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Berkowitz holds on in tight Wagar final



Winners of the Wagar Women's KO Teams: Val Covalciuc, Joann Glasson, Betty Ann Kennedy, Lisa Berkowitz, Cindy Bernstein and Linda Lewis.

In a low-scoring final match in the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams, the squad of Lisa Berkowitz of Boca Raton FL, Joann Glasson of Pennington NJ, Linda Lewis of Sioux Falls SD, Val Covalciuc of Fort Myers FL, Betty Ann Kennedy of Shreveport LA and Cindy Bernstein of Memphis TN prevailed by 5 IMPs against Shawn Quinn's team. Berkowitz won 84-79 over 64 boards.

Playing with Quinn, who currently lives abroad in Krakow, Poland, were Renee Mancuso of Los Angeles CA, Pam Wittes of Venice CA, Cheri Bjerkan of Elmhurst IL, Rozanne Pollack of Basking Ridge NJ and Peggy

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Nickell, O'Rourke, Strul bounced from Spingold

Teams captained by Barry Rigal, John Onstott and Jan Jansma will be playing in the quarterfinal round of the Spingold Knockout Teams today while their higher-seeded opponents will be on the sidelines.

The Jansma team led No. 2 seed Nick Nickell from the start of their match and ended with an impressive 143-113 victory. Dutch star Jansma is playing with countrymen Louk Verhees and Ricco van Prooijen. The rest of the team is Ron Rubin, Russ Ekeblad and Matthew Granovetter.

Rigal (Robert and Shane Blanchard, Jeff Aker, Glenn Milgrim and Alex Ornstein) prevailed 133-127 in a hard-fought match with the Lou Ann O'Rourke squad (Marc Jacobus, Eddie Wold, Roger Bates, Antonio Sementa and Giorgio Duboin).

Rigal led the No. 8 seed by 1 IMP with a

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Virginians take 199er Pairs



199er winners Roy Robson and Ken Marshall.

Two longtime friends who have been playing bridge only about 18 months put together two solid sessions to win the National 199er Pairs by half a board. The winners are Roy (Tony) Robson of Arlington VA and Ken Marshall of Winchester VA.

They scored 64.58% in the first of the event's two sessions, then followed with 61.01% in the second to finish with a score of 208, just ahead of the 204.5 posted by runners-up Nick Trobovic of Belmar NJ and Richard Malus of Leonardo NJ. Top on a board was 7.

Both were bridge players decades ago, but they quit playing until recently.

Marshall is a retired farmer, Robson a retired academic (he taught linguistics at the University of Wisconsin).

They met 20 years ago at the Eastern Market in the Washington DC area, where farmers take their produce to sell. Said Robson of his partner, "He produced the best tomatoes and apples you've

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Hampton leads Mixed BAM quals

The squad captained by Robert Hampton of Blythewood SC led the field of 94 teams in yesterday's opening round of the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. Hampton, playing with Sabine Auken of Charlottenlund, Denmark, Joel Wooldridge of Williamsville NY, John Hurd of New York City, Jenny Wolpert of Singer Island FL and Sylvie Willard of Paris, France, finished with a two-session total of 36 wins.

In a tie at 34.5 for second-third are Geeske Joel's team and David Yang's team. Joel of Palo Alto CA played with Tobi Sokolow of Austin TX, Jill Levin and Robert Levin of Lake Ariel PA, John Sutherlin of Dallas TX, and Steve Weinstein of Andes NY. Yang, of Chicago, has teammates Melody Bi of West Warwick RI, Jeff Fang of Arcadia CA, and Pinpin Deng of Hackettstown NJ.

Fifty-two teams made the cut to today's two-session final.

Goodwill Message

Today I might meet a new friend.

I might learn a new play.
I might have a few laughs.
I should have a good day!

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill
Committee



Attendance
through Thursday
evening:
11,134 Tables

Four teams remain in Mini-Spin I

Today's semifinal matchups in the Mini-Spingold I (0-5000) Knockout Teams feature contests between the squads led by Lorraine Cable and McKenzie Myers in one bracket, and Jay Whipple and Roger Johnson in the other.

Cable easily dispatched John Klayman's team in yesterday's match, 164-72 in three quarters. Myers had an extremely close match against Morrie Kleinplatz's squad, until the last set, which Myers won handily. In the other quarterfinal

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Mini-Spin II final: Hsu vs. Hendrickson

The squad led by Victor Hsu will square off against Eric Hendrickson's team in the final of the Mini-Spingold II (0-1500) Knockout Teams. Hsu, playing with Ted Wilson, Paul Fagan and Sandy Johnson defeated David Grabiner's team in the semifinal 112-107. Grabiner played with Arthur McCann, J. Larry Meyers and Ken Shoting. In the other semifinal match, Hendrickson, playing with Andy Caranicas, Matthew Bribitzer-Stull and Jason Bribitzer-Stull, beat Julie Zucker's team 142-103. Zucker's lineup included Nat Zucker, Carl Noller and Robert Finkelstein.

Baseggio, Friedland off to Fast start

The duo of Franco Baseggio of New York City and Peter Friedland of Cupertino CA turned in the top score in the qualifying round of the NABC Fast Open Pairs. Baseggio and Friedland scored just under 62% each session.

Just a few matchpoints behind are John Herriot of Los Angeles CA and Lawrence Harding of Hampstead NC.

Of the 256 pairs who entered the two-day contest, 130 qualified for today's two-session final.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, August 1</p> <p>10 a.m. - Noon "Advance Your Game" lesson. Bridge lessons for "advanced" beginners. <i>Room: Thurgood Marshall E.</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Noon Understanding the Changes in the Laws Seminar. An overview of the recent changes in the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, followed by Q & A. Free. <i>Room: Taft.</i></p>	<p>8 pm til Vugraph. <i>Room: Thurgood Marshall.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 2</p> <p>1 - 6:30 p.m. Vugraph. <i>Room: Thurgood Marshall.</i></p> <p>8 p.m. til Vugraph. <i>Room: Thurgood Marshall.</i></p>
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

<p><i>Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Washington DC daily in Exhibit Hall B.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 31</p> <p>9:45 am Leslie Shafer <i>Bidding With No Points!</i></p> <p>6:45 pm GS Jade Barrett <i>The Learning Curve</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, Aug. 1</p> <p>9:45 am Mike Flader <i>Ruling the Game</i></p> <p>6:45 pm Jeff Roman <i>The Difference between Pairs and Teams</i></p>
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LATE NIGHT/ENTERTAINMENT

<p><i>All entertainment will take place in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 30</p> <p>10:30 pm-Midnight Ice Cream Bars and Fruit Bars</p> <p>11:15 pm-12:30 am Ron Smith, Pianist (note change)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, August 1</p> <p>10:30 pm-Midnight Fresh Fruit Cup</p> <p>8 pm til Vugraph: Semifinals of the Spingold Knockout Teams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 2</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm Snacks</p> <p>6 pm til Vugraph: Final of the Spingold Knockout Teams</p>
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Be sure to stop by the Tournament Information Desk and get your official **Washington DC NABC t-shirt** before you leave!

Men's and Women's styles—lots of sizes, royal blue and navy
\$15 for Adults • \$12 for Youth

Marriott
WARDMAN PARK HOTEL

Stone's Throw will offer a limited a la carte menu, in addition to a dinner buffet, as noted for the following dates:

Friday, July 31

- Soup Of The Day
- Fried Catfish
 - Roasted Chicken
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Baked Beans
 - Glazed Carrots

Chef's Selection of Desserts

(1) Soda or Iced Tea

\$15.95 + tax

Saturday, August 1

- Soup Of The Day
- Lemon Pepper Trout with White Wine Sauce
 - Swedish Meatballs
 - Bowtie Pasta with a Pesto Cream Sauce
 - Steamed Rice
 - Ratatouille

Chef's Selection of Desserts

(1) Soda or Iced Tea

\$15.95 + tax

Be nice

Players are reminded that the Partnership Desk is offered as a service. When using this service, please be courteous to both the volunteers staffing the desk and to prospective partners with whom you are paired.

Abusive treatment to staff or fellow members is subject to disciplinary action.

ACBL bans electronic devices in national events



The ACBL Board of Directors approved a comprehensive ban on electronic devices for all national level events, but not regional or Intermediate Newcomer contests:

Electronic devices, excluding health related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, cellular phones and minicomputers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session.

These restrictions shall apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, recorders and kibitzers and shall apply throughout any actual playing session or segment.

A violation of this policy shall result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense shall result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team.

Kibitzers violating this policy shall be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Participants in the following contests will be reminded not to approach the playing area with a personal electronic device in their possession, *even if the device is turned off*: all flights of the Grand National Teams, the von Zedtwitz, Bruce and Young Life Master Pairs, the Spingold Knockout Teams, both Mini-Spingolds, the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams, the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, the Wernher Open Pairs, the NABC+ Fast Pairs, the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, the Open Swiss Teams and the National 199er Pairs.

Found

A ring found in the ladies room was turned in to the Registration Desk, Thursday afternoon, July 30. To claim this item, please visit the Registration Desk with a description of the ring.

Additional items (a jacket, a pendant, a bracelet) have been turned in to the Daily Bulletin office (Jefferson Room, Mezzanine Level).

Bridge Haiku

By Kevin O'Brien

Bridge is just a game.
The Grand Canyon is a gully
In Arizona.

Take the spade finesse
Then ruff out the ace of clubs
But you're still down two

Enter the knockouts
If your teammates let you down
Qualify for Swiss!

Void in partner's suit?
Hope opponents win auction
Ruff opening lead

Playing six notrump
Only count eleven tricks?
Maybe there's a squeeze

"Down one is good bridge"
Don't believe all that you hear
Better if you make!

Daily Bulletin
Staff works hard, late-night hours
See them? Say, "Thank you!"

Life Master News

Gary Mallett of New Martinsville WV earned his gold card as a member of the winning team in the Monday-Tuesday Bracketed KO. His partner was his wife, **Sally Mallett**, and their teammates were Brett Orban of Martins Ferry OH and Tom Danford of Bellaire OH. On Saturday, the team reported that they had won another KO, putting Sally over the top and making her a Life Master. Neither player needed gold points.

Anita Pettus of Winchester KY is now a Silver Life Master, going over the 1000-point barrier in the compact knockouts. Her partner was Xiao (Joe) Zhao, Hamilton ON. Their teammates were Fran Smith of Glen Ellyn IL and Claude Henin of Ottawa ON.

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.

Got a story for the Daily Bulletin?
Send it to DailyBulletinEditor@gmail.com



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Positive thinking

By Leslie Shafer

One of my favorite quotes is from Henry Ford: If you think you can or can't, you're right. The power of positive thinking is crucial in any form of bridge. Here are a few times when a good attitude is important.



1) *Your side won the auction, but the opponents have doubled you for penalties!* If you think you're going down, you're right. You should adopt an attitude of, "Wow! If I make this, our plus score will be enormous, for sure a top board!"

2) *You've just suffered a terrible result on the first board of the session.* You probably got a zero; but if you continue to fret over it, you will blow the next four boards as well, totaling five zeros. It would be a good idea to put the first board out of your mind and start fresh, with a positive attitude. I believe this is one of my best achievements, to be able to totally erase previous deals or results from my mind. My husband, aka Studmuffin, once asked me about a board we played on the prior round, and I couldn't for the life of me remember it. I was elated, although my husband didn't seem as impressed as I was with this ability. It has taken some time, but he now sees it as one of my strongest bridge skills. Kind of ironic, isn't it? As students we fret over trying to remember everything, then discover we must try to forget things.

3) *Does your contract rest on a finesse or an unlikely split in a certain suit?* Sitting there and agonizing over it for three minutes will not change the outcome. If the cards lie in an unfriendly manner, then your expert friend won't make it either. Mentally visualize how you need the missing cards to be situated, then play it as if it were true. Some days I feel I'm psychic when it actually works.

4) *When to be aggressive (or insane) vs. playing conservatively.*

a) You've just gotten four top boards in the

last two rounds. Tighten up, be conservative, and don't give any of those beautiful gifts back to the enemy.

b) You're in the wrong contract (3NT) and missed your 4♠ game. The pairs in 4♠ will score 420 and your 3NT is only worth 400. In a pairs event, you'd better find an overtrick somewhere (even if it puts your contract in jeopardy) because you're about to get a zero anyway. In a team game (knockout or Swiss) play to make your contract. The difference in the contract score is negligible, only one IMP and no big deal.

c) Your side has been preempting in diamonds but the opponents get to 4♠ anyway. You're thinking of sacrificing – should you go for it? Consider the vulnerability and do the math: If you're not vulnerable and they are, you could go down three, doubled, and still show a profit. If you're vulnerable and the opponents are not, then going to 5♦ is insane. I've tried it myself about 60 times in the last 15 years and it worked one time. The odds are not with you. Just let it go.

d) You and partner are intermediate players and you recognize the pair coming to your table as newcomers. Do not even think about psyching or making overly aggressive preempts against them. You would possibly be handing them their only top board of the night. You have them beat already in bidding, play and defensive skills. Sit



back and wait for them to make their own mistakes so you can reap the benefits.

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Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: East ♠ K 7
 Vul: E-W ♥ A J 5 4
 ♦ A K 10 7 6
 ♣ J 8

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

♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ K 10 7 6 3
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ Q 9 5

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

Opening lead: ♠J.

Bidding commentary: Responder should not think twice about responding 1♥ or 1♠ to an opening bid with 5 HCP and a five-card major. Do it! However, after the 1♥ response, South

shouldn't give any real thought to bidding 4♥. The North hand counts to 17 support points (forget the ♣J). South has 15 HCP plus one support point for each doubleton. The jump raises promises 16-18 support points, so South is on target. East, a passed hand, has a perfect takeout double if South opens 1♥, but can't come in intelligently over the 1♦ bid. A double is out of the question with a singleton in an unbid major, and overcalling on a crummy four-card suit is also off the wall.

Defensive commentary: After East cashes two spades, he shifts to a low club rather than the ace. After all, declarer may have the king and misguess by playing low, thus losing two club tricks. As it happens, West has the king and returns the ♣3 (original fourth best, showing four clubs) to East's ace, and East gets out with a club to South's queen. South must have the queen as West won trick three with ♣K, denying the queen. Defenders take tricks with the lower or lowest equal.

Play commentary: South has to find the ♥Q holding nine trumps between the two hands. We've come too far to play by nursery rhymes. East, a passed hand, has turned up with the ♠A Q plus the ♣A for a total of 10 HCP. Most players open 12

point hands these days, so it is odds on that West has the ♥Q. South does best to cash the ♥K and lead a heart to the jack.



They were second in the National 199er Pairs (see story on page 1): Nick Trobovic and Richard Malus.

NABC Diary

Sight for sore eyes

An older man got off the escalator at the Marriott the other day and approached the hotel's convention manager, a petite woman.

"I just played in an event named for you," the man said.

"That's not possible," she said.

"Well," continued the man, "I just played in the compact knockout – and you are a compact knockout!"

Star in the making

Bud Hampshire was excited to report that he and his 15-year-old grandson, Logan West, were playing in the Tuesday-Wednesday knockout teams. Logan had fewer than 50 masterpoints at the start of the NABC and has won several gold points and stood to earn 17 gold if the team was successful Wednesday night. They were playing with Don and Lorrienne Jarboe of Fort Walton Beach FL.

Eager to assist

A member of the Daily Bulletin staff was wandering around in the Intermediate/Newcomer game when a player flagged him down with a request.

"My partner is in the restroom," she said. "Would you sort her cards so we don't delay the game?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Helpful.

One of the opponents frowned and said to Mr. H in a suspicious voice: "How many masterpoints do you have?"

The third degree

Benito Garozzo is a legendary bridge player, one of the key members of the Italian Blue Team that won so many world championships. Garozzo, now a resident of Florida and a naturalized U.S. citizen, has 13 world championships to his credit.

After his team won the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Garozzo was asked what he thinks of the current edition of the Italian team, reigning Bermuda Bowl champions and frequent competitors in ACBL tournaments.

"They are friends of mine," Garozzo said, "and they are very good players."

Would the old Blue Team beat the current Italian champions?

"It's different systems, different time," Garozzo said, hedging.

Pressed further about whether his best team would take the current Italian stars, Garozzo gave in: "Well, probably. . ."

Convention card reminder

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 ACBL 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.

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

Subject: Unauthorized Information (UI)

Event: von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs

Session: Second semifinal

	<i>Roy Welland</i>		
Board 17	♠ Q 10		
Vul: None	♥ A Q J		
Dlr: North	♦ 6 4 3 2		
	♣ K 8 7 5		
	<i>William Hacker</i>		<i>Leo LaSota</i>
	♠ A K 8 2		♠ J 9 3
	♥ 9 8 7 2		♥ K 10 6
	♦ K 8		♦ Q J 9 7
	♣ 6 4 3		♣ A Q 9
	<i>Tor Helness</i>		
	♠ 7 6 5 4		
	♥ 5 4 3		
	♦ A 10 5		
	♣ J 10 2		

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

(1) Alerted.

Final contract: 1NT doubled by North.

Opening lead: ♦Q.

Table result: Down four, N-S minus 800.

Director ruling: 1NT by North down four, N-S minus 200.

Committee ruling: 1NT by North down four, N-S minus 200; 1/8-board penalty to E-W.

The Facts: The director was called after the play.

1♣, which could be short, was Alerted. The explanation of the Alert seemed somewhat confusing to East. After the Alert, East asked some questions about the bid. After South's initial explanation, East asked a few more questions, then looked at the N-S convention card before passing.

The Ruling: The director judged that the questioning made UI available to West. Since a pass by West was determined to be a logical alternative to doubling, which was suggested by the questioning, in accordance with Laws 16 and 12 the director adjusted the result to 1NT by North down four, N-S minus 200 for both pairs.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the director's ruling. Only North and West attended the hearing.

East asked a total of five questions due to South's confusing initial responses. Both sides agreed that the questioning took the form of:

Q. What's the Alert? A. Could be short.

Q. What kinds of hands? A. Five-card Majors (unclear due to South's accent).

Q. It can contain a 5-card major? A. We play five-card majors.

Q. What kinds of hands would be short clubs? A. Those with a bad diamond suit.

Q. Could you clarify? A. It could be 4-2 in the minors since we need a good diamond suit to open 1♦.

East then picked up N-S's convention card and examined it before passing. East further stated that West's double said, "Do something" and did not guarantee any specific suit length. It didn't guarantee spade values and might contain only two spades. East asserted that with both sides not vulnerable at matchpoints, they are extremely

aggressive in balancing over 1NT (except with poor 4-3-3-3 hands). They almost never let declarer play a 1NT contract at this vulnerability.

North stated that this was the first time that he and his partner had played together, and that they had filled out a convention card 15 minutes before game time. Their system was not completely defined, but they did agree that 1♦ couldn't be opened on a bad suit. He believed there was zero safety in balancing with West's hand, and it only contained K-x in an unbid suit. West had UI from the earlier table action, and it was likely that East would pass the double. A significant number of players would pass with West's cards.

The committee discovered that E-W had been playing together 1-1/2 years and that they essentially play the same "short club" treatment. The discussion had taken somewhere in the range of 20-30 seconds before East finally passed. Additionally, the double had not been Alerted, and nothing was noted on the E-W convention card concerning their balancing style and no pre-Alerts had been given to N-S. Answers to other system questions yielded responses that indicated that their competitive treatments over 1♣ and 1♠ - Pass - 1♠ were typical of the vast majority of tournament players.

The Decision: The committee believed that UI had indeed been made available to West via the questioning, and especially when East examined the N-S convention card prior to passing. The UI demonstrably suggested that a balancing double by West would be safe and likely to be successful. Pass was clearly deemed to be a logical alternative. Therefore the committee agreed with the director's decision to change the contract to 1NT by North undoubled.

Regarding the number of tricks that North would likely have taken, the actual line adopted (explained by North as a deceptive attempt to deter E-W from attacking spades since he believed West had something such as ♠A J x x x) was deemed to be representative and unaffected by the infraction. Therefore, the score of down four, N-S minus 200 was assigned to both sides.

Additionally, the committee believed that the appellants had presented no substantive evidence or argument for overturning the director's ruling. Accordingly the committee issued an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) to East and West.

The committee members were also disturbed by both the length of questioning and follow-up inspection of the convention card and by the balancing action by West in the face of UI from the aforementioned actions. Therefore, a 1/8 of a board procedural penalty was assessed to E-W.

Finally, based upon guidance from the screening director, West was told that such a balancing treatment needed to be listed on their convention card and that they needed to pre-Alert their opponents regarding their aggressive balancing style.

DIC: Henry Cukoff

Committee members: Mark Bartusek (chair), Michael Huston, Gene Kales, Ellen Kent, JoAnn Sprung

Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$20

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

Other North American championships: \$17

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

Regional championships: \$16 for ACBL members, \$18 for all others

All other events: \$15 for ACBL members, \$17 for all others.

Anita Pettus, Winchester KY; Fran Smith, Glen Ellyn IL; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON; Xiao (Joe) Zhao, Hamilton ON

vs

Margaret Tominosky, No Venice FL; Larry Watson, Alexandria VA; Maida Crocicchia, Bethesda MD; Reni Malloy, North Potomac MD

THURSDAY-FRIDAY COMPACT KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables
Candy Greenway, Frederick MD; Eddie Conner - Robert Knuff, Chambersburg PA; H Phillip Davis, Fayetteville PA
vs
Edwin Porter - Mary Porter, Calgary AB; David June - Carol June, Raleigh NC

Nancy Briggs, Blowing Rock NC; Lynn Bayman, Valpariso IN; Virginia Schwerin, New York NY; Nancy Paul, Lake Forest IL

vs

Jonathan Harvey - Arleen Harvey, Riverside CA; Ann Overfield, Arlington TX; Adam Reiter, Israel Israel

THURSDAY-FRIDAY COMPACT KO CONSOLATION

5 Tables
Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman - William Foster, Rochester NY; James Sakr, Pittsford NY

vs

Dale Shepherd - Jody Castillo, Lexington VA; Richard Higgins, Gallup NM; Bob Dale, Pensacola FL

vs

Paul Simon, Arlington MA; Paul Truesdale, Peabody MA; Lily Chew, Kanata ON; Norman Cowen M.D., Surry ME

Fortune favors the brave

By Barry Rigal

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

When deciding what defense you wish to play over a 1NT opening, a deal like this one may influence your thinking . . . or may not. It's Board 24 from the Life Master Pairs second final session (none vulnerable, hands rotated).

Eric Leong held the North cards and heard a 15-17 1NT opening on his left, passed round to him. His choices were to pass, bid 2♣ to show a one-suiter, bid 2♠ to pretend he had five spades and a minor, or — his actual choice — bid 2♦ for the majors!

Eric's partner — clearly without a sense of humor — jumped to 3♥ and played there. West led a trump to the king and ace and South led the ♣10, which held. A second club went to the queen, king and ace and a third club was ruffed by West, with South pitching a spade.

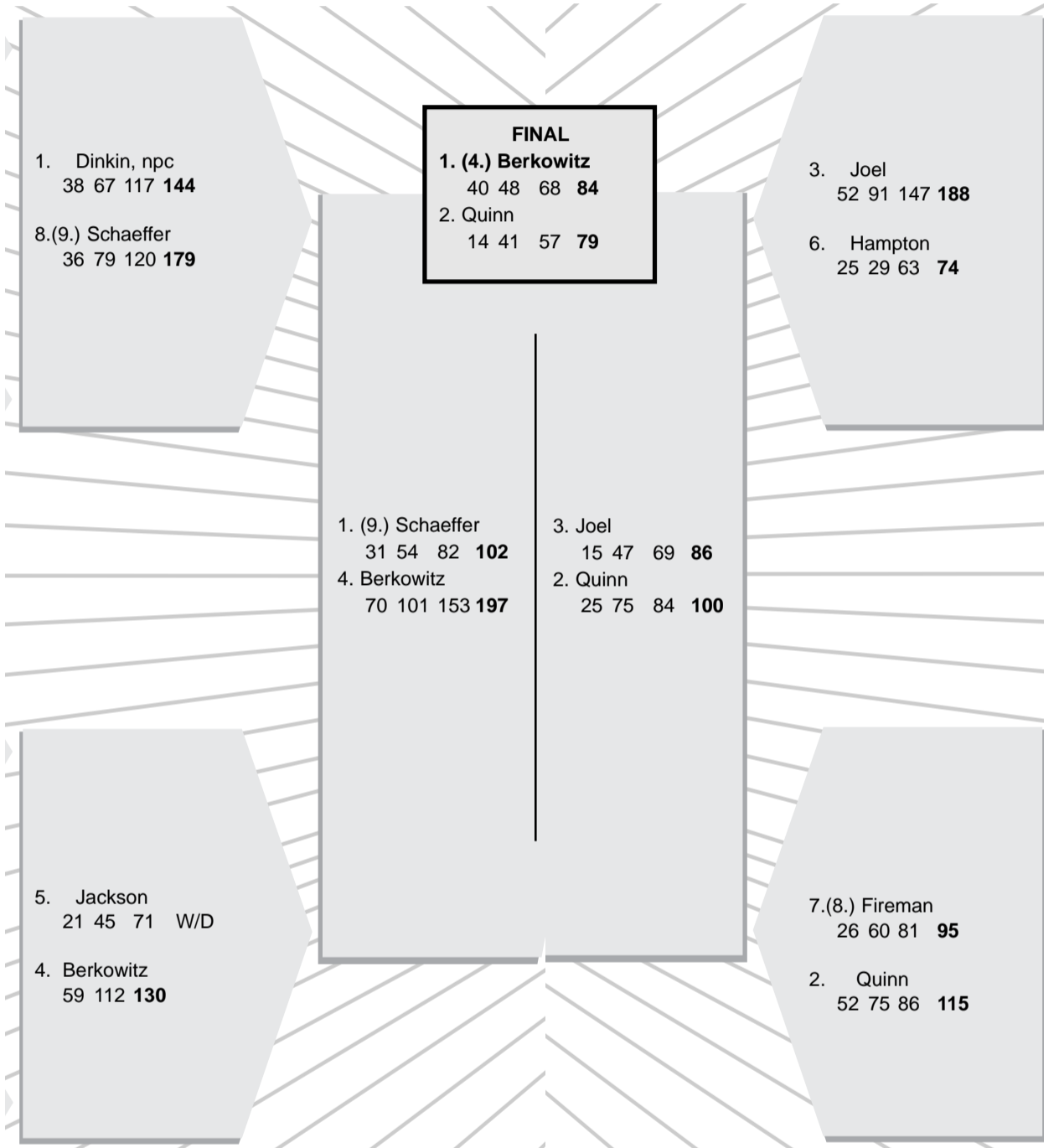
West now found the spade shift, but it was too late. Declarer won the ♠A and led a good club, throwing another spade as West, who was out of trumps, discarded a diamond. Then came a diamond finesse and diamond ruff to reach this ending:

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

When the fifth club is led from dummy, East can do no better than ruff high. South can over-ruff, cash the ♦A and ruff the diamond loser in dummy for plus 170! Maybe North should have raised to game!

TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE WAGAR WOMEN'S KNOCKOUT TEAMS

- 14 Tables
- 80.00 1 Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Val Covalciuc, Fort Myers FL; Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Cindy Bernstein, Memphis TN
- 60.00 2 Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland; Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX
- 40.00 3/4 Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Lake Ariel PA
- 40.00 3/4 Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo 136 Japan; Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL



New Enhancement to ACBL Web Site: NABC Top Winners Directory

Are you curious about who has placed first or second in past North American Bridge Championship events? You can put your curiosity to rest by using a new search feature that is now available on the ACBL web site. This new feature allows you the ability to search either by event or last name.

Go to the ACBL web site home page at www.acbl.org and click "NABC Winners' Directory," located on the left-hand side of the page, to start taking advantage of this new feature.

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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. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC FAST PAIRS

	Carryover
1	196.52
2	195.32
3	194.11
4	171.20
5	157.94
6	155.53
7	152.52
8	150.71
9	148.90
10	147.69
11	141.06
12	139.86
13/14	138.05
13/14	138.05
15	131.42
16	128.40
17/18	124.18
17/18	124.18
19/20	121.77
19/20	121.77
21	121.17
22	120.57
23	119.96
24	118.15
25	116.95
26	115.14
27/29	111.52
27/29	111.52
27/29	111.52
30	108.51
31/32	104.29
31/32	104.29
33	101.88
34	101.28
35	97.66
36/37	95.25
36/37	95.25
38	94.64
39/40	93.44
39/40	93.44
41/42	91.63
41/42	91.63
43	91.03
44	89.22
45	88.62
46/47	87.41
46/47	87.41
48	86.81
49	86.20
50	83.79
51	82.59
52	81.98
53	80.78
54	77.76
55	77.66
56	74.15
57	72.94
58	71.13
59	69.93
60/61	68.12
60/61	68.12
62	67.31
63	66.31
64	64.50
65	63.30
66	62.69
67	60.89
68	58.47
69	57.27
70	56.06
71	50.64
72/73	49.43
72/73	49.43
74	47.62
75	45.82
76	45.21
77/78	44.61
77/78	44.61
79	44.01
80	42.80
81	42.20
82	41.60
83/85	39.79
83/85	39.79
83/85	39.79
86	39.18
87/89	37.98
87/89	37.98
87/89	37.98
90	37.38
91/92	36.77

Wagar

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Sutherlin of Dallas TX.

Berkowitz jumped out to a 40-14 lead in the first quarter, but Quinn trailed by 7 IMPs only at the half (48-41). After three quarters, Berkowitz still maintained a modest lead (68-57). The final quarter was a nail-biting affair with Quinn taking the lead at one stage. Quinn managed to win the final set, but not by enough.

Each member of the winning squad has previously won the Wagar KO with the exception of Covalciuc. In her three times to play in the contest, she has two second-place finishes and, now, a victory.

Although Berkowitz and Glasson are a longtime partnership, it was the first time Covalciuc-Lewis and Kennedy-Bernstein had played as partnerships.

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ever seen.”

Asked what system they use, Robson said, “We play 2/1 badly. We’re still learning. We’re working on a Max Hardy book.”

Said Marshall, “I’m going a lot slower on that book than he is.”

The ultimate indignity

By Barry Rigal

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

Bobby Levin was full of admiration for the defense of Peter Bertheau and Jan Lagerman on this deal (Board 25) from the first final of the Life Master Pairs.

R. J. Becker, South, played the best contract, 1NT, after the auction 1♠ - Dbl - 1NT - All pass.

The opening club lead went to the jack and ace. A spade to the king held, then a club to the 9, 10 and queen set up the winners in dummy.

West exited with the ♦6 to the 9 and king.

Bertheau, East, made a fine play for the defenders by returning a low diamond to South’s queen.

Declarer cashed the clubs, East pitching hearts. South now played the ♥A and a heart to Bertheau’s king to reach this ending:

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

After winning the ♥K, Bertheau played a thoughtful ♠J (in case the 10 and 6 were switched) and Lagerman, West, ducked! Declarer had to win and exit with a spade, which subjected him to the ultimate indignity of a suicide squeeze.

Going minus 90 for defending 1NT scored well for East-West since 2♠ made 110 at most tables. Minus 120, though, would have been a very poor result.

Love Letters from Washington

By Becky Roberts

To the Couple Standing in Line Behind Me at the Front Desk: Telling your wife that her conscience is a “scourge from God” is not made any nicer by adding “but only when it comes to bridge.”

To the Gentleman who Collided with Me Outside the Delaware Room: I know the director just called everyone back to the tables, but the only excuse for stampeding over a stranger like that without an “I’m sorry” is if you were rushing to change those unfortunate Bermuda shorts.

To the Lady who Brandished her Cane at me because I Pointed Out that the Restaurant Buffet was Closed: Trust me, ordering that buffet after 8 p.m. is like being the last lion to the wildebeest carcass.

To my Dear and Loving Husband (quick, name that poet!): I promise that the next time I spy a white hair in your otherwise youthful chestnut mane, I won’t destabilize your mental state by mentioning it. I’ll just yank it out while you’re asleep.

To the Tournament Directors: The longer the tournament wears on, the greater your collective resemblance to the Wreck of the Hesperus, but it is worth it. Everything I overhear in hallways, restaurants and elevators indicates that these tournaments bring a lot of joy (weird, inexplicable, often perverse joy) to a lot of people. Well done!

The author is a tournament director’s wife. She does not play bridge.

NABC Insider 8

What better day than the day after we had 30 screens standing to spotlight all the stuff it takes to make an NABC happen. Regular readers know that the Insider has revealed that the ACBL sends more than 42,000 pounds of equipment, card tables and supplies to each NABC. You may even remember the 19 pounds of rubber bands that we use. For this tournament, the Insider watched as 1020 card tables (plus 36 screen tables) were loaded out of the Memphis warehouse. The tables, along with almost 300 sets of pre-dupes and 4300 regular boards, make up about third of the weight. The paper supplies make up another third. The final third includes a lot of items you might not think of when you think bridge: video projectors, Coleman coolers, the odd playpen and tool boxes are some of these items. It takes the better part of a day to load the trailers in Memphis. The Services Crew spends a full day unloading it all at the tournament and, unfortunately for the Insider, some two nights to reload for the return to Memphis. At an average NABC, more than 50,000 Daily Bulletins are produced, read and saved or recycled.

The Insider was happy to see 30 tables of young bridge players in the Youth NABC. The Insider was happy to see the final of the Wagar on vugraph. The Insider was happy to see that most of the 1020 table had players at them. The Insider was happy that the Bulletin Boys continue to allow him to write up these random thoughts. The Insider was happy that the Supreme C stayed up in the 42nd floor suite. The Insider was happy that Boss Baum was at the bridge table. The Insider was happy with the pretzels. Of course, this deep into the tournament, it doesn’t take a whole lot to make the Insider happy.

The Youth NABC folks can expect a special visitor either today or tomorrow. Watch this space for details. The Services Crew will start reloading those two trailers with anything we no longer need at the tournament, so be aware of the start times as they may load your table if you aren’t there in time. As the Fast Pairs rapidly come to an end, the Spingolds wind down slowly. Some great bridge is yet to be played — if not by you, then on vugraph where you will see plenty of it.

91/92	Kathy Benjamin, Arlington MA; Charles Gill, St Petersburg FL	36.77
93/94	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Travis Crump, Wyomissing PA	35.57
93/94	Ronald Zucker, Washington DC; Lloyd Rawley, Greenbelt MD	35.57
95/96	Meg Myers, Charlottesville VA; Mitch Towner, Salt Lake City UT	34.96
95/96	Lynn Jones, Timonium MD; Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD	34.96
97	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL	34.36
98	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA	33.76
99/100	David Caprera, Denver CO; R Jay Becker, New York NY	31.95
99/100	Sharon Goldman, New York City NY; Melih Ozdil, New York NY	31.95
101	Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA	31.35
102	Dale Dallaire, Aldie VA; A Netherwood, Cincinnati OH	31.14
103	Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA	30.74
104/106	Marijan Word - Bob Ayers, Covington GA	30.14
104/106	Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz, Morgantown WV	30.14
104/106	Ed Lazarus - Richard Baum, Baltimore MD	30.14
107	David Banh, Annandale VA; Ilene Markell, Memphis TN	29.54
108	Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Roger Lee, Arcadia CA	28.33
109/110	Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA	26.52
109/110	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	26.52
111	Stephen Lightman, Memphis TN; Bob Lyon, Indianapolis IN	25.92
112	Robert Todd - Bob Soni, Tallahassee FL	25.32
113	Daniele Allouche-Gaviard - Chtherine D’Ovidio,	24.72
114	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Cynthia Hinckley, Guayanabo PR	24.11
115	Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Shuba Dey, Fairfax VA	19.29
116/117	Jennifer Swimmer, Toronto ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON	16.88
116/117	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY	16.88
118	Ralph Tamlyn, Larchmont NY; Ernest Napier, Brooklyn NY	15.67
119	Jennifer Koonce, Odenton MD; Zeke Letellier, Crofton MD	15.07
120	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Peter Weiden, Chicago IL	13.26
121	Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX	12.66
122	Jan Assini, Aurora OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	10.85
123	Robert Brady, McLean VA; Rajeswaran Rajkumar, Germantown MD	10.25
124	Herbert Jordan - Francisco Bernal, Miami FL	8.44
125	John Russell, North Barrington IL; Jimmy Pelham, North Baldwin NY	7.84
126	Andrew Firko, Oakville ON; Wendy Dooley, Mississauga ON	6.03
127	Dori Byrnes, Morris Plains NJ; Andrew Garnett, Raleigh NC	5.43
128	Clement Gosiewski II, Chicago IL; Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL	4.82
129	Jim Allen, Jr, Gaithersburg MD; Kenneth Kaufman, Derwood MD	3.62
130	Bruce Greenspan, Danvers MA; David Legrow, Eagleville PA	0.00

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS (corrected)

65.5 Tables / Based on 64 Tables

	A	B	C		
25.29	1			Andrew Gabrilovitch, Mc Lean VA; Donald Geerhart, Springfield VA	62.97%
18.97	2	1	1	Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab, Bethesda MD	61.46%
14.23	3	2		Robert Scolnick - Doreen Scolnick, Toronto ON	60.93%
10.67	4			Mark Laken, Glyndon MD; Harvey Charkatz, Pikesville MD	60.72%
9.30	5	3	2	Justin Beck, Millbrae CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	59.85%
7.23	6			Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Cleland Nelson, Murrieta CA	59.68%
6.32	7			Rhoda Prager, Allentown PA; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	58.93%
5.62	8			Marjorie Gazzola - Edward Gofreed, Arlington VA	58.62%
5.06	9			Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Ned Irving, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	58.33%
6.97	10	4		Salam Saidi, Falls Church VA; Kamel Tabbara, Potomac MD	58.14%
5.15	11			Geraldine Chavez, Cincinnati OH; Georgette King, Miami Beach FL	58.05%
5.51	12	5		Dee Wilson - Nancy Wilson, Des Moines IA	57.67%
3.61	13			William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	57.55%
5.15	14	6		Jordan Leibman - Joan Leibman, Indianapolis IN	56.64%
3.16	15			Gerri Soffa Carlson, Ranch Pls Vrd CA; Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA	56.53%
5.15	16/17	7	3	Douglas Fox, Oak Hill VA; Larry Moran, Bowie MD	56.34%
3.59	16/17			Theodore Spak - Jody Ledford, Miami FL	56.34%
3.79		8		Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe, Beaver Creek OH	55.86%
3.41		9		Melvin Lechner, Boca Raton FL; Alan Lechner, New York NY	55.59%
3.16		10		Roy Perry, St. John’s NL; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE	55.21%
3.86		11	4	Carl Jeschke, Ellicott City MD; Bill Brundick, Stewartstown PA	54.73%
2.54		12		Richard Treu - Ruth Treu, Endicott NY	54.55%
2.36		13		William Higbee - Colleen McCabe, Madison WI	54.36%
3.05		5		Rise Vogel, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY	54.26%
3.14		6		David Desjardins, Blue Ridge Sm PA; Howard Leatherwood, Bowie MD	53.88%
2.29		7		Susan Slattery, Alexandria VA; Elizabeth Anderson, Arlington VA	52.32%
2.03		8		Robert Klopp, New Haven CT; Robert Hawes, Hamden CT	51.99%

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables					
48.63	1	John Rayner, Mississauga ON; Michael Roche, Victoria BC; David Lindop - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON			
34.04	2	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Beth Palmer, Silver Spring MD; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY			
19.45	3/4	Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Cecilia Rimstedt, 43335 Partille Sweden; Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping 58431 Sweden; Sandra Rimstedt, Haverdal 310 4 Sweden			
19.45	3/4	Dennis Kruijs - Martin Bootsma - Remco Vanderheijoen, Utrecht Netherlands; Jannes van ‘t Oever, Berkeley CA			

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables					
22.84	1	Alfred Tuckman - Joel Levy, Monroe Township NJ; Susan Gilison, West Palm Bch FL; Martin Singer, New City NY			
15.99	2	Walter Bell, Orefield PA; David Kresge, Spinnerstown PA; Barry Cohen, Voorhees NJ; Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ			
9.14	3/4	Beta Nahapetian, Montgomery Vlg MD; Steven Blomstedt, West Chester PA; Diane Carroll, Bala Cynwyd PA; Dale			

Dye, Wyndmoor PA

9.14 3/4 Roland Miller, Bowdoin ME; Laura Lipman, Augusta ME; Allen McRae - Teri McRae, Portland ME

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables					
20.99	1	Jim Bean - Joanna Pagano - James Drake, Chapel Hill NC; Henry Meguid, Durham NC			
14.69	2	Dennis Kovach - David Logan, Palmetto FL; Michael Warchol - Richard Whittington, Venice FL			
8.40	3/4	Theresa Andino - Raphael Schreiber, Tallahassee FL; Neema Thakrar, Enola PA; Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL			
8.40	3/4	William Nicolai, Reston VA; Stuart Petersen, Dayton OH; Lynda Flanger, Gainesville VA; Grant Petersen, Taylor MI			

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables					
16.51	1	George Van Amburg - Helen Van Amburg, Dewitt MI; Pamela Tietz - Gerald Tietz, Naperville IL			
11.56	2	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV; Irv Kipnis, Owings Mills MD; Maxwell Hughes, Greenwich CT			

There's something about Gatlinburg

By Wes Bailey Jr.

What can you say about a small town in Tennessee that attracts so many bridge players from all 50 states and numerous countries from around the world? Is it the town itself, or is it so many things to do when you get there, or is it just the beginning of spring, or the opportunity to play against some of the best bridge players from around the world?

I do not know the history of the Gatlinburg Regional (some say it is the 4th NABC of the year), but I do know this: I love everything about this yearly April fling that has so many aspects: reunions with old friends, introductions to new friends, the telling of stories/yarns/tales of bridge hands, and just being there!

Gatlinburg brings out the poetic part of me long hidden in my abstract mind of family, work and playing bridge. Arriving a day early, I get the chance to walk around the town, touring the shops, trying to nibble every little bit of chocolate fudge samples I can, wondering if I should get an

old time vintage photo of just myself with a coonskin hat and musket to give to the grandsons (ages six and four) back home and telling them, "Yes, kids, I used to ride with Davey Crockett in my younger years, etc", visit the convention center before everything is set up, and just relax after a long drive (I live in Anderson SC).

Gatlinburg #1

Early morning driving on this serpent, mountain highway while I attempt to keep away the falling rocks on my ascent. My coffee, cold, affects now needed sleep as twilight plays some shadow tricks that mark this winding road. Unthinking hands reach down, turning the volume up so loud to spark my napping eyes. Swerve. Brake! A laughing clown

upon this path I fear? Long last the peak of this tall hill is here; speeding ignored almost flying around the curves. Knees weak, damp hands, dry mouth, yet now I feel restored: awakened by the thrills of danger passed and conquering this spiral snake at last.

As I say, the poetic part of me (all you English teachers who play bridge will recognize my first and only attempt to write a Shakespearean sonnet with the "ta `Dahs") comes out when I am in awe of God's gift to us in the form of mountains, valleys, streams, waterfalls and life itself. On the day before the tournament starts (a Monday), I am antsy. I set the alarm for 4 a.m. Sunday, throw my bags in the truck, and take off before the newspaper arrives. The many bridge players who go to Gatlinburg travel the interstate highway from Asheville or the highways from Knoxville or (like me) come up through the two-lane highway entering the Cherokee Reservation area (Hey! there's still some snow up here at the top!).

One thing is clear: we all go up and down the mountains at least once before we see the town of Gatlinburg. Arriving, we dedicated bridge players eagerly find our reserved (we did it before we checked out the previous year) motel/hotel/condo/teepee, get things settled in the room, look at our schedule for the day, and hurriedly walk, drive or take the tram to the Convention Center to begin the week-long process of shuffling cards, playing the finesses and hoping we score better than a 48% to get "in the money."

Gatlinburg #2

Down town around the town Thursday midnight, with silent sidewalks doused with sprinkling rain; strolling, recalling scenes that come to light: conceiving thoughts that are not preordained. Silly city surrounds this pretty city with believe it or not's and ninja shops. Holiday makers never have pity of this hidden valley with whistle stops; village villa's and a snow steeped chateau: off in the distance, yet not very far, keeping the dreams of the status quo whose wishes stay tuned by a distant star. Ambling at midnight on a Thursday dark, window shop the world: this amusement park.

A few who want to obtain the Gold and become Life Master, diligently play bridge from early morning until the Zip KOs late at night (no gold points, but some like to practice). We discuss the bridge hands with our partners or team members, saying you should have bid this or you should have done that, or maybe they say let's switch systems." In the end, the partners/teams console each other and say we just did not get the cards like the opponents, and, "I don't care about the gold, let's just have fun and enjoy this place."

Gatlinburg #3

Director! Please! These shouts arise among the muffled, dull roar that blankets this room, which weakens thoughts of what to bid. Eight hundred eyes glance up at once to see the gloom of lonely felons bowed with cheeks of pink who want the floors to open and immerse them whole and make them disappear. Eyes blink as players simply lose their thoughts and coerce unfounded revokes. But a few never hear the noise, as they continue on with brilliant maneuvers which are so clever that it makes disquieted opponents writhe. This simple card room with complex drama's would stir emotions of Dalai Lama's.

It took me two Gatlinburgs to reach my goal. I already had the silver, the red and the black - just lacking the gold. In Gatlinburg 2008, I teamed with Dan Schmidt, Barbara Little and my partner Ann Pozdal (all LMs) to help me realize my dream of getting the gold card. What better place to obtain it would be here at this Bridge Wonderland. In 2008 we got a lot of gold (12+): the team tried so hard and I tried so hard but I still lacked 3.54 gold at the end. I suppose I could have gone to another regional in 2008 and tried real hard to get the remaining points, but there is something about Gatlinburg.

So I played a few sectionals and a lot of club bridge and played a lot of BBO on line and yes, I got better as I played. But, sigh.....Gatlinburg. I wanted to get my gold there among the bright lights and the 10,000-plus tables, to see my name stapled to the bulletin board saying Wes Bailey Jr. LM.

The Gatlinburg 2009 was fantastic. I had the same team and we did so very well and, yes, if you are wondering, I did get my remaining gold plus I made Life Master and Bronze Life Master at the same time.

Before I headed out of the town early, early Sunday morning, I thanked a couple of tournament directors, thanked my team and looked over the town of Gatlinburg from the mountain top and thanked this beautiful place. Yes, fellow bridge players, I made my reservations for 2010.

There is always something about Gatlinburg.

6.60 3/4 Martha Bley - Ross Bley, Fort Washington MD; Bryan Geer - Lois Geer, Silver Spring MD
6.60 3/4 Blanche Eaton - David Eaton, Livingston NJ; Jan Weber - George Weber, Hamburg NJ

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables
14.41 1 Anthony Graziano - Ruth Miles, Richmond VA; Paul Klaverkamp - Lloyd Graven, Minneapolis MN
10.09 2 Paulette Hauck, Edmonds WA; Susan Johnson, Bellevue WA; Rosemarie Jesse, Redmond WA; Ada Frenock, Sammamish WA
5.76 3/4 Gordon Nash, Briarwood NY; Emerita Hayward, Leonardtown MD; Roy Goodman, Melville NY; Cheryl Pehoushek, Lewisburg PA
5.76 3/4 David Ruppert, Baltimore MD; Walter Mitnick, Owings Mills MD; Priscilla Krueger - Robert Krueger, Laurel MD

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO BRACKET 6

16 Tables
11.15 1 Gary Mallett - Sally Mallett, N Martinsville WV; Brett Orban, Martins Ferry OH; Thomas Danford, Bellaire OH
7.81 2 William Gurley, Arlington VA; Tobi Bear - Susan Klaber, Oakton VA; Mary Ann Kral, Reston VA
4.46 3/4 Lynne Beresford - Ruth Woods, Fort Washington MD; Eleanor Schwartz, Annandale VA; Ann Seeboth, Clinton MD
4.46 3/4 Ellen Kelley, Washington DC; Mavis Walters, Washington Dc DC; David Epstein, Potomac MD; Calvin Konner, Bethesda MD

The opening bid

The squad of Mike Ledeen, Karen Allison, Benito Garozzo and Lea Dupont won the Truscott/U.S. Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams that ended Wednesday evening. On this deal from the second final session, Allison's judgment in the opening-bid department led to a 13-IMP swing for her team.

As dealer at unfavorable vulnerability, Allison (playing with Ledeen) held:

♠ K J 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ —.

Even though the hand contains only 9 HCP, the texture of the spade suit, the control-rich nature of the hand, the ability to act as dummy in hearts or clubs and the void all caused Allison to judge it too strong for an opening preempt. She instead began with 1♠. The full layout and auction:

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ledeen</i>		<i>Allison</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦ (1)	Dbl	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The opening diamond lead was ruffed in dummy, and the ♣A K allowed declarer to pitch hearts from the closed hand. Crossing to the ♥A, another diamond was ruffed, the trump ace was cashed, and when the queen dropped, Allison cashed the ♣J, pitching her last diamond. Making seven for plus 1460.

At the other table, the South player began with 3♠. The auction:

West	North	East	South
			3♠
Pass	4♠	5♦	Dbl
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The same 13 tricks were taken, but only for plus 710.

TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE S

83 Tables
 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia
 vs
 Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Boguslaw Gierulski, Elblag Poland; Jerzy Skrzypczak, Mragowo Poland

Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway
 vs
 Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Thorlakur Jonsson, 200 Kopavogur Iceland

John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Jim Krekorian, New York NY; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV
 vs
 Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Mike Becker, Boca Raton FL; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim Norway; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma Italy

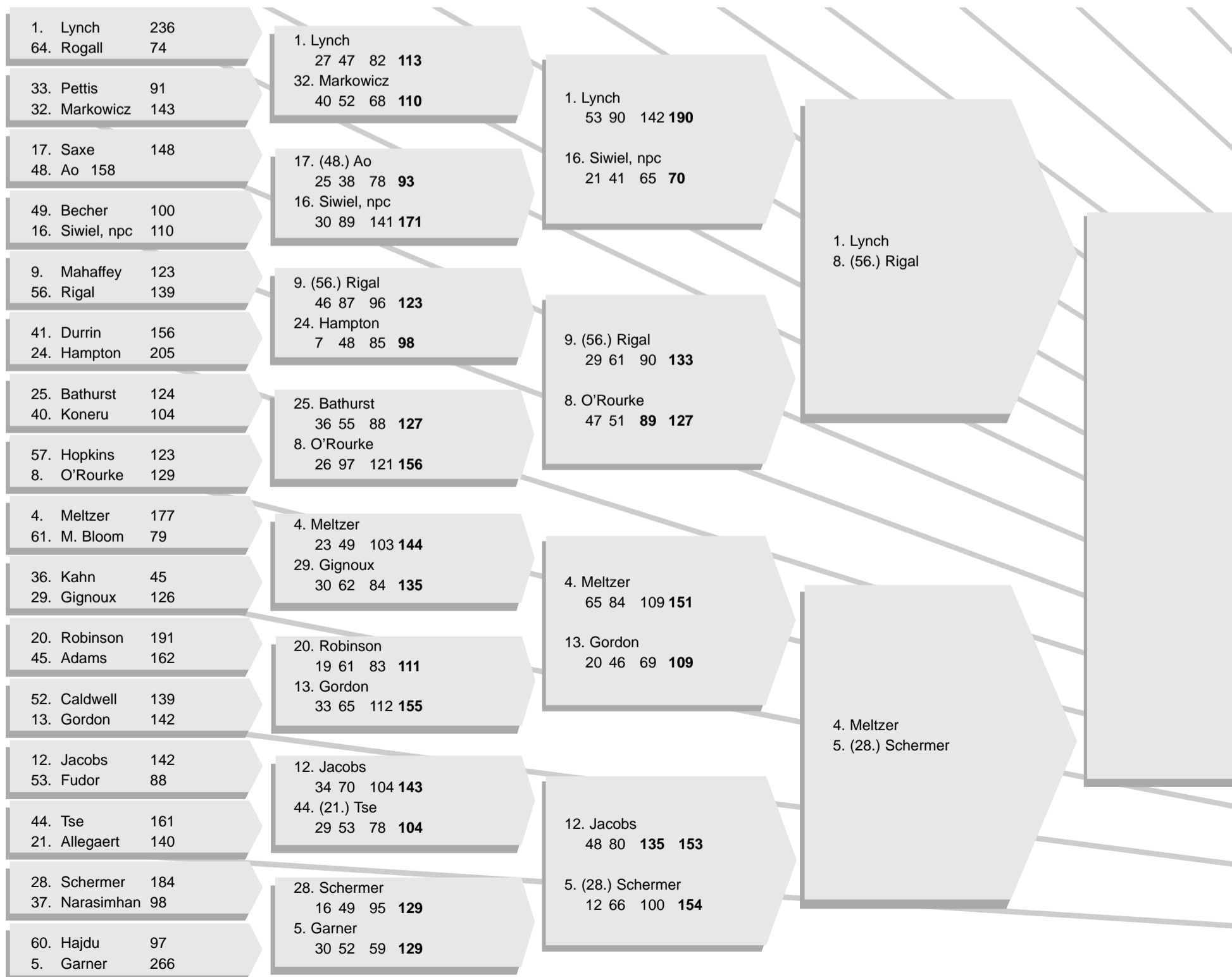
John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Fred Gitelman - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, San Anselmo CA; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA
 vs

Romain Zaleski - Jean Quantin - Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon, Paris France; Franck Multon, Nice France; Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France

George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Diego Brenner, L'Eixample Barc Spain; Chris Compton - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX
 vs
 John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Michael Polowan, New York NY; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; George Mittelman - Robert Lebi, Toronto ON

Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, 11421 Stockholm Sweden
 vs
 Bruce Rogoff, Tenafly NJ; Joshua Parker, Briarcliff NY; Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA

Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands; Ricco Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands; Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH
 vs
 Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX



SPINGOLD KNOCKOUTS

Barry Rigal - Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard, New York NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY

vs

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Portola Valley CA; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy

50.00 9/16 Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX

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25.00 17/32 Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Roy Welland - Chris Willenken, New York NY; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA

25.00 17/32 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA

25.00 17/32 Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Mark Feldman, Hoboken NJ; David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Tom Townsend, London England

25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Doug Doub, W Hartford CT

25.00 17/32 Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Nick Bykov, Stockton CA; Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Bryan Maksymetz, Garibaldi High BC

25.00 17/32 Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland

25.00 17/32 Kevin Bathurst, New York NY; Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Ishmael

Delmonte, Sydney Australia
25.00 17/32 Bertrand Gignoux, St Leger En Yve France; Laurent Thuillez, Villiers St-Fre France; Jean-Michel Voldoire, Paris France; Philippe Cronier, France; Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH

25.00 17/32 Victor Markowicz, Boca Raton FL; Shalom Zeligman, Bat-Yam Israel; Julian Klukowski, Warsaw Poland; Victor Melman, Scarsdale NY; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin 20-732 Poland; Roald Ramer, Amsterdam 1071T Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL

25.00 17/32 Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Roger Lee, Arcadia CA; Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY

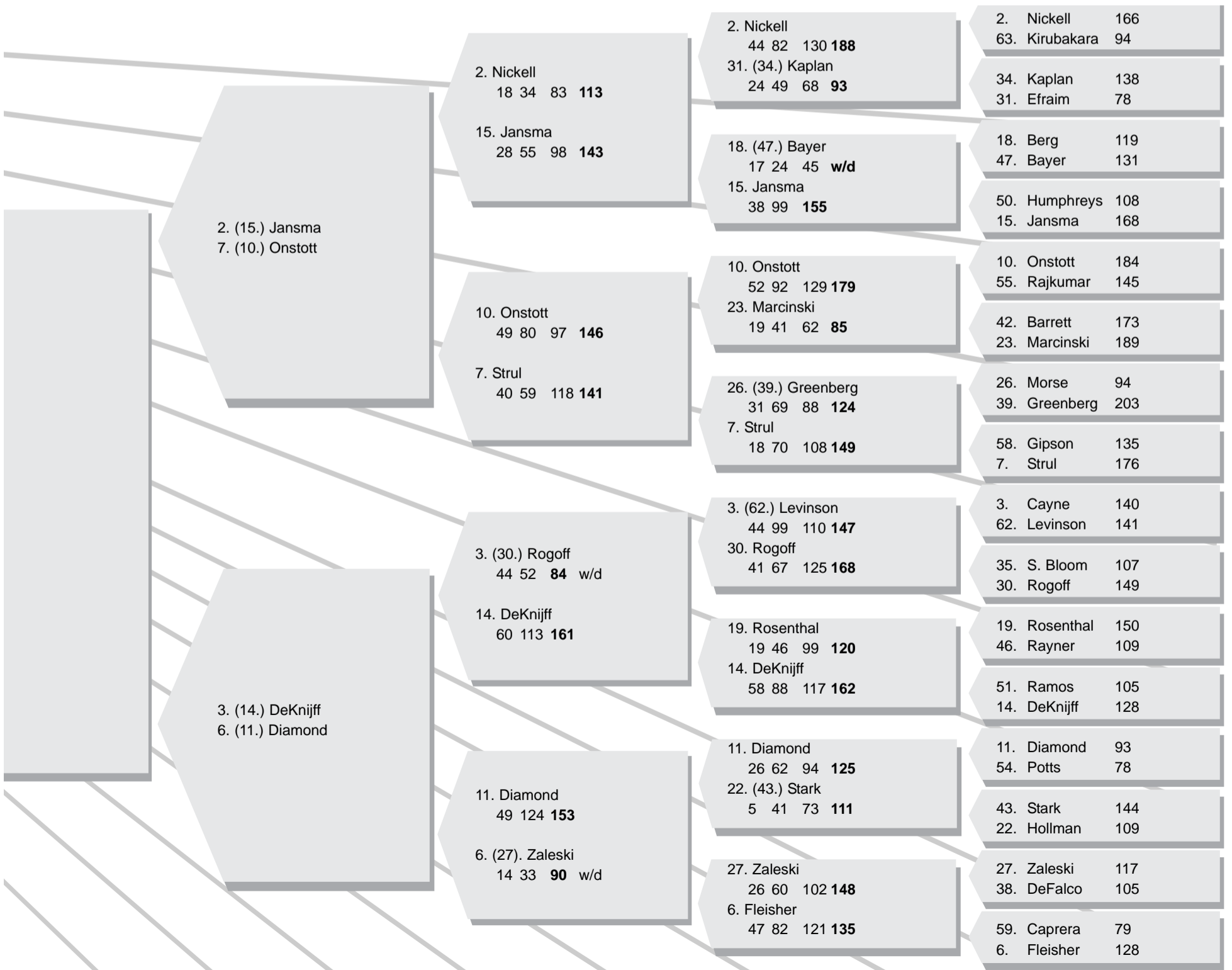
25.00 17/32 Andrew Stark - Franco Baseggio, New York NY; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Irina Ladyzhensky - Alexander Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL

25.00 17/32 Edmund S W Tse, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Patrick Huang, Taipei Taiwan; Samuel Wan Siu Kau, Hong Kong; David Yik-Keung Chan, 78 Bonham Road Hong Kong

25.00 17/32 Hailong Ao, Herndon VA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; David Chechelashvili, San Diego CA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA

25.00 17/32 Michael Levinson, Daly City CA; Paul McDaniels, Richmond CA; Andrew Gumperz, Castro Valley CA; Michael Crawford, San Diego CA

25.00 17/32 Arend Bayer, Berkeley CA; Han Peters, Stony Brook NY; Eric Mayefsky, Palo Alto CA; Victor Chubukov, San Francisco CA

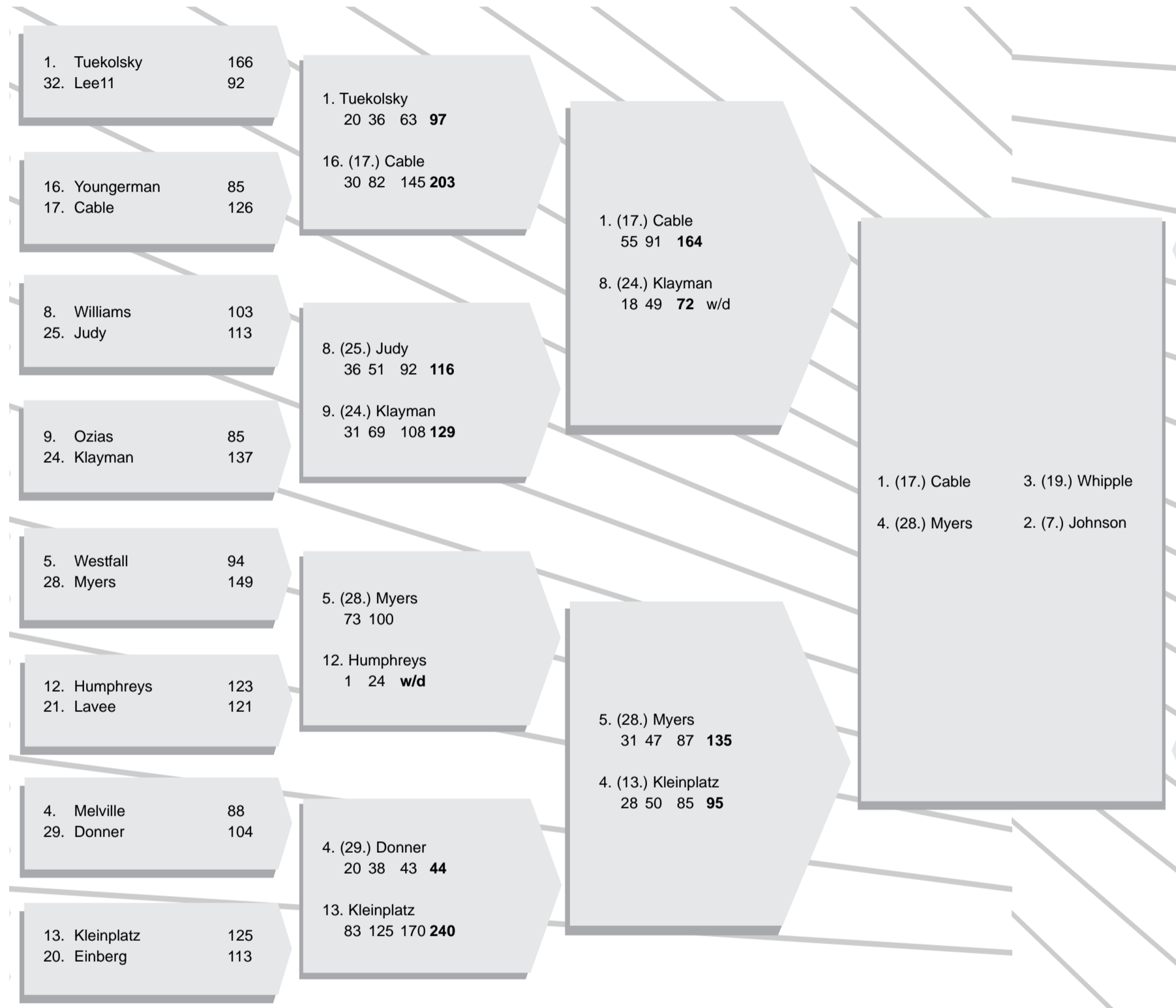


TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE MINI-SPINGOLD I (0-5000) KNOCKOUT TEAMS

59 Tables
Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL; Natalie Bassil, Boston MA;
Joe De Gaetano, Atkinson NH; Paul Nason, Los Angeles CA
vs
Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Owen Lien, Hickory NC; Jon Rice, Raleigh NC; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON

McKenzie Myers, Portland OR; Garth Yettick - Peggy Ware - Spencer Jones - Jon Brandon, Denver CO; Michael Sherman, Chickamauga GA
vs
Lorraine Cable, New York NY; Lew Gamerman, Westwood MA; Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Donald Caplin, Waltham MA

22.50 5/8 Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Mark Leonard, Ypsilanti MI; Steve Aarons, Toronto ON; Tom Greer, W Hollywood CA; John Boyer, Hastings Hdsn NY
22.50 5/8 John Klayman, Haymarket VA; Thomas Lavender, Arlington VA; Barry Spector, Springfield VA; Randy Thompson, Albuquerque NM
22.50 5/8 Steven Shaye, Slingerlands NY; Larry Rosen, Albany NY; Myriam Milgrom, Port St Lucie FL;



Waste not, want not! By Barry Rigal

♠ K 9 8 6 3
♥ A 6
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K 5

♠ J 7 4
♥ K 3
♦ A J 8 4 3
♣ A 6 2

♠ A Q 5
♥ J 10 7 5 2
♦ 10
♣ Q 8 7 4

♠ 10 2
♥ Q 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5
♣ J 10 9 3

I'm sure the East-West field played either 1NT or 2♥ here, though some North-South pairs might have tried 2♠ and not enjoyed it enormously.

I was West and played 1NT against a top-seeded pair. The opening lead of a low spade traveled around to my jack. It looks logical to set up hearts, not clubs, doesn't it? Yes, a club to the ♣Q might work later.

I advanced the ♥K and North won while

South signaled with the ♥9 — a Smith echo to encourage a spade continuation. As the subsequent play will show, that was an expensive decision! North led another spade, won by dummy's queen, and I led the ♥J to South's queen.

South now shifted to the ♦6 and I won the ace to lead a club. North won his ♣K, reaching this ending:

♠ K 9 8
♥ —
♦ K Q 7
♣ 5

♠ 7
♥ —
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 2

♠ —
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 5
♣ J 10 9

The defenders had three tricks in and North now erred by cashing the ♦Q. He tried to recover by shifting back to spades (one trick too late), but South had been squeezed out of his diamond

transportation. He let go his diamond, and now three rounds of clubs threw him in to lead hearts into dummy's tenace for +120.

Pick prizes, please!

The volunteers who man the Prize Desk, located outside the Marriott Ballroom on the lobby level at the Marriott, urge players to drop by and take their winnings. Time is running short.

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.

Keith White, Fort Myers FL
 22.50 5/8 Evan Markowitz - Jared Markowitz,
 New York NY; Tom Menges, Raleigh NC; George
 Horak, Cary NC; Jackie Thompson, Silver Spring MD;
 Patricia Cummins, Bronx NY
 10.00 9/16 Roselyn Teukolsky - Saul Teukolsky,
 Ithaca NY; Mary Poplawski - Harry Nuckols, Vestal NY
 10.00 9/16 Brian Johnston, Toronto ON; Nick
 Stock, North Vancouver BC; Peter Hambly, Hanover ON;
 Yvonne Hernandez - Lu Kohutiak, Unionville ON
 10.00 9/16 Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Jerry Fong,
 Marianna AR; Ned Irving, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Michael
 McGuire, Hernando MS
 10.00 9/16 Ed Judy, Iowa City IA; Douglas Dye,

Wyndmoor PA; Paul Bubendey, Chicago IL; Robert
 Rubinstein, New York NY
 10.00 9/16 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah
 Murphy, San Francisco CA; Adam Parrish, Cincinnati
 OH; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA
 10.00 9/16 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA;
 Adam Meyerson - Elianna Ruppini, Los Angeles CA; C.
 Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA
 10.00 9/16 Robert Roman, Greenbrae CA; Lenore
 Cavallero, Hillsborough CA; Teresa Boyd, Lafayette CA;
 Grant Robinson, Danville CA
 10.00 9/16 Brian Duran, Somerville MA; Gloria
 Tsoi, Arlington MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA;
 Ivania Yeo, Brighton MA

Mini-Spin I

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bracket, however, there were two amazing
 comebacks. Whipple, down 87-29 at the half
 against Evan Markowitz's team, roared back in the
 third set to lead 106-104. They went on to win the
 match 136-125. Johnson also trailed at the half, 65-
 18, and was still in bad shape after three sets, 89-
 40. The last quarter was all theirs, however, as
 they defeated Steven Shaye's team 107-106.

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables
 Carlos Pellegrini - Clara Gaist Klein, Buenos Aires Argentina;
 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Elianna Ruppini - Adam
 Meyerson, Los Angeles CA

vs

Patti English, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH;
 Linda Leedy, Zionsville IN; Charlene Lutz, Indianapolis IN

Marty Burman, Blue Bell PA; Clarke Cunningham, Dearborn MI;
 Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Ala Hamilton-Day, Rose
 Valley PA

vs

Robert Porter, Henderson NV; Bill Parks, Macungie PA; Perry
 Khakhar - Paul Erikson, Edmonton AB

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables
 Jim Gaarder, Columbia MD; Karl Barth, Drexel Hill PA; Jimmy
 Ritzenberg - Robert Levey, Bethesda MD

vs

Tim Baird - Alan Green, White Plains NY; Rich Letourneau,
 Bonita Springs FL; Rosemarie Letourneau, Amagansett NY

Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring TX; Catherine Miller -
 Hugh Miller, Houston TX

vs

Tom Beardsley, Richmond KY; George Subt, Southampton NJ;
 Leonid Fastovsky, Rockville MD; Jacquelyn Newman, E
 Stroudsburg PA

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables
 Mark Brader - Catherine Brader, Toronto ON; Susan Eastman,
 Delmar NY; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON

vs

John S Mason - Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz, Alexandria
 VA; Arnold Kritz, Bethlehem PA

Diane Henson - Larry Henson, Minnetonka MN; John Turner,
 Ellicott City MD; John Rothschild, Elkridge MD

vs

Joseph Oren - Beverly Oren, White Stone VA; Peggy Ward -
 Charles Ward, Richmond VA

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 6

16 Tables
 Allan Sitterson, Leesburg VA; Barbara DiCicco, Burke VA; Joe
 Leighton - Elias Arbel, Reston VA

vs

Michael Klein - Bitsy Klein, Bethany Beach DE; Jean Petrilli -
 Robert Keeney, Lewes DE

Steven Lipson - Serl Zimmerman, Palm Desert CA; Alan
 Schneider - Sherie Schneider, Beverly Hills CA

vs

Barry Segal - Casey Segal, Boynton Beach FL; Frank Farrell,
 Methuen MA; Catherine Sallar, Fall River MA

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 7

16 Tables
 Marilee Van Arsdale, Oak Hill VA; William White, Culpeper VA;
 Sunny Koontz, Palm Beach FL; Philip Kopala, Tarpon Springs
 FL

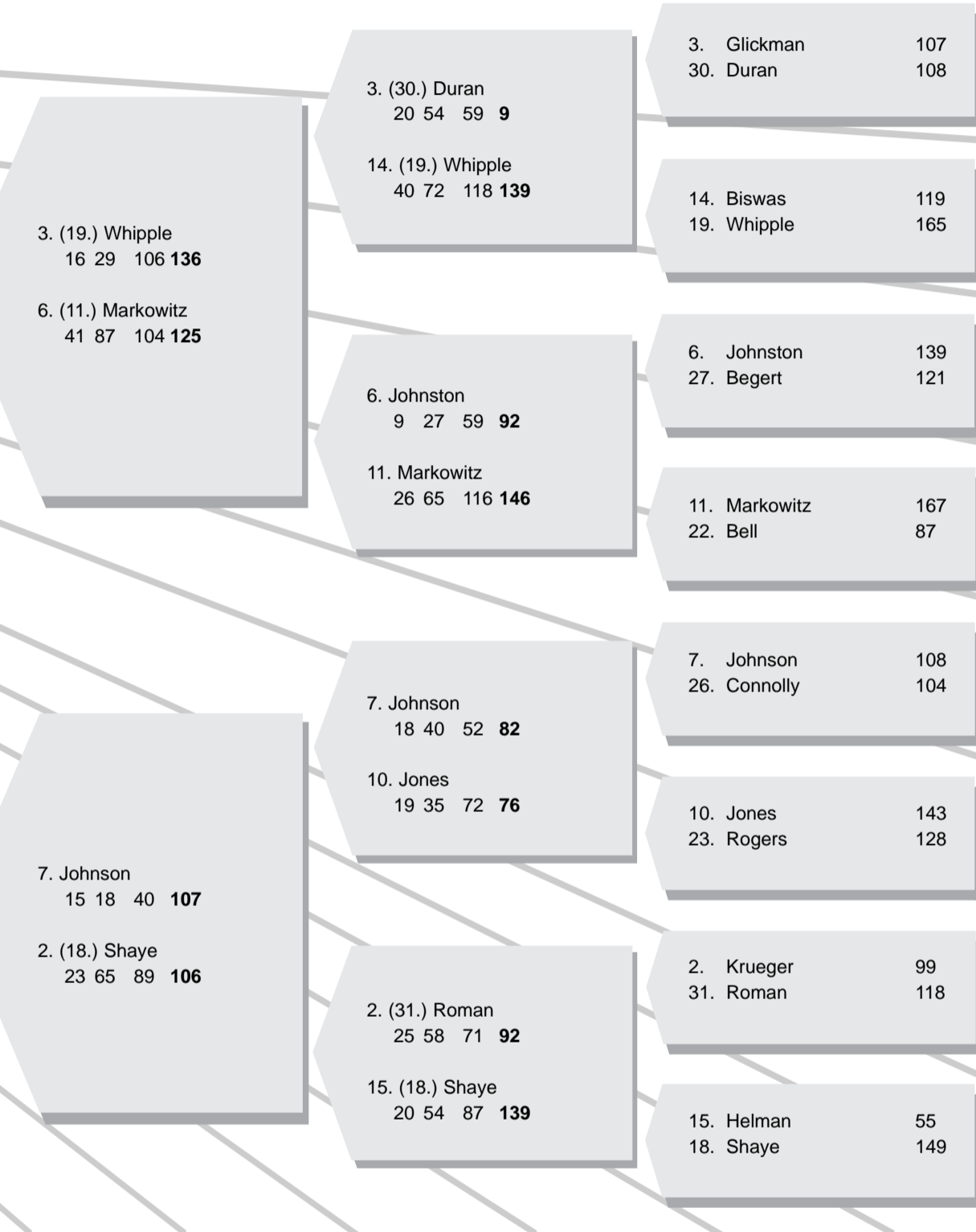
vs

George Green, Mc Lean VA; Henry Mattox, Richmond VA; Alice
 Klesinger - Ann Petkun, Denver CO

William Dillon, Crofton MD; Robert Blatt, Silver Spring MD;
 Arthur Olson, Takoma Park MD; Patrice Gordon, College Park
 MD

vs

Edward Magee, York PA; Harry Laspino, Dallastown PA; Marsha
 Nettles, Harrisburg PA; Dennis Gross, Camp Hill PA



RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables
 Ellen Gabriel - Richard Gabriel - Joseph Machotka, Chicago IL;
 Larry Bass, Tamarac FL

vs

Vincent Demuy, Laval QC; Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL; Kevin
 Bathurst, New York NY; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den
 Netherlands; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Ishmael
 Delmonte, Sydney Australia

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL;
 Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Krzysztof Jassem,
 Puszczkoud Poland; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow 35- Poland

vs

David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen
 Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables
 Jeff Luo - Peter Wang, North York ON; Yan Wang, Scarborough
 ON; Zuwei Shan, Mississauga ON

vs

Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Barbara McLendon, New York NY;
 Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI; Sondra Blank, Saint-Laurent QC

Edmund S W Tse, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Patrick Huang, Taipei
 Taiwan; Samuel Wan Siu Kau, Hong Kong; David Yik-Keung
 Chan, 78 Bonham Road Hong Kong

vs

Stan Schenker, Reston VA; Kenton Schoen, Falls Church VA;
 James Glickman, Las Vegas NV; Howard Einberg, Los Angeles
 CA

**Saturday,
 Aug. 1**

Understanding Changes in the Laws

Club Managers and Directors are invited to join ACBL staff for an over-
 view of the recent changes in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2008. Q & A
 period included.

Location: Marriott Wardman Park — Taft Room

Time: 10:30 a.m. — Noon

Fee: FREE

TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE MINI-SPINGOLD II (0-1500) KNOCKOUT TEAMS

61 Tables
Victor Hsu, Waldwick NJ; Ted Wilson, Airmont NY; Paul Fagan, Suffern NY; Sandy Johnson, Ho Ho Kus NJ

vs

Eric Hendrickson - Matthew Bribitzer-Stull - Jason Bribitzer-Stull, Minneapolis MN; Andy Caranicas, St Paul MN

30.00 3/4 David Grabiner, Columbia MD; Arthur McCann, Finksburg MD; J Larry Meyers Jr, Vonore TN; Ken Shotting, Ellicott City MD

30.00 3/4 Julie Zucker - Nat Zucker, East Brunswick NJ; Carl Noller - Robert Finkelstein, Reston VA

13.50 5/8 Peter Boyd-Bowman - Kathy Coop, Greensboro NC; John Marriott III, Cary NC; Charles Hudson, Raleigh NC

13.50 5/8 Michael Bodell - Alan Malloy,

Santa Clara CA; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON; Robert Forster - Jonathan Ullman, New York NY; Laura Rassbach, Westminster CO

13.50 5/8 Jennifer Gu - Belinda Gu, Sunnyvale CA; Adam Portley, San Francisco CA; Jonathan Pines, Berkeley CA

13.50 5/8 Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Murat Berk, Potomac MD; Peter Van Zijl, Ellicott City MD; Richard Wissing, Columbia MD

6.00 9/16 Mark Koenigsberg, Weehawken NJ; Ofra Blonder - Diane Winiger - Ruth Meyer, New York NY

6.00 9/16 Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring TX

6.00 9/16 Jack Bierig - Donald Schramek, Chicago IL; Thomas Crawley, Ellicott City MD; Bruce Bengtson, Park Ridge IL

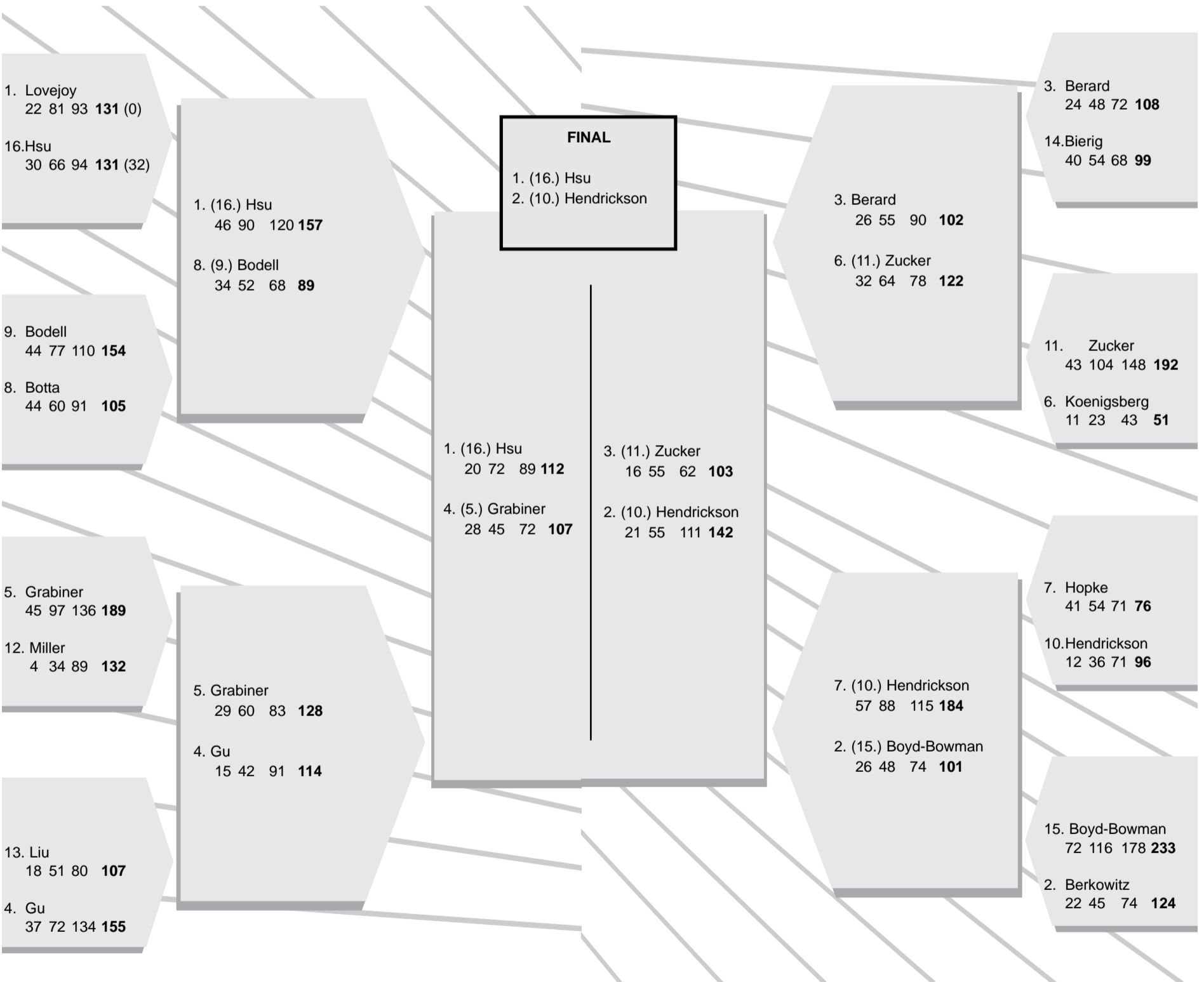
6.00 9/16 Howard Liu, Naperville IL; Gideon Tan, Denver CO; Paul Lenoble, Freeport NY; Lew Kroll, Plainview NY


6.00 9/16 Giorgia Botta, Rome 00189 Italy; Peggyann Klein, New York NY; Andrew Dubai, Voorheesville NY; Barry Ko, Berkeley CA

6.00 9/16 Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA; Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte, Oak Hill VA

6.00 9/16 Alex Lovejoy, Stanford CA; Jonathan Bittner, Cambridge MA; Randall Rubinstein, Cincinnati OH; Argenta Price, San Francisco CA


6.00 9/16 Dana Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Ian Sabourin - Shaz Taslimi, Montreal QC; Nicholas Smith, Westmount QC





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THURSDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

73 Tables					
	A	B	C		
11.48	1			Frimann Stefansson, Akureyri Iceland; Pall Thorsson, Reykjavik Iceland; Omar Olgeirsson, Reykjuik Iceland; Rosemary Shaw, Silver Spring MD	66.00
7.54	2/3			Michael Prahin, Irvington NY; Albert Shekhter, Brooklyn NY; George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	63.00
7.54	2/3			Edward Foran, Marietta GA; Steve Callahan, Woodstock GA; David Schulman, Atlanta GA; Brian Agnes, Denver CO	63.00
4.84	4			Matthew Frame, Raleigh NC; Fay Teal, Kitchener ON; Sharon Hammer - Betti Harris, Huntington Bh CA	61.00
3.18	5/6			John Cobb Jr, Apex NC; John Marriott III - John Marriott Jr, Cary NC; C. Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC	59.00
3.18	5/6			Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands	59.00
7.58	7	1	1	Walter Mitchell Jr - Constance Mitchell, Bear Creek PA; Robert Silverblatt, Kingston PA; Xiao (Joe) Zhao, Hamilton ON	54.00
1.41	8/9			Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Andy Kaufman, Smyrna DE; Bob Gorse, Bedford MA; Joyce Pearson, Framingham MA	53.00
5.69	8/9	2		Logan West, Yorktown VA; Bud Hampshire, Poquoson VA; Daniel Jarboe - Lorraine Jarboe, Ft Walton Bch FL	53.00
4.26	3			Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick, Arnold MD; Howard Tash, Gaithersburg MD; Martin Reed, Silver Spring MD	49.00
2.96	4/6	2		Lynne Beresford - Ruth Woods, Fort Washington MD; Eleanor Schwartz, Annandale VA; Ann Seeboth, Clinton MD	47.00
2.47	4/6			Jan Fischer - Diane Palmer - Rita Sorgi - Carolyn Kish, San Diego CA	47.00
2.47	4/6			Martha Bley - Ross Bley, Fort Washington MD; Isaiah Shalom, W Brookfield MA; Catherine Walsh, Saskatoon SK	47.00
2.22		3		Gayle Davis, Haverford PA; Wendy Dewell, San Jose CA; Janice Gerstein, Chicago IL; Linda Schanz, Las Vegas NV	44.00
1.46		4/5		Jim Wildey, Annapolis MD; Joyce Currie, Mc Lean VA; Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston TX	42.00
1.46		4/5		Gordon Nash, Briarwood NY; Roy Goodman, Melville NY; Michael Pisani, Short Hills NJ; Anthony Palumbo, Westfield NJ	42.00

SECOND THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

61.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
24.85	1	1		Paul Siegelman, North Baldwin NY; Bart Cirker, Manhasset NY	62.82%
18.64	2			Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein, White Plains NY	61.78%
13.98	3			Wes Goldberg, Owings Mills MD; John Christensen, Baltimore MD	61.62%
10.48	4			Sheila Latus - Rex Latus, Escondido CA	60.18%
10.85	5	2	1	Rudi Nadler - Radu Ariton, Staten Island NY	59.68%
7.10	6			Randolph Johnson, Suffield CT; Ram Hira, North Vancouver BC	59.29%
6.21	7			Allen Hawkins Jr - Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	59.28%
5.52	8			Stephen Schneer, Croton Hdsn NY; Michael Gore, Brooklyn NY	58.97%
8.13	9	3		Drew Becker - Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL	58.65%
4.52	10			Glen Meeden, Saint Paul MN; Jonathan Cohen, Prior Lake MN	58.09%
4.14	11			Carolyn Sessler, Waltham MA; Sally Strul, Delray Beach FL	57.53%
6.10	12/13	4		John Langer, Santa Clarita CA; S Graham Kelly, Hudson OH	57.45%
3.69	12/13			Dale Dermer - Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA	57.45%
3.43	14			Jeffrey Parker, Reisterstown MD; Tanya Rodich, Gwynn Oak MD	57.38%
5.19	15/16	5	2	Paul Hattis, Newton MA; Steven Fox, Kensington MD	56.97%
3.06	15/16			Carole Weinstein, Acton MA; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	56.97%
4.13		6		Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	56.81%
3.62		7		Ron MacDonald - John Cook, Toronto ON	56.09%
3.89		8	3	Herbert Rogall, Maplewood NJ; Gary Blauth, Glen Ridge NJ	55.53%
3.79		9/10	4	Robert Forster - Jonathan Ullman, New York NY	55.29%
2.92		9/10		Elaine Weintraub - Arlyne Shockman, Philadelphia PA	55.29%
2.51		11	5	Michael Schuller, Belle Mead NJ; David Wampler, Bowie MD	55.21%
2.04			6	Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany; Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY	52.00%

THURSDAY EVENING 100/200/300 PAIRS

17.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.82	1			Yetta Bregman - Bea Eisen, Toronto ON	62.08%
2.87	2			Luigi Calicchia, Farmington UT; Robert Poriss, South Ogden UT	61.01%
2.15	3			Diane Storey, Westport CT; Donna Bauman, Weston CT	59.94%
3.06	4	1		Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Melissa Luo, North York ON	59.17%
2.30	5	2		Judith Heit, McLean VA; Amelia Montjoy, Washington DC	59.01%
0.91	6			Richard Lassow, Robbinsdale MN; Keith Dailey, Bowie MD	58.75%
1.72		3		Alan Walter, Gaithersburg MD; Shyamalendu Pal, Silver Spring MD	57.50%
2.26		4	1	Albert Stolpe, Fairfax VA; Andrea Stanley-Miller, Arlington VA	56.08%
0.97		5		Ken Weems, Crofton MD; Timothy Bezanson, Falls Church VA	53.75%
1.70		6	2	James Connor, Fairfax Station VA; James Callender, Springfield VA	53.74%
1.27			3	Eva Vorndran, Great Falls VA; Victoria Miller, Chevy Chase MD	53.65%
0.85			4/5	Steven Spaeth - George Hooley, Silver Spring MD	53.33%
0.85			4/5	Steven Nessler, Silver Spring MD; Steve Graves, Olney MD	53.33%

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Kantar Quiz #5

♠ Q
♥ Q 10 4 3
♦ A 10 6 5 4 3
♣ 3 2

♠ A K J 4
♥ A 2
♦ K
♣ A K Q 8 7 6

West leads the ♦Q against 6NT. Playing rubber bridge, how do you make the contract?

Kantar's answer:

This one could get sticky if clubs break 4-1. True, you have 13 tricks if they break 3-2, but what if they don't?

♠ Q
♥ Q 10 4 3
♦ A 10 6 5 4 3
♣ 3 2

♠ 9 7 5 4 2
♥ K 9 8 6
♦ Q J 9
♣ 4

♠ 10 8 6
♥ J 7 5
♦ 8 7 2
♣ J 10 9 5

♠ A K J 4
♥ A 2
♦ K
♣ A K Q 8 7 6

If you play clubs at once, East wins and plays a heart and you are in an untenable position if West has the ♥K. The same would be true if West had four clubs and returned a heart. If East had both the king and the jack, or if you misguessed, you would lose an ice-cold contract.

The solution is to duck a club at trick two. If East wins and returns a heart, win the ace, enter dummy with a spade, discard your heart on the ♦A and reenter your hand with a club, claiming the balance.

The idea is to keep an extra hand entry in case clubs are 4-1. Those of you who crossed to the ♠Q, discarded a heart on the ♦A and then played clubs, hoping that the player with four clubs did not have a third diamond, were at least thinking, albeit sideways.

False Economy

By Barry Rigal

Steve Bloom showed me a neat deal where he had missed a subtle point in the ending. The point is you have to be careful not to be too thrifty with your resources.

♠ Q 8 5 4 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ 2

♠ A 10 7
♥ K Q 6
♦ K 9 4
♣ J 8 6 3

North

South

2♥

1NT (1)

Pass

2♠

(1) 12-15.

Playing 2♠, you get a club lead and continuation as East echoes. You ruff the second club, play a diamond to the king and pass a diamond to East's ace. Back comes a heart. You win with the queen as West encourages. Now you play a third diamond to West's queen as East pitches a club. West returns a heart to East's ace and you win the third heart in hand as West follows with the jack. This is the ending:

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♠ Q 8 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ J
♣ —

♠ A 10 7
♥ —
♦ —
♣ J 8

When you lead the ♣J, West covers and you ruff as East follows. You can now safely assume that East has the ♠K; otherwise West probably would have doubled 1NT. Furthermore, East probably has precisely a 3=4=2=4 shape and is down to three trumps and a heart. So the key is to lead dummy's diamond and ruff it as East discards his heart. Then you can lead your fourth club. West will follow and East will be endplayed when he overruffs dummy. If you pitch your club on the ♦J, you will have to guess whether to lead a spade to the 7 or the 10 in the three-card ending.

The full deal:

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

Diamond master

By Barry Rigal

Roger Bates and Chris Willenken crossed swords here — and Bates came off the better.

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

After a simple auction of 1NT - 3NT, Bates (South) received the ♥J lead and immediately passed the ♦8. Willenken (East) ducked it, thereby doing his best to get his name in the papers. Now, if declarer repeats the diamond finesse, he goes down.

But Bates knew his defenders were capable of the ducking play from any holding that included the jack. The opening lead made it relatively unlikely that West had four diamonds to the jack, plus, who would want to fall victim to such a play? You'd never hear the end of it.

So, Bates rejected the second finesse, playing diamonds from the top and emerging with 10 tricks.

Nicely defended — but it was Bates who got to have his name in the "highly recommended" column.

Sure there's a squeeze, but which opponent?

Mike Becker, South, noticed early in the play that his chances were good for 12 tricks. The problem was which opponent should he attempt to squeeze.

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QUALIFIERS IN THE MIXED B-A-M TEAMS

	Carryover
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2/3 David Yang, Chicago IL; Melody Bi, West Warwick RI; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Pinpin Deng, Hackettstown NJ	4.25
4 Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; Nancy Kalow, New York NY; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts CA; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA	4.00
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6/7 Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY	3.25
6/7 Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Brian Glubok - Jimmy Rosenbloom, New York NY; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	3.25
8 Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Linda Perlman, Lake Park FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Jaggy Shivdasani - Roy Welland, New York NY	3.00
9 Howard Miller, Chesapeake VA; Kaye Krebs, Virginia Beach VA; H Joel Weintraub, Norfolk VA; Shirley Presberg, Boca Raton FL	2.75
10/11 Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV; Georgiana Gates, Houston TX	2.50
10/11 Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, Spring TX; JoAnn Sprung - Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA	2.50
12/14 Adair Gellman - Vincent Bartone, Ashburn VA; Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, Leawood KS	2.25
12/14 Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo 136 Japan; Susan Wexler, New York NY; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	2.25
12/14 Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Lynda Rosenblatt, Passaic NJ; Marvin Rosenblatt, Hartford CT	2.25
15/17 Robert Sartorius - Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Janet Robertson, Timonium MD; Ron Haack, New York NY; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL	2.00
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18/23 Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA; Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Jessica Pfafsky, New York NY; Bob Drijver, Tilburg Netherlands; Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD	1.50
18/23 Linda Smoak - J Fletcher Smoak, Roanoke VA; Ann Lindley - Alfred Duncker, Alexandria VA	1.50
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24/29 Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson, Darnestown MD; William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky, Silver Spring MD; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA	1.25
24/29 Bep Vriend - Anton Maas, Amstelveen Netherlands; Marion Michielsen, 3024 AM Rotterdam Netherlands; Onno Eskes, Leiden Netherlands; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam Netherlands; Han Peters, Stony Brook NY	1.25
24/29 Lou Reich - Abby Heitner, Wheaton MD; Roger Stern - Sandra Stern, Chevy Chase MD	1.25
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34/37 Robert Klein - Jennifer Jones, Santa Rosa CA; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Mickie Kivel, Potomac Falls VA	0.75
34/37 Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Jo Anna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	0.75
34/37 Adrian Dovell - Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Nancy Mitchell, Fleming Island FL; Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL	0.75
38/39 Linda Gordon - Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	0.50
38/39 Carol Clifford - James Clifford Jr, Miami FL; G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Craig Huston, Portland OR	0.50
40/45 David Better, Doylestown PA; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Vincent Civale - Patricia Civale, Trenton NJ	0.25
40/45 Cristina Tita, Northville MI; Jerrold Grossman, Rochester Hills MI; Stephannie Russo, New York NY; Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH	0.25
40/45 Kenneth Kadis - Elayne Kadis, Brookline MA; Steve Nellissen, Ramsey NJ; Sarah Wiener, Fort Lee NJ	0.25
40/45 Stan Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Richard Coren, Delray Beach FL	0.25
40/45 Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY; Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Ann Cady, Roxbury CT	0.25



Second place in the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams went to Peggy Sutherland, Rozanne Pollack, Shawn Quinn, Renee Mancuso, Pam Wittes and Cheri Bjerkan.

40/45 Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Jim Foster, Birmingham AL; Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL	0.25
46/52 Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI	0.00
46/52 Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Benedicti Cronier - Philippe Cronier, Paris France	0.00
46/52 Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA; Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; B Horiguchi, Gardena CA	0.00
46/52 Edith Sacks, New York NY; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Robert Kent - Ellen Kent, Marina DI Rey CA	0.00
46/52 Alan Myerson - Abby Myerson, Sherman Oaks CA; Phil Schaefer - Nell Schaefer, Los Angeles CA	0.00
46/52 Ragi El-Hoss - M-Christine El-Hoss, Toronto ON; Saad Dahdouh - Diana Dahdouh, Whitby ON	0.00
46/52 Janet Brescoll - Kurt Brescoll, Versailles KY; Matthew Heuser - Jill Ohlson, Lexington KY	0.00

LAMBDA BRIDGE CLUB SIDE GAME

31.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.22	1			Linda Haft - Jack Greenberg, New York NY	68.11%
4.67	2	1	1	Robert Krueger - Priscilla Krueger, Laurel MD	64.90%
3.50	3	2	2	Mirsad Mujezinovic, Silver Spring MD; Namik Haveric, Chevy Chase MD	62.50%
2.62	4			Bob Dale, Pensacola FL; Richard Higgins, Gallup NM	61.22%
2.39	5	3		Todd Fisher, Chicago IL; Barry Passer, Newfield NY	60.42%
1.48	6			Ellyn Batko, Deerfield IL; John Russell, North Barrington IL	59.94%
1.79		4		Michael Myers, Ottawa ON; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA	58.49%
1.62		5	3	Edward Sutcliffe, Sonoma CA; Melvin Lauderdale, Washington DC	57.37%
1.01		6		Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; Mary Skavaril, Columbus OH	56.89%
1.22			4	Daryl Drew, Crystal River FL; Francesco Parisi-Presicce, Springfield VA	53.53%
1.24			5	Iris Davenport - Peter Maurice, London ON	52.56%

THURSDAY STRATIFIED I/N SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.83	1	1		Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Peter Ku, Princeton Jnct NJ; Kim Bensimon, Herndon VA; Anne Wilson, Laurel MD	65.00
2.12	2			Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte, Oak Hill VA; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC; Karen Shea, Collierville TN	54.00
1.70	3	2		Paul Setzer, Herndon VA; William Glen, Vienna VA; Catherine McHugh, Bethany Beach DE; Stanley Katzman, Silver Spring MD	45.00
1.27	4	3		Arjun Dhir - Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	43.00
1.55			1	Richard Weiser - Susan Weiser, Potomac MD; William Morris - Susan Morris, Bethesda MD	41.00

Dlr: North ♠ 10 7 5
 Vul: None ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ K 5 4 2

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

♠ A K 9 8 6 4 2
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ Q 10

North	South
Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣ (1)	2NT
3NT	Pass

(1) Drury.

Becker's 2NT response to the Drury 2♣ was unusual, but he knew the doubleton queens would be helpful if partner a little something in each suit. With two aces and a king in the other suits, his partner had no trouble raising to 3NT, a contract missed by the majority of the field.

Becker let the opening heart lead ride to his queen and then cashed one spade to make sure the suit would run. Next came the ♣Q, taken by West's ace.

Now he had lost a trick and could take all the rest of the tricks but one — the right setup for a squeeze. He saw that he could squeeze West if he had the ♦K — he also would have to protect his ♥J. Becker would cross to the ♣K and run spades, coming to a two-card position. On the next-to-last trick, West would have to make a losing discard from ♥J and ♦K x.

If East had the ♦K, however, declarer could get his 12th trick via a Vienna Coup.

Which to try? Becker decided to see if he could get some help from his opponents. He led a second spade and sure enough, East played an encouraging diamond. So it was the Vienna Coup. He crossed to the ♦A and ran the spades. This was the position as he led his last spade:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 10	♥ —
♦ —	♦ K
♣ K 5	♣ J 8
♠ —	♠ 2
♥ J	♥ —
♦ —	♦ Q
♣ 9 7	♣ 10

West had to keep the ♥J, so was forced to discard a club. Declarer pitched the heart, and now East had no discard available. No matter what he did, declarer had the last two tricks for plus 490. That was worth 64.5 matchpoints out of a possible 65.

Underleaders anonymous

Some people just can't resist underleading their aces to get a ruff. On the following deal, defender Joe Wallen took it to the extreme:

Dlr: East ♠ 9 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ A K 8 7 5 3 2
 ♣ 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♥
2 ♣	3 ♣	Dbl	3 ♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♥	All Pass	

Wallen, West, led a low club to partner Randy Beckham's queen. Beckham returned the ♦J (suit preference) and Wallen ruffed. A spade to the ace allowed Wallen to score another diamond ruff. Down two, plus 100 for East-West.

This was an 11-IMP gain for Wallen's team because his teammates bid and made 5♦ at the other table.

Aggressive bidding requires good play

Richard Freeman made an aggressive invitation to game on this deal, and Nick Nickell made an equally aggressive move by bidding game. Now it was up to Freeman to find 10 tricks.

♠ K
♥ K 9 3
♦ K J 10 9 4
♣ A K 5 4

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ 10 8 7 4 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ J

North	South
Nickell	Freeman
1♦	1♥
2♣	2♦
2♥	3♥
4♥	Pass

Freeman won the opening club lead with the ace and cashed the ♠K. Next came a club ruff, and he led a heart toward the king. West took his ace and returned the ♠J, not the best choice. Freeman ruffed this in dummy and cashed the trump king, dropping the queen from West. He cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club. He played the ♠A Q and East had to follow.

At this point, he put East in with the last trump, and East, holding ♦A Q, had to give Freeman his 10th trick with the ♦K. That was worth all 51 matchpoints.

Ring around the collar — or the grand bagel

By Barry Rigal

When the best players in the world go 0 for 4, you might assume the problem to be a tough one:

Dummy
♠ J 6 5
♥ K 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 3
♣ J 2

You
♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ 4
♣ K 5 3

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

The ♠K holds the first trick. Partner's spade carries no special message. What next?

Three out of the four defenders had this problem, and they all got it wrong. At the fourth table, East overtook with the ♠A and led a club.

The three plays found were a trump, a second spade and the ♥Q. Here is the full deal:

♠ J 6 5
♥ K 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 3
♣ J 2

♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ 4
♣ K 5 3

♠ A 8 4 2
♥ —
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 4

♠ 9
♥ A 8 7
♦ A K Q 9 8 7 5
♣ A 9

As you can see, only a low heart sets the

contract by force. At the table where East overtook, West got caught in a major-suit squeeze.

That first board can be crucial

By Barry Rigal

The very first board out of the box often swings a lot of IMPs. See if you can finish on the right side of the swing here:

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

You
♠ 6
♥ J 10 5
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ Q 10 8 6 4

South opens 4♠ and everybody passes. Partner leads the ♦5 (fourth best) to dummy's 10 and your ace as declarer produces the 2. Over to you.

Well, playing back a diamond would be right if partner has a singleton or if he has led from ♦K x x, and besides what harm could come to you?

Alas, that is not the full story:

♠ —
♥ A 9 7 4 3 2
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A K 5

♠ K 10 8 4
♥ K 8
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ J 9 2

♠ 6
♥ J 10 5
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ Q 10 8 6 4

♠ A Q J 9 7 5 3 2
♥ Q 6
♦ 2
♣ 7 3

When you return a diamond, declarer ruffs and leads the ♠A, followed by the ♠J. Whether partner wins or ducks, declarer strips the clubs and exits with a trump to your partner. That forces a red-suit play that gives south his 10th trick.

When both sides play the same contract

By Matt Granovetter

Here's a deal where not only did both sides play in the same trump suit, they both bid to the same level:

Dlr: South ♠ J 6 5 4 3
Vul: E-W ♥ A 9 8
♦ Q 8
♣ K 9 5

♠ A K Q 8 7
♥ —
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 8 4 3 2

♠ —
♥ Q J 7 6 3 2
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ J 10 7

♠ 10 9 2
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ K J 4
♣ A Q 6

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

- (1) The four-card major style.
- (2) Standard raise.
- (3) Balancing double

This deal is from the 1986 Rosenblum Cup. In the Closed Room, the Swedes, North-South, bid to 2♥ doubled and were very unlucky to run into a 6-0 split. West led three rounds of spades, allowing partner to throw away his three clubs. Then West gave partner a club ruff. East still had the ♦A and two trump tricks for down two — 300 points to East-West.

In the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2♦ (2)	1NT (1)
2♥ (3)	All Pass		Pass
(1) 12-14.			
(2) Multi — a weak overcall in either major.			
(3) A disciplined bid.			

South started with a weak 1NT and East balanced with a bid that showed hearts or spades. West suspected it was hearts.

North led a spade. Once again all three clubs went away, this time from dummy! Again a club was led, ruffed in the East hand, and declarer cashed the ♠A. So, declarer managed to take the first five tricks. Another diamond lead went to south's king. South cashed the ♦J as partner threw a club, ruffed in dummy (East).

That was book (six tricks). At this point, declarer led a fourth diamond, and this ensured he would score a trump trick, for one down. That was 100 points to North-South, a swing of 9 IMPs to Pakistan.

Kantar Quiz #6

♠ Q
♥ A
♦ A J 10 8 3
♣ A K 10 9 8 6

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West leads the ♠K and continues with the ace. Plan the play and be specific. Trumps are 2-1.

Kantar's answer:

If you didn't ruff the second spade with a middle trump, forget the whole thing. You must plan on two trump entries to your hand to take two diamond finesses and the ♣6 is a very valuable card.

♠ Q
♥ A
♦ A J 10 8 3
♣ A K 10 9 8 6

♠ A K J 9 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ K 7 6 5
♣ 2

♠ 10 7 5 3
♥ Q J 10 7 4 2
♦ Q
♣ Q 5

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 7 4 3

After ruffing, play two top trumps, and enter your hand with the ♣7 to lead a low diamond, not the 9, to dummy's 10. Assuming this loses and a heart comes back, re-enter your hand with the ♣J and run the ♦9.

You have just protected against West holding four diamonds to one honor by your play in diamonds, and have lost nothing if West has both honors. If East has both diamond honors, you can also forget about the whole thing, although you probably would have been doubled long ago.

In search of the elusive overtrick

Larry Cohen has a reputation as an excellent matchpoint player — and with good reason. See if you can do as well as he did as declarer on this deal:

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦7 against Cohen's 4♥ contract. He won the ace and drew trumps, noting that West began with three, East one.

You have 10 sure tricks, but because this is matchpoints, it would be nice to play the spade suit for one loser to make an 11th trick.

To discover more about the defensive layout, Cohen played a diamond to the 9 at trick four. East won the 10 and West completed an echo by playing the ♦5. It appears that West began with a doubleton diamond and East with K-Q-10-4.

The auction contains a clue for getting more information about the count. When asked about their methods, East-West stated that they open 1♦ when they're 4-4 in the minors, and would frequently open 1♦ even with four diamonds and five clubs to allow a convenient 2♣ rebid.

Why is this important to declarer? Because East has four good diamonds, yet opened 1♣, it suggests that East has much longer clubs than diamonds — not just 4-5 in the minors, but at least 4-6. Armed with the information, Cohen decided that East's pattern was 2=1=5=6.

After ruffing the return of the ♣K, this was the position:

♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 8 6
 ♣ 9 8

♠ K 9 5 4
 ♥ J 7 6 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

Is there any way — assuming the inferential count we have on the deal is correct — to score three spade tricks? Yes — if East (who we believe has two spades) has the doubleton jack. No other holding will provide us with the extra trick. So, Cohen played a low spade to the queen, which held, and a low spade from dummy as East produced the jack. The full layout:

♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A J 9 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 4

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ J 6 5 2

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

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

Making 11 tricks was worth 60 out of 64 matchpoints.

Spingold emotions — despair and elation

When you're the underdog in a Spingold match, it's always disheartening when one of the stars on your opponents' team plays a contract double-dummy, and makes a contract that looks as if it had no chance. Richard Oshlag and David Lindop were impressed and unhappy after Adam Zmudzinski played this deal perfectly:

Dlr: West ♠ J 5 4 2
 Vul: Both ♥ J 10 6 5
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ A Q 4

♠ K Q 8 7 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 6 4 3
 ♣ 8 7 3

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q 9 4 3 2
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ J 9 5

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Oshlag</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Lindop</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Oshlag led the ♠K (which denied the ace) and continued with a low spade to partner's 9. Zmudzinski, playing in a Moysian 4-3 fit, had to make an instant decision — should he reduce his hand to three trumps by ruffing? That's what he decided to do.

Declarer led a diamond and finessed the 10. It worked. He took the ♦K and came back to his hand with the ♥A. He switched back to diamonds, and when Oshlag played the queen, Zmudzinsky ruffed with the ace. Then he cashed the trump queen, and finessed the 10. That was 11 tricks.

Oshlag turned the tables on this deal where he

Spingold

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quarter to go, but fell behind after a 15-IMP loss early in the set. The winners followed with two 10-IMP swings to regain the lead and held on to win.

The John Onstott squad, seeded No. 10, had a seesaw match with No. 7 Aubrey Strul, taking a 49-40 lead after a quarter and expanding it to 80-59 at the half. Strul came back strong in the third quarter to go ahead 118-97, but Onstott rallied for a 146-141 victory. Onstott is playing with Gary Cohler, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady, Jim Krekorian and Drew Casen.

In another close match, the George Jacobs team took a 35-IMP lead into the fourth quarter against the John Schermer squad only to see the original No. 28 rally for a 154-153 win. Schermer's team is Neil Chambers, Michael Polowan, Jacob Morgan, George Mittelman and Robert Lebi.

There was no drama in the match between No. 1 seed Carolyn Lynch, who pounded the Siwec (npc) squad 190-70. No. 4 Rose Meltzer had an easy time, dispatching Mark Gordon 151-109.

found the killing lead:

Dlr: West ♠ A 10 8 3 2
 Vul: None ♥ J 8 5 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A 6 4

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

♠ K Q 6 5
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ J 8 6 5
 ♣ 72

♠ 7
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A K Q 7 3
 ♣ Q J 9 5 3

<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1♦
1♠	3♣
3♥	3NT
Pass	

Oshlag decided to lead a spade, but which one? He led the ♠J, the killer. Zmudzinski put up dummy's ace and led a heart to the queen and ace. Oshlag continued the attack on spades, leading the 9. Declarer covered with the 10 and Lindop with the queen. He switched to a diamond, won with the queen, and declarer finessed successfully in clubs. He returned to his hand with the ♣J and set up the suit by giving up a club to Oshlag.

Once again, Oshlag led a spade, and his earlier high leads paid off — Lindop was able to score both his 6 and his king to set the contract.

MIXED B-A-M TEAMS 2ND QUALIFYING SESSION

1	David Yang, Chicago IL; Melody Bi, West Warwick RI; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Pinpin Deng, Hackettstown NJ	SECTIONS M K
2	Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; John Hurd, New York NY; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL; Sylvie Willard, Paris France	20.00
3/4	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Jill Levin - Robert Levin, Lake Ariel PA; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	18.50
3/4	Howard Miller, Chesapeake VA; Kaye Krebs, Virginia Beach VA; H Joel Weintraub, Norfolk VA; Shirley Presberg, Boca Raton FL	17.00
5	Edith Sacks, New York NY; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Robert Kent - Ellen Kent, Marina Di Rey CA	17.00
6	Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA; Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Jessica Piafsky, New York NY; Bob Drijver, Tilburg Netherlands; Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD	16.00
7/12	Peter Boyd - Ellen Klosson, Darnestown MD; William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky, Silver Spring MD; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA	15.00
7/12	Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Linda Perlman, Lake Park FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Jaggy Shivdasani - Roy Welland, New York NY	14.50
7/12	Candace Griffey - Larry Griffey, Vero Beach FL; James Spike Lay - Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL; Sharon Gerstman, Buffalo NY	14.50
7/12	William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL; Janet Lee, McLean VA	14.50
7/12	Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Tom Knies, University City MO; Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	14.50
7/12	Haig Tehamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Barbara Wallace - Harry Tudor, Miami FL	14.50
13	Rammohan Sarangan, Arlington VA; Pat Thomas, Salinas CA; Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO	14.00
		SECTIONS L J
1	Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI	17.00
2/3	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; Nancy Kalow, New York NY; Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts CA; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA	16.50
2/3	William Zane, Woodbridge VA; Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA; Barbara Ames, Bethesda MD; Ralph Hoffman, Lake Forest IL; Jeffrey Miller - Maribeth Miller, Naperville IL	16.50
4	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Jo Anna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	16.00
5/7	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC; David Rodney - Avril Rodney, Fairfax VA; Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA	15.50
5/7	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, Spring TX; JoAnn Sprung - Danny Sprung, Philadelphia PA	15.50
5/7	Nick Bykov, Stockton CA; Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Susan Picus, New York NY	15.50
8	Paul McDaniels, Richmond CA; Lee De Simone, Paso Robles CA; Lynn Johannesen - Dale Johannesen, Saratoga CA	15.00
9/10	Stan Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Richard Coren, Delray Beach FL	14.50
9/10	Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo 136 Japan; Susan Wexler, New York NY; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	14.50
11/13	Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Passell, Plano TX; P Drew Cannell, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC	14.00
11/13	Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Robert Morris, Houston TX; John Gassenheimer - Jill Fisch, Wynnewood PA	14.00
11/13	Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Benedicti Cronier - Philippe Cronier, Paris France	14.00
		SECTIONS Z Y
1	Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Brian Glubok - Jimmy Rosenbloom, New York NY; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	19.00
2	Phyllis Quinn, Cortlandt Manor NY; Daniel Boye, Victor NY; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA; Douglas Ross, Rochester NY	16.50
3/4	Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Victor King, Hartford CT; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY	16.00
3/4	Robert Klein - Jennifer Jones, Santa Rosa CA; David Ruderman, Burtonsville MD; Mickie Kivel, Potomac Falls VA	16.00
5	Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Randi Montin, Napa CA; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Barbara Sonsini, Woodside CA	15.50
6/7	Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Lynda Rosenblatt, Passaic NJ; Marvin Rosenblatt, Hartford CT	15.00
6/7	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Susan Culham - Maurice De La Salle - K Fung, Edmonton AB; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON	15.00
8/10	Carol Clifford - James Clifford Jr, Miami FL; G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Craig Huston, Portland OR	14.50
8/10	Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA; Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; B Horiguchi, Gardena CA	14.50
8/10	Ellie Hanlon - Mary Savko, Barre VT; Brian Gunnell, St Augustine FL; John Brady, Jacksonville FL	14.50
11/12	Robert Sartorius - Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Janet Robertson, Timonium MD; Ron Haack, New York NY; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL	14.00
11/12	David Better, Doylestown PA; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Vincent Civalo - Patricia Civalo, Trenton NJ	14.00

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MIXED B-A-M TEAMS 1ST QUALIFYING SESSION

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STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, Percentage, Rank, Name, Percentage. Includes sections for SECTION BB, SECTION CC, SECTION DD, and EAST-WEST.

NATIONAL 1999 PAIRS 1ST SESSION

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, Percentage, Rank, Name, Percentage. Includes sections for SECTION OOO, SECTION PPP, SECTION QQQ, SECTION RRR, and EAST-WEST.

THURSDAY MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, Percentage, Rank, Name, Percentage. Includes sections for SECTION WWW and EAST-WEST.

THURSDAY MORNING 150/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YYY			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Mary Edge, Alexandria VA; Betty Taff, Springfield VA	67.86%	1	1		Sharon Herron, Kitty Hawk NC; Joyce Stone, Southern Shrs NC	63.39%
2	1		Leslie Jessell, Kensington MD; Richard Majewski, Beltsville MD	56.55%	2			Arun Guha, Silver Spring MD; Larry Wallace, Chevy Chase MD	62.50%
3/4	2	1	Robin Cottmeyer, Annapolis MD; Carole Frederick, Stevensville MD	51.79%	3	2	1	Ann Brewster, Rochester NY; Virginia Grogan, Irvine CA	60.42%
3/4			Charles Wheeler - Lynn Wheeler, Miami FL	51.79%	4			Barbara Peterman, Moreland Hius OH; Barbara Markowitz, Cleveland OH	58.04%
5			Elizabeth Vanhorn, Webster NY; Jane Romal, Brockport NY	50.60%	5	3	2	Gloria Brooker - Monica Sorovaeu, Manassas VA	52.98%
THURSDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS FIRST SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION HH			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab, Bethesda MD	60.80%	1			Rhoda Prager, Allentown PA; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	62.50%
2	2		William Higbee - Colleen McCabe, Madison WI	59.85%	2			John Ashe, Fairfax VA; Jean Levin, Springfield VA	59.28%
3			Mark Laken, Glyndon MD; Harvey Charkatz, Pikesville MD	59.66%	3	1	1	Douglas Fox, Oak Hill VA; Larry Moran, Bowie MD	59.09%
4			Gerri Soffa Carlson, Ranch Pls Vrd CA; Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA	58.14%	4	2	2	Susan Slattery, Alexandria VA; Elizabeth Anderson, Arlington VA	58.14%
5	3	2	Amy Bloom - Alfred Liepold, Silver Spring MD	56.63%	5			Jean Boettcher - Steven Gaynor, Minneapolis MN	54.73%
6	4		Richard Treu - Ruth Treu, Endicott NY	53.98%	6			Antonia Okany, Etobicoke ON; Dan McCaw, Toronto ON	54.55%
7	5		Janie Strauss, Northbrook IL; Judy Isenberg, Highland Park IL	51.89%	7	3		David Howorth, Oxford MS; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY	52.65%
		3	Marilyn Macdiarmid, Moncton NB; Bill McNichol, Riverview NB	48.67%		4		Nelson Waks, Germantown MD; Audrey Warren, North Potomac MD	50.19%
						5	3	Rosemary Connelly, Charlottesville VA; Gail Hasson, Nellysford VA	49.81%
THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME TWO OF FOUR SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION II			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Jordan Leibman - Joan Leibman, Indianapolis IN	56.46%	1			Barbara Kirtley, Ridgefield CT; Sally Kirtley, North Granby CT	55.37%
2	2		Melvin Lechner, Boca Raton FL; Alan Lechner, New York NY	56.25%	2			Gail Dupree, Cary NC; Ann Lockhart, New Bern NC	54.73%
3			Timothy Smith, Kearneysville WV; David McIntyre, Fairfax VA	55.80%	3	1	1	Kimmie Fulweiler - Mary Jane Elliott, Wilmington DE	54.67%
4			Renee Geist, Springfield NJ; Israel Perlman, Bondville VT	55.43%	4			Enid Hughes - Peter Hughes, Alexandria VA	54.29%
5/6	3	1	Mary Jo Whitehead, Binghamton NY; Caroline Polo Traverso, Nichols NY	53.03%	5	2		Barbara Israel - Frederick Mueller, Columbia MD	52.46%
5/6			Charles Pecarro, Falls Church VA; Betty Bursey, Herndon VA	53.03%	6	3		Leslie Horvath, Annapolis MD; Peggy Burkness, Edgewater MD	52.08%
	4	2	Marina Kotch, Centerville VA; Nadia Potter, Falls Church VA	52.77%		4		K Stanbury - Deanne Dennison, Woodbridge ON	51.02%
							2	Clinton Gorsuch, Rowland Heights CA; Scott Gorsuch, Oakland CA	49.60%
							3	Yuan Chen, Toronto ON; Chen Zhou, Basking Ridge NJ	49.43%
THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME TWO OF FOUR SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION JJ			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Theodore Spak - Jody Ledford, Miami FL	59.66%	1			Geraldine Chavez, Cincinnati OH; Georgette King, Miami Beach FL	58.33%
2	1		Salam Saidi, Falls Church VA; Kamel Tabbara, Potomac MD	59.47%	2			Marjorie Gazzola - Edward Gofreed, Arlington VA	57.01%
3			Bill Wick Jr, Port Royal VA; Barbara McCallon, Saint Augustine FL	58.52%	3	1	1	Rise Vogel, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Dennis Glazer, Bronxville NY	54.92%
4			Roy Tibery, Gaithersburg MD; David Loken, Mc Lean VA	55.68%	4	2	2	Carl Jeschke, Ellicott City MD; Bill Brundick, Stewartstown PA	53.22%
5			Lois Miliman, Owings Mills MD; Robert Levin, Baltimore MD	55.49%	5	3	3	Thomas Arnold - Carol Arnold, Basking Ridge NJ	52.46%
6	2	1	Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY	54.92%	6/7	4/5		Cindy Rowland, Wilmington DE; Shaameen Hutchinson, Greenville DE	51.70%
7	3		Roy Perry, St. John's NL; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE	52.46%	6/7	4/5		Walter Smith Jr - James Beller, Washington DC	51.70%
8	4	2	Eva Klivington, Fairfax VA; Nancy Arnold, Arlington VA	48.67%					
THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME TWO OF FOUR SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION KK			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Steven Forsythe - Sandra Forsythe, Beavercreek OH	61.93%	1			William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	63.26%
2	2		Harriet Glazer, Pikesville MD; Ferne Walpert, Baltimore MD	57.01%	2	1		Dee Wilson - Nancy Wilson, Des Moines IA	62.12%
3	3		Elaine Misner - James Misner, Wilton CT	56.82%	3			Andrew Gabrilovitch, Mc Lean VA; Donald Geerhart, Springfield VA	61.93%
4/5	4/5		Robert Scolnick - Doreen Scolnick, Toronto ON	53.98%	4			Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Ned Irving, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	60.98%
4/5	4/5	1	Daniel Finn, Clarksville MD; Morton Friedman, Lanham MD	53.98%	5			Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Cleland Nelson, Murrieta CA	59.66%
6/7			Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON	52.46%	6	2	1	William Ku, Princeton Junct NJ; Lynn Switzer, Dartmouth NS	54.36%
6/7			Rochelle Djal, Neptune NJ; Sonia Kaplan, Tinton Falls NJ	52.46%		3		Aaron Navarro, Silver Spring MD; John Kuchenbrod, Centerville VA	53.79%
		2	Kit Mills - Jack Mathews, Naples FL	49.62%		4	2	David Desjardins, Blue Ridge Sm PA; Howard Leatherwood, Bowie MD	52.84%
		3	Jonathan Siegel - Albert Lauber, Washington DC	49.24%		5	3	Brady Hixson, Salt Lake City UT; Steven Towner, Salt Lake City UT	47.54%
								Stephanie Frank, Belpre OH; Evelyn Goudy, Vienna WV	46.21%

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	3-4	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Wednesday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	4th single	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Saturday, August 1, 10:30 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	ExHall B North 4-6	\$16	\$18
Saturday, August 1, 1 p.m.				
Maryland Bridge Association Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Saturday, August 1, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 SF	Maryland Room	\$20	---
0-5000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams	1-2 F	Maryland Room	\$17	---
<i>Both national KOs: Screens, second session at 8 p.m.</i>				
OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Marriott Ballroom	\$20	---
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>				
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Saturday, August 1, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	ExHall A	\$15	\$17
Maryland Bridge Association Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Saturday, August 1, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$12/team/match	

Unless otherwise noted, strat breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750). For strati-flighted events, A/X are 3000+/0-3000 and play in their own game; B (1000-2000), C (500-1000) and D (0-500) play in their own game.

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TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

*(All Youth NABC Bridge Events are listed on a separate schedule
and are played in the Thurgood Marshall South Ballroom.)*

Event	Session	Friday, July 31, 9 a.m. Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	1-2	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Thursday-Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	3-4	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Wednesday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Wednesday-Friday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Friday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	ExHall B North 4-6	\$16	\$18
Friday, July 31, 1 p.m.				
Lambda Bridge Club of Washington Wednesday-Friday Side Game Series	5th single	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Friday, July 31, 1 & 4:30 p.m.				
NABC+ FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Marriott Ballroom Salon 1	\$20	---
Friday, July 31, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round of 8	Maryland Room	\$20	---
0-5000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams	1-2 SF	Harding Room Foyer (Mezz)	\$17	---
0-1500 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams	1-2 F	Harding Room Foyer (Mezz)	\$17	---
<i>All national KOs: Screens, second session at 8 p.m.</i>				
MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS				
Strati-Flighted A/X Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom Salon 2	\$20	---
Strati-Flighted B/C/D Pairs	1-2	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Friday Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Friday Compact Knockout Teams	1-4	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Richmond Bridge Association Thursday-Friday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	ExHall A	\$16	\$18
Friday, July 31, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 31, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	ExHall A	\$15	\$17
Lambda Bridge Club of Washington Wednesday-Friday Side Game Series	6th single	ExHall C	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$15	\$15
Friday, July 31, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	ExHall B North 1-3	\$12/team/match	

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LAMBDA BRIDGE CLUB OF WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

The Lambda Bridge Club (LBC) of Washington is sponsoring the Side Game Series July 29-July 31. The LBC was originally organized to provide an opportunity for gay and lesbian bridge players in the DC area to play in a hospitable environment, and membership is still predominantly from the LGBT community.

Duplicate games are scheduled at 7:30 pm on the second, fourth and (when applicable) fifth Wednesday of each month on Capitol Hill. For more information, visit www.lambdabridge.org

RICHMOND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION THURSDAY-FRIDAY BRACKETED KO

Thanks so much to the Richmond Bridge Association (Unit 109) for supporting the NABC.

In addition to this named game, the Richmond Bridge Association has donated delicious homemade pies for a reception in honor of the youth who are playing in the Youth NABC, and their parents and siblings.

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