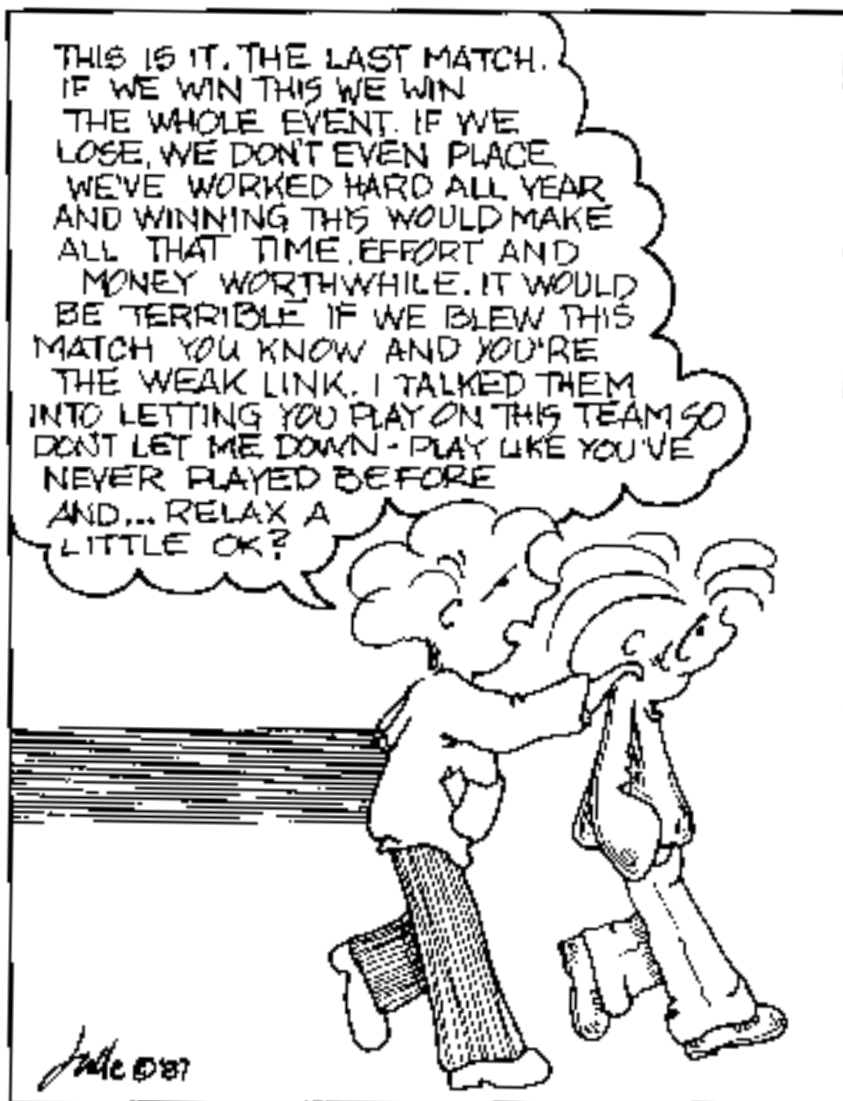
Round trips from/to the Omni William Penn will take 15 minutes or less. Returns from the convention center will run every fifteen minutes at :10, :25, :40 and :55 past the hour.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS



If you run a good tournament, the flowers will come – or so it seems to Intermediate/Newcomer tournament directors Pam Schaffer and Priscilla Smith. Michael Zimmerman, one of the I/N players, had such a good time at the Spring NABC the other day that he sent the bouquet to Smith and Schaffer in appreciation.



Cartoon by Jude Goodwin

Duplicate Experiences

By Marshall Pearlman

Alerts : some specifics

Earlier in this series we described the basics of Alerts. We continue with the specifics of some of the more common and missed Alerts.

— First, summarizing from the previous article:

— Calls are assumed to be standard in meaning and when they are not, opponents must be warned. The bidder's partner says, "Alert." And that is all.

— When you Alert, do *not* automatically follow with an explanation unless one is requested.

— When asked, the bidder's partner must give a full explanation of the agreement.

The Alert procedure will not always go smoothly for you, so here are some guidelines for managing when an error has been made.

— Whenever a misleading, incomplete or wrong explanation is given by your partner: (1) If you are declarer or dummy, explain *before* the opening lead is faced. (2) If you are defending, wait until *after* the play has been completed. Then you must explain.

In either case, the director should be called prior to the explanation.

Here are some of the more common calls that must be Alerted and are frequently overlooked:

- All conventional bids (except Stayman, Gerber and Blackwood). This Alert can bring out a string of further Alerts, e.g. using DONT, all bids must be Alerted since each call has a special meaning conveying information. Similarly, all bids using Puppet Stayman are Alertable.

- Weak jump shifts. Example: 1♣ - Pass - 2♠. A weak jump shift in competition, however, is not an Alert. Example: 1♣ - 1♦ - 2♠.

- Negative doubles over overcalls of 1NT openers. Example: 1NT - 3♥ - Dbl

- Non-forcing three-level suit response to 1NT. Example: 1NT - Pass - 3♦ (invitational).

Most cuebids are *not* alertable. This includes controls, Western cuebids (looking for stoppers for notrump), Michaels, etc. If a cuebid has an unusual or unexpected meaning, however, it is an Alert.

Alerts are not simple. Their purpose is to

level the playing field and minimize any advantage seasoned partnerships with complex systems can have over the rest of us. The Alert system tries to do that despite making the auction more involved. Good players will still prevail but you have a right to know what they are telling each other.

Thinking Bridge – 7

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: North ♠ A 10 8 4 2

Vul: None ♥ A 4

♦ 6 3

♣ K Q 7 2

♠ 9 7 3 ♠ 6

♥ 9 8 6 5 ♥ K Q J 10 7 3 2

♦ Q 10 4 2 ♦ A K J

♣ 10 8 ♣ A 9

♠ K Q 8 5

♥ —

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ J 6 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Dbl	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠K

Bidding commentary: East is too strong to overcall 2♥, opting instead to double and then jump to 4♥ to show a monster hand. Things seldom work out as planned, however. South's jump to 4♠, the fly in the ointment, is preemptive. Jump raises by responder after a takeout double are preemptive. With strong responding hands (11 or more high-card points), responder redoubles first. Also, a jump to 2NT over a double shows a limit raise in partner's suit. 2NT in that auction is not natural. With a normal 2NT response, responder redoubles first.

Further bidding commentary: Once a player preempts, he is not supposed to bid on in a competitive auction unless he wants to make a penalty double, which is rather rare. In so many words, South should not bid 5♠ when East bids 5♥. It's a bridge no-no for the weak hand to become the general. The strong hand has a much better idea of what to do.

Defensive commentary: When a defender

can see what needs to be done to defeat a contract, he does it! North knows that East has at most one spade and there is some danger of losing a club trick on dummy's fourth diamond after the ♥A is dislodged. North smartly overtakes the ♠K and shifts to his own black king. When in with the ♥A, North cashes the ♣Q, the setting trick. Ole.

South also knows that East has but one spade, but South might not make the correct switch at trick two. Why take a chance? You know what needs to be done, so do it.

Do not ask partner to do for you what you can do for yourself – even if means overtaking partner's trick. It only hurts for a little while.

I/N Masterpoint Leaders Through Wednesday evening

1	14.01	Marie Sarsten, Belle Haven VA
2	14.01	Gunnar Sarsten, Bellehaven VA
3	13.43	Patrick Dutson, Cincinnati OH
4	11.92	Robert Edwards, Glen Burnie MD
5	11.63	Vyrn Muir, Coon Rapids MN
6	10.95	Amber Benson, Eugene OR
7	10.32	Marnell McCarthy, W Reading PA
8	9.88	Mark McDermott, Syracuse NY
9	9.14	S Joan Dixon, Etobicoke ON
10	8.57	Walter Mitchell Jr, Bear Creek PA
11	7.22	Michael Zimmerman, Aurora CO
12	6.91	Randall Rubinstein, New Haven CT
13	6.91	Suzette Dutch, Cincinnati OH
14	6.67	Margo Sinclair, New York NY
15	6.67	Patricia Hendel, New York NY
16	6.63	Thomas Hodous, Morgantown WV
17	6.63	Martin Petersen, Milford OH
18	6.50	Judit Bardi, Pittsburgh PA
19	6.08	Judith Rolnicki, Brunswick OH
20	6.08	Sharon Provines, Arnold MD
21	5.83	Robert Larkin, Lancaster PA
22	5.83	Robert Larkin, Bedford NH
23	5.67	Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL
24	5.57	Thomas Racciatti, Minneapolis MN
25	5.57	Matthew Duffy, Edina MN



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One man's bad luck...

By Barry Rigal

Not many people know David Berkowitz's middle name: it's chutzpah. You know what chutzpah is, as in when someone murders their parents and then throws themselves on the mercy of the court as an orphan.

Anyway, David came out of the second set of his third-round Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match with a card so good he could hardly carry it. Still, he found a way to complain.

Dlr: East ♠ Q 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ 9 6 4 3
 ♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ K 9 6 4

♠ A K 10 2
 ♥ A K J 10 5 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2♦	Dbl
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Against the slam, West led the ♦A, ruffed by Berkowitz with the ♥10. He cashed the ♥A, dropping East's singleton queen, crossed to the ♥9 and ruffed a diamond high, crossed to the ♣K and ruff dummy's last diamond high, then crossed to the ♠Q to play the last trump – a dummy reversal plus a squeeze. This was the ending that was reached:

♠ 5	
♥ —	
♦ —	
♣ 9 6 4	
♠ ? x x	♠ x x
♥ —	♥ —
♦ —	♦ K
♣ A J	♣ 10
♠ A K 10	
♥ —	
♦ —	
♣ Q	

You will notice that West still has five cards while everyone else has four. To keep spades guarded, West must pitch his ♣J. Now a club to the ace endplays West to lead into the spade tenace. Berkowitz therefore claimed his contract – then discovered that East had held three spades to the jack all along, so any line of play would have succeeded.

P.S. Berkowitz gained about 100 IMPs on the set, and was still complaining to anyone who would listen what an unlucky player he is.

Not Barry's fault

The deal described in the Monday issue (Lucky 13 on page 6) alleged that the only lead to defeat a slam was a trump, a comment inserted by the editor, not the author. A spade lead also defeats the slam.

Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections.

Therefore, the masterpoint awards as shown are also subject to change.

Too strong to preempt?

That didn't stop Sheldon Margulis of St. Louis on this deal from the afternoon session of the Tuesday Fast Open Pairs. His partner was Ed Schulte of Tampa FL.

Dlr: North ♠ K 9 3 2
 Vul: NS ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ J 7 3

♠ A J 8 7 5 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ K Q 4

♠ Q 6
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ K J 9 7
 ♣ A 9 6 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Margulis</i>		<i>Schulte</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Most players wouldn't even consider a weak jump overcall with a hand containing 12 high-card points and two quick tricks. With this West hand, though, Margulis thought the conditions were so perfect for a preempt that he decided to forgo the "obvious" 1♠ overcall and try something more creative. He knew his preempt might mislead partner about his strength, but with Schulte a passed hand, Margulis wasn't too worried about missing a game.

After Margulis' strategic underbid, all three of the other players at the table found reasons to bid at higher levels than they might have liked. North stretched to show his heart support and, encouraged by the vulnerability, Schulte thought his good doubleton was adequate to compete at the three-level. South pushed, too, and bid the vulnerable heart game. The auction convinced him it was North-South's hand, and he was expecting (hoping) dummy would have no wasted honors in spades.

Margulis' ruse had worked perfectly, and he now added insult to injury by doubling 4♥. The result was down three for plus 800, a top on the board and first overall in the event for Margulis and Schulte.

Schulte said he was the most surprised person at the table when he heard the double. "I've been playing bridge for almost forty years, and I thought I'd seen everything," Schulte said. "But this is the first time I've ever had a partner who had the nerve to preempt, get a non-forcing raise, and then make a penalty double all by himself!"

Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$16.50

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events.)

Other North American championships: \$15
 (Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships: \$14 for ACBL members, \$16 for all others

All other events:
 \$13 for ACBL members,
 \$15 for all others.



Slouching towards 10,000

Poor Gary Kessler. The longtime player has been closing in on the 10,000-masterpoint mark since last year, but of late he's had a bad run. Going into last fall's NABC in Orlando, Kessler still needed about 50 points, so he went into the tournament with high hopes. Despite playing everyday, however, Kessler managed to amass a grand total of eight points.

The owner of a large new and used music store in Springfield IL, Kessler managed to pick up a few points between Orlando and Pittsburgh. Needing only 21.46 at the beginning of the Spring NABC, Kessler had won 20.87 points as of Monday evening. So he lacks only 0.59.

Tuesday produced no masterpoints for Kessler, however, nor did Wednesday.

Although there are several days of play left in the Pittsburgh tournament, Kessler is already making plans for the Summer NABC in Atlanta – just in case.

Saving tricks

On this deal from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Italian star Fulvio Fantoni made an inspired guess to save a trick in a sacrifice. The deal was reported by Elio Catalfamo (hands rotated, spots approximate).

Dlr: South ♠ 7 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ Q 10 9 8
 ♣ K 9 5 2

♠ K Q J 8 3 2
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ 7

♠ 9
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q J 10 8 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			<i>Fantoni</i>
			1♣
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

West started with the ♠K and continued the suit. Fantoni ruffed and played the ♣J to East's ace. Back came a low heart, and Fantoni considered his play for some time before rising with the ace. He picked up the last trump and exited with a low heart.

West was in and forced to concede a ruff-sluff, on which Fantoni would discard the losing diamond from his hand – or play a diamond, eliminating the loser that way.

That was minus 100 instead of 300, a good save against the cold vulnerable game by West.

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Knocked out

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A decade ago, Cohen says, "you could coast into the round of eight. Now it's an achievement to get that far."

Most players would agree.

"Obviously," says Eric Kokish, "everybody plays better these days. They take it seriously and they're doing the work."

Kokish, who coaches the powerhouse Nick Nickell team, pointed out that the squad lost a match in the first four-way set they played in the Vanderbilt. The team that beat them, he noted, was still in the event as of Wednesday.

Kokish also noted that the intimidation factor, even for a team such as the Nickell squad – with multiple world and North American championships – is gone. With all the vugraph shows and other ways of getting information, Kokish said, competitors have seen that even the best players in the world make mistakes. That helps their confidence when they sit down at the table with the world champions.

Ron Smith, whose team was bounced from the Vanderbilt on the second day, said he thinks that the creation of events such as the two Mini-Spingolds that run alongside the summer knockout event have made the main event tougher as the less-experienced teams opt for playing in events they have a chance to win.

Although the going gets tougher each year, Cohen has found a positive spin. "It does make (the Vanderbilt) a much more prestigious event."

Mixed Pairs

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of the USA Junior Team that will be competing in Australia this summer. His best previous showing in an open NABC event was a third-place finish in the Las Vegas Blue Ribbon Pairs with his dad, Ken.

John has been playing bridge with both parents since he was a young child. "I used to play three days a week with mom, three days a week with dad, and we all took Sunday off," John said.

The last time John and Laurie played as a partnership was in the Mixed Pairs at the Montreal World Championships in 2002. They made the date for Pittsburgh when John was home for the Christmas holiday. "I didn't have enough money to buy mom a Christmas present, so this is what I came up with," John said.

John and Laurie said they almost lost hope of even qualifying with their 50-percent and 51-percent scores on Tuesday. John described their play in the first two sessions as "pretty much a freight train – we were either running over people, or we were jack-knifing off the tracks."

The ride was much smoother on Wednesday. John and Laurie scored more than 63 percent in each of the final two sessions for a total score of 2596.59 (77 was top).

"The one thing I've always told my son is to never give up," Laurie said. "I was still telling him that right up until the last round tonight."

In second with 2549.23 were Alan Stout of Mountain Home AR and Lynn Deas of Schenectady NY. Third place went to Margaret Williams of Forest Hill MD and Victor King of Hartford CT, who scored 2546.09.

49er Pairs

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Koch of Moorpark CA, near where he lives.

Verveer and McKay are cousins by virtue of the fact that they have the same grandparents. They have met previously but never played bridge together.

Asked their secret of success, Verveer said: "We stay calm. We are happy."

Pittsburgh Tours

These morning tours in the Pittsburgh area are available during the Spring 2005 NABC. Tickets are available for sale at the Tour Desk at the Convention Center each day at the following times: 8:30–9:45 a.m., 11 am.–12:30 p.m. and from 6:15–7:15 p.m. continuing through Friday, March 18. Since space is limited on the tours, advance registration and ticket purchase is necessary. All tours using Molly's Trolleys can accommodate wheelchairs.

Thursday, March 17, 9:45–11:45 a.m.

Guided Tour of the Heinz History Center. Cost: \$8. Step inside a 1790 log cabin, find out about the Underground Railroad or climb aboard a 1940 Pittsburgh trolley. Five floors of interactive exhibits bring 250 years of our region's history to life. If sports are your thing, a new 20,000 square-foot exhibit has just opened featuring recreated environments, interactive elements, video presentations and artifacts. If your interest is genealogy, the center has extensive archives. This tour will leave from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 9:45 a.m. and travel the few blocks to the History Center by taxi where docents will lead us through the exhibits. Return by 11:45.

Friday, March 18 7:45–9:45 a.m. National Aviary Breakfast With the Birds. Cost: \$15.

Enjoy a continental breakfast and interactive bird show featuring some of your favorite feathered-friends. Then, take a behind-the-scenes tour with the keepers as they tend to their morning rounds. Learn what the birds eat for breakfast and what's involved in caring for more than 600 exotic and endangered species.

From the smallest of hummingbirds to the towering Red-crowned Crane, the National Aviary features a wide variety of colorful – and camouflaging – birds that will amaze you! The sights and sounds of these winged creatures are both entertaining and educational. This tour will leave from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 7:45 a.m. and return at 9:45 in time to go on to the Andy Warhol Museum Tour. Transport by Molly's Trolleys.

Friday, March 18, 9:45–11:45 a.m. Guided Tour of the Andy Warhol Museum. Cost: \$10.

The Andy Warhol Museum presents the work of one of the most influential American artists of the second half of the 20th century. It is also a primary resource for anyone seeking insights into contemporary art and popular culture. This museum features extensive permanent collections of art and archives and is a vital forum in which diverse audiences of artists, scholars and the general public are galvanized through creative interaction with the art and life of Andy Warhol. In addition, there will be a special exhibit of Jack Mitchell's photographs entitled "Icons & Idols: A Photographer's Chronicle of the Arts 1960 – 1995." A one-hour tour will include an introduction to Andy Warhol and the museum together with a focused discussion on specific themes and related social and cultural issues. This tour leaves from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 9:45. Transport by Molly's Trolleys.



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.



These caddies were just as enthusiastic about St. Patrick's Day as young Logan Foy on the front page. They, too, happily donned their bouncing shamrocks. They are Greg Keidan, Deandra Fuzzell, Anthony Ames, Sky Cappelletti and Nick Crank.

What it means to be Irish

It didn't seem right to let St. Patrick's Day go by without overdoing something. So here we are, a full explanation of what it means to have your roots in good old Ireland. (Please, no hate mail!)

- 1) You will never play professional basketball.
- 2) You swear very well.
- 3) At least one of your cousins holds political office.
- 4) You think you sing very well.
- 5) You have no idea how to make a long story short
- 6) You are very good at playing a lot of very bad golf.
- 7) Much of your food was boiled.
- 8) You have never hit your head on the ceiling.
- 9) You spent a good portion of your childhood kneeling.
- 10) Your sister will punch you because your brother punched her.
- 11) Many of your sisters are Catherine, Elizabeth or Mary...and one is Mary Catherine Elizabeth.
- 12) You may not know the words, but that doesn't stop you from singing.
- 13) You can't wait for the other guy to stop talking so you can start talking.
- 14) "Irish Stew" is the euphemism for "boiled leftovers from the fridge."
- 15) You are, or know someone, named "Murph".
- 16) If you don't know Murph, then you know Mac, if you don't know Murph or Mac, then you know Sully, and you'll probably also know Sully McMurphy
- 17) You are genetically incapable of keeping a secret.
- 18) And last but not least... Being Irish means... your attention span is so short that ... oh, forget it.

Thanks to the following web site for the preceding:

<http://www.at.artslink.co.za/~gerry/no.htm>

New pre-Alert/ Disclosure forms

If your partnership plays special overcalls, you must fill out a new pre-Alert/Disclosure form and make it available to your opponents when you play in events that allow Mid-Chart and Super-Chart conventions.

This applies to NABC+, regional or higher knockout and Flight A Swiss games. Look for the light blue forms on the table where convention cards are available.

TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

78 Teams
 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 Bch FL

vs

John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Robison - Drew Casen,
 Las Vegas NV; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Samuel Cohen,
 Lisle IL; Jim Krekorian, New York NY

Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Michael Becker - Larry
 Cohen, Boca Raton FL; David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ;
 Andrea Buratti, Genova Italy; Massimo Lanzarotti, Voghera
 Italy

vs

Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington
 IN; Jerry Clerkin, New Albany IN; Joe Grue, New York NY;
 Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID

Peter Schneider, La Canada CA; Grant Baze, San Diego CA;
 Mike Passell, Plano TX; Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV; Walid
 Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt

vs

Lynch, npc: Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX;
 Dan Morse, Houston TX; Stephen Landen, Rochester Hills
 MI; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Dennis Dawson, Santa
 Fe NM

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

vs

Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Richard Coren, Hollywood FL;
 Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC;
 Michael Moss, New York NY; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy

50.00 9/16 James Cayne, New York NY; Michael
 Seamon, Aventura FL; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve
 Weinstein, Andes NY; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Norway;
 Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

50.00 9/16 Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Peter
 Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Magnus Lindkvist, Hoor Sweden;
 Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy;
 Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV

50.00 9/16 Eric Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff
 Hampson, Los Angeles CA; Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell
 Ekeblad, Boca Raton FL; Brad Moss, New York NY; Fred
 Gitelman, Las Vegas NV

50.00 9/16 Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY;
 Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA;
 Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; William Pollack, Basking
 Ridge NJ; Mark Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ

50.00 9/16 Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL;
 Michael Polowan, New York NY; Yalcin Atabey,
 Selomigesme Ista Turkey; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey

50.00 9/16 Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao
 Koneru, San Antonio TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY;
 John Schermer, Seattle WA

50.00 9/16 William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Frederick
 Allenspach, Ponte Vedra FL; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan
 Schwartz, Fairfax VA

50.00 9/16 Richard De Martino, Riverside CT; Thomas
 Smith, Stamford CT; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Geoffrey
 Brod - Stephen Earl, Avon CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

25.00 17/32 Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL;
 Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Alfredo
 Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy

25.00 17/32 Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius - Zia
 Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle
 NY; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland; Adam Zmudzinski,
 Katowice Poland

25.00 17/32 Rose Meltzer - Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos
 CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Chip Martel, Davis CA;
 Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg
 MD

25.00 17/32 Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; John
 Mohan - Jacek Pszczola, Las Vegas NV; Sam Lev, New York
 NY; Markland Molson, Hollywood FL

25.00 17/32 Bart Bramley - Sidney Lazard, Dallas TX;
 Mark Feldman, New York NY; Jan Jansma, Malden
 Netherlands; Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Bob Jones,
 Hypoluxo FL; Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires Argentina;
 Hector Camberos, Charlotte NC

25.00 17/32 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; David
 Sacks, Los Angeles CA; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON;
 Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur
 Iceland; Thorlakur Jonsson, Kopavogur Iceland

25.00 17/32 Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland; Apolinary
 Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward
 Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa ON;
 Jaroslaw Piasecki, Buffalo Grove IL

25.00 17/32 Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro,
 Merrick NY; Steve Bloom - Betty Bloom, Duanesburg NY

25.00 17/32 Amos Kaminski - Adrian Schwartz, New
 York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Michael Ledeen,
 Chevy Chase MD; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Pinhas
 Romik, Nes Zidna Israel

25.00 17/32 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Vincent
 Demuy, Montreal QC; Aaron Silverstein - Chris Willenken -
 Judith Bianco, New York NY

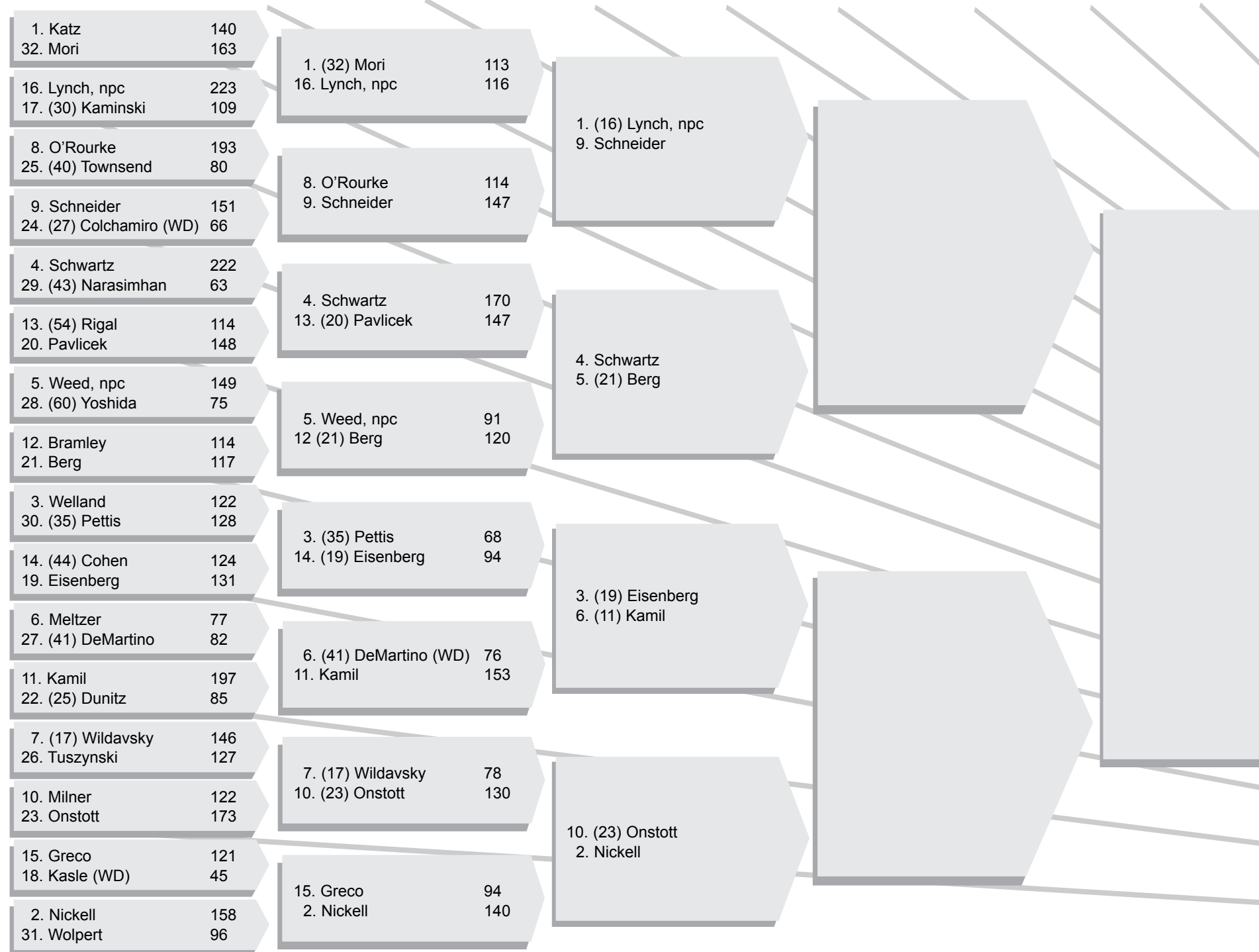
25.00 17/32 Tom Townsend - David Price, London ;
 David Gold, Reading ; Colin John Simpson, Fulmer Bucks
 England

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

25.00 17/32 Ralph Cohen, Memphis TN; Jordan Cohen,
 Thornhill ON; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton,
 Las Vegas NV; Armand Barfus, Port St Lucie FL; George
 Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL

25.00 17/32 Barry Rigal - Jeff Aker, New York NY;
 Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY; Joshua Parker, Briarcliff
 NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY; Kerri Sanborn,
 Stony Point NY

25.00 17/32 Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo Japan; Tadashi
 Teramoto, Yokohama Japan; Hideki Takano, Tokyo Japan;
 Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken Japan





Relatives of the late Howard Lebow pose with NABC Chair Roni Gitchel (far right) as she presents a check for \$2000 from the ACBL Charity Foundation to the Howard Lebow Memorial Fund Scholarship. Lebow, who died in 2001, was one of the best players in District 5. Each year, a \$500 scholarship is presented to the District 5 player 21 or younger who wins the most masterpoints in a calendar year. With Gitchel are Marilyn Stack (Lebow's sister), her husband Tom, and their sons Bryan (far left) and David.

Red Ribbon Pairs begins today



2004 Red Ribbon champions Jacob Morgan and Marty Harris.

The Red Ribbon Pairs, an ACBL event with national rating open to players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints, gets underway today.

Players earn qualification by placing first or second overall in regionally rated events of at least Flight B status. Neither member of a qualifying pair may hold more than 1500 masterpoints at the time of qualification.

The four-session event began in 1986 and winners have their names inscribed on the Percy X. Bean Trophy.

Bean Trophy

The trophy was designated by the ACBL Board of Directors in 1996 to honor Bean, ACBL president in 1972 and chairman of the Board in 1973.

Bean (1916-1992) represented District 19 on the Board from 1964 until 1988 and served as president of the ACBL Charity Foundation from 1974 until 1981. He was a member of the National Goodwill Committee and the National Board of Governors and general chairman of arrangements for the World Team Olympiad in Seattle in 1984.

Bean and his wife, Anne, were named ACBL Honorary Members for 1992, the first time that honor was bestowed on a husband-wife combination.

Bean was the editor of *Mad, Mad World of Bridge*, a publication that strongly championed players of less than expert class.

Winners and runners-up

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| 1986 | 1. Wayne Perrin, Martin Newland; 2. Hugh Ogle, Charlie Cargile |
| 1987 | 1. Jim Garder, Jimmy Ritzenberg; 2. Charles Moser, Paul Bratton |
| 1988 | 1. Leni Holtz, Guy Green; 2. Anthony Trafecanty, Michael Trafecanty |
| 1989 | 1. Lu Kohutiak, Yvonne Hernandez; 2-3. Warren Haynie, Charlie Cargile; 2-3. Bill Goldberg, Bill McKenna |
| 1990 | 1. Philip Gordon, Mike Grodsky; 2. Rajendra Agarwal, Don Chilrud |
| 1991 | 1. Dan Marthaler, Robert Johnstone; 2. Steven Gaynor, Art Ardy Bakshian |
| 1992 | 1. Duncan McCallum, Peter Peng; 2. Andy Goodman, Steve Zolotow |
| 1993 | 1. Ron Weinstock, John Gillette; 2. Hank Meyer, Marty Graf |

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| 1994 | 1. T.C. Petty, Steve Altus; 2. Grant Robinson, Joe Walden |
| 1995 | 1. Marc Umeno, Hank Youngerman; 2. Bernie Greenspan, Keith Sechler |
| 1996 | 1. Vinay Sarin, Ringo Chung; 2. Burton Lipsky, Arnold Goldstein |
| 1997 | 1. Tony Miller, Diane Miller; 2. Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel |
| 1998 | 1. Paul Spear, Jim Johnsen; 2. David Halasi, Mike Nadler |
| 1999 | 1. Jenni Hartsman, Andrew Rosenthal; 2. Martin Hunter, Andy Stark |
| 2000 | 1. Nie Wei Ping, Christopher Leung; 2. David Yang, Siaodong Shi |
| 2001 | 1. LaToss Carpenter, Brandon Carpenter; 2. Mike Nadler, Gurhun Baykal |
| 2002 | 1. Rich Atwater, Chris Pesce; 2. Bob Sievers, Georgia Heth |
| 2003 | 1. Chi-Yen Lai, Bin Dai; 2. Edward Leach, Bruce Schwaidelson |
| 2004 | 1. Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan; 2. Mark Brighthouse, Harvinder Sidhu |

Convention card reminder

- 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.

- Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.



IMP Pairs begins today



Tops in last year's IMP Pairs: Nikolay Demirev and Jiang Gu.

The four-session IMP Pairs — two qualifying sessions followed by two final sessions — gets underway today with the Lebhar Trophy at stake.

The trophy was donated by Bertram Lebhar Jr. in 1948 in memory of his wife, Evelyn. The trophy was previously given to winners of the Mixed Teams but re-designated for the IMP Pairs by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Lebhar (1907-1972), under the name of Bert Lee, earned a national reputation as a sportscaster and later as a bridge player and administrator. In private life, he owned radio and television stations in Florida.

Lebhar was one of the founders of the Greater New York Bridge Association and was elected its first president in 1948.

Lebhar was also a player: he won the Spingold in 1940 and the Master Mixed Teams in 1946. His team was his wife Evelyn along with Samuel Katz and Alicia Kemper.

Previous winners

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| 1987 | Robb Gordon, Linda Danas |
| 1988 | Gene Freed, Mike Passell |
| 1989 | Richard Schwartz, Fred Hamilton |
| 1990 | Ralph Cohen, Renee Mancuso |
| 1991 | Harvey Brody, Ralph Buchalter |
| 1992 | Vera Gama, Marcelo Branco |
| 1993 | Bob Klein, David Ruderman |
| 1994 | Tom Fox, Walter Schafer |
| 1995 | Steve Sion, Harold Lilie |
| 1996 | Mike Albert, Marilyn Hemenway |
| 1997 | Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge |
| 1998 | Jim Robison, Gene Freed |
| 1999 | Ralph Katz, George Jacobs |
| 2000 | Aschley Bach, Stephen Burgess |
| 2001 | Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd |
| 2002 | Alan Schwartz, Ai-Tai Lo |
| 2003 | Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin |
| 2004 | Jiang Gu, Nikolay Demirev |

Monitoring

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

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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

Brilliant display

By Bill Pettis

On the first deal of his team's match against the Roy Welland team, Bill Pettis managed to bring him a very difficult contract, playing it practically double dummy. The squad emerged with a 6-IMP win over the No. 3 seed, thanks in large measure to this deal.

Pettis was playing with Frederick Allenspach against Roy Welland and Bjorn Fallenius.

Dir: South ♠ 7 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ K 5 4
 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 3
 ♣ 6

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

♠ 6
 ♥ A J 9 3 2
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ A Q J 10 7

West	North	East	South
Welland	Allenspach	Fallenius	Pettis
1♠	2♠	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Welland started with two high spades. Pettis ruffed the second round. At trick three, he played the ♣A, followed by the ♣Q. Welland did not cover, so Pettis discarded dummy's last spade. Welland refused to cover when Pettis played the ♣J, so he discarded a diamond from dummy.

Fallenius ruffed the club and offered an unhelpful ruff-sluff by playing the ♠J. Pettis pitched a club from hand as he ruffed the spade in dummy. A heart went to the 9 in declarer's hand, then Pettis finessed the ♦Q, cashed the ace and ruffed a diamond to hand, leaving this end position:

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

Pettis ruffed the ♣10 with the ♥K as Fallenius underrated, leaving the lead in dummy for the contract-fulfilling trump coup.

Had Pettis gone down in his contract (4♥ was successful at the other table), his team would have lost the match.

New Life Masters

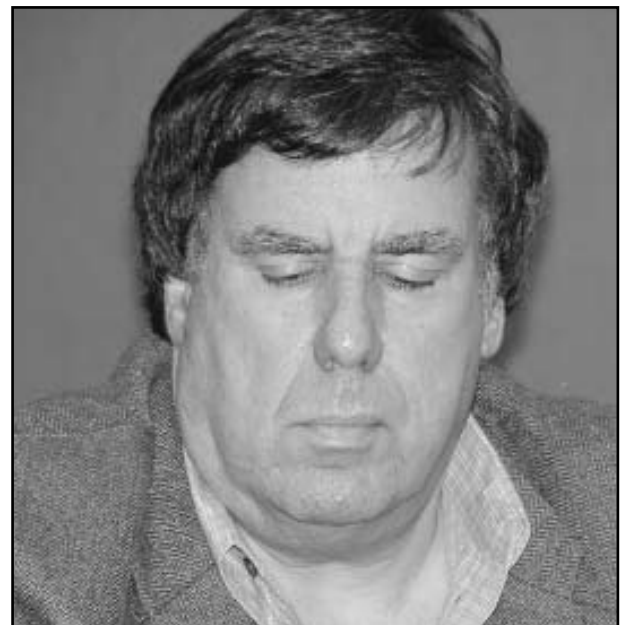
Carol Weg of Princeton NJ became a Life Master when her team won their third-round match Wednesday in Bracket 8 of the S.W. Randall Toyes & Giftes Knockout Teams. Weg's squad is an all-Princeton team: Nancy Robins, Patricia Taylor and Mary Pickens.

Lois and Marsh MacMillan of Endicott NY went over together in Bracket 4 of the Compact Knockout Teams. Their teammates were Harry Nuckols and Mary Poplawski of Vestal NY. The MacMillans, who have played most of their bridge together, arrived in Pittsburgh with 13.26 gold points, so they needed 11.74. Their showing in the Compact KO earned them 14.20.

Jean Prior of Bethel Park MD earned her gold card in the Marge Tamres Knockout Teams.

Doris Terwilliger of Ann Arbor MI also became Life Master, but no other details were provided.

No daydreaming here



These players were photographed as they played in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams on Wednesday. As you can see from the looks on their faces, the common theme is total concentration. The players in this theater of the determined: top, Adam Wildavsky and Mary Ann Berg; second row, Joe Grue and Mike Passell; third row, Fred Nystrom and Lou Ann O'Rourke.

All-time masterpoint leaders playing in Pittsburgh NABC

If you don't think the field at the 2005 Spring NABC in Pittsburgh is strong, consider this: the top 20 living masterpoint holders of all time are here.

This is the list and their masterpoint totals as of the April cycle.

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|------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA | 60,987 | 9. Steve Robinson, Arlington VA | 30,294 |
| 2. Mike Passell, Plano TX | 54,129 | 10. Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA | 29,731 |
| 3. Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL | 50,777 | 11. Michael Seamon, Aventura FL | 29,715 |
| 4. Mark Lair, Canyon TX | 46,767 | 12. Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos CA | 28,482 |
| 5. Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV | 45,899 | 13. Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL | 27,730 |
| 6. Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL | 40,594 | 14. Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ | 27,604 |
| 7. Grant Baze, San Diego CA | 37,005 | 15. Bob Hamman, Dallas TX | 27,069 |
| 8. Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV | 30,744 | 16. Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL | 26,912 |
| | | 17. Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA | 26,869 |
| | | 18. Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX | 26,603 |
| | | 19. Chuck Said, Nashville TN | 26,372 |
| | | 20. Robert Levin, Bronx NY | 25,873 |



The registration desk actually has a long and distinguished history at the North American Championships. These photos, from the ACBL archives, show players busily engaged at registration desks from the Fifties and Sixties. Sharp-eyed readers will spot some famous faces in this shot on the left, including Harry Fishbein (center, in beret).

Looking Back: The Registration Desk

Perhaps the most striking element of these shots is the attire of the players – jacket and ties for men, dresses for women.



Before the days of the now-ubiquitous cell phones, the ACBL offered "message centers", such as the one pictured at the left, at some of its NABCs. Rows of Princess phones were available for players to make local and long distance calls.



Atlanta is the bridge capital of North America this year, and we suggest you plan now to share in the fun, festivities, competition and camaraderie. Find out what makes Mid-Atlantic and District 7 tournaments the best-attended, the friendliest, and the most talked-about in the ACBL.

SUMMER NABC

It's been a decade since Atlanta hosted an NABC, so we've had plenty of time to make this summer's tournament, July 21-31, extra special. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency, on Peachtree Street and in the heart of the convention district. ALL events played under the same roof. The Hyatt's bridge rate of \$119 a night will result in a room bill 30 percent less than last summer's in New York. For more economical alternatives, check our Web site and upcoming District 6 and District 7 publications.

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

Atlanta had a record-setting regional last year, and it ranked as the fourth largest in the ACBL. The traditional Labor Day Regional will be in Charlotte this summer, but Atlanta will host a Winter Holiday Regional on Dec. 26, 2005, through Jan. 1, 2006. Great rate of \$84/night at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia. It's a walk or short drive to scores of shops and restaurants — and across the street from Perimeter Mall.

5-DAY SUPERSECTIONALS

Three of the ACBL's six largest sectionals were in Atlanta last year. The success comes from following the proven Mid-Atlantic formula of player hospitality, a variety of events and guest speakers for Non-Life Masters, and knockouts galore. Share in the silver point bonanza at our Memorial Day SuperSectional, May 26-30. The host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, (770-447-4747) offers a \$65 bridge rate.



Look for our fliers on tournament information tables. And do yourself a favor: Bookmark www.mabcbridge.org



The prizes for the winning teams in Wednesday's Compact Knockouts received prizes. At left, with their Gund bears are Andie Sheaffer, Marianne Kintner, Bonnie Heilig, Charlie Wooten, Carol Paton and Jim Benson. With their USAopoly games (Steelers Monopoly) are Stewart Cramer, Barbara Seagram, Howard Gordon (non-playing captain) and Alex Kornel. Cramer's partner, John D'Errico, is not pictured.

Table count: 6000+

Not counting the midnight games on Wednesday, the 2005 Spring NABC table count hit 6011.5 on Wednesday. With a weekend surge, the tournament could still hit 10,000.

TOYES-GIFTES KNOCKOUT

Bracket 1 (Corgi)

16 Teams

47.53 1 Pierre Zimmerman, Geneva Switzerland; Pierre Saporta, Meynes France; Jean-Christophe Quantin, Paris France; Franck Multon, Nice France
 35.65 2 G Venkatesh, Los Altos CA; Prahalad Rajkumar, Greenbelt MD; Kanningat Krishnakumar, Chennai 6 India; P Ridhar, Chennai 600 India; G Prabhu, Ames IA; R Rajkumar,
 23.77 3/4 Jack Mizel - Andrew Macintosh, London England; Paul Hackett, Manchester M England; John Armstrong, Derbyshire De6 1 England
 23.77 3/4 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Glenn Groetheim, Melhus Norway; Terje Aa, Heimdal 7 Norway; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

Bracket 2 (Thryme)

16 Teams

39.10 1 John Hurd, Charleston SC; Melanie Tucker, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Kevin Bathurst, Newbury Park CA
 29.33 2 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Justin Lall, Plano TX
 19.55 3/4 Lesley Decker Lucas - Stephen Lucas, Woodbury NY; Jesse Reisman, Montville NJ; Cheryl Angel, Livingston NJ
 19.55 3/4 Maurice De La Salle - Piotr Klimowicz - Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton AB; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC
 8.80 5/8 Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land TX; Richard Lesage, Montreal QC; Sebastien Lachance, L'Ile-Perrot QC; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Peter Clark, Ottawa ON

Bracket 3 (USA-OPOLY)

16 Teams

32.09 1 Stewart Cramer, Pittsford NY; John D'Errico, Alton NY; Alex Kornel - Barbara Seagram, Toronto ON
 24.07 2 Robert Cappelli, Bloomfield MI; Barry Lippitt, Southfield MI; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI; Robert Stayman, New Rochelle NY; Frank Sensoli, St Clair Shrs MI
 16.05 3/4 Jane Marshall - Ronald Franck - Marion Smith, Pittsburgh PA; Theodore Sandson, Export PA
 16.05 3/4 Himanshu Joshi, Chester NJ; Renee Dondero, Port Monmouth NJ; Mark Brighouse, Towaco NJ; Stephen Maltzman, Bridgewater NJ

Bracket 4 (Winning Moves)

16 Teams

25.86 1 Mike Rice - Jon Rice, Winston Salem NC; Andrew Hurd - James Hawkes, Charleston SC; McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR; Andrew Hoskins, Redmond WA
 19.40 2 Dean Robinson - Charlene Lutz - Frederic Hadley, Indianapolis IN; Lois Scott, Carmel IN
 12.93 3/4 Norm Gordon, Montreal QC; Allen Reiter, Caesaria Israel; Eugene Chan, Burnaby BC; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC
 12.93 3/4 Fred Chasalow, Hanover MA; George Groves, Armonk NY; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Paul Cornelius, Redwood City CA

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.



APPEAL CASE 6

Silodor Open Pairs
 Second Qualifying Session
 Board 17 Jane Segal
 Dir: North ♠ 9 6
 Vul: None ♥ Q 7 5 2
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ J 7 5 4

Peter Gray
 ♠ K 10 8 7
 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ K 9 7 5
 ♣ K 9

Dan Kasture
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ J 10 4
 ♦ J 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 6 3 2

Judy Kay-Wolff
 ♠ A J 5 3 2
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ A 10 6
 ♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass (1)	Pass	2 ♣ (2)	All Pass

(1) Disputed hesitation / gesture.
 (2) Agreed-upon hesitation.

Facts: 2 ♣ made nine tricks, plus 110 East-West. The opening lead was the ♠A. The director was

called at the end of play. North-South claimed that their opponents had agreed to the first hesitation noted above; South thought West made a gesture after 1 ♠. East-West denied any such agreement, or to the fact that a break in tempo or gesture occurred prior to West's pass.

Director's Ruling: There was no agreement as to the facts, therefore no Unauthorized Information was established. Having no basis on which to adjust the score, the table result was allowed to stand.

The Appeal: North-South appealed. Both appeared before the committee, along with East. South claimed that West was 'startled' by her opening bid and hesitated and motioned before passing. South felt that this information caused East to balance with a sub-minimum hand. North said that she did not notice anything unusual, but that she was not particularly paying attention.

The Decision: South brought no new evidence to the committee and could not demonstrate that an unmistakable hesitation had occurred. West's hand did not suggest a hesitation. The Director's ruling indicated that there was no basis for an adjustment. Merely because East balanced did not demonstrate that UI had been conveyed. East made a case for his bid, pointing to the fact that West was marked for a decent hand, finesses rated to be onside and he took the risk of bidding at matchpoint scoring. The committee affirmed the table result. An Appeal Without Merit Warning was issued to North-South.

Director-in-Charge: Henry Cukoff

Chairperson: Ron Gerard

Committee Members: Dick Budd, Eddie Wold, Marlene Passell and Mike Kovacich

WEDNESDAY EVENING PHYLLIS HELLER PAIRS

24 Pairs			
	A	B	C
3.11	1	1	Audrey Heidenreich, Lower Burrell PA; Fred Heidenreich Jr, Pittsburgh PA 108.07
2.33	2	2	1 Robert Larkin, Lancaster PA; Robert Larkin, Bedford NH 103.21
1.75	3		Nancy Mathews, Pittsburgh PA; Peter Chopping, Allison Park PA 97.00
1.55	4		James Drake - Sharon Drake, Pittsburgh PA 96.64
1.50	5	3	Herbert Heller, Pittsburgh PA; Sally Kellar, Willowdale ON 96.50
1.12	6	4	Alan Colker - Lynne Colker, Pittsburgh PA 90.29
0.98		5	Harry Jagtiani, Clarkston MI; Robert Stern, Rochester MI 89.50
0.70		6	Charles Sigler - Charlotte Sigler, Frostburg MD 87.57
1.43		2	Barbara Weschler - Karen Marcus, Pittsburgh PA 87.13
1.07		3	Michael Natelson - Dora Szabo, Pittsburgh PA 86.86
0.80		4	Barbara Smith, Hagerstown MD; Colleen Shaffer, Jefferson Hills PA 85.93

NABC 49ER PRS

18 Pairs			
4.81	1	Hans Verveer, Utrecht NL; James McKay, Thousand Oaks CA 200.50	
3.61	2	Bernie Weiss, New Orleans LA; S Joan Dixon, Etobicoke ON 182.00	
2.71	3	Marlene Wandrisco - Jacquelyn Aloe, Pittsburgh PA 181.00	
2.03	4	Carol Stonis, Natrona Heights PA; Moira Harrington, Pittsburgh PA 180.50	
1.52	5	Bette Jones, Pittsburgh PA; Forrest Umbel, Verona PA 180.00	



Bracket 4 (Vineyard)

16 Teams
 14.20 1 Harry Nuckols - Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY; Marsh Macmillan - Lois Macmillan, Endicott NY
 10.65 2 Marie-France Benoit, Montreal QC; Joo-Hee Janicki - Paul Janicki, Markham ON; Randal Davidson, North York ON
 7.81 3 Robert Priest, Harrisburg PA; Joe Freeman, Flower Mound TX; Bob Reinman - William Nabors, Colorado Spgs CO
 6.39 4 Jerry Jackson, Wood Dale IL; Jerry Poliquin, Gurnee IL; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI

Bracket 5 (Blokus)

16 Teams
 12.40 1 Thomas Ahmann Sr, Mexico MO; Connie Pugh, Columbia MO; Marcus Feldman - Susan Feldman, Saint Louis MO
 9.30 2 Sherry Ann Kavaler - Susan Jackowitz, New York NY; Walter Dedio, Morden MB; Ram Hira, North Vancouver BC
 6.82 3 Larry Lowell Jr, Knoxville TN; Paul Janus, Lincolnshire IL; William Smith, Deerfield IL; Paul Heller, Marietta GA
 5.58 4 Sandra De Martino, Riverside CT; Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; James Misner - Elaine Misner, Wilton CT

Bracket 6 (Mystery Detective)

16 Teams
 10.74 1 Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Kris Alladi, Phoenixville PA; Paul Wright Jr, Mt Pleasant SC; Rita-Ellen Lehr, Bellevue WA
 8.06 2 J Wiegmann - Pamela Wiegmann, Lewisville TX; Bruce Brown - Elizabeth Brown, Denton TX

Bracket 7 (GTO 2004)

16 Teams
 9.28 1 Robert Padgett - Linda Padgett, Springfield VA; Carroll Givens, Daniels WV; Frederick Mason, Beckley WV
 6.96 2 Diane Lucci, Chester MD; Bess Eastin, Gambrills MD; Sharon Hurd, Severn MD; Iris Alberts, Pasadena MD
 5.10 3 Kenneth Dye, San Francisco CA; William Sumner, Palo Alto CA; Christopher Galbraith, Concord CA; Micheline Heiche, Silver Spring MD
 4.18 4 Florence Belford, Milton ON; Roger Harder, Mississauga ON; Margaret Hansell, Champaign IL; Bobbie Straker, Pekin IL

Bracket 8 (Only Hearts)

14 Teams
 7.28 1 Richard Bauman - Stephen Carpman - Maria Restuccia, Ann Arbor MI; Dodie Beckman, Canton MI
 5.46 2 Patricia Braun - Jacqueline Rapp, Arlington Hts IL; Caroline Cantrell, Memphis TN; Elsie Miller, Palatine IL
 4.00 3 Lynn Condon, West Redding CT; Christine Pokorski - Judith Hess, Fairfield CT; Doris Kuzmak, Green Valley AZ
 3.28 4 Keith Farral, Lisle IL; Jean Faeth - Gene Miley, Hinsdale IL; Elaine Everett, Clarendon Hills IL

Bracket 9 (Visual Eyes)

12 Teams
 5.75 1 Charles Coleman - Jane Coleman - John Pickett, Pittsburgh PA; William Banks, Oakmont PA
 4.31 2 Bryant Town, Edmonton AB; Ron Mikulin, Meeting Creek AB; Bernie Collins, Estevan SK; Joseph Collins, Ft Lauderdale FL
 3.16 3 James Poitras - Patricia Poitras, St Cloud FL; Barbara Traphagen, Fort Worth TX; Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX
 2.59 4 Elaine Hall - Joan Savage, Canton MI; Darleen Sweeney, Northville MI; Carol Sullivan, Westland MI

Bracket 10 (Find It)

12 Teams
 5.05 1 Lorraine Little - Shirley Prewitt - Kathy Coleman - Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth TX
 3.79 2 John Fleeman, Worthington OH; Carol Scott, Plain City OH; Donald Rose, Dublin OH; Jean Lucktenberg, Columbus OH
 2.78 3 Richard Hobart - Lola Marcus - Gloria Kinnaird, Columbus OH; Linda Rice, Worthington OH
 2.27 4 Kimberly Davis, Millwood VA; Ami Elis - Raymond Wright, Pittsburgh PA; Ann Dunlap, Winchester VA

MONDAY-TUESDAY SENIOR KNOCKOUT

13 Teams
 14.11 1 Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sandra De Martino, Riverside CT; Elaine Misner - James Misner, Wilton CT
 10.58 2 Mike Bovarnick, Mercer Island WA; Art Semple, Seattle WA; Bea Bahr - Chet Bahr, Rochester MN
 7.06 3/4 Robert Stern, Rochester MI; Nancy Erwin, Troy MI; Stephen Kalstein, Birmingham MI; Harry Jagtiani, Clarkston MI
 7.06 3/4 Steven Picus, Mequon WI; Norma Cloyd, Paducah KY; Hans Wandel, Portland OR; Robert Stackhouse, Indianapolis IN

TUESDAY ZIP KO TEAMS

6 Teams
 2.43 1 Edward Nield, Westchester IL; Rachel Chittaro, Kildeer IL; Kevin O'Malley, Brookfield IL; Dennis O'Dowd, Burbank IL
 1.82 2 Sebastien Lachance, L'Ile-Perrot QC; Norm Gordon, Montreal QC; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Penny Stoever, Mount Airy MD

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

34 Pairs

	A	B	C		
4.10	1			Thomas Corlett, Waco TX; Henry Muzzio Jr, Flower Mound TX	205.00
3.34	2	1		John Hart, Pittsburgh PA; K Hart, Northford CT	195.50
2.52	3			Rose Berman - Donald Berman, Laurel MD	185.00
1.76	4			Joan Gerard, White Plains NY; Joan Morse, Houston TX	181.00
1.30	5			John Heath, Dayton OH; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE	178.50
2.51	6	2		Margaret Guild, Frostburg MD; Bernice Friedland, Cumberland MD	178.00
1.88		3		David Traub - Carol Traub, Baltimore MD	174.50
1.41		4		Richard Petersen - Laverne Petersen, Fort Wayne IN	166.00
1.06		5		Terry Smith, Jacksonville FL; Linda Stuart, Gainesville FL	165.50
2.05		6		Paul Pschesang, Milford OH; Helen Gallena, Greensburg PA	163.50
1.97			1	Bruce Lieberman - Gilbert Smith, Doylestown PA	162.00
1.48			2	Beverly Higgins, Bellevue WA; Michael Waters, Dunlap IL	160.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PHYLLIS HELLER 49ER PAIRS

10 Pairs

	A	B	C		
1.58	1	1	1	Shirley Tague, Freeport PA; Ruth Falsetti, Ford City PA	67.38
1.19	2	2		Charlotte Lally, Sewickley PA; Kathryn Ekker, Sharon PA	61.38
0.89	3	3		Angie Smith - Mary Lu Michell, Bethel Park PA	60.13
0.67	4	4	2	Joan Knoll, McMurray PA; Shirley Kmiecik, Palatine IL	59.50
0.46			3	Alma Burgess, Pittsburgh PA; Doris Mixon, Monroeville PA	50.50

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PHYLLIS HELLER 299ER PAIRS

28 Pairs

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1	1	Marnell McCarthy, W Reading PA; Robert Edwards, Glen Burnie MD	175.00
2.54	2	2		Walter Mitchell Jr - Constance Mitchell, Bear Creek PA	165.50
1.91	3	3	2	Mary Ann Kral, Reston VA; Elizabeth Huffman, Annandale VA	163.50
1.43	4	4		Herbert Heller, Pittsburgh PA; Sally Kellar, Willowdale ON	162.00
1.07	5			Ward Kelsey, Pittsburgh PA; Judith Shapiro, Akron OH	158.00
0.85	6	5		Richard Martin, Appleton WI; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	157.50
1.01		6	3	George Wong-Chong, Allison Park PA; Carl Bonfiglio, Glenshaw PA	153.00
0.95			4	Robert Larkin, Lancaster PA; Robert Larkin, Bedford NH	137.50

ASTORINO WEDNESDAY SENIOR PAIRS

46 Pairs

	A	B	C		
9.24	1			Ted Newman - Stanley Roth, New York NY	260.25
6.93	2			James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON	257.44
5.20	3			David Trimble, Madison PA; Aubrey George, Pittsburgh PA	249.88
4.95	4	1		Robert Jacob - Richard Bulow, Somerset PA	247.19
3.71	5	2	1	Donald Toy, Adrian PA; Cleman Rosenberger Jr, Kittanning PA	247.13
2.19	6			Nancy Michael - Paul Neidlinger, Youngstown OH	246.25
2.78		3		Seymour Rothenberg - Frances Rothenberg, Windsor CT	234.50
2.23		4	2	William DeGraf, Alexandria VA; Robert Werner, Chagrin Falls OH	234.25
2.69		5	3	Bill Filip, Stuart FL; Warren Williams, Wilton CT	229.94
1.37		6		B Gayle Phillips - William Foster, Rochester NY	225.25
1.20			4	Eylene Blume, Nesconset NY; Marlene Beckenstein, Smithtown NY	218.75

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WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

14 Pairs

	A	B			
2.40	1			Mary Knoll, Palatine IL; Marilyn Brown, Wheeling IL	72.00
2.00	2	1		Mark Paulk - Stephen Masters, Pittsburgh PA	69.00
1.50	3	2		Daniel Chamberlain - Kathryn Chamberlain, Rockford IL	66.00
1.01	4			Wendel Archer - Brian Archer, Hattiesburg MS	65.00
1.13	5	3		Jack Gross, Ocean NJ; Jim Heffron, Freehold NJ	64.50
0.84		4		Walter Mitchell Jr - Constance Mitchell, Bear Creek PA	60.00

MARGE NEWMAN MORNING SIDE SERIES

36 Pairs

	A	B	C		
4.25	1			Bud Biswas, Lexington MA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	118.50
3.34	2	1		Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	108.00
2.58	3	2	1	Carole Remick, Sarasota FL; Kenneth Sagstetter, Dayton OH	104.85
1.94	4	3	2	Ricki Rogers Gordon - Sam Greenberg, Moorestown NJ	97.65
1.41	5	4		Brad Bozick, Waltham MA; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA	96.14
1.24	6			Kathleen Mulligan, Pittsburgh PA; Josephine Rist, Monroeville PA	93.00
1.45		5	3	Dawn Travis - Natalie Hofmaster, Easton MD	91.93
1.49		6		Charlene Lutz, Indianapolis IN; Lois Scott, Carmel IN	88.00
1.09			4	Jack Charles, Pittsburgh PA; John Viola, N Ridgeville OH	86.21
1.04			5	Kay Jones, The Villages FL; Joseph Phillips, Queensbury NY	85.00

MARGE NEWMAN MORNING SIDE SERIES

172 Players

6.86	1/2	Bud Biswas, Lexington MA	130.66%
6.86	1/2	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	130.66%
6.72	3/4	John Herrmann, Chattanooga TN	126.58%
6.72	3/4	Carolyn Lewis, Louisville KY	126.58%
5.17	5	Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ	122.27%
4.56	6/7	Sam Greenberg, Moorestown NJ	120.03%
4.56	6/7	Ricki Rogers Gordon, Moorestown NJ	120.03%

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Cardinal Health Day

*Unless otherwise noted, Strati-Flighted Open and Strati-Flighted Senior events are divided: A/X (3000+, 0-3000); separate from B/C/D (1000-1500, 500-1000, 0-500). Strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).

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

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m.				
Morning Bracketed KO Teams I	4th	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Morning Bracketed KO Teams II <i>Continues at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday.</i>	2nd	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Orlando Stevenson Morning Side Game Series III* <i>(Continues at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday)</i>	1st single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.				
Cardinal Health Stratified Fast Open Pairs* <i>Finish by 5 p.m.</i>	1-2	Room 413	\$14	\$16
Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Gloria Noszka Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Room 408	\$14	\$16
Thursday, March 17, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 5	Room 308	\$16.50	
Lebhar IMP Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2Q	Room 303	\$16.50	
Whitehead Women's Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2Q	Room 315	\$16.50	
Bean Red Ribbon Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2Q	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$15	
West Virginia Bridge Club Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams* A/X	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
B/C/D	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Rodef Shalom Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Louis Cohn Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Friday</i>	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series*	5th single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$13
Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.				
Bernadine Ratesic Stratified IMP Pairs* <i>Open to Swiss dropouts and new entries</i>	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Howard Hanna Stratified 299er Swiss Team	ssingle	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series*	6th single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$13
Thursday, March 17, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams*	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15

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