

## Daily



## Bulletin

50th Spring North American Bridge Championships

Editors: Paul Linxwiler and Dave Smith

## Defenses to 1NT

A group of expert players was recently polled on their favorite methods of combating 1NT openings. The Daily Bulletin will feature the preferred defense against 1NT of a different expert each day of the NABC.



Today's expert: Eric Kokish.

Kokish, of Toronto ON, is one of the best bidding theoreticians in the world. He has coached many high-level teams and is a regular contributor to the Bridge Bulletin and Bridge World magazines.

Kokish's favorite approach after an enemy 1NT opening (15 to 17 HCP) is this:

Db1 = a five-card or longer minor and a four-card major  
 2♣ = both majors, typically 5-5  
 2♦ = either major  
 2♥ = five or more hearts and a five-card minor  
 2♠ = five or more spades and a five-card minor  
 2NT = both minors or a game-forcing two-suiter  
 Three-level bids = Preemptive (non-vulnerable) or constructive (vulnerable)

Kokish said, "The upside of this approach is that it gets most hand types described, and it gets the relative lengths of the two-suiters straight. The downside is that you can't play a one-suited minor hand at the two level."

Another drawback is something that pertains to many 1NT defenses, namely, the unavailability of a penalty double because double is assigned a conventional meaning.

"The loss of the penalty double is a problem across the board. It has prompted some people to start opening hands with 1NT that are either off-shape or out of range since they know you can't nail them."

Kokish referred to this approach as "modified Woolsey," but he has also heard it called "Multi-Landy" because the 2♦ and 2♣ calls in this system resemble those conventions. (Players are reminded not to use conventional names when explaining methods to the opponents.)

Against weak 1NT openings, Kokish changes his approach to incorporate a penalty double:

Db1 = penalty  
 2♣ = both majors, typically 5-5  
 2♦ = either major  
 2♥ = hearts and a minor (4-5, 5-4 or 5-5)  
 2♠ = spades and a minor (4-5, 5-4 or 5-5)

"You can't give up the penalty double when the opponents are playing a weak notrump," said Kokish. "But you lose the length inferences available in the strong notrump defense."

A passed hand, however, can use the first method, according to Kokish.

## District 6 Duo grabs NAP-Flight A crown

Overcoming an appalling 43% game in the first qualifying session of the Baldwin Flight A North American Pairs, the Maryland pair of Dave Abelow and Dick Wegman fought back to emerge as the victors in the four-session contest.

Abelow, of Owings Mills, is a healthcare software consultant. Wegman, of Bethesda, practices environmental law and is also District 6 president. It was the first NABC title for either player. Their partnership is 10 years old.

Abelow and Wegman were 61st out of 70 after the first qualifying session, but a 60.5% game in the following session lifted them to 24th place, allowing them to play in Thursday's final. (Twenty-eight pairs made the cut.) In the first final session, they posted a nice 63.5% score and were first going into the last session of play. A 52.3% game in the last set was just enough to seal the victory for the duo.



North American Pairs, Flight A, champs Dick Wegman and Dave Abelow

Their margin of victory was less than three matchpoints, although a pending appeal at press time could shave the margin to a quarter of a matchpoint.

## Hall Calls Three



Zia Mahmood, Kerri Sanborn and Alan Sontag have been elected to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies will take place during the 2007 Summer NABC in Nashville. The winners of the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz awards

will be announced later this week. A full report will follow the induction ceremony at the Summer NABC.



Zia is one of the most colorful and recognizable personalities in the bridge world. He is a 10 time North American champion and four time ACBL Player of the Year.

Sanborn, a retired stock trader, is a two time world champion with 18 North American titles. She and Barry Crane won the World Mixed Pairs in 1978 by five boards.



Sontag, a full time player, won the Bermuda Bowl in 1983 and 2001 and the Rosenblum in 2006. He is the author of *The Bridge Bum*, one of the most popular bridge books of all time, and has 16 North American championships.

## Smoking notice

All Marriott hotels, which include Renaissance properties, are smoke-free. Smoking is not permitted inside these hotels, including the guest rooms.

The 2007 Summer and Fall NABCs will also be hosted at Marriott hotels.



## Thanks from the Tournament Chairmen

This tournament has had, and continues to have, the benefit of a major effort from many volunteers. The Chairmen wish to say thanks to all who have given, and continue to give, their time and effort to make this event a success. Thank you!

We have received significant financial and moral support from the Greater St. Louis Unit 143 and from District 8, as well as from the officers, boards and members of District 8 and the five units which comprise it. Thank you!

We want to also give special thanks to the Casino Queen, Macy's, The Anheuser-Busch Companies, Russell Stover Candy and Universal Creative Concepts for financial or material sponsorship. Thank you!

Others who made significant contributions of merchandise, coupons or beneficial terms for service include The Paper Patch, Williams Pharmacies, The Ladue Market, Francis Percich of Union Station Marketing and Minuteman Press. Thank you!

St. Louis NABC Chairmen Mike Carmen and Glenn Smith.



## Spring forward!

Remember Daylight Savings begins Sunday. Advance your clocks and watches one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night.

## Goodwill Message

Welcome to St. Louis and the Spring 2007 North American Bridge Championships. Tournament chairmen Mike Carmen and Glenn Smith have planned a fun-filled NABC for you. Their group of volunteers, staff and sponsors have worked hard to make St. Louis a bridge experience you'll remember for a long time.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you at the table.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman  
National Goodwill Committee



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

#### Friday, March 9

- 9 — 11 a.m. **TAP Instructor Training.** Room: Shaw, Renaissance Grand.
- 9 a.m. — Noon **Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP).** Third session of the ACBL's popular 10-hour seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge successfully. Pre-registration required. Room: Pershing, Renaissance Grand.
- 9:30 a.m. — Noon **ACBL Charity Foundation meeting.** Room: Benton, Renaissance Grand.
- 10:30 a.m. - Noon **ACBL Tournament Director meeting.** Room: Landmark 4, Renaissance Grand.
- 5 — 7 p.m. **Reception for Teachers and Club Officials.** This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. Room: America's Center 240.
- 11 p.m. — 1 a.m. **National Appeals Committee meeting.** Room: Landmark 4, Renaissance Grand.

#### Saturday, March 10

- 9:30 a.m. — Noon **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** Room: Benton, Renaissance Grand.
- 10 a.m. — Noon **Free Bridge Lesson** with Jerry Helms. Helms, well-known teacher and Bridge Bulletin columnist, presents a fun bridge lesson for intermediate and newer players. His topic: How to Make Your Partner's Bad Bids Look Good: Play of the Hand at Notrump. Room: America's Center 240.

- 10 a.m. — Noon **ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting.** Room: Shaw, Renaissance Grand.
- 10 a.m. — Noon **ACBL Laws Commission meeting.** Room: Lafayette, Renaissance Grand.
- 1 — 3 p.m. **Bridge Plus+.** 14 boards, no card fee. Room: America's Center 240.
- 5:30 — 6:30 p.m. **Newcomer Reception.** New players are invited to attend. Room: America's Center 240.

#### Sunday, March 11

- 9 a.m. — Noon **Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises.** Peg Cundiff, host of more than 100 bridge cruises, will educate you on the ins and outs of becoming a successful teacher/game director on a cruise ship. Fee: \$25. Room: TBA.
- 9:30 a.m. — Noon **Board of Governors Meeting.** This meeting is open to all members. Room: Majestic, Renaissance Grand.
- 10 a.m. — Noon **Free Bridge Lesson** with Marti Ronemus. Ronemus, one of ACBL's well-known teachers and Bridge Bulletin columnist, presents a fun bridge lesson for intermediate and newer players. Her topic: Communicating with Aliens. Room: America's Center 240.
- 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. **Team Trials meeting.** Room: Lafayette, Renaissance Grand.

### CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

#### Friday, March 9

- 12:15 p.m. Jerry Helms *Jerry isms*
- 6:45 p.m. Peg & Dewy Cundiff *The Ever-changing Bridge Hand*

#### Saturday, March 10

- 12:15 p.m. Harriette Buckman *R&R: Rights and Responsibilities*
- 6:45 p.m. Marti Ronemus *How Embarrassing!*

#### Sunday, March 11

- 12:15 p.m. Haig Tchamitch *Takeout Doubles*
- 6:45 p.m. Bruce Reeve *The Rule of 40*

### LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

#### Friday, March 9

Please join us in the Landmark Ballroom 4 after the evening session for "Soup and Sandwich" night. A great start for nine (nine, count 'em nine) nights of great hospitality in Landmark 4 after the evening session. It will be a great place to figure out what your partner or teammates did wrong.

#### Saturday, March 10

Please join us in the Landmark Ballroom 4 after the evening session for Oldies Night. It's "Light on the Piazza" featuring wonderful pizzas and featuring the music of the Bob Kuban Band. Enjoy the rock and swing of

these great musicians. Bob Kuban and the In-Men hit the top 10 on the charts in 1966 with their gold record *The Cheater*. This record is featured in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on the One Hit Wonder wall. Bob has appeared on radio and TV shows locally and nationally and has thrilled audiences for years.

#### Sunday, March 11

Landmark 4 Ballroom is the pace for the "Chili Cook Off." Come after the evening session for a choice of different chilis.

## Baldwin North American Pairs: History

Play in the Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A — a grassroots event that began last summer at the local club level — began Wednesday.

Qualifiers at the club level advanced to unit competition and those qualifiers advanced to district finals.

Three pairs from each district — more, depending upon attendance — qualified for the North American final.

Winners will have their names inscribed on the Baldwin Memorial Trophy and will also receive certificates of recognition.

The trophy is presented in memory of Col. Russell J. Baldwin (1889-1969), U.S. Army officer and expert on tournament procedure who was ACBL *Honorary Member of the Year* in 1943.



Baldwin was active as an organizer from the earliest days of contract bridge. He became a director of the American Bridge League and its treasurer shortly after its founding in 1927. He was a member of the ACBL Laws Commission and primarily responsible for the first Duplicate Code issued in 1935.

Baldwin was active as a tournament director from 1927 until 1941. After service in World War II, he was ACBL business manager from 1946 until 1951.

He was recalled to military serve at the outbreak of the Korean War and retired from the U. S. Army in 1957. He rejoined ACBL in 1958 and was in charge of tournament scheduling until his retirement in 1963.

#### Winners:

- 1979 Arthur Moore, Eric Robinson  
 1980 Bob Feller, Jeffrey Hall  
 1981 Helen Blakey, Robert Blakey  
 1982 Bill Nuttig, Ivan Scope  
 1983 John Griscom, Jim Felts  
 1984 Steve Sion, Harold Stengel  
 1985 Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson  
 1986 Drew Cannell, G. Sekhar  
 1987 Jan Janitschke, Dick Reed  
 1988 Jan Martel, Chip Martel  
 1989 David Caslan, Dennis Clerkin  
 1990 Sidney Lazard, Jack LaNoue  
 1991 Mark Stein, Boris Baran

- 1992 Jim Krekorian, Rick Zucker  
 1993 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze  
 1994 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze  
 1995 David Berkowitz, Lisa Berkowitz  
 1996 Marshall Tuly, James Cunningham  
 1997 Aidan Ballantyne, Gordon McOrmond  
 1998 Ron Sukoneck, Bill Cole  
 1999 James Griffin, Kenneth Schutze  
 2000 Patty Tucker, Kevin Collins  
 2001 Frank Merblum, Doug Doub  
 2002 JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby  
 2003 Steve Landen, Michael Zerbini  
 2004 Henry Lortz, Wayne Ohlrich  
 2005 David Yang, Nikolay Demirev  
 2006 Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz

## Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$18

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

Other North American championships: \$16.50

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

Regional championships: \$15.50 for ACBL members, \$17.50 for all others

All other events: \$14.50 for ACBL members, \$16.50 for all others.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Welcome to the 2007 North American Bridge Championships in St. Louis.

By Mark Ehret

Twenty years ago, I attended my first NABC right here in St. Louis. It was also the first time I had to use a bidding box. At the time, a story was circulating about a pair of newcomers who sat down for the opening session and confronted bidding boxes for the very first time. The other pair at the table asked the new pair if they knew how to use the boxes. Of course, the newcomers, not wanting to appear completely ignorant, replied that they did indeed.

The boards arrived at the table, and the new player had the opening call. He eyed the bidding box to his right, picked it up and spoke the word Pass directly into the box.

We were not born with the knowledge about how to use a bidding box, so we all need to learn the proper procedures and etiquette.

For other rules about bridge etiquette be sure to read the column by The Hat Lady (Marie Sander Bolego) that appears in the monthly ACBL Bridge Bulletin. By the way, Marie is a native of St. Louis and will be at the tournament. Be sure to look for her. She will be wearing a hat.

Back to the bidding box. If you play long enough, at some point you will knock the box off the table and the cards will go flying. Do not panic! It happens to everyone. If a new box is not readily available, just bid the old fashioned way, verbally.

Before you reach for the bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be. Problems occur when you start to pull out a bid, decide on a different course of action, hem and haw, then pull out a different bid. This can give unauthorized information to your partner.

One of the least understood cards in the bidding box is the Stop card. It is used whenever you wish to make a jump bid. It doesn't matter if

the jump bid is weak or strong, just use it.

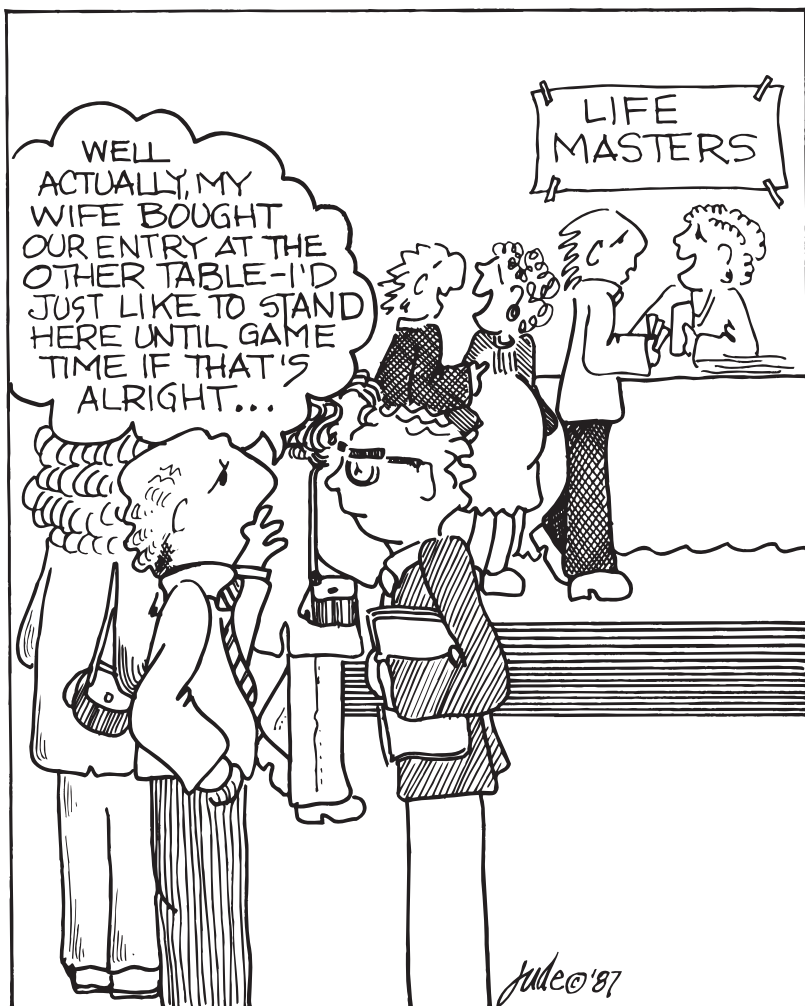
The proper procedure is to pull out the Stop card and place it on the table and then make your bid. Some people will accompany the Stop card with the words "Skip bid. Please hesitate ten seconds." Other players may leave the card on the table, intending for you to wait until the card is picked up before you call.

We use the Stop card as a courtesy to our opponents so that they have a little bit more time to think about their next action. Remember that if they decide to bid, it will have to be at a higher level than they originally planned. Hesitations are one of the thorniest issues confronting players and directors, and the Stop card helps to avoid problems caused by hesitations. When you are on the receiving end of the Stop card, try to bid in tempo, without undue haste or hesitation.

(If your partner is criticizing your play or bidding, feel free to gently pull out the Stop card and show it!)

During this tournament, you may pull out the wrong bid and place it on the table. You may not even notice it until the next person has made a call. Call the director! If you catch your mistake early enough you may be allowed to change your call if the mistake was clearly a mechanical one and not a change of mind.

The Alert card is one fraught with mystery for



This cartoon is from Jude Goodwin's new book, *Go ahead, Laugh*, published by Master Point Press, and available from bridge suppliers and major bookstores.

the new player, as are Alerts in general. It is used to let the opponents know that your partner's bid may not mean what it says. Alertable bids are printed in red on your convention card. Most players accompany the Alert card with the verbal Alert (just say the word). You know you've arrived when an Alertable bid is on your convention card.

Last but not least, make sure that 7NT is in your bidding box. You might need it.

## Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: North ♠ A 8 6 3  
Vul: Both ♥ 5

♦ K Q 7 5  
♣ K Q 4 2

♠ Q J 9 7 ♠ K 5 4  
♥ J 8 ♥ Q 7 6 4

♦ 9 8 6 ♦ A J 10

♣ A 10 6 3 ♣ J 9 5

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

**Opening lead:** ♠Q.

**Bidding commentary:** South's sequence can be compared to a weak two-bid opening. If North even thinks of bidding again, it's an overbid. A rebid of 2NT with a singleton in partner's main suit and no suit of one's own to establish shows about 17 high-card points — or a maniacal intent to play the hand.

**Lead commentary:** The normal lead is the unbid suit, but when holding the ace, it is usually better to look elsewhere, such the spade sequence.

**Play commentary:** Basically, the contract depends upon the play of the heart suit. The best play for one loser is the ♥A and ♥K, hoping an honor drops. If it doesn't, the next

hope is a 3-3 break. Also, declarer should lead up to dummy's clubs before playing diamonds. If West has the ♣A, a diamond can be discarded on a winning club.

**Defensive commentary:** If East gets in before diamonds have been played, he should lead the ♦J to set up two diamond tricks before West's ♣A is removed. As a general rule when declarer leads up to a K-Q-x-(x) combination, second hand, holding the ace, should play low the first time. This forces declarer to return to hand to lead the suit again. If declarer has two clubs and dummy no sure side-suit entry, winning the second club could save a trick.

## Welcome, Intermediate/Newcomer Players, to St. Louis!

The St. Louis staff has many special events planned for you.

The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in America's Center 230 except for the 9 a.m. games which will be in America's Center 220.

Don't forget to pick up your registration gift.

The IN Partnership Desk will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Celebrity Bridge Speakers will give free mini-lessons at 12:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week (with the exception of the first Thursday afternoon and the final Sunday). On Thursday, March 8 at 6:45 p.m., John Hermann will discuss "Weak Two-Bids." On Friday, March 9 at 12:15 p.m., Jerry Helms will

present "Jerry-isms." And at 6:45 p.m., Peg and Dewy Cundiff will discuss "The Ever-changing Bridge Hand."

On Friday, March 9, there will be free Newcomer games (0-5 MPs) at 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will give a free two-hour lesson. At 5:30 p.m., a free IN reception with food and special celebrity guests will be held.

IN events continue every day.

On Sunday, March 11, at 10 a.m. Bridge Bulletin columnist Marti Ronemus will give a free two-hour lesson.

On Wednesday, March 14, win gold points in the National 49er Pairs, a two-session event, held at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular price entry March 9 -11 will receive a half priced entry for games held March 16 -18.

## Dress Up Night

Players are encouraged to dress up for the evening session Saturday, March 10. This is a regular feature of all NABCs.



# National Appeals Committee Roster and Schedule for the St. Louis NABC

**Director**

Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA

**Chairman**

Michael Huston, Joplin MO

**National Appeals Introductory Meeting**  
There will be a meeting of the National Appeals Committee from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Landmark 4 in the Renaissance Grand.

**RED TEAM    WHITE TEAM    BLUE TEAM**

**Team Leaders**

Ron Gerard, White Plains NY  
Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA

**Team Leaders**

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Richard Popper, Wilmington DE

**Team Leader**

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Jeff Polisner, Walnut Creek CA

**Vice Chairman**

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Dick Budd, Portland ME  
Tom Carmichael Atlanta GA  
Gary Cohler, Chicago IL  
Mike Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA  
Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD  
Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL  
Bill Passell, Coral Springs FL  
Marlene Passell, Coral Springs FL  
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Bob White, Raleigh NC  
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Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX\*

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Gail Greenberg, New York NY  
Chris Moll, Metarie LA  
Tom Peters, Grapeland TX  
Judy Randel, Albuquerque NM  
Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA  
David Rowntree, Pennington NJ  
Bob Schwartz, San Pedro CA  
Joann Sprung, Philadelphia PA  
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Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY  
Michael Rosenberg, North Rochelle NY  
Dan Sprung, Philadelphia PA  
John Solodar, Palm Beach Gardens FL  
Aaron Silverstein, New York NY  
Kathy Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH  
Riggs Thayer, San Diego CA  
Jon Wittes, Claremont CA  
Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY\*  
Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL\*

**On duty**

Sunday, March 11  
Wednesday, March 14  
Saturday, March 17

**On duty**

Friday, March 9  
Monday, March 12  
Thursday, March 15

**On duty**

Saturday, March 10  
Tuesday, March 13  
Friday, March 16

\* Semi-active members remaining on the National Appeals Committee

## Open Pairs competitors vie for Silodor Trophy



2006 Silodor Open Pairs winners David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen

The Silodor Open Pairs is a four-session event consisting of two qualifying and two final sessions. The winners' names are engraved on the Silodor Trophy, presented in memory of Sidney Silodor, winner of the Bermuda Bowl, the McKenney Trophy and more than 30 North American championships.

Silodor, a member of the team that won the first Bermuda Bowl World Championship in 1950, won the Vanderbilt eight times, the Reisinger six times, the Spingold, the Open Pairs and the Master Mixed Teams three times each and the Mixed

Pairs five times — a record. Silodor was an original member of the Bridge Hall of Fame, elected in the Sixties when the institution was the province of its creator, *The Bridge World* magazine.

The trophy was presented in 1963 in memory of Silodor and made retroactive to include winners of the event, which began in 1958.

**Previous winners:**

- 1958 Leonard Harmon, Ivar Stakgold
- 1959 Lew Mathe, Edward Taylor
- 1960 Robert Jordan, Alvin Roth
- 1961 Mark Hodges, Hampton Hume
- 1962 Robert Jordan, Arthur Robinson
- 1963 Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor
- 1964 Barry Crane, Oswald Jacoby
- 1965 John Biddle, James Wisemiller
- 1966 Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
- 1967 Harvey Cohen, Maury Genuel
- 1968 Ronald Balu, Richard Spero
- 1969 Richard Freedman, James Mathis
- 1970 Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1971 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1-2. Joan Remy, Vincent Remy
- 1972 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1-2. Matt Granovetter, Merle Tom
- 1973 Michael Hoffman, Jack Rhatigan
- 1974 Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1975 Garey Hayden, Daniel Hyland
- 1976 Terry Hause, Ernest Ivey

- 1977 Barry Crane, Peter Rank
- 1978 Robert Levin, Mike Passell
- 1979 Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 1980 Paul Lewis, Michael Schreiber
- 1981 Dan Gertsman, Marc Nathan
- 1982 Gerald Caravelli, Craig Janitschke
- 1983 Barry Crane, Mike Passell
- 1984 Lou Bluhm, Bart Bramley
- 1985 Jim Robison, Joey Silver
- 1986 Lew Stansby, Ralph Katz
- 1987 Ed Manfield, Kit Woolsey
- 1988 Ron Rubin, Michael Becker
- 1989 Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
- 1990 Don Campbell, Barry Harper
- 1991 Larry Mori, Henry Bethe (became Open Pairs)
- 1992 Bernie Miller, Mike Lucas
- 1993 Russ Ekeblad, Peter Weichsel
- 1994 Lloyd Arvedon, Allan Falk
- 1995 John Strauch, Evan Bailey
- 1996 Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein
- 1997 Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
- 1998 Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
- 1999 Mike Passell, Michael Seamon
- 2000 Mike Cappelletti, Larry Hicks
- 2001 Jim Tritt, Richard Meffley
- 2002 Joergen Molberg, Boerre Lund
- 2003 Ralph Katz, Michael Rosenberg
- 2004 Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
- 2005 Bob Morris, Eddie Wold
- 2006 David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen

**Sunday,  
March 11**

## Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises

Peg Cundiff host of more than 100 bridge cruises, will educate you on the ins and outs of being a successful teacher/game director on a cruise ship. An interesting morning program for current and prospective teachers/directors.

Location: Renaissance Grand Hotel-Pershing Room

Time: 9 a.m. — Noon

Fee: \$25 at door



Belton Allen, La Mesa CA; Peter Zari, Spring Valley CA; James Andrews - John Forrest, San Diego CA; Stephen Seagren, La Jolla CA

vs

Sasanka Ramanadham - Mark Gilje, Saint Louis MO; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO; Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL; Charles Gilje, Anchorage AK

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION KO 5**

**16 Tables**

Rae Gene Burger, Des Moines IA; Mark Beckwith, Johnston IA; Cindy Rovner, West Des Moines IA; Terry Brown, Eddyville IA

vs

Carol Pinegar - Malca Flasterstein, Springfield MO; Ellie Bennett, Ozark MO; A Joan Fischer, Burton MI

James Gauntt - Barbara Blaine, Little Rock AR; Nancy Luehring - Martha Jordan, Hot Springs Village AR

vs

Ted Baldwin - Margaret Baldwin - Mary Fort - Susan Hall, Saint Louis MO

Gregory Ellis, Noblesville IN; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN; Steven Goodman, Upton MA; Jean Wittman, Northborough MA

vs

Karen Pickelsimer, Oakwood Hills IL; Gary Schechter, Springfield IL; Amy Bloom, Silver Spring MD; Joyce Currie, Mc Lean VA

Aileen Bowman - Jack Bowman, Guelph ON; Anni Amend, Whitehouse Sta NJ; Carolyn Borus, Denver CO

vs

Stacy Dibbell, Bismarck ND; Susan Thiess, Eau Claire WI; Judith Kilcher, Clinton Twp MI; Donna Frohm, Burchville MI

**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT A**

(At press time, an appeal was pending.)

14.0 Tables			
65.00	1	David Abelow, Owings Mills MD; Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD	407.03
48.75	2	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Chris Willenken, New York NY	404.76
36.56	3	Dan Gerstman - Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	400.35
28.89	4	Daniel Boye, Syracuse NY; Jay Apfelbaum, Philadelphia PA	398.00
26.00	5	Michael Roche, Victoria BC; John Rayner, Oakville ON	392.52
23.64	6	George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL	390.32
21.67	7	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	386.73
20.00	8	Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX; John Zilic, Houston TX	381.55
18.57	9	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; David Yang, Chicago IL	372.64
17.33	10	Kitty Cooper - Steven Cooper, Albuquerque NM	363.11
16.25	11	Ellie Hanlon - Mary Savko, Tequesta FL	362.40
15.29	12	Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI	358.86
14.44	13	Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS	356.98
13.68	14	Nancy Sachs - Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	352.24
13.00	15	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Ed Davis, Seal Beach CA	346.78
12.38	16	Robert Crafton, W Bloomfield MI; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	344.35
11.82	17	Jianrong Lin, Arlington Hts IL; Yi Liu, Chicago IL	343.86
11.30	18	Mark Dean, Jersey City NJ; Daniel Wilderman, Brooklyn NY	343.49
10.83	19	Donald Swan Jr, Coopersburg PA; Richard Claussen, Bethlehem PA	341.85
10.40	20	Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA	339.96
10.00	21	Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH	337.59
9.63	22	Alex Perlin, Weehawken NJ; Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY	335.01
9.91	23	Joseph Godefrin, Sarasota FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	334.46
8.97	24	Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	332.18
8.67	25	Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV; Carol Stewart, Henderson NV	328.39

**Defenders, Spring NABC**

**Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A:**

Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz

**Golder North American Pairs, Flight B:**

Fletcher Thompson, Bruce Todd

**President's Cup North American Pairs,**

**Flight C:** Stanislaw Kolesnik, Vladimir Reznik

**Vanderbilt Knockout Teams:** Fred Chang,

Seymon Deutsch, Gunnar Hallberg, Jack Zhao, Fu Zhong

**Jacoby Open Swiss Teams:** Bob Hamman,

Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Steve Weinstein

**Machlin Women's Swiss Teams:** Mildred

Breed, Pamela Granovetter, Sylvia Moss, Shawn Quinn, Judy Radin, Migry Zur Campanile

**Silodor Open Pairs:** David Berkowitz, Larry

Cohen

**Whitehead Women's Pairs:** Sylvia Moss,

Judy Radin

**Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:** Lew Finkel,

Gaylor Kasle

**Rockwell Mixed Pairs:** Tom Kniest, Karen

Walker

**Lebhar IMP Pairs:** Fred Gitelman, Geoff

Hampson

**Bean Red Ribbon Pairs:** Chris Buchanan,

B.J. Trelford

**National 49er Pairs:** Eric Sieg, Jim

Thompson

**Mott Smith Trophy:** Fred Chang

**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.



**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.

**St. Louis Tours**

**Anheuser-Busch Tour**

Monday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. till noon.  
Cost:\$10.

**St. Louis City Tour**

Wednesday, March 14, 8:15 a.m. till noon.  
Cost: \$26.



Register for either tour at the Tour Desk located near the Tournament Registration Desk.

**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.

**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.



**Gatlinburg: The beat goes on ...**

It was déjà vu in the Smokeys last spring: Gatlinburg shattered ACBL all-time attendance records for the sixth consecutive year.

Some quick facts and figures from last April: 9,565 tables, with 3,943 participants. Every state but one represented (hello, Wyoming?). Gold point knockouts: 207 brackets. Fifty-nine players with more than 100 masterpoints for one week. You get the idea. If you haven't been, join us next month, April 9-15, to see what it's all about. If you have been, you already know. Make your reservations NOW.

For information, contact co-chair Marlene Wass (865) 966-3292, mpwass@yahoo.com.

**Fliers on information table . . . Visit the Mid-Atlantic at www.mabcbridge.org**





## TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

*See page 2 for other events*

*Newcomer players play free today.*

### Friday, March 9, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday–Sunday Morning Side Game Series*	1st single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	Free!	Free!

### Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$15.50	\$17.50
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### Friday, March 9, 1 p.m.

Friday–Saturday District 8 Side Game Series*	1st single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	Free!	Free!

### Friday, March 9, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>Silodor Open Pairs</b> <i>2 qualifying sessions, 2 final sessions</i>	1–2 Q	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Casino Queen (Friday-Saturday) Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50

### Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Universal Creative Concepts One-session Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
Friday–Saturday Greater St. Louis Unit 143 Side Game Series*	2nd single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	Free!	Free!

### Friday, March 9, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$12/team/match	
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**Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10.**

\*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750–2000), C (0–750).

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

## TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

*Junior Day, Dress-Up Night,*

*Central Illinois Unit 208 Day*

### Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Saturday–Sunday Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday–Sunday Morning Side Game Series*	2nd single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 & 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$14.50

### Saturday, March 10, 10 & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$15.50	\$17.50
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### Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m.

Bridge Plus+ <i>0–5 masterpoints, 14 boards, no card fees</i>	single	America's Center 220	Free!	Free!
Friday-Saturday District 8 Side Game Series*	3rd single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 & 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$14.50

### Saturday, March 10, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>Silodor Open Pairs</b>	1–2 F	Renaissance Majestic	\$18	
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs*	1–2			
A/X		Renaissance Majestic	\$15.50	\$17.50
B/C/D		America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Casino Queen (Friday-Saturday) Bracketed KO Teams	3–4	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	America's Center 230	\$15.50	\$17.50

### Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

One-session Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	America's Center 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
Friday–Saturday Greater St. Louis Unit 143 Side Game Series*	4th single session	America's Center 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 & 0–5 Pairs	single	America's Center 230	\$14.50	\$14.50

### Saturday, March 10, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	Renaissance Landmark 5	\$12/team/match	
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**Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10.**

\*Unless otherwise noted, Strati-Flighted Open and Strati-Flighted Senior events are divided: A/X (3000+, 0–3000); separate from B/C/D (1000–2000, 500–1000, 0–500). Strata breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750–2000), C (0–750).

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

## Today's sponsors

Universal Creative Concepts (UCC) is sponsoring the Swiss Team game to be held at 7:30 p.m. UCC is a supplier of awards, premiums and gifts of all types. They are the vendor for the pens presented in the registration bag and have been helpful and efficient at all times.

The Casino Queen is sponsoring the Bracketed

KO Team game to be played today and tomorrow afternoon and evening. The Casino Queen has recently been rated as having the loosest slots in the country for the second year in a row! The Casino Queen also offers a variety of food options from an all-you-can-eat buffet to an award winning steakhouse. The Casino Queen is offering

shuttle rides to and from our hotel to the casino. For pick-up times, please check the \$5 coupon that is in your goody bag given away at the Registration Desk or check with the hotel concierge or check the front desk. The Casino Queen is looking forward to seeing you and wishes you good luck.