



Daily Bulletin



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National event updates

- Meck–Stedt cling to lead in Plats
- Xiao–Duffie lead NABC+ Open Pairs
- 10K rulers lead Swiss

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BACK-GAMMON	BEYOND BRIDGE GAME ON				
CHESS	Games, Karaoke & More				
SNACKS	Sunday, March 1 8:30 p.m.				
CATAN	Marriott Gateway Ballroom, Lower level				
FRIENDS					

Pre-registration required for Vanderbilt, 10K KO

Registration for the Vanderbilt KO Teams and 0–10,000 Knockout is required by 3:30 p.m. today. Entries may be purchased on Entry Express anytime before then or onsite Sunday.

For the 0–10,000 Knockout, contingent entries are allowed; you may withdraw pending qualification in another event.



Goodwill Message

Goodwill is the secret ingredient to a successful bridge partnership.
Lamya Agelidis, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Kuang, Bryant win IMP Pairs

Sam Kuang of Woodside NY and Brenda Bryant of Ferndale MI won the Lebhar IMP Pairs on Saturday by almost 9 IMPs.

Kuang and Bryant started with almost plus 25 IMPs in the first qualifying session on Friday, then had a small negative in the second session to qualify in 59th place. They came all the way to fourth place in the first final session with a huge 45.61 IMPs, then completed the comeback with plus 39.80 in the second final for a final

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Winners of the Lebhar IMP Pairs: Brenda Bryant and Sam Kuang

Ohliger–Bart are Senior Mixed champs

Floridians Lee Ohliger and Gloria Bart are the winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs. The duo, who qualified sixth in Friday’s opening round, scored 61.12% in the first final session to take the lead. Ohliger and Bart paired it with a 55.36% effort in the second session to win the contest by half a board over runners-up David Treitel of

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Winners of the Senior Mixed Pairs, Gloria Bart and Lee Ohliger (with Senior Kibitzer Mia)



Doug Drew 1930–2025

Doug Drew, one of the six founding members of the Canadian Bridge Federation and the first Canadian president of the ACBL, died Dec. 2. He was 95.

Drew and Canadian bridge administration were synonymous for 40 years. From 1957 until 1997, Drew continuously held elected office serving on the Ontario unit board. He provided guiding influence and served as unit and district president during many of those years.

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Today's Bridge Events

Sunday, March 1

Location key: ACC = America's Center MtPz = Marriott Plaza

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
Sunday Bridge Plus <i>Free: 12 deals (0-20), follows 8 am lesson</i>	single	Room 230, ACC	Free	Free
10 am & 1 pm				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Room 231, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3 pm				
LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS <i>Must be 65 or older; 2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
NABC+ OPEN PAIRS	1-2 F	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Sun-Mon Mini-Soloway Style Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>Two-session Swiss qual; two-session KO final</i>	1-2 Q	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
Top-Flight Swiss Teams (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Swiss Teams (4000/2000/750)	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
KAY PLATINUM PAIRS	1-2 F	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Majestic C, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
3 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Sunday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$22	\$22

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.



Play in our special ZIP KO social bridge event featuring short rounds and big fun!

Just six boards each, up to four rounds and a special prize on the line. No masterpoints but plenty of excitement!

Monday, March 2 • 8:30 p.m.
Majestic D. Marriott Plaza

New Life Master

Ann Jennings of Lafayette LA became a Life Master on Friday, playing in the Bracketed Round Robin Teams with Bruce Graham of Sneads Ferry NC, Lori Strager of West Bloomfield MI and Kathy Duggan of Knoxville TN.

“Thanks to everyone who helped me,” said Ann. “It’s great to have a goal. Now I have a new one, I’m working on Bronze.”



Haiku contest

The Spring NABC will have come and gone well before St. Patrick’s Day this year, so in lieu of the traditional limerick contest, the Daily Bulletin is offering a haiku contest. We’re looking for original works pertaining to either bridge, the city of St. Louis or some other aspect of the NABC.

Submit your haikus to the pink box at the Welcome Desk (ACC, second floor) or NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org. Deadline is noon Wednesday, March 4. Results will appear in Friday’s edition.

A haiku is a poem consisting of three lines of five, seven and five syllables. It’s traditionally a strict format, so be cautious about deviations.

Today’s Volunteer

Julie Ertmann Information Chair

When you talk to Julie, you might notice a steadiness in her, a calm that resonates with her background as a high school science teacher. A passionate practitioner of bridge, she became a Life Master in December of 2025, about five years after discovering duplicate.

At the table she is a thoughtful player who willingly discusses hands with her partner and opponents in an effort to refine her game.

Julie has applied her love of teaching to become a certified bridge teacher. She says she would play bridge every day of her life if she could, and we believe her.

Julie has worked hard to accumulate the information you might need while in St. Louis: the grocery store, the pharmacy and the hair salon as well. No question is too small for her and her team to answer.



Evening entertainment

Several nights of fun evening entertainment are planned. These events begin at 8:30 p.m.

Tonight

Beyond Bridge: Karaoke, board games, photo booth, activities. Light food and cash bar.

Gateway, lower level, Marriott Main

Monday, March 2

It’s Midnight Somewhere Zip KO: Social bridge, no masterpoints.

Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza

Wednesday, March 4

Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Everyone is invited. Light food and cash bar. *Lucas, Hawthorne, 21st floor, Marriott Main*

Friday, March 6

Crazy Bridge: Chaos-inducing twists on bridge. *Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza*

FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks will be on Washington Avenue outside the America’s Center daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each day will have a different set of trucks.

Sunday, March 1

Mr. Papas, Wok and Roll, Go Gyro Go

Monday, March 2

Doughboys, Taste D Burger, Wok-O Taco

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are in the America’s Center, Marriott Plaza or the main Marriott Grand.

	Sunday, March 1		
8–9:45 am	Free Bridge Lesson with Patty Tucker, “Help Suit Game Tries,” followed by a special game for newer players. <i>Room 230, second floor, ACC</i>	6:30–8:30 pm	Learn Bridge in a Day?™ Teacher Accreditation. Teacher training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD as well as maximizing retention rates, writing effective grant requests and the presentation of the seminar. Fee: \$75. <i>Room 230, second floor, ACC</i>
8 am–noon	Best Practices Teacher Workshop. Session three of three. Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive course which includes hands-on experience. Pre-registration required. Assessments will be Sunday afternoon and Monday. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i>	8:30–11 pm	Beyond Bridge. Karaoke, board games, activities, photo booth, etc. <i>Gateway Ballroom, lower level, Marriott main</i>
1–6 pm	Learn Bridge in a Day?™ This popular session is designed especially for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those merely wanting to test the waters before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes both class instruction and coached play. No preregistration required. Fee: \$30 covers textbook and door prizes. <i>Room 230, second floor, ACC</i>	7:30–9:30 am	Monday, March 2 Teacher Breakfast. Join fellow teachers to network, see presentations from American Bridge Teachers’ Association Master Teachers. Sponsored by the ACBL Educational Foundation. Preregistration required but closed. <i>Parkview, mezzanine, Marriott main</i>
2–6 pm	Best Practices Teacher Assessments. People who complete the Best Practices Teacher Workshop can sign up for an assessment during this time. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i>	8 am–5 pm	Best Practices Teacher Assessments. People who complete the Best Practices Teacher Workshop can sign up for an assessment during this time. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i>
		8:30–10 pm	It’s Midnight Somewhere Zip KO. Social bridge, no masterpoints. <i>Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza</i>

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don’t miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Room 225, second floor, ACC.
Speakers and topics are subject to change.

	Sunday, March 1		Monday, March 2
9:15 am	Adam Parrish <i>Leveling Up Your Game</i>	9:15 am	Corey Krantz <i>Three Attributes of Slam</i>
2:15 pm	Jerry Helms <i>An Important Suggestion</i>	2:15 pm	Donna Compton <i>Dummy’s Defensive Strategies</i>

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second floors of America’s Center and Marriott Plaza and sometimes also on the first floor of Marriott Plaza. The host committee is providing afternoon hospitality at 2 p.m. on selected days.

Sunday, March 1 Assorted pastries	Monday, March 2 Morning: cereal bars Afternoon: cookies
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PATRON LOUNGE

Patron Members are invited to visit the Patron Lounge in the Washington Room on the ground level of the Marriott Plaza from 1 to 3 p.m. today through Friday, March 6, for light lunch and coffee. The lounge is also open mornings 9 to 10 a.m. for coffee.

Sunday, March 1 Salad bar, vegetable crudité, hummus, soup, naan, fresh fruit, Greek yogurt	Monday, March 2 Smoked turkey sandwich, The Hill Italian sandwich or garden veggie wrap, soup, chips, cookies
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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 3 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



In the previous article, we started our exploration of the 1NT forcing response. We discussed that a 1NT response (by an unpassed hand) to 1♥ or 1♠ shows 6–12 points. This wide range is the downside of the system. Soon we will get into the actual 2/1 auctions and you will start to have some fun. Meanwhile, let's get the 1NT drudgery out of the way.

Be sure you realize that this 1NT forcing response applies only to MAJOR-SUIT OPENINGS. If the 1NT bidder is a passed hand, then it is obviously no longer forcing (it can be up to 11 or a terrible 12 HCP, though). Also, if there is any interference after the 1♥ or 1♠ opening (a double or an overcall), then 1NT reverts to plain old 6–10.

There are two ways to play the 1NT response:

A. Completely Forcing

or

B. Semi-forcing (to be discussed in a future article)

You must choose one or the other with your partner. You can't play both. It is either A or B. If it is A, then, of course, the opener must bid again. In ACBL-land, after a 1NT forcing response, the partner of the 1NT bidder announces "forcing." It is not an Alert. It is an Announcement like a Jacoby transfer.

Although I have a certain fondness for B, 1NT semi-forcing, the most common way to play the 1NT response is as "completely forcing." So, that is where we will focus our efforts.

After 1NT forcing

Opener rebids "naturally," but 1NT can't be the final contract. Opener cannot pass with a balanced minimum. The rebid of 2♣ or 2♦ might be a three-card suit. Opener is "stuck" if he opens 1♠ with, say:

♠K J 8 7 5 ♥Q 5 4 ♦A 2 ♣Q 3 2.

He would like to pass a 1NT response to his 1♠ opening, but has to dredge up a rebid if 1NT is forcing. He has to rebid 2♣, his three-card minor. (Anything else would be a worse lie; he can't rebid his five-card major and he can't rebid 2NT which would show 18–19). When opener has that dreaded 5–3–3–2 minimum, he usually picks his cheaper three-card minor.

What happens after opener makes his rebid? Because a 2♣ (or 2♦) rebid could be a three-card suit, responder won't be too anxious to raise. Opener's new suit is nonforcing, so

responder can choose to pass (though he must be aware that it could be a three-card suit).

Now let's look at what responder should do for his second bid after he has responded 1NT (completely) forcing. For example:

♠J 4 3 ♥2 ♦Q 7 6 5 2 ♣K J 6 5

After 1♥–1NT; 2♣, responder should pass. Yes, it might be a 4–3 fit.

New suits by responder on the two level are nonforcing. For example:

♠6 ♥K Q 9 8 7 6 ♦4 3 2 ♣Q 3 2

After 1♠–1NT; 2♦, responder should bid 2♥.

A preference to opener's major is typically weak, usually providing two-card support. For example:

♠Q 7 ♥A 4 3 2 ♦J 8 7 6 4 ♣J 3

After 1♠–1NT; 2♣, responder should bid 2♠.

A raise of opener's second suit is invitational and natural. (If 1NT was "forcing," the raise of a minor should show five-card support). For example:

♠4 ♥A 3 2 ♦6 4 3 2 ♣K Q 10 8 7

After 1♠–1NT; 2♣, responder should bid 3♣.

The 2NT rebid is invitational, natural. For example:

♠Q ♥Q 8 7 6 ♦K 10 8 7 2 ♣A 10 7

After 1♠–1NT; 2♣, responder should bid 2NT.

A jump raise of opener's major shows a three-card limit raise. For example:

♠K 4 3 ♥7 6 ♦A 8 7 5 ♣K J 3 2

After 1♠–1NT; 2♥, responder should bid 3♠.

Quiz for responder after 1♠–1NT; 2♣ (assume 1NT was forcing):

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|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| A. ♠6 | ♥10 3 2 | ♦Q 5 4 2 | ♣A K J 6 4 |
| B. ♠A 5 2 | ♥Q J 9 8 2 | ♦K 10 2 | ♣10 9 |
| C. ♠Q 7 | ♥A Q 6 2 | ♦9 8 7 6 | ♣5 4 2 |
| D. ♠10 | ♥Q 10 9 8 | ♦K Q 10 8 7 | ♣A 8 2 |
| E. ♠4 | ♥K Q 10 8 7 6 | ♦Q 4 3 2 | ♣J 2 |

Answers

- 3♣. Invitational.
- 3♠. This sequence is used to show a three-card limit raise.
- 2♠. This could be a very bad three-card raise, but is usually a hand like this – a "false preference" with doubleton support.
- 2NT. Natural, invitational.
- 2♥ Natural, nonforcing.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Cathie Galloway (second from left) has taught her grandchildren to play bridge over the years, and she brought them to the NABC in St. Louis to play in Saturday’s 0–20 masterpoint game. It was the first ACBL-sanctioned event for all of the kids.

“They really like to play,” said Galloway of Phoenix AZ, who attended the event with her daughter Emma Harty of St. Louis (far right).

Galloway’s grandchildren are (from left) Carter Willems, 18, Michael Woytek, 14, Caleb Woytek, 11 (front), Jack Willems, 16, and Felicity Woytek, 16.

Another grandchild who plays but who was not present yesterday was Faye Woytek, 7.

Harty is the mother of the Woytek children. The Woyteks live in St. Louis, while the Willems live in Centennial CO.



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Meck–Stedt cling to lead in Plats

Jeff Meckstroth of Clearwater Beach FL and Mikael Rimstedt of Halmstad, Sweden, have a thin lead in the Norman Kay Platinum Pairs going into the final. Meckstroth and Rimstedt scored 56.92% and 58.08% in the semifinal sessions and will have a carryover of 25.74 (13 top).

In second place are Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen of the Netherlands with a carryover of 25.13.

Dror Padon and Yinghao Liu are close behind in third.

Twenty-eight pairs will compete in today's two-session final.

Xiao–Duffie lead NABC+ Open Pairs

Brent Xiao of Fremont CA and Cornelius Duffie of Brooklyn NY had back-to-back 60% qualifying sessions in the NABC+ Open pairs to top the leaderboard with a combined score of 2324 (74 top). They have a carryover of 99.65 (38 top).

In second place from Shrewsbury MA are Jeff Xiao and Guanghao Xiao with a combined score of 2314. They followed up their 52.32% first session with 67.97%, moving up from 54th place, and have a carryover of 97.26.

The original field of 150 pairs was pared down to 78 for today's two-session final.

10K rulers lead Swiss

Daiva Vitukynaite and Gediminas Poska, who have three 10K titles between them, are leading the 0–10K Swiss Teams, playing with Steve Kreiner and David Bogolub. They finished with a score of 89.03 VPs and have a carryover of 26.04 VPs for today's two-session final.

In second place with a score of 79.75 VPs are Barry Margolin, Randy Okubo, Eric Gettleman and George Klemic. Their carryover is 17.92.

Joyce Goldstein, Tracy Brines, Ernie Schuler, and Thomas Peters are in third.

Of the 16 teams that entered the event, 12 qualified for the final.



FREE LESSONS

Renowned teacher Donna Compton and ACBL Hall of Famer Patty Tucker are each offering a free lesson. Better yet, both lessons will be followed by a free 12-board game for newer players (0-20 masterpoints). Pre-registration not required.

Date: Saturday, February 28
Time: 8am -9:45am
Speaker: Donna Compton
Topic: Notrump Lead Strategies

Date: Sunday, March 1
Time: 8am -9:45am
Speaker: Patty Tucker
Topic: Help Suit Game Tries

Location: Room 230, America's Center





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IMP Pairs

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Runners-up in the Lebharr IMP Pairs: Peter Boyd-Bowman and JJ Johnsen score of 92.54.

It's the first NABC+ win for Kuang and the second for Bryant, who won the Whitehead Women's Pairs in 2022 along with numerous Canadian championships. Kuang won the Grand National Teams Flight C in 2014.

In second with 83.87 IMPs were first-day leaders JJ Johnsen of Frisco TX and Peter Boyd-Bowman of Greensboro NC.

Both pairs were first-time partnerships arranged shortly before the first session.

Bryant's partner was stranded in Mexico, and Ron Smith hooked her up with Kuang. Johnsen and Boyd-Bowman both had other partners scheduled who canceled on them.

"I'm in tears," Bryant said upon learning they'd won.

"We felt good about it most of the way until we played Billy Miller in the ninth round," Kuang said.

"We doubled something and it made two overtricks," Bryant explained.

But more often than not, the doubles were on their side, and they proved to be a fertile source of IMPs.

"All day, all I did was reopen and he passed and they go for 800," Bryant said.

Senior Mixed

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Runners-up in the Senior Mixed Pairs: David Treitel and Pamela Granovetter Ocala FL and Pamela Granovetter of Cincinnati OH.

Although Bart – a member of the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame – has won multiple NABC and Canadian national contests, this was first NABC victory for Ohliger.

"I want to thank my longtime mentor Blair Seidler for helping me become a more experienced player," said Ohliger after the win.

Third place went to Alan Schwartz and Annie Schwartz of Fairfax VA.

For an AI-generated recap of the first final session, visit: <https://cloud.bridgefinesse.com/ACBLLive/AIStories/N2603001SMXP3PAIR.htm>

For the second final, visit: <https://cloud.bridgefinesse.com/ACBLLive/AIStories/N2603001SMXP4PAIR.htm>

Use of Multi 2♦

The Multi 2♦ convention is allowed in the Kay Platinum Pairs. The recommended defense can be found [here](#). Scroll to the "Defense Database" section and select the "Multi 2 Diamond Defenses Policy."

Drew obit

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He served as the District 2 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors from 1969 to 1993 (with the exception of a three-year hiatus) and was elected ACBL president in 1984 and chairman of the Board of Governors in 1985. During that period, Drew was the driving force behind the creation of two all-Canadian ACBL districts (1 and 2).

Drew took an eager interest in Canadian international affairs and the World Bridge Federation. As a representative of WBF Zone II (North America), he served on the WBF Executive Council and many of its committees, including appeals, corporate development, finance and masterpoints.

Drew's superb organizational and problem-solving abilities were evidenced in the many tournaments he chaired and co-chaired over the years, including the Toronto Canadian Nationals Regional, the Niagara Falls Regional, and the 1997 World Junior Bridge Team Championships in Hamilton ON.

For his decades of organizational work, Drew was inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame in 1991.

While Drew's accomplishments as a bridge administrator overshadowed his success as a player, he won numerous regional titles. He was a Sapphire Life Master. Drew also created his own bidding system, "Five-Card Minors," intended to be a fun-to-play method for the amusement of its devotees and opponents alike. The key to the system is that playing five-card minors dictates opening three-card majors.

Doug and his wife, Margaret, moved to Victoria a few years ago. Doug was increasingly becoming blind, but, with Margaret's help, was able to continue to play bridge. On Dec. 2, Doug and Margaret died 14 hours apart in the same room at hospice.

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC 0–10,000 SWISS TEAMS

12 Tables / Based on 16 Tables		Carryover
1	Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL; Steve Kreiner, Techny IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL	26.04
2	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN; Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; George Klemic, Lombard IL	17.92
3	Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY; Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Ernie Schuler, Wheaton MD; Thomas Peters, Dayton MD	7.66
4	John Vega – Louis Trautwein III, Naples FL; George Mansour, Scranton PA; Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA	7.31
5	Gregory Klinker – Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI; Sherry Fardie, Newport RI; Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI	5.33
6	Andrew Carver – Ben Englert, Belleville IL; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO; Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO	4.60
7	Robert Guerard, Brossard QC; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Robert Williams, Bedford NS; Elliott Kayser, Halifax NS	3.29
8	Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Somers Collins – Andrew Collins, Little Rock AR; Sherman Gao, Alhambra CA	2.77
9	Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN; Paul Gutterman, Palmetto FL; Robert Winters, McMurray PA; Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN	1.67
10	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	1.23
11	Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; Leah Newell, Springfield IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN	1.16
12	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

14.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables		Carryover
1	Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	25.74
2	Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	25.13
3	Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA	24.08
4	Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	22.26
5	Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	19.17
6	Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA	16.52
7	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland	16.28
8	Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	14.83
9	Olivia Schireson, Colorado Spring CO; Chris Willenken, New York NY	14.12
10	Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy	13.45
11	Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	12.76
12	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	10.92
13	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	10.35
14	Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland	8.45
15	Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	8.20
16	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	7.51
17	Guy Mendes de Leon, Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	7.05
18	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	6.26
19	Li-Hsiang Kuo – Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan	5.61
20	Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy	4.64
21	Sheldon Tan, New York NY; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA	4.49
22	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	4.38
23	Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	3.55
24	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	3.01
25	Avery Silverstein – Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	2.91
26	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	2.24
27	Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	1.41
28	James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC+ OPEN PAIRS

39.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	99.65
2	Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	97.26
3	Jay Barron, Norman OK; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	90.21
4	Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA	85.36
5	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	79.22
6	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	78.62
7	Michael Hu, San Jose CA; Amir Ezion, Ashkelon Israel	78.56
8	Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY	78.34
9	Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England	73.70
10	Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	70.99
11	Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	69.18
12	William Pollack, Boca Raton FL; Sam Lev, Aventura FL	68.34
13	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	61.90
14	James Geist, Olney MD; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA	61.54
15	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	61.03
16	Sheng Li, New York NY; Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA	59.42
17	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	54.37
18	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	53.87
19	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	53.53
20	John Krah, Seattle WA; Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH	52.40
21	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	50.93
22	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	50.79
23	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	50.33
24	Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV	49.43
25	Walter Schafer Jr., Inglewood CA; Amy Casanova, Portland OR	48.68
26	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	48.45
27	Andrew Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX	46.76
28	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	45.97
29	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL	45.20
30	Stelian Hritcu, North Olmsted OH; John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH	44.50
31	Jim McKeown, State College PA; Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA	43.28
32	Irene Baroni, Paris France; Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA	43.06
33	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Tod Moses, St. Louis MO	42.35
34	Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL	41.89
35	Li Zhang, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA	39.13
36	Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV	37.66
37	Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	37.04
38	Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Radu Nistor, New York NY	34.93
39	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	34.15
40	Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Catherine Williams, New York City NY	33.30
41	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	33.20



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42	Marc Jacobus – Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	32.85
43	Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA	32.07
44	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX	32.05
45	Russ Kirkpatrick, Mobile AL; Jeremy Stambaugh, Jackson MS	31.06
46	Charles Fortney, Saint Paul MN; Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL	29.69
47	Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; John Adams, Cheney WA	26.06
48	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	25.99
49	Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA	25.50
50	Toby White, Des Moines IA; Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	24.80
51	Chip Dombrowski, Batavia OH; Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH	23.72
52	Matthew Haag, Henderson NV; Aravind Alwan, Hayward CA	23.47
53	Prashanth Sriram, Bentonville AR; Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA	22.83
54	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	22.73
55	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	21.75
56	Maxim Siline – Carrie Liu, Hudson MA	20.55
57	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND	20.48
58	Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	19.34
59	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	18.01
60	Vincent Zheng, New York NY; Santiago Semberoiz, Fort Lauderdale FL	16.65
61	En Xie, St. Louis MO; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	14.84
62	Joon Pahk, Somerville MA; Jonathan Weinstein, Newton MA	13.20
63/64	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	13.12
63/64	Gabriel Tatar, Toronto ON; Dorin Toma, Guelph ON	13.12
65	Todd Wachsman, Delray Beach FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL	11.68
66	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Haijin Li, Lisle IL	10.45
67	Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Christine Child, Leeds United Kingdom	10.02
68	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	9.77
69	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	9.42
70	Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Stanley Landers, Old Westbury NY	9.31
71	Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom	8.69
72	Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Betty Cox, Randolph NJ	7.89
73	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Laura Lipman, Estero FL	6.91
74	Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	6.62
75	Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Zeynep Yilmaz,	5.50
76	Samuel Phillips, Largo FL; Paul Gallizzi, Tampa FL	3.78
77	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	3.55
78	Kevin Cline, Seattle WA; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	0.00

LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

52.0 Tables / Based on 99 Tables

100.00	1	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	92.54
75.00	2	Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	83.87
56.25	3	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	70.05
44.44	4	Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA	65.23
40.00	5	Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA	64.69
36.36	6	Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT; Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY	64.54
33.33	7	Sheldon Natenberg, Glenview IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	60.04
30.77	8	Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	58.77
28.57	9	Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil	58.33
26.67	10	Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY	55.16
25.00	11	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA	54.97
23.53	12	Peter Sugerman, South Windsor CT; James Scott, Wellington FL	54.83
22.22	13	Margie Cole, New York NY; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina	54.46
21.05	14	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	52.95
20.00	15	Jack Brawner Jr., Palm Harbor FL; David Rogers, Clearwater FL	52.70
19.05	16	Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	52.49
18.18	17	Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Joe Degaetano, Delray Beach FL	50.41
17.39	18	Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	49.95
18.59	19	Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey	48.50
26.23	20	Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA	47.72

15.38	21	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL	43.31
14.81	22	Mike Rice – Rosalind Lin, Chapel Hill NC	42.71
14.29	23	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	42.58
13.79	24	Peter Aldenderfer, Indianapolis IN; Larry Allison, Brownsburg IN	40.53
13.33	25	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	34.24
12.90	26	Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Jack Boge, New York NY	33.20
12.50	27	Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	33.10
12.12	28	Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	32.93
11.76	29	Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	32.55
11.43	30	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; David Green, Sherwood OR	30.89
11.11	31	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	30.62
10.81	32	Kurt Dasher, Petersburg MI; Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI	29.98
10.53	33	Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA	28.50
10.26	34	David desJardins, Burlingame CA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	27.37
13.56	35	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	26.58
13.73	36	Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	24.56
9.52	37	Garth Yettick, Westminster CO; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	24.07
9.30	38	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY	22.84
9.86	39	Richard Brown, Easley SC; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	19.11
8.89	40	B. Wayne Stuart III, Raleigh NC; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC	18.45
8.70	41	Hakan Berk, Ellicott City MD; Murat Berk, Potomac MD	17.96
8.51	42	Mark Laken, Baltimore MD; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD	17.80
8.33	43	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Stan Dub, Shaker Heights OH	16.05
8.16	44	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	13.35
10.50	45	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Mariusz Krasnicki, Lodz Poland	13.25
7.84	46	Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD	10.42
7.69	47	Mechel Frost – Matthew Morgan, Nashville TN	10.16
7.55	48	Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC	9.01
7.41	49	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH	8.28
7.27	50	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX	5.36



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39.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables

80.00	1	Lee Ohliger, Bradenton FL; Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL	1255.84
60.00	2	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1238.11
45.00	3	Alan Schwartz – Annie Schwartz, Fairfax VA	1232.81
35.56	4	Rosemary Kelley – Bill McCarty, San Antonio TX	1217.24
32.00	5	Joan Lewis – Robert Hopkins Jr., Arlington VA	1199.89
29.09	6	Claudia Feagin – Jack Feagin Jr., Atlanta GA	1193.13
26.67	7	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	1182.21
24.62	8	Scott Nason, Dallas TX; Tomi Storey, Frisco TX	1180.05
22.86	9	Stephen Sanborn – Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	1172.13
21.33	10	Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Julia Bomalaski, Melbourne FL	1171.39
20.00	11	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1167.44
18.82	12	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	1161.93
17.78	13	Fran White, Vista CA; Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL	1157.75
16.84	14	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	1151.44
16.00	15	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Charles Miner, Orlando FL	1148.38
15.24	16	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	1135.76
14.55	17	Tanaaz Timblo – Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA	1135.08
13.91	18	Susan Kissinger – John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	1111.26
13.33	19	Nancy Spear – Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS	1097.56
12.80	20	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	1093.80
12.31	21	Gary Soules – Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA	1092.96
11.85	22	Mark Perlmutter – Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA	1088.62
11.43	23	Ann Buchholz, St. Augustine FL; Mark Crumrine, Ocala FL	1086.80
11.03	24	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Larry Robbins, Glenview IL	1085.62
10.67	25	Laurie Rowe, Palm Desert CA; Ronald Woodard, Palm Springs CA	1081.33
10.32	26	Kurt Schaeffer, Lakeville MN; Patti Stuhlman, Minneapolis MN	1081.07
10.00	27	Diana Schuld, Glen Head NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	1076.92
9.70	28	Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; Karen Kendrick, Nashville TN	1071.38
16.29	29	Susan Stockham, Birmingham AL; Magnus Olafsson, Huntsville AL	1064.15
9.14	30	Nathan Hetz – Clara Hetz, Ramath-Gah Israel	1061.92
8.89	31	Susan Bullard – H. Gordon, Lexington KY	1060.77
8.65	32	Craig Kavin, Camarillo CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	1060.04

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1ST SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS

49.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
29.50	1	1		Robert Bell, Gig Harbor WA; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA	62.01%
22.13	2			Joe Grue, New York NY; Tom Grue, Apple Valley MN	60.71%
16.59	3			Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA	60.32%
12.45	4			Summer Rifkah, Hollidaysburg PA; Tudor Trifan, Matthews NC	60.25%
9.83	5			Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Molly O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL	60.04%
8.43	6			John Kloke II, Richmond VA; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater FL	59.59%
11.40	7	2	1	Zheng Zhang, Arcadia CA; Jack Chang, San Gabriel CA	58.69%
6.56	8			Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA	58.64%
5.90	9			Michael Crane, West Bloomfield MI; Richard Temkin, Farmington MI	57.05%
5.36	10			Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY	57.00%
4.92	11			Randy Thompson, Albuquerque NM; Barry Spector, Brooklyn NY	56.94%
4.54	12			Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ	56.67%
4.21	13			Varghese George, Milton GA; James Gentry Jr., North Augusta SC	56.44%
3.93	14			Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	56.16%
4.25	15			Lindy Purvis, Lawrence KS; James Flesher, Topeka KS	56.15%
7.46	16			Richard Hinkle – William Hill, Oklahoma City OK	55.96%
3.28	17			Terri Asiel – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	55.89%
4.17	18			Shihong You, Boyds MD; Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC	55.03%
2.95	19			Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA	54.95%
2.89	20			William Muir – Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	54.88%
2.68	21			Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Jim Russell, Sarasota FL	54.38%
8.55	22	3		Mark de Garcia, Columbia MO; Gregory Barnes, Jefferson City MO	54.24%
2.46	23			Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH; Arun Goyal, Mason OH	53.98%
2.36	24			Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA	53.84%
6.41	25	4		David Cochener, Clarksville TN; Jack McCullagh, Herndon KY	53.48%
5.07		5		Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON; Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH	53.48%
4.62		6		Stephen Pozez, Tucson AZ; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy TX	52.67%
3.80		7		Glenn Reider, Louisville TN; Simon Sellers, Walland TN	52.44%
3.38		8		John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	52.03%
4.83		9		Richard Peffer – Martin Friedman, Greensboro NC	52.01%
3.31		10		Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Sue Manning, Hector NY	51.70%
2.92		11		Erleta Plana, Sandnes Norway; Robert Ives, Bethesda MD	51.31%
2.34		12		Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	51.16%
2.17		13		Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA	50.85%
4.50		14	2	George Johnson, Rolla MO; Jerry Wade, Marathon FL	50.71%
3.38			3	Rick Londeree, Chesterfield MO; Shrikant Jategaonkar, St. Louis MO	50.47%
2.53			4	Sharon Sweet, Manchester MO; Ann Lemp, St. Louis MO	49.77%
2.00			5	Sarah Thesenvitz – Greg Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA	49.25%
2.89			6	Elizabeth Flanigan – John Masters, Naples FL	48.39%

1ST SATURDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

25.0 Tables

	7	4	2		
9.19	1	1		Katy Balagopal, Washougal WA; Michele Wallace, Prospect KY	65.33%
6.89	2			Julie Ertmann – Ellen White, Saint Louis MO	62.38%
5.17	3			David Williams, O'Fallon IL; Daniel Hellrung, Troy IL	59.46%
3.88	4			Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH	57.80%
4.81	5	2		Larry Harris, Creve Coeur MO; Roger Jespersen, Ballwin MO	56.86%
3.61	6	3	1	Yongyan Zhang, St. Louis MO; Ethan Yamada, University Place WA	56.52%
2.70	7	4	2	Vernon van Slyke, Leawood KS; Craig Harris, Raymore MO	56.39%
2.14	8	5		Jean Richer, Ottawa ON; Emilie Richer, Montreal QC	56.20%
2.29	9	6		Kevin Foley, Mission KS; Vicki Dubois, Overland Park KS	56.05%
2.31	10	7		John McKay, Kansas City MO; Eddie Gangriwala, Loch Lloyd MO	55.62%
1.82	11			Peggy Karner – Bradley Karner, Wildwood MO	54.81%
1.50	12	8		Scott Weber – Karon Fox, Jacksonville IL	54.53%
1.86	13	9		Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	54.45%
1.91			3	R.E. Stern, Chicago IL; Joshua Balmin, Tbd CA	53.94%
1.43			4	Timo Pekkanen, Cambridge MA; Jim Finn, Milton MA	51.08%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.77	1			Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	62.31%
3.58	2			Nancy Keefer – Mark Ehret, St. Louis MO	61.17%
2.68	3			Shmuel Greenberg, Israel; Anthony Toto, Clovis CA	56.06%
2.01	4			Carolyn Rowley, Evanston IL; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI	54.36%
3.68	5	1	1	Molly Walsh, York PA; Liza Broderick, Denver CO	54.17%
1.13	6			Nicole Qian, Evanston IL; Yizhou Liu, Chicago IL	53.79%
2.76		2	2	R.E. Stern, Chicago IL; Nathan Gehl, Chevy Chase MD	53.60%
2.07		3	3	Shae Patnoe – Jennifer Cox, Denver CO	51.89%
1.55		4	4	Jerry Wade, Marathon FL; Daniel Hellrung, Troy IL	51.52%
1.31		5		Ryan White, Indianapolis IN; Robert Wilson, Fishers IN	50.38%

SATURDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1			Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Debbie Hedenberg, La Jolla CA	65.00%
2.76	2			Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA	63.75%
2.82	3/4	1	1	Linda Key, Shiloh IL; Paul Greenspan, Centralia IL	60.00%
1.81	3/4			Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH; Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH	60.00%
1.16	5			Luca Crone, Dublin Ireland; Donna Lombardini, Alcester SD	55.42%
2.12		2		George Marvin, Maryland Heights MO; Jo-Ellyn Ryall, St. Louis MO	47.50%
1.95		2		David Zwonitzer – Kym Zwonitzer, Cheyenne WY	41.67%



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SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.85	1	1	1	Michael Liu – Shen Wang, unknown	66.41%
2.14	2	2		Jeanette Foley, Evansville IN; Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	66.11%
1.60	3	3		Carter Todd, Nashville TN; Gretchen Bartzen, San Francisco CA	57.02%
1.20	4			Susan Moody – Keith Moody, Gulfport MS	56.33%
1.01	5	4		Sandra Curtiss, Wildwood MO; Lynne Puetz, Ballwin MO	56.13%
1.40		5	2	Daniel Shavers – Judy Seltzer, St. Louis MO	53.39%
0.92			3/4	Anne Douglas – Sarah Wages, Texarkana AR	50.21%
0.92			3/4	Vijay Sadhu – Smita Sadhu, Columbia MO	50.21%

SATURDAY BRIDGE PLUS

6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.71	1	1	1	Maebeth Parish – Charles Parish, St. Louis MO	68.50%
1.28	2	2	2	Jack Willems, Littleton CO; Felicity Woytek, St. Louis MO	67.00%
0.96	3	3	3	Carter Willems, Tucson AZ; Leslie Dill, St. Louis MO	53.33%
0.72	4			Brian Seltzer, St. Louis MO; Beth Robinson, Manchester MO	53.30%
0.70		4		Anne Bresnahan – Patricia Azar, St. Louis MO	52.42%
0.65			4	Michael Woytek – Caleb Woytek, St Louis MO	51.83%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1			Karen Tabak Nussbaum, Houston TX; Terry Goodykoontz, Wellington FL	66.34%
4.12	2	1	1	Robert Glasspiegel – Susan Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	63.26%
3.09	3	2	2	Shannon Kasperkiewicz – Nathan Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA	62.69%
2.19	4			Marie Abate – Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	59.68%
1.96	5			Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Chris Rasmussen, Monroeville PA	59.15%
2.32	6	3		Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL	56.79%
1.74		4		Zeyu Wang, Evanston IL; Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI	56.51%
1.30		5		Ruthie Shor – Susan Bates, Dallas TX	55.91%
1.48			3	Victor Galis, Fremont CA; Joseph Carter, Eagan MN	53.15%
1.11			4	Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL; Jan Summers, Aurora IL	46.05%

1ST SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Kim Berndt – David Berndt, Manchester MO	61.11%
1.58	2	2		Jordan Canevari, Las Vegas NV; Patti Canevari, Vero Beach FL	55.56%
1.18	3			Carter Todd, Nashville TN; Gretchen Bartzen, San Francisco CA	54.76%

1ST THU-SAT SIDE SERIES

42.25 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

8.75	1/2			Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA	115.83%
8.75	1/2			Eli Jolley, Auburn AL	115.83%
4.93	3/4			Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	112.18%
4.93	3/4			Marie Abate, Newington CT	112.18%
4.03	5			Linda Key, Shiloh IL	111.49%
5.82	6/7			Robert Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	110.23%
5.82	6/7			Susan Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	110.23%
3.68	8/9			Debbie Hedenberg, La Jolla CA	108.39%
3.68	8/9			Paul Darin, San Diego CA	108.39%

1ST SATURDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

19 Tables / Based on 52 Tables

	A	X	Y		
24.80	1			Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht, Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands; Ernst Wackwitz, Hoofddorp Netherlands	87.00
18.60	2			Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; BobHamman, Dallas TX; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA	86.00
13.95	3			Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA	81.00
10.46	4			Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos – Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil	76.00
8.27	5			Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; David Abelow, La Jolla CA; Dorn Bishop, Escondido CA; Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	69.00
7.09	6			Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain	65.00
5.87	1	1		Jay Tang, Dover MA; Owen Lynch, Huntsville AL; Jianqiao Gu, Lexington MA; Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	60.00
4.40	2			Jeffrey Colton, Boynton Beach FL; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Dina Arker – Jay Sarver, Palm Beach Gard FL	55.00

SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

14.39	1	Charles Johnson, St. Louis MO; Aaron Gwin, Chesterfield MO; Robert Wheeler – George Hawley, Florissant MO	115.00
10.79	2	Betsy Cutler, Allentown PA; Bob Cole, Bethlehem PA; Bobette Thorsen – Todd Thorsen, Lititz PA	104.00
8.09	3	Mary Chaffin – Erica Walker, Dallas TX; Linda McReynolds, Houston TX; Sarah Springer, Katy TX	91.00
6.07	4	M. Schuster – Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria IL; Ann Schuyler – Lori Moore, Bloomington IL	88.00

SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

11.81	1	Buddy Massey, Gulfport MS; Robert Reich, Mandeville LA; Sharon Murphy – Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN	115.00
8.86	2	Brian Kalcic, St. Louis MO; Jeff Eisenberger, Chesterfield MO; Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Charles Swart, Alameda CA	99.00
6.64	3	Penny Sweeney, Maple City MI; Kathy Twomey, Bloomfield Village MI; Katherine Zimmerman – Cynthia Bowman, Louisville KY	82.00
4.98	4	Ed Gould – Cornelia Gould, Indian Wells CA; Darlene Scott, Oakville ON; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	78.00

SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables

9.56	1	Jim Janik, Hilliard OH; Charles Driscoll, Westerville OH; Robert Kaplan – Linda Bodien, Columbus OH	122.00
6.28	2/3	Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Jim Gibson, Ellisville MO; Michael Kelly, Chesterfield MO; Job George, Columbia IL	99.00
6.28	2/3	Kevin Robertson, Beachwood OH; Miguel Zubizarreta, Bay Village OH; Kathy Duggan, Knoxville TN; Deborah Tormey, New York NY	99.00
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SATURDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4

9 Tables

7.02	1	Mike Davis, Lees' Summit MO; Greg Foster – Gautam Bhadbhade, Kansas City MO; Mary Schneider, Olathe KS	119.00
5.27	2	Alex Ding – Sascha Gordon-Zolov – Richmond Yeung – Xianwen Song, Chicago IL	101.00
3.95	3	Gretchen Wyatt – Michelle Tai – Alexandra Narasin, Atherton CA; Amy Salisbury, Austin TX	99.00
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2.65	4/5	Robert Finley, Mc Lean VA; David Ball, Bethesda MD; Mary Stockmal, Hinsdale IL; Rebecca Anderson, Clarendon Hills IL	77.00

Silver Ribbon Pairs



The Silver Ribbon Pairs champs last year were Mark Itabashi and Neil Silverman.

The Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs gets underway today. Paid-up ACBL members age 65 or older, who have a Silver, Red or Blue Ribbon qualification are eligible to play.

The Silver Ribbon Pairs consists of two qualifying and two final sessions. The winners are honored by the Leventritt Trophy and will receive a certificate of recognition.

The trophy honors Peter Leventritt of New York, ACBL president in 1954 and assistant treasurer 1945–46. He served as president of the Greater New York Bridge Association and the Card School of New York, which he co-founded.

Leventritt (1916–1997) pioneered the use of the Schenken System in partnership with its inventor, Howard Schenken. He represented North America in the Bermuda Bowl and placed second in 1957, 1961, 1963 and 1965.

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1997 Chuck Said, John Russell
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1999 Jim Kirkham, Corinne Kirkham
2000 Rhoda Walsh, Charles Coon
2001 Fred Hamilton, Steve Catlett
2002 Marilyn Hemenway, Mike Albert
2003 Roger Lord, Alan Popkin
2004 Joseph Godefrin, Ed Schulte
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2007 Allan Siebert, Alan Stout
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2017 David Hampton, Bill Marshall
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2021 Not held
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2023 Sheila Gabay, Lew Gamerman
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The 2025 0-10,000 Swiss Teams winners: E Andreas Rolf-Larsen, captain Lynne Castoldi, Christian Lahrmann and Daniel Brandgaard

Spring 0–10,000 Swiss Teams

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2020 Not held
2021 Not held
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St. Louis Vugraph and BridgeCast

RealBridge

Vugraph will be on RealBridge, which provides reliable delayed broadcasts, as well as a wealth of information for those of you who want to see what happened at other tables, and a bunch of statistics. For St. Louis, RealBridge has provided us with a new functionality we asked for, that I think both operators and spectators will really appreciate: Operators can now chat to spectators to give you some inside information on what is happening at the table. Operator chat will appear as each board is played. You can't respond or ask the operators questions, as by the time you see something on the kibitz site, the operator will be following a future board.

To kibitz on RealBridge, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/> and click on the event you want to watch. RealBridge has helpful information for

spectators at <https://realbridge.online/for-spectators.html>.

Schedule

We'll be showing Vugraph through Saturday, March 7 (or March 8 if there is a surprisingly large Vanderbilt entry).

Sunday, March 1: Platinum Pairs final. Vugraph will start at 10:15 a.m. & 3:45 p.m. Central Time, 15 minutes after play starts.

Monday through Saturday, March 2-7: Vanderbilt KO. We will cover the Vanderbilt from start to finish. On Monday, when there will be too many teams for screens, Vugraph will start at 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Vugraph will start at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. All Central Time. Results from matches not on Vugraph will be shown on BridgeWinners at the end of each quarter.

Bridgecasts

Rob Barrington will again be hosting live commentary at bridgecast.org. The current plan is for a summary of each of the first two days of the Platinum Pairs, and full day coverage of the Platinum Pairs Final, at 10:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. CT.

On Monday, March 2, (depending of course on the number of teams entered), there will be a Bridgecast summary of the Vanderbilt Round of 64 and perhaps some live coverage, starting at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Vanderbilt rounds of 32, 16, and 8), there will be a summary of the first half of play and full coverage of the second half, starting at 4 p.m. CST each day.

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Bridge Brawl is Coming!

By Kai Eckert



Greetings, fellow bridge lovers! It's "Bridgin' with Kai" Eckert here, and I am so excited to announce an event that I have been working on for the past six months: Bridge Brawl! This is the first event of its kind. We are bringing together 18 online bridge content creators, and we're going to make them brawl it out in a Soloway-style tournament on BBO. The event will be held between March 10 and March 22, immediately after the St. Louis NABC.

The event will feature a round-robin phase and a KO phase. The round-robin phase runs from Tuesday, March 10, to Monday, March 16. There are two round-robin groups. Teams within a group will play every other team in their group, and that will determine the seeding for the KO Phase.

The KO phase runs between March 20 and March 22. There will be an "A" KO and a "B" KO based on the round-robin rankings. So, all skill

levels of the team have a chance at the prize pool. And the best part: The KO matches have a very interesting new win condition that will keep the brawlers and viewers on their toes. I'll give you a little spoiler on what its all about. It's kind of like tennis, and it has to do with the "beer card"! What's even cooler is viewers might even have a chance to help decide the winner for matches if they're too tied up!

You can watch the event either in your favorite content creators'

livestream, or if you want a bird's-eye view, you can check out Bridge Base Online's YouTube channel, where there will be a continuous livestream with commentary coverage of every single match. A bonus perk of watching on the BBO Youtube Channel is that you'll be able to choose who wins some very special prizes via chat votes.

If you want to make the Bridge Brawl even more of a ruckus, pop into the live streams of the creator and/or BBO and get involved. Speak your mind, and start friendly rivalries by cheering on your favorites. Vote in the polls. And if you're really feeling like making a big explosion, please consider donating to the GoFundMe Prize Pool to help support our winners in their efforts to spread bridge online. Most content creators are contributing hundreds of hours working to put bridge on the digital map for free! With Bridge Brawl, we want to reward them!

For more information about the event,
visit <https://bridgebrawl.sabil.ca/>

To watch the BBO Livestream with commentary, the BBO Youtube Channel is at
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Here are the links to all of the Bridge Brawler's channels:

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And, of course, if you are feeling like making a HUGE impact on the event, please consider donating to the community-funded prize pool:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/bridge-brawl-support-the-prize-pool>

Expert Technique

Leaving a trump at large

By Brian Glubok

Board 8 of the first qualifying session of the Baldwin North American Pairs raises some interesting points in both bidding and play. South holds:

♠K 10 9 6 4 ♥A Q 9 3 ♦Q 10 ♣10 8

and hears partner open 1♥ after West passes.

With responder's hand, I prefer a tactical raise to 4♥, or perhaps a limit raise – but even if partner declines, I'd be reluctant to play below game.

At the table I was watching, the SoCal qualifier chose to respond 1♠; the auction continued:

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

This had the unintended effect of inducing a diamond lead from the NYC qualifier sitting East.

West won the opening lead with the ace and gave declarer a chance for an 11th trick by shooting a club through. Too busy.

Dir: West	♠ J
Vul: None	♥ K J 8 7 4
	♦ J 5 2
	♣ A K Q J
♠ A Q 8 3 2	♠ 7 5
♥ 6	♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 7 4 3	♦ K 9 8 6
♣ 6 5 2	♣ 9 7 4 3
	♠ K 10 9 6 4
	♥ A Q 9 3
	♦ Q 10
	♣ 10 8

Declarer won the club and had a chance at 11 tricks, but he played safe – he drew three rounds of trump and took his high clubs, discarding dummy's ♦Q.

Then he ran the ♠J – this lost to the queen, and now, after a diamond return, declarer couldn't ruff two diamonds in dummy or get back to dummy's spades after a ruffing finesse against RHO's ace.

This hand illustrates a theme which occurs with great frequency, in many different variations.

In order to make 11 tricks, Declarer must pause in drawing trumps after two rounds, leaving one enemy trump outstanding.

Then, after losing to the ♠Q and suffering the diamond through, declarer can take the ruffing finesse in spades (still leaving one trump outstanding) and get back to dummy in trump to cash dummy's ♠10 for the 11th trick.

This technique, where declarer leaves one trump outstanding, may prove useful for communication purposes, or to an extra ruff in dummy – in this hand, both motivations may apply.

This theme comes up with great frequency, I recommend you be alert for it.

Also, as defender, ask yourself, in a situation like this: Might we lose the ♦K if partner has it and I don't play one back? If the answer is "yes," then continue the suit partner led!

They'll thank you for it.

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No need for bad thoughts – just make the hand

By George Klemic

Board 4 of the second qualifying session of the Lebhar IMP Pairs was a test, with a lot of IMPs at stake. This is what happened at our table:

Dlr: West	♠ K Q J 10 6		
Vul: Both	♥ A K 6 4 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ Q 6 4		
♠ 9 3		♠ 8 7 4 2	
♥ Q		♥ J 10 8 5	
♦ Q 9 8 3 2		♦ K 10 7 6	
♣ 10 9 5 3 2		♣ 8	
	♠ A 5		
	♥ 9 7 2		
	♦ A J 5 4		
	♣ A K J 7		

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣

All Pass

Opening lead: ♠9.

Counting top tricks, there are five spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs on power, making 6NT a lock. However, you are in clubs, 13 tricks are there (potentially) with the diamond ruff because the ruff is with the short trump suit. So, with nothing else obvious to do, win the lead, ruff a diamond, then cash the ♣Q and lead another club,

intending to claim when trumps are 4–2. However, when East discards a diamond, you may think some bad things, but then need to turn your attention to making the hand.

It's true that West will win a natural trump trick, but unless they are able to force a second winner, you will still make the hand. However, you can't cash the ♦A right away, otherwise when major-suit winners are played, the defense will be able to ruff in and lead diamonds again. This can be accomplished if West started with at most one heart. After drawing four total rounds of trumps, you then lead a heart towards dummy, win the ace (noting the queen) and simply run spades. At some point, West will ruff in, but with nothing left to lead but diamonds, they will have to give you that winner.

In a bridge oddity on this deal, 12 tricks can be won in three different denominations. 6NT is cold despite the diamond void, with 12 tricks on power. 6♠ in the seven-card fit is also cold for the same reason (win and draw trumps, treating the hand as if it were in notrump). Finally, 6♣, another seven-card fit, is unbeatable, though you need to play carefully (the play may vary based on the lead, but it can always be made). However, those that found slam in their eight-card major-suit fit in hearts had no play due to the bad trump break.

Making any vulnerable slam is great at IMP pairs scoring when one strain has no play and not every table is going to bid a slam (though many did). 6♣ making for +1370 won 11 IMPs. I would love to claim credit for making a vulnerable slam in a Moysian fit, but it was our opponents today that had the pleasure.

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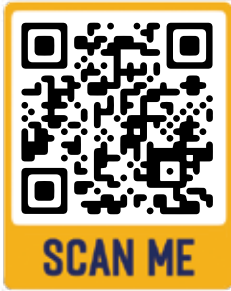
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Platinum Rising

By Mark Horton, UK

Although at \$1769.75 per ounce, platinum is way behind the price of gold (\$5280.30 per ounce), this weekend it will be the metal of choice for the players who are contesting the Kay Platinum Pairs.

The 52 pairs qualifying for the semifinals were headed by Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson, followed by Luc Tijssen and Guy Mendes de Leon and Jeff Meckstroth and Mikael Rimstedt (both former World Open Pairs Champions, Jeff in 1986, Mikael in 2018).

Matchpointed pairs requires immense concentration. In a 26-deal session, each board is worth approximately 4%. If you go into each session prepared for the near certainty that you will have four poor results, you will be better armed to accept them when they arise.

Before we take a look at the first session of the semifinal, here is a deal from Friday's qualifying round:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Several pairs bid 6NT. When North was the declarer, East did not find the killing heart lead (that did happen once where North was in 6♣), so it was a question of how to take all the tricks. Say East leads a club. Declarer wins, unblocks the ♠A, crosses to dummy with a diamond, cashes the ♠K pitching a heart and then settles down to the clubs to reach this position:

<p>♠ — ♥ A ♦ 10 9 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ 7 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ — ♦ Q 2 ♣ —</p>
	<p>♠ J ♥ — ♦ A 8 ♣ —</p>	

When the ♣2 is cashed, East must part with a diamond. The redundant ♠J goes from dummy and West has no answer.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dunitz</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Lien</i>
1♥	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	1♦	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dbl	2♥ ⁽²⁾
All Pass		2NT	5♣

(1) Spades and clubs

(2) Good hand

In the modern style, West scraped up a response, and East's double usually suggests a good hand, not simply good diamonds.

You can debate what South should do over 2NT – is 4♣ enough?

West led the ♦9, and the defenders had three tricks, -100.

If North is declarer, 5♣ cannot be defeated. You could make a case for a bid of 2NT over East's double to ask partner to bid clubs.

At the four other featured tables, E/W played in hearts, the results ranging from +170 to -100 for 3♥ doubled down 1.

Board 3. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ashe</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
1♠	Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

(1) Spade raise

After a brief exchange of control-showing bids, West took a shot at the slam.

North led the ♥9. Declarer took dummy's top hearts, pitching two diamonds, and played two rounds of clubs, South winning and returning the ♦3. Declarer won, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and cashed the ♠J, claiming, +1430.

At the other featured tables, only Toledano and Zamir bid the slam, against van de Pavverd and Schaltz.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Millens</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♦4. Declarer won with the ♦K, cashed the ♥A collecting West's ♥Q, cashed two more hearts, unblocked the clubs, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played two rounds of clubs, scoring a spade at the end for +600.

The alternative line after cashing one heart is to unblock the clubs and duck a heart, hoping the defenders cannot cash four spades.

Martin Schaltz went down in 3NT, the other three Souths playing in 4♥ and making it when West led a diamond.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.	
	♠ A J 6 4 3
	♥ A J 4
	♦ A 9 6 4
	♣ 2
♠ 7 2	♠ K Q 9
♥ K Q 10 8	♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ K	♦ 7 3 2
♣ K J 7 6 4 3	♣ A 10 8
	♠ 10 8 5
	♥ 9 7
	♦ Q J 10 8 5
	♣ Q 9 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Lair</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Gerard</i>	<i>Lien</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♠	1NT	2♠
4♣	Dbl	3NT	Pass
		All Pass	

North led the ♣2. Declarer won with the ♣J and played the ♠7, North taking the ♠A and switching to the ♥4 (well done if you would have tabled the ♦A). Declarer could win, draw trumps ending in dummy, pitch the ♦K on dummy's spades and emerge with an overtrick.

As an aside, how would you play a bid of 3♦ by North over 3♣? What do you think a double of 3♣ should promise?

Tijssen and Mendes de Leon played in 3♦, South opening 2♣ (strong or weak in diamonds) and rebidding 3♦ over partner's 2NT. Trying for an overtrick, declarer went one down.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchi</i>	<i>Tan</i>	<i>Tadolini</i>	<i>Ganesan</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the ♠2, and declarer won the second round of the suit and cashed six diamonds. When West pitched a heart on the second round of the suit, declarer played a heart to the jack for +690.

That's what the play record says, but the score was posted as +630, so probably West pitched the ♠3 as opposed to the ♥3. Even so, +630 was clearly a good score.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lishkov</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾
3NT	All Pass		
(1) Multi			
(2) Pass or correct			

North led the ♥Q, and declarer won and played a club to the king, South winning and returning the ♥5. North won with the ♥10 and continued with the ♥4, so declarer took 11 tricks, but +660 could not match the +680 that was available in spades.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lishkov</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠	Dbf
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		
(1) Spades			

East led the ♣K. Declarer won and played the ♦4, East taking the ♦A and continuing with the ♣Q followed by the ♣7. Declarer pitched a spade on dummy's ♣J, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♥A and played a heart to the king so "only" +790.

All the other featured tables were in 4♠ doubled, Zeckhauser and Brogeland escaping for only one down when South led a diamond at trick one.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Song</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Lien</i>
		1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥ ⁽¹⁾	Dbf	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dbf	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
(1) 10–14 HCP			
(2) Spades			

This auction gives rise to a number of theoretical issues. If North wanted to show a more distributional takeout, he could bid 2♠ over 2♥. It would be interesting to know what South thought the double of 2♥ promised. He presumably took the double of 2♠ as being for takeout. In that situation, what's the difference between bidding 2NT and 3♣?

West led the ♦10. Declarer took the second round of the suit with dummy's ♦A, cashed the top clubs, unblocked the ♠K Q, ruffed a diamond, pitched a heart on the ♠A, ruffed a spade and claimed, +110, clearly a good result.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Rush</i>	<i>Lu</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

With a tough lead, East went with the ♣2, and declarer elected to put up dummy's ♣A and played the ♥2. When West followed with the ♥6, East took declarer's ♥J and switched to the ♠9 (finding a diamond switch is a tall order), declarer winning with dummy's ♠Q and playing a heart to the queen followed by the ♥10. West won and returned the ♣4, East winning with the ♣J and trying the ♠K. Declarer took dummy's ♠A, played a spade to the jack and the ♣Q, claiming nine tricks, +150.

When Tan and Ganesan faced Towner and Ramos, East opened 1♣ and when South overcalled 1♦, West bid 1♠. North's 2♥ ended the auction, and it looked like declarer was a favorite to take 10 tricks. However, when East led the ♠2, declarer put up dummy's ♠A and +140 did not look promising.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
	1♣	2♥	3NT
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

No doubt South had his reasons for bidding 4♦, but +150 (of course, he got the trumps right) was a poor result against the doubled game that he would undoubtedly have made.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
3♠	Dbl	2♠	Pass
		All Pass	

South led the ♥7, and when dummy's ♥J held, declarer played a spade to the 10, South winning as North pitched the ♣3. The ♦J was covered by the queen and ace, and the defenders cashed two more tricks in the suit, South then switching back to hearts. North took the ♥A and played the ♣Q, South overtaking and returning the ♣6. North won and played the ♦3, ruffed and overruffed and that meant five down, -1400.

Schaltz and van de Pavverd reached slam, and declarer played West for the ♦Q to record +920.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Glubok</i>	<i>van de Pavverd</i>	<i>Baqai</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>
Pass	1♣	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠5 to the 3, jack and king, and declarer continued with the ♣Q, correctly ducked by East. A second club meant West had to find a discard, and when he pitched the ♥9, declarer continued with a heart. He was assured of nine tricks and he finished with 10, +430.

If West discards a spade on the second round of clubs, he can win the first round of hearts and play a spade. East wins and if he now cashes the ♦A the defenders will come to two more tricks, one in each red suit for one down.

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Types of team events

Knockout teams: an event in which a team (of four, five or six players, with four playing at a time) plays another team. The losers are eliminated or "knocked out" while the winners play other winners until only one winning team remains. Sometimes, there are three-way matches, also called round-robin matches, where three teams play against each other, normally with two survivors.

The length of a KO match may vary from a single session to a full day (the Vanderbilt and Spingold) to a multi-day event (the Bermuda Bowl).

Bracketed knockout teams: a KO event in which teams are divided into groups, usually of eight to 16, based on their masterpoint holdings. The top group (Bracket I) and all other groups compete in a separate event with their own set of winners.

Compact knockout teams: a shorter version of bracketed KO teams for four-player teams only.

Soloway-style knockout teams: a KO event in which teams are divided into groups, usually of 6–12, based on their masterpoint holdings. Each bracket is guaranteed to play two sessions in a Swiss format. With groups

of fewer than 10, all teams will play each other in a round robin Swiss (matches of 6–8 boards). Groups that have 10 or more teams will play a regular two-session Swiss to determine the qualifiers. The top four teams based on VPs qualify to the semifinals of the KO. The first-place team gets to pick their opponent from the qualifiers that finished third and fourth (not second – unless the second-place team wishes to make themselves available to be picked). On the second day of the KO, teams are frequently required to pay for two sessions with a required playoff to determine third and fourth place. The playoff requirement can vary; check with your local director to see if that will be required at your tournament.

Swiss teams: an event in which a team (of four, five or six players, with four playing at a time) plays other teams in matches of six to nine boards. Team A sits North-South at Table 1 and East-West at Table 2 while Team B sits East-West at Table 1 and North-South at Table 2. The results are compared and scored by International Match Points (IMPs).

Pairings for the first round are random. Pairings for succeeding rounds are determined by a team's win-loss record or victory point total.

Bracketed round robin teams: an event in which teams are divided into groups, usually of 7–9, based on their masterpoint holdings. All teams will play each other within their group. The

results are scored using IMPs. With 7–8 teams in the group, the top three teams receive gold masterpoints and with 9 teams, the top four will receive gold masterpoints.

Open Swiss with a limited bracketed round robin teams: two events in which teams opt to play in either the Open Swiss (available to all players) or they can play in the bracketed round robin which has a masterpoint cutoff (often a number around 2500–4000). If there is a limited bracketed round robin available, the maximum masterpoints means no one person can have more than the limit.

Scoring systems used in teams
International match points (IMPs): the most common method of scoring team matches. Scoring example: if Team A scores plus 620 for bidding and making 4♠ on a particular deal and Team B scores only plus 170 (they didn't bid the game), the difference is 450, which converts to 10 IMPs. The IMP chart is shown on the inside of your convention card.

Victory points (VPs): a method of scoring Swiss Team matches. After the scores are compared and converted to IMPs, the IMP total is converted to Victory Points. A team's VP total may be used to determine its next opponents and its final standing. The VP scale is dependent on the length of the match, and there are a few scales out there – 20 VP, 30 VP and continuous (WBF).



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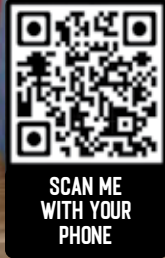
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10 am & 3 pm				
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0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
10 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 1	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$40	\$50
<i>Pre-registration required by 3:30pm Sunday 3/1</i>				
0-10,000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 1-2	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
<i>Pre-registration required by 3:30pm Sunday 3/1. Contingent entries allowed; may withdraw pending qualification in another event.</i>				
3 pm				
Monday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Monday Evening Side Pairs <i>Fri-Mon Evening Series</i>	single	Majestic F, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$22	\$22

* For premier, NABC+ and NABC events, participants must be full ACBL members and up-to-date with their membership dues or service fees. For all other events, participants must be ACBL members (or guest members). Inactive members may renew or pay a \$5 upcharge per session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.