



# Daily Bulletin

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## National event updates

- Hwang–Gordon lead Silver Ribbon quals
- Vandy draws 54 teams

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## Beyond Bridge



Beyond Bridge was a hit as usual Sunday night. The Gateway Ballroom on the lower level of the Marriott

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## Zamir–Toledano polish off the Plats



The Israeli pair Ami Zamir and Oren Toledano are the winners of the Kay Platinum Pairs. It's the third NABC+ title for the duo, who placed second in this event in 2024. "We had to come back and finish our job," said Toledano.

After the first semifinal session, the pair dropped off the leaderboard. They *continued on page 8*

**Winners of the Kay Platinum Pairs Ami Zamir and Oren Toledano**

## Norwegians grab Open Pairs win

Martin Andresen and Thor Erik Hoftaniska won the four-session NABC+ Open Pairs, narrowly edging out runners-up Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky. On a 38 top, the Norwegian pair finished just six matchpoints ahead of Doub, Oak Ridge TN, and Wildavsky, of New York City.

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**Winners of the NABC+ Open Pairs: Martin Andresen and Thor Erik Hoftaniska**



## Munro gets huge comeback in 10K Swiss



The team captained by Alan Munro of Vienna VA won the NABC 0–10,000 Swiss Teams on Sunday by less than 1 victory point. Munro played with Colin Schloss and Jichong Chai

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**Winners of the NABC 0–10,000 Swiss Teams: Colin Schloss, Alan Munro, Jichong Chai and Hongbo Li**



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



## Goodwill Message

Today is Goodwill Day! Goodwill builds bridges by connecting hearts and minds through the game we love.

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair  
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Today's Bridge Events

### Monday, March 2

#### Goodwill Day

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

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
<b>10 am</b>				
Monday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
<b>LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
Top-Flight Pairs ( <i>unlim./5000</i> )	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs ( <i>4000/1250</i> )	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	1-2 F	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
Top-Flight Swiss Teams ( <i>unlim./6000/4500</i> )	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS</b>	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>				
<b>3 pm</b>				
Monday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
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.



Join us for bridge-themed  
Jeopardy, Family Feud and other games

Wednesday, March 4, 8:30 p.m.  
Marriott 21st floor (use gold elevators)

## Today's Volunteer

### Jane Ettelson *Hospitality Chair*

Please enjoy your bridge breakfasts and afternoon hospitality along with Jane. A Sapphire Life Master, she has been playing duplicate for almost four decades now, after she and this writer got their start in the living room of a close friend and bridge aficionado. A devotee of the game, Jane rarely misses a local session, and she has traveled worldwide in search of boards. In addition, she has long been a key volunteer for the highly successful St. Louis Bridge Center efforts to raise money for The Longest Day.



Jane is both a keen bridge analyst and a generous partner, happily playing with anyone who asks. She loves a good bridge problem and will turn it every which way in search for an answer. Her partners know what a privilege and a joy it is to play with her.



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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

<p><b>Monday, March 2</b></p> <p>7:30–9:30 am <b>Teacher Breakfast.</b> 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></p> <p>8 am–5 pm <b>Best Practices Teacher Assessments.</b> People who complete the Best Practices</p>	<p>Teacher Workshop can sign up for an assessment during this time. <i>Room 232, second floor, ACC</i></p> <p>8:30–10 pm <b>It's Midnight Somewhere Zip KO.</b> Social bridge, no masterpoints. <i>Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b></p> <p>6–9:30 pm <b>ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.</b> <i>Lafayette Boardroom, mezzanine, Marriott main</i></p>
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## 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.

<p><b>Monday, March 2</b></p> <p>9:15 am Corey Krantz <i>Three Attributes of Slam</i></p> <p>2:15 pm Donna Compton <i>Dummy's Defensive Strategies</i></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b></p> <p>9:15 am Norman Beck <i>Odd Things and Bridge</i></p> <p>2:15 pm Jerry Helms <i>Fourth-Suit Forcing</i></p>
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## 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.

<p><b>Monday, March 2</b></p> <p>Morning: cereal bars    Afternoon: brownies</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b></p> <p>Yogurt</p>
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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.

<p><b>Monday, March 2</b></p> <p>Smoked turkey sandwich, The Hill Italian sandwich or garden veggie wrap, soup, chips, cookies</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b></p> <p>Taco bar, street corn salad, black beans, vegetable empanadas, cinnamon churros</p>
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## Evening entertainment

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

### Tonight

**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.

<p><b>Monday, March 2</b></p> <p>Doughboys, Taste D Burger, Wok-O Taco</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b></p> <p>Mr. Papas, Wing and a Prayer, Go Gyro Go</p>
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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 4 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



When is 2/1 in effect?

In the first part of this series, we introduced the reason for playing responder's two-level bids (in a new, lower suit) as game forcing. Now, let's go back into more detail and discuss all the responses.

First, let's make sure we are in an auction that calls for 2/1 GF. Here is a checklist of what is NOT a 2/1 GF auction:

1. A 1♣ opening. The opening bid can't be 1♣. After a 1♣ opening, use what methods you already use. A 1NT response is natural and presumably 6–10 or maybe 8–11 HCP. Your choice. A response on the one level is natural and, of course, forcing one round. A raise to 2♣ is natural (you can use inverted minors if you like, but that has nothing to do with 2/1 GF). Any other responses to 1♣ are jumps and must be defined by your partnership as either weak or strong. Your choice. Make sure you know what a 2NT response is (11–12 HCP, or maybe 13+, forcing). Discuss three-level responses, too.
2. A response to 1♦ other than 2♣. If the opening bid is 1♦, the only game-forcing response is 2♣. I recommend to play 1♦–2♣ as 100% GF. A 1NT response to 1♦ is simply 6–10 HCP. It is not a forcing (or semi-forcing) notrump. I recommend a 2NT response to show 11–12 balanced, invitational (no four-card major). Any two-level response to 1♦ in a major is not a 2/1 GF. It is a jumpshift. Make sure you know if your partnership treats it as weak or strong. (If you don't know, expect catastrophic results!)
3. The opponents interfere. If the opening is 1♥ or 1♠ and the next player passes, then a two-level response in a lower-ranking suit is indeed 2/1 GF. If the next player after the opening bid doubles or overcalls, we do not use 2/1 GF.  
*Note:* If you play any conventional responses to 1♥ or 1♠, those still apply. You can play 2/1 GF with or without any artificial raises. If you like Jacoby 2NT, fine. If you like Bergen raises, fine.
4. We pass as the dealer (or in second position). The 2/1 GF system applies only when we opened the bidding as the dealer or in second position. It is never used after our third- or fourth-seat opener.

Now that we've reviewed when 2/1 GF applies, let's also make sure we discuss a one-level response. Does anything

change with the auction, for example, 1♥–Pass–1♠?

No. Absolutely not. A one-level response is what it always meant. It is natural and shows 6+ HCP. It is forcing one round. It could be made with a 6-count. It could be made with a 20-count. I'd respond 1♠ to any opening bid with, say:

♠A Q J 7 2 ♥K 2 ♦A 3 2 ♣Q 4 2.

Responding on the one-level doesn't deny 13+. It doesn't mean there is no game.

What if you have a choice? For example, partner opens 1♥ and you hold:

♠A Q 3 2 ♥K 2 ♦7 6 5 ♣K Q 10 8.

Surely, you want to be in game or higher. You have enough strength for a 2/1 GF response. Should you respond 1♠ or 2♣? There is no official answer to this. If you had a fifth club and made the hand:

♠A Q 3 2 ♥K 2 ♦7 6 ♣K Q 10 8 3,

almost all experts would respond 2♣. They would plan to bid spades next to complete the picture. With the first (4–4) hand, personally I prefer to respond 2♣ (still planning to show spades later if need be). I find that a 2-over-1 auction is much more comfortable than a 1-over-1 auction. If I respond 1♠, the auction could get uncomfortable later (I will often have to go through the artificial fourth suit to create a force, and this takes up lots of space). I'd rather respond 2♣ and comfortably and naturally continue the auction without having to create an artificial force later. That said, I'm not going to completely distort my hand; if my only suit is spades (I have no four-card or longer minor), then I will reluctantly have to respond 1♠.

### Summary

1. Make sure you know when a 2/1 GF auction occurs (after a first- or second-seat opening with no interference). Be aware of minor-suit openings (the only minor-suit opening 2/1 GF is 1♦–2♣).
2. Be aware of 1NT responses (they are “normal” after a minor-suit opening or by a passed hand).
3. Conventional responses to your opening bids are not changed. Use what you always use.
4. One-level suit responses say nothing about game prospects. They mean what they always mean. Unlimited.
5. Sometimes you will have a choice of responding on the one level in a major or on the two level in a (four-card or longer) minor to create a GF right away. If in doubt, I recommend the latter approach.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Birgitt Adams of Southwest Harbor ME and Sandy Curtiss of St. Louis teamed up to play in Sunday's 299er game. Adams has a regular partner who lives in Nashville; the duo travels to tournaments, each in search of their Life Master gold cards. But that partner was unable to make it to St. Louis today, so Adams reached out to Curtiss to see if she was available. Adams and Curtiss are longtime friends who had not had the opportunity to play in many years.

Curtiss, who has been playing at the NABC since it began, happily agreed to play with Adams, whose first day to play was yesterday.



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## Hwang-Gordon lead Silver Ribbon quals

Boosted by a strong-second session performance, Kelley Hwang of New York City and Rob Gordon of Woodbury NY topped the field of qualifiers in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs.

Hwang and Gordon scored 56.69% in the first session and 67.30% in the second set.

Currently in second position are Rick Roeder of La Mesa CA and Richard Popper of Wilmington DE, while Chicago-area players Cheri Bjerkan and Larry Robbins are in third place.

## Vandy draws 54 teams

The Spring 2026 iteration of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams attracted 54 entrants. The format of the opening round includes 17 head-to-head matches, producing 17 winners, and

five four-way matches. Each four-way produces three advancing teams, meaning 15 squads will emerge from those contests. Total: 17 + 15 for the Round of 32 on Tuesday.

## 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](mailto: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.

## New Life Master

Patsy Cram of Indianapolis IN became a Life Master on Sunday playing in the Gold Rush Pairs with her husband, Bob. They came in second, winning 5.32 gold points.

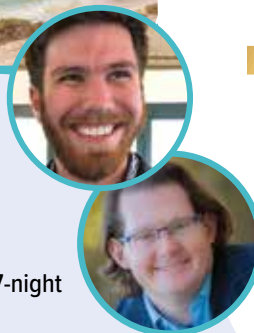


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# Platinum Pairs

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**Runners-up in the Kay Platinum Pairs Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen**

rallied and qualified for the final in 23rd place out of 28 pairs.

“We were struggling in the first two days,” said Zamir. “We barely qualified, and then today we were good.”

They scored 58.37 in the first final session to move up to third, then 63.46% to finish 18.14 matchpoints (13 top) ahead of the second-place pair, Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen, who were second in this event last year.

“We kept our spirit, the strong spirit, that we are always coming to play and do our best, and go through the bad times together, even when we struggle, it’s for the good,” said Toldano.

# NABC+ Pairs

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title for Hoftaniska, but the second for Andresen. He won the Nail Life Master Open Pairs in 2009. Both players have previously represented Norway in international play and have earned



**Runners-up in the NABC+ Open Pairs: Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky**

medals in European championships.

The winners qualified ninth in Saturday’s opening round. In the final sessions, they scored 53.54% and 61.69% respectively to claim the win.

Third place went to Irene Baroni of Paris, France, and Mike Rippey of San Francisco CA.

# 10K Swiss

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**Second in the NABC 0–10,000 Swiss Teams: David Bogolub, Steve Kreiner, Daiva Vitukynaite and Gediminas Polska**

of Falls Church VA and Hongbo Li of Baltimore MD.

They qualified in last place with zero carryover, and only made it to the second day because of recently implement rules that allow deep cuts in small events. They were 12th out of 16 teams who entered on Saturday. But they proved that once you’re in, you’re in, winning the first five of six matches on Sunday. It was only in the final round, which they lost by 3 IMPs, that they took the lead, when the team that had been leading up to that point lost by a larger amount.

“I thought we were second,” Munro said.

“The first day we got unlucky,” Chai said. “We thought if we just play normally, we could come back.”

The plan seemed to be working until the final match.

“I made a lot of mistakes in the last round,” Li said.

But they didn’t prove as costly as the team believed, and they won with 85.34 victory points to 84.52 for the team captained by Daiva Vitukynaite of Palos Hills IL.

Vitukynaite played with Gediminas Polska, also of Palos Hills, Steve Kreiner of Techny IL and David Bogolub of Deerfield IL.

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**NABC 0–10,000 SWISS TEAMS**

12 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

41.60	1	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA	85.34
31.20	2	Daiva Vitukynaite - Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL; Steve Kreiner, Techny IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL	84.52
23.40	3	Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN; Paul Gutterman, Palmetto FL; Robert Winters, McMurray PA; Sarah Wahl – Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN	78.72
18.49	4	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia	76.92

**KAY PLATINUM PAIRS**

14.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables

200.00	1	Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	430.51
150.00	2	Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	412.37
112.50	3	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	402.03
92.31	4	Zia Mahmood, London United Kingdom; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy	396.16
85.71	5	Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY	390.66
80.00	6	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	382.87
75.00	7	James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY	381.94
70.59	8	Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	379.14
66.67	9	Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy	374.44
63.16	10	Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Chris Willenken, New York NY	371.48
60.00	11	Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Lynn Baker, Austin TX	371.43
57.14	12	Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA	370.70
54.55	13	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	367.94
52.17	14	Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA	362.54
50.00	15	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland	361.82
48.00	16	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	359.15
46.15	17	Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	356.91
44.44	18	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands	356.30
42.86	19	Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	350.24
41.38	20	Guy Mendes de Leon, Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	345.28
40.00	21	Avery Silverstein – Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	342.32
38.71	22	William Neumann, Columbia MD; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	339.46
37.50	23	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	334.87
36.36	24	Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland	332.90
35.29	25	Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	314.66
34.29	26	Li-Hsiang Kuo – Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan	311.96
33.33	27	Sheldon Tan, New York NY; Sriram Ganesan, Sunnyvale CA	310.37

**Tucson Regional**  
**Marriott Tucson**  
**University Park Hotel**

**April 7-11 2026**

**Tournament Chair: Jack Shoemaker**  
**Email: shoejack20@gmail.com**

**QUALIFIERS IN THE LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS**

52.0 Tables / Based on 92 Tables	Carryover
1 Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	174.45
2 Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE	170.69
3 Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Larry Robbins, Glenview IL	164.25
4 Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	160.33
5 Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	155.72
6 Elizabeth Jankord – Amit Chakrabarti, Manhattan KS	130.22
7 Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV; Dennis Kasle, Scottsdale AZ	129.93
8 David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	129.68
9 Claudia Feagin – Jack Feagin Jr., Atlanta GA	127.46
10 Robert Maxson, River Forest IL; Claude Vogel, San Diego CA	126.57
11 Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	125.26
12 Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	124.53
13 Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	123.72
14 Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	122.57
15 Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Lee Ohliger, Bradenton FL	106.67
16 Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	105.50
17 Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ; Don Chillrud, Schenectady NY	99.72
18 Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	99.21
19 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH	96.36
20 Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD; R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	95.75
21 Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ; Jaggy Shivdasani, West Hollywood CA	89.73
22 Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Stan Dub, Shaker Heights OH	76.58
23 Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Baltimore MD	74.48
24 John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Susan Sneed, Scottsdale AZ	73.10
25 Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	70.96
26 Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Herbert Jordan, Miami FL	70.64
27 Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ; William Sigward, Pelham NY	69.34
28 Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Yossi Nygate, Rochester NY	67.71
29 Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	65.38
30 Nathan Hetz – Clara Hetz, Ramath-Gah Israel	63.53
31 Michael Creager, Bedford OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	62.42
32 Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	62.23
33 Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	61.89
34 James Scott, Wellington FL; Peter Sugerma, South Windsor CT	61.74
35 Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA	61.44
36 Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO	61.25
37 Victoria Muir – William Muir, Kansas City MO	59.66
38 Perry van Hook, Surprise AZ; Charles Finch, Las Vegas NV	57.06
39 Paul Chan – Lily Chan, Columbia MO	55.40
40 Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI; Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH	55.02
41 Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	54.61
42 Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	52.77
43 Fran White, Vista CA; Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL	52.75
44 Steve Robinson, Ashburn VA; Mark Shaw, Columbia MD	50.56
45 Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO	40.45
46 Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	39.94
47 Varghese George, Milton GA; James Gentry Jr., North Augusta SC	39.78
48 Jeffrey Lehman, Newton MA; Alan Frank, Amherst MA	38.80
49 Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Shihong You, Boyds MD	37.84
50 Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	36.71
51 Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH; Arun Goyal, Mason OH	34.36
52 Susan Davis, Marietta GA; Gabriel Fadel, Alpharetta GA	33.53
53 Ann Buchholz, Saint Augustine FL; Mark Crumrine, Ocala FL	32.38
54 Rebecca Brown, Lakeway TX; Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL	32.17
55 Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	31.56
56 Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL	31.23
57 H. Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC	29.75
58 Mark Bregman, Phoenix AZ; Suzette Wynn, Paradise Valley AZ	29.55

59	Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA	29.26
60	Charles Young – Rich Pestien, Peoria IL	28.56
61	Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	28.45
62	Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA; Roger Roemmich, Roswell GA	27.24
63	Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Jim Russell, Sarasota FL	26.76
64	Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO	26.46
65	Robert Hopkins Jr. – Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	25.80
66	John Bromberg, Spicewood TX; Bryan Storey, Frisco TX	25.09
67	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY	22.07
68	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	20.73
69	Carol Hamilton, Sarasota FL; Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL	20.70
70	Joyce Menezes, Bradenton FL; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	20.48
71	Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL; Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY	19.36
72	Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA; Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	18.94
73	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; David Green, Sherwood OR	18.93
74	H. Gordon – Susan Bullard, Lexington KY	18.58
75	Richard Brown, Easley SC; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC	17.95
76/77	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Paul Markarian, Stuart FL	16.10
76/77	Phyllis Yates – Judy Laxer, San Diego CA	16.10
78	Jack Spear – Nancy Spear, Shawnee Mission KS	15.78
79	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	15.72
80	Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs MS; Michael Moses, Biloxi MS	15.31
81	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	15.29
82	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Prudence Saunders, Palo Alto CA	14.67
83	John Seng, Champaign IL; Chris Benson, Leroy IL	14.64
84	Will Ehlers, Lancaster PA; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY	13.83
85	Carl Bartone, Bonita Springs FL; Raymond Depew, Naples FL	13.65
86	Michael Richey, Springfield VA; Lloyd Rawley, Greenbelt MD	13.44
87	Ben Tucker, Vashon WA; Steve Evans, Sandpoint ID	11.71
88	Howard Booth, Cornelius NC; Conner Boyd, Davidson NC	11.57
89	Glenn Reider, Louisville TN; Simon Sellers, Walland TN	11.53
90	John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Jerome Shen, St. Louis MO	9.57
91	Philippe Galaski, Florence MA; Roger Webb, Amherst MA	9.47
92	Paul Hattis, Newton MA; James Orleans, Delray Beach FL	7.80
93/94	Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; James Bush, New Orleans LA	7.79
93/94	John Kloke II, Richmond VA; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater FL	7.79
95	Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Jim Dingwerth, Olathe KS	7.30
96	Charles Miner – Ann Farrell, Orlando FL	7.23
97	Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	6.51
98	Susan BaileyCarman – Dennis Carman, Plainwell MI	5.48
99	David Birnbaum, Pegram TN; Linda Murdock, Nashville TN	4.10
100	David Collins, Fridley MN; Paul Meerschaert, Long Lake MN	3.92
101	Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	3.42
102	Beatrice Kemp, Hoschton GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	2.26
103	Mary Orock, Fort Worth TX; Greg Resz, Lincoln NE	1.87
104	David Katzen, Sparta NJ; Stephen Garreffa, Randolph NJ	0.00

### NABC+ OPEN PAIRS

39.0 Tables / Based on 75 Tables

125.00	1	Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England	1215.45
93.75	2	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	1208.49
70.31	3	Irene Baroni, Paris France; Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA	1191.54
55.56	4	Mark Jones, Birmingham AL; Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA	1176.71
50.00	5	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL	1152.04
45.45	6	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	1151.46
41.67	7	Walter Schafer Jr., Inglewood CA; Amy Casanova, Portland OR	1146.42
38.46	8	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	1143.12
35.71	9	Russ Kirkpatrick, Mobile AL; Jeremy Stambaugh, Jackson MS	1140.66
33.33	10	Andrew Chen – Steve Chen, Austin TX	1138.24
31.25	11	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	1135.28

29.41	12	Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Radu Nistor, New York NY	1119.02
27.78	13	Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV	1111.88
26.32	14	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	1106.72
25.00	15	Vincent Zheng, New York NY; Santiago Semberoiz, Fort Lauderdale FL	1102.30
23.81	16	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Haijin Li, Lisle IL	1099.02
22.73	17	Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Tim Archdeacon, Key Biscayne FL	1098.11
21.74	18	Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA	1094.36
20.83	19	Michael Hu, San Jose CA; Amir Ezion, Ashkelon Israel	1092.68
20.00	20	Jeff Xiao – Guanghao Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	1090.40
19.23	21	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	1090.17
18.52	22	Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL; Marusa Gold, Leeds United Kingdom	1082.50
17.86	23	Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR	1082.29
17.24	24	Toby White, Des Moines IA; Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA	1079.88
16.67	25	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	1077.89
16.13	26	Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	1069.70
15.63	27	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	1068.19
15.15	28	Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV	1067.17
14.71	29	Kevin Cline, Seattle WA; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	1057.69
17.13	30	Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	1057.48
13.89	31	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	1056.89
13.51	32	Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA; Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	1054.03
13.16	33	Li Zhang, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA	1049.22
12.82	34	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	1048.82
12.50	35	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	1048.78
12.20	36	Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land TX	1039.77
12.28	37	Jay Barron, Norman OK; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	1039.71
11.63	38	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	1030.39

### LEBHAR IMP PAIRS – REVISED

52.0 Tables / Based on 99 Tables

100.00	1	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	92.31
75.00	2	Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC	83.56
56.25	3	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	69.74
44.44	4	Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA	64.99
40.00	5	Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT; Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY	64.86
36.36	6	Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA	64.46
33.33	7	Sheldon Natenberg, Glenview IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	60.27
30.77	8	Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	58.53
28.57	9	Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil	58.10
26.67	10	Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY	55.47
25.00	11	Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA	55.28
23.53	12	Peter Sugerman, South Windsor CT; James Scott, Wellington FL	55.14
22.22	13	Margie Cole, New York NY; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina	54.77
21.05	14	Jack Brawner Jr., Palm Harbor FL; David Rogers, Clearwater FL	52.94
20.00	15	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	52.72
19.05	16	Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	52.30
18.18	17	Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Joe Degaetano, Delray Beach FL	50.72
17.39	18	Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	49.64
18.59	19	Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey	48.74
26.23	20	Gavin Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA	48.03
15.38	21	James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL	43.62
14.81	22	Mike Rice – Rosalind Lin, Chapel Hill NC	42.48
14.29	23	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	42.26
13.79	24	Peter Aldenderfer, Indianapolis IN; Larry Allison, Brownsburg IN	40.30
13.33	25	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	33.93
12.90	26	Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	33.41
12.50	27	Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Jack Boge, New York NY	33.39
12.12	28	Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	33.25
11.76	29	Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	32.24

11.43	30	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; David Green, Sherwood OR	31.22
11.11	31	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	30.93
10.81	32	Kurt Dasher, Petersburg MI; Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI	30.29
10.53	33	Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA	28.26
10.26	34	David desJardins, Burlingame CA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	27.60
13.56	35	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI	26.27
13.73	36	Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	24.87
9.52	37	Garth Yettick, Westminster CO; Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden	24.39
9.30	38	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY	22.53
9.86	39	Richard Brown, Easley SC; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	19.45
8.89	40	Hakan Berk, Ellicott City MD; Murat Berk, Potomac MD	18.28
8.70	41	B Wayne Stuart III, Raleigh NC; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC	18.11
8.51	42	Mark Laken, Baltimore MD; Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD	17.47
8.33	43	Russ Jones, Russellville AR; Michael McGuire, Hot Springs Village AR	13.63
8.16	44	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	13.58
10.50	45	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Mariusz Krasnicki, Lodz Poland	12.93
7.84	46	Mechel Frost – Matthew Morgan, Nashville TN	10.47
7.69	47	Michael Berard, Glenn Dale MD; Peter van Zijl, Hanover MD	10.09
7.55	48	Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC	9.32
7.41	49	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH	8.51
7.27	50	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX	5.12

### NABC 0–10,000 KNOCKOUT – FIRST ROUND PAIRINGS

19 Tables

Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA; Mark Tonnesen, Woodbridge VA; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA

vs

Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Luke Brezak, Arlington VA; Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA

Lamya Agelidis – Marjorie O'Malley – Charles O'Malley III, San Diego CA; Gregory Chaffee, La Jolla CA

vs

Ira Grumet, Delray Beach FL; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA; Randal Burns, Washington DC; Larry Murray, North York ON

Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA

vs

Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH; Michael Purcell, Loveland OH

vs

John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH; Usama Faris, Queen Creek AZ; Richard Cohen, Boca Raton FL

Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Maris Zilant, Palo Alto CA; Juan Castillo – Ignacio Miquelez, Fort Lauderdale FL; Susan George, Delray Beach FL

vs

Samuel Phillips, Largo FL; Paul Gallizzi, Tampa FL; Rajasekhar Menon, Lutz FL; John Bridgewater II, Columbus IN

vs

Huang-Chia Chang – Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA; George Mansour, Scranton PA

Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy TX; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN

vs

Jonathan Cohn, Elkhorn NE; Andrew Clements, La Vista NE; Marlene Pontifex – David Sired, Winnipeg MB

vs

Deborah Branch, Delray Beach FL; Terry Goodykoontz, Wellington FL; Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL

Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Somers Collins – Andrew Collins, Little Rock AR; Sherman Gao, Alhambra CA

vs

Leah Newell, Springfield IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Charles Sheaff, Jacksonville IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL

vs

Gregory Klinker – Susan Miguel – Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI; Sherry Fardie, Newport RI

Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert Coyne, Colonia NJ

vs

Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA; Mitch Towner, Phoenix AZ

vs

Jennifer Kuhn – Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA

**VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – ROSTERS**

- 1 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Chip Martel, Davis CA
- 2 Nick Nickell, Water Mill NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Steve Weinstein, Upper Saddle River NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Eric Greco, Frisco TX; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 3 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Jacek Kalita – Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Franck Multon, Monaco
- 4 Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Sjoert Brink – Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland
- 5 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark
- 6 Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway
- 7 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia
- 8 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert – Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL
- 9 Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Roy Welland, New York NY; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom
- 10 Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Yichao Chen, Shanghai China; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Yinghao Liu, Dublin CA
- 11 Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA
- 12 Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina
- 13 John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Alessandro Gandoglia, Rome Italy; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal
- 14 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland
- 15 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy
- 16 Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland; Fredrik Nystrom – Johan Upmark, Sweden
- 17 Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden
- 18 Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands
- 19 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn – Roger Lee – Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel
- 20 Margie Cole, New York NY; Sandra Rimstedt – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina
- 21 Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Ron Smith, Glenview IL; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Venkatrao Koneru – Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA

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- 22 Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland
- 23 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA
- 24 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Castricum Netherlands; Ernst Wackwitz, Hoofddorp Netherlands
- 25 Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore; Jeffrey Ferro, St. Helena CA; Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Daniel Tylvad, Bronshoj Denmark; Nikolaj Hammelev, Aarhus Denmark
- 26 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark
- 27 Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX
- 28 Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab, Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel
- 29 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim van de Pavverd, Leiden Netherlands
- 30 Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Guy Mendes de Leon, Netherlands
- 31 Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina
- 32 Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Federico Porta Tadolini – Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland
- 33 Barry Rigal, New York NY; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA
- 34 Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Brazil
- 35 Josh Sher, Dublin OH; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; John Adams, Cheney WA; Franco Baseggio – Andrew Stark, New York NY
- 36 Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark
- 37 Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Alexander Sandin, Horn Lake MS
- 38 Uday Ivatury – Christal Henner, New York NY; Fred Gitelman – Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA
- 39 Ho-Yee So – Li-Hsiang Kuo, Taipei City Taiwan; Alex Hudson, Cary NC; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON
- 40 Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV
- 41 Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Fred Schenker – Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA; Robert Winters, McMurray PA; Charles Carroll, Saint Paul MN
- 42 Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Maciej Dobrzynski, Warka Poland; Jakub Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Kamil Walczyk, Radom Poland
- 43 C. Valerie Gamio – Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA; Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain
- 44 Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey; Asli Acar – Berrak Erkan, Izmir Turkey
- 45 Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON
- 46 Nigel Bird, England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY
- 47 Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA
- 48 Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Anant Rathi, Denver CO; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Ray Miller, Seattle WA
- 49 Brandon Wolpert – Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Robert Barrington, West Palm Beach FL
- 50 Julian Kurtzman, Brooklyn NY; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; David Yoon, Bayside NY; Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN
- 51 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Christopher Staszak, Orland Park IL; Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA
- 52 Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL; Todd Wachsman, Delray Beach FL; Betty Cox, Randolph NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ
- 53 Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; John Luebke, Aubrey TX; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY
- 54 Lisa Bievenue – Kyle Blocher – Lee Blocher – Robert Sievers, Champaign IL

# Beyond Bridge

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provided the perfect space for players to mingle, get drinks, pose for pictures at the photo booth and play games. A larger space for the karaoke enabled more people to enjoy the performances, and the room was often packed with players singing along.



**1ST SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS**

49.0 Tables / Based on 89 Tables

	A	B	C		
40.42	1			Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL; Rahn Smith, Riverview FL	62.90%
30.32	2	1		Jennifer Kuhn – Philip Kuhn, San Mateo CA	60.64%
22.74	3	2		Anant Rathi, Denver CO; Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	59.64%
17.05	4			Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	59.03%
13.47	5			Mark Henderson, Wilmington DE; Lisa Mita, Downingtown PA	58.65%
11.55	6			B. Wayne Stuart III – Leslie Blair, Raleigh NC	58.55%
10.40	7	3		Sheldon Natenberg, Glenview IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	58.41%
8.53	8/9			Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	58.13%
8.53	8/9			Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	58.13%
7.35	10			Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	57.51%
6.74	11			Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	57.49%
6.22	12			Jeff McKee, Livingston TX; David Brower, Portland OR	57.13%
7.80	13	4		Steven Towner – Matthew Kidd, Salt Lake City UT	56.95%
5.39	14			Michael Botwin, Rockville Ctr NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	56.73%
5.05	15			Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	56.39%
4.76	16			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Bill Cook, Louisville KY	55.89%
4.49	17			Robert Ives, Bethesda MD; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	55.29%
6.16	18	5		Mark Hanlon, Bismarck ND; Kerry Hanlon, Cass Lake MN	55.19%
5.28	19	6		Michael Broadhurst – Dmitry Komin, Calgary AB	54.85%
3.85	20			Shan Huang, Jupiter FL; Joan Millens, Kingston NY	54.63%
4.62	21	7		Shailesh Gupta, Las Vegas NV; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	54.43%
3.51	22			Michael Christensen – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	54.29%
3.37	23			Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Michael Curley, Rockford MI	54.25%
3.23	24			Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	54.03%
3.94	25			Henry Nelson, Zelienople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	53.83%
6.60		8	1	Matthew Quinn – Camilla Schiaffino, New York NY	53.69%
3.70		9		Allen Rew – Keith Smith, Lees Summit MO	53.25%
4.95		10	2	Ira Grumet, Delray Beach FL; Peter Doan, Chicago IL	52.46%
3.08		11		James Kehoe, Glendale Heights IL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL	52.12%
2.84		12		Erin Bealles – Alexander Bealles, Mars PA	52.08%
2.55		13/14		John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert Coyne, Colonia NJ	51.46%
3.71		13/14	3	Frank Paynter, Grove City OH; Kenneth Frank, St. Charles MO	51.46%
2.78			4	Gary Gilbert – Diana Blithe, Silver Spring MD	50.86%
3.57			5	Pamela Dow, Springdale AR; Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR	50.40%
2.46			6/7	Aaron Krieser, Foristell MO; James Voelz, Fort Wayne IN	50.30%
1.77			6/7	Sharon Murphy – Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN	50.30%

**1ST SUNDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

18.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
	7	4	2		
7.09	1			Penny Williams – Cynthia Peters, St. Louis MO	56.46%
5.32	2			Bob Cram – Patsy Cram, Indianapolis IN	55.35%
4.58	3/4	1/2	1	Vijay Sadhu – Smita Sadhu, Columbia MO	55.21%
4.58	3/4	1/2		Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	55.21%
2.94	5	3	2	Kenneth Kwantes – Marcus Cloud, Rolla MO	54.93%
2.21	6	4		Charlotte Urbanc – Dave Love, Georgetown ON	54.44%
1.77	7			Nancy Hunt, Lees Summit MO; Carolyn Campbell, The Villages FL	54.38%
1.74	8	5		Katy Balagopal, Washougal WA; Michele Wallace, Prospect KY	54.31%
1.36	9/10			Rosy Agrawal – Pawan Agrawal, Las Vegas NV	54.24%
1.45	9/10			David Frantz – Linda Frantz, Louisville KY	54.24%
1.49		6		Cassandra Estes – Margaret Shrewsbury, Nashville TN	52.43%

**1ST SUNDAY FAST PAIRS**

11.0 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

	A	B	C		
11.00	1	1		Bogdan Vulcan, Sammamish WA; Corneliu Galer, Mercer Island WA	60.19%
8.25	2	2		Ying Zhang, Longmont CO; Rick Clelland, Boulder CO	57.64%
6.19	3	3		Cory Perkers – Matthew Dyer, Chicago IL	55.74%
4.64	4	4		James Diebel, Wood Dale IL; Bill Goldberg, Skokie IL	53.28%
3.67	5	5		Jess Jurkovic, New York NY; Randi Adelman, Teaneck NJ	52.56%
3.50	6			Judy Putzel, St. Louis MO; Patricia Shine, Chesterfield MO	52.38%
3.58			1	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	50.49%
2.69			2	Zheshen Li, Chicago IL; Linzhi Hu, Menlo Park CA	49.19%

**1ST SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1			Richard Newell, West Des Moines IA; Toby White, Des Moines IA	63.38%
3.90	2			Arun Goyal, Mason OH; Aaron Balleisen, Pittsburgh PA	63.19%
2.93	3			Mark Bolotin, Philadelphia PA; Radu Vasilescu, West Chester PA	61.93%
4.12	4	1	1	Alex Ding – Richmond Yeung, Chicago IL	61.77%
3.09	5	2		Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA	55.43%
1.40	6			Carolyn Rowley, Evanston IL; Ronald Grosh, Middleton WI	55.36%
2.32		3	2	Jerry Wade, Marathon FL; Daniel Hellrung, Troy IL	55.22%
1.74		4	3	Xianwen Song – Sascha Gordon-Zolov, Chicago IL	54.58%
1.30		5		Aaron Krieser – Heather Harmeyer, Foristell MO	52.57%
1.26			4	Douglas Kenny, Westfield IN; Christopher Egan, Fishers IN	52.12%
0.94			5	Grover Beatty, Jefferson City MO; Mary Vandegriffe, Holts Summit MO	50.58%



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**SUNDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS**

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.47	1	1		Robert Glasspiegel – Susan Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	62.50%
2.60	2	2		Alin Olaru, Peoria IL; Radu Vasilescu, West Chester PA	59.17%
1.95	3			Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Debbie Hedenberg, La Jolla CA	57.08%
1.70	4	3		Michelle Tai – Alexandra Narasin, Atherton CA	55.00%

**SUNDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1	1	Theo Cohen, Brooklyn NY; Aneesh Bapat, Tbd IL	62.50%
2.03	2			Vernon van Slyke, Leawood KS; Craig Harris, Raymore MO	61.01%
1.60	3	2	2	Anne Douglas – Sarah Wages, Texarkana AR	58.04%
1.20	4	3		R.E. Stern, Chicago IL; Joshua Balmin, Tbd CA	53.87%
0.85	5			Kirk Peterman, Lenoir City TN; Kyra Kaltenbronn, unknown	53.27%
0.90		4		Sue Coast, Larkspur CO; Lynne Telford, Colorado Springs CO	51.19%
0.98			3	Nathan Gehl, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Benkert, Chicago IL	49.11%
0.74			4	Kathy Boyles – Deirdre Smith, Texarkana TX	48.51%

**SUNDAY BRIDGE PLUS**

6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.71	1	1	1	Dorcas Dunlop – Freda Cook, St. Louis MO	62.50%
1.28	2	2	2	Emma Harty – Faye Woytek, St. Louis MO	60.00%
0.96	3	3	3	Charles Parish – Maebeth Parish, St. Louis MO	59.00%
0.72	4	4	4	Carter Willems, Tucson AZ; Lori Hootman, Lake St. Louis MO	57.20%

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	68.58%
3.41	2			Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	60.97%
3.90	3	1		Mark Rexroth, Carmel IN; Ryan White, Indianapolis IN	60.80%
1.92	4			Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA	60.29%
1.72	5			Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY; Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH	58.89%
2.93	6	2	1	Jerry Kizer Jr., Jackson TN; John Bondurant, Memphis TN	57.87%
2.19		3		Cooper Pierce, New York NY; Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY	53.61%
1.44		4/5		Michelle Krause, Lohman MO; Michael Hughes, Jefferson City MO	50.00%
1.44		4/5		Wesley Seitz, Champaign IL; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY	50.00%
1.71			2	Jeanne Kowalski, Berwyn IL; Jan Summers, Aurora IL	45.32%

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS**

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.95	1			Mary Sievers – Lisa O'Banion, Champaign IL	62.00%
1.46	2			Narinder Saini, Little Rock AR; Chris Terajewicz, Ponte Vedra FL	58.00%

**SUNDAY-MONDAY KNOCKOUT, SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS**

4 Tables

John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA; Todd Thorsen –  
Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA

vs

Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Laura Raczek, Joliet IL; David  
Cochener, Clarksville TN; Jack McCullagh, Herndon KYDennis Balfe, University City MO; Charles Swart, Alameda CA;  
Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA

vs

Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL; Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO;  
Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Larry Jackson, Memphis TN

## Learn Bridge in a Day

Patty Tucker and her team hosted Learn Bridge in a Day? to new players on Sunday. The class is offered at every NABC for players interested in testing the waters before taking bridge lessons.

The crowd was enthusiastic and had a lot fun.



## Vanderbilt Knockout Teams



**ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins presents the Vanderbilt trophy to the 2025 winners: Thomas Bessis, team captain Marty Fleisher, Chip Martel, Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa and Cedric Lorenzini**

The premier event of the Spring North American Championships is the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. The history of the prestigious contest stretches back to 1928 when the man who invented contract bridge, Harold S. Vanderbilt, put the trophy bearing his name into play.

The winners list is a who's who of bridge, a parade of the titans of the game. As part of the ACBL's ongoing archiving project, photos of some of the winners are included with this history.

### The Vanderbilt Trophy

The Vanderbilt Trophy for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams was donated in 1928 by Harold S. Vanderbilt, who won the event in 1932 and 1940.

The Vanderbilt was contested annually in New York – as a separate championship – until 1958 when it became part of the Spring North American Championships.

Vanderbilt winners receive replicas of the trophy – a practice initiated by Vanderbilt from the first running of the event and perpetuated by a \$100,000 trust fund administered by ACBL under the terms of Vanderbilt's will.

On display at ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake MS are the Vanderbilt Trophy, as well as replicas donated by the families of Caroline Taylor, who won the Vanderbilt in 1928, and Helen Sobel Smith, a Vanderbilt winner in

1944 and 1945.

### Previous winners:

- 1928** Ralph Richards, Gratz Scott, Edwin Wetzlar, Wilbur Whitehead tied with Abraham Brown, Mrs. Sidney Lovell, Caroline Taylor, Nils Wester
- 1929** Michael Gottlieb, Lee Langdon, Jean Mattheys, Harry Raffel
- 1930** Ely Culbertson, Josephine Culbertson, Theodore Lightner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1931** David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims
- 1932** Willard Karn, P. Hal Sims, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1933** Phil Abramsohn, Benjamin Feuer, Francis Rendon, Sydney Rusinow
- 1934** David Burnstine, Richard Frey, Michael Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken
- 1935** David Burnstine, Michaela Gottlieb, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken, Sherman Stearns
- 1936** Phil Abramsohn, Irving Epstein, Harry Fishbein, Fred Kaplan
- 1937** David Burnstine, Oswald Jacoby, Merwyn Maier, Howard Schenken, Sherman Stearns

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- 1939** Melville Alexander, Sigmund Dornbusch, Syl Gintell, Lee Hazen, Harry Raffel
- 1940** Edward Hymes Jr., Charles Lochridge, Robert McPherran, Harold S. Vanderbilt, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
- 1941** John Crawford, Myron Fuchs, Robert McPherran, Sherman Stearns
- 1942** Lester Bachner, Sigmund Dornbusch, Richard Frey, Lee Hazen, Sam Stayman
- 1943** Harry Fagin, Harry Fishbein, Fred Kaplan, Alvin Roth, Tobias Stone
- 1944** B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1945** B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1946** John Crawford, Oswald Jacoby, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sam Stayman
- 1947** David Clarren, Harry Feinberg, Harry Fishbein, Larry Hirsch, Joseph Low
- 1948** Robert Appleyard, Jay T. Feigus, William Lichtenstein, Harry Sonnenblick, Albert Weiss
- 1949** Morrie Elis, Harry Fishbein, Lee Hazen, Larry Hirsch, Charles Lochridge
- 1950** John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor, Sam Stayman
- 1951** B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sam Stayman
- 1952** Ned Drucker, Irvin Kass, Sidney Mandell, Milton Moss, Jesse Sloan
- 1953** Richard Kahn, Edgar Kaplan, Peter Leventritt, William Lipton, Ruth Sherman
- 1954** Kalman Apfel, Francis Begley, Ned Drucker, Sidney Mandell, Milton Moss

<b>1955</b>	B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor	<b>1974</b>	Lawrence, Bobby Wolff David Crossley, Robert Crossley, Eric Kokish, Joey Silver	<b>1993</b>	Roger Bates, John Schermer, Neil Chambers Howard Weinstein, Peter Nagy, Dan Morse, John Sutherlin, Tom Sanders, Russ Arnold
<b>1956</b>	B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor	<b>1975</b>	Roger Bates, Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, John Mohan, George Rosenkranz	<b>1994</b>	Seymon Deutsch, Gaylor Kasle, Michael Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
<b>1957</b>	B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Sidney Silodor	<b>1976</b>	Roger Bates, Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, John Mohan, George Rosenkranz	<b>1995</b>	Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Michael Polowan, Marc Jacobus
<b>1958</b>	Harry Fishbein, Sam Fry Jr., Leonard Harmon, Lee Hazen, Ivar Stakgold	<b>1977</b>	Mike Becker, Mark Blumenthal, Fred Hamilton, Mike Lawrence, Ron Rubin, John Swanson	<b>1996</b>	Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Seymon Deutsch, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
<b>1959</b>	B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, Norman Kay, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone	<b>1978</b>	Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Billy Eisenberg, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway	<b>1997</b>	Richard Schwartz, Mark Lair, Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman
<b>1960</b>	John Crawford, Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone	<b>1979</b>	Lou Bluhm, Richard Freeman, Mark Lair, Cliff Russell, Tom Sanders, Eddie Wold	<b>1998</b>	Richard Schwartz, Mark Lair, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman
<b>1961</b>	Charles Coon, Robert Jordan, Eric Murray, Arthur Robinson	<b>1980</b>	Russ Arnold, Bobby Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Bud Reinhold, Eric Rodwell	<b>1999</b>	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace
<b>1962</b>	Larry Kolker, Carolyn Levitt, Jerry Levitt, Garrett Nash, George de Runtz	<b>1981</b>	B. Jay Becker, Michael Becker, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Ron Rubin	<b>2000</b>	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
<b>1963</b>	Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Clifford Russell, William Seamon, Albert Weiss	<b>1982</b>	James Jacoby, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell, Eric Rodwell, George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold	<b>2001</b>	Andrei Gromov, Aleksander Petrunin, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
<b>1964</b>	Bob Hamman, Eddie Kantar, Don Krauss, Peter Leventritt, Lew Mathe, Howard Schenken	<b>1983</b>	Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Norman Kay, Edgar Kaplan	<b>2002</b>	Reese Milner, Marc Jacobus, Sam Lev, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Gawrys
<b>1965</b>	Philip Feldesman, John Fisher, James Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby, Ira Rubin, Albert Weiss	<b>1984</b>	Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Hugh Ross, Peter Pender	<b>2003</b>	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
<b>1966</b>	Philip Feldesman, Bob Hamman, Sami Kehela, Lew Mathe, Ira Rubin	<b>1985</b>	Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Ron Rubin, Mike Lawrence, Michael Becker, Peter Weichsel	<b>2004</b>	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin
<b>1967</b>	James Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Lew Mathe, Bobby Nail, Ron Von der Porten, Lew Stansby	<b>1986</b>	Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek	<b>2005</b>	Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
<b>1968</b>	Bobby Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson, Bill Root, Alvin Roth	<b>1987</b>	Peter Pender, Peter Boyd, Lew Stansby, Hugh Ross, Steve Robinson, Chip Martel	<b>2006</b>	Fred Chang, Seymon Deutsch, Gunnar Hallberg, Jack Zhao, Fu Zhong
<b>1969</b>	Gerald Hallee, Paul Soloway, John Swanson, Richard Walsh	<b>1988</b>	Eddie Kantar, Alan Sontag, John Mohan, Roger Bates	<b>2007</b>	Christal Henner-Welland, Antonio Sementa, Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
<b>1970</b>	Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Sami Kehela, Sidney Lazard, Eric Murray, George Rapee	<b>1989</b>	Ron Rubin, Michael Becker, Bart Bramley, Robert Levin, Lou Bluhm, Peter Weichsel		
<b>1971</b>	Bill Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff	<b>1990</b>	Dan Morse, John Sutherlin, Michael Kamil, Ron Gerard, Tom Sanders, Bill Pollack		
<b>1972</b>	Steven Altman, Eugene Neiger, Thomas Smith, Alan Sontag, Joel Stuart, Peter Weichsel	<b>1991</b>	Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield		
<b>1973</b>	Mark Blumenthal, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Mike	<b>1992</b>	Andy Goodman, John Mohan,		

## 0–10,000 Knockout Teams

- 2008** Boguslaw Gierulski, Krzysztof Jassem, Krzysztof Martens, Jerzy Skrzypczak
- 2009** George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elhamady
- 2010** Pierre Zimmerman, Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon
- 2011** Martin Fleisher, Lew Stansby, Bobby Levin, Mike Kamil, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein
- 2012** Les Amoils, Joe Grue, Darren Wolpert, Curtis Cheek, Ismael Del' Monte, Thomas Bessis
- 2013** Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Morten Bilde, Dennis Bilde
- 2014** Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Bobby Levin, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth
- 2015** Giorgio Duboin, Zia Mahmood, Norberto Bocchi, Agustin Madala
- 2016** Norberto Bocchi, Diego Brenner, Zia Mahmood, Giorgio Duboin, Alejandro Bianchedi, Agustin Madala
- 2017** Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2018** Martin Fleisher, Chip Martel, Joe Grue, Brad Moss, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco
- 2019** Jeffrey Wolfson, Steve Garner, Michael Becker, Michael Kamil, Peter Crouch, Alexander Hydes
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Andrew Rosenthal, Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Jan Jansma, Boye Brogeland, Christian Bakke
- 2023** Jeffrey Wolfson, Steve Garner, Zia Mahmood, David Gold, Brad Moss, Joe Grue
- 2024** Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Geoff Hampson, Eric Greco, Steve Weinstein, Bobby Levin
- 2025** Marty Fleisher, Chip Martel, Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa, Cedric Lorenzini, Thomas Bessis

Play starts today in the 0–10,000 Knockout Teams. The event has a new format this year. It is three days, with two matches per day until the final (or semifinal, depending on the number of teams entered).

Open only to players with less than 10,000 masterpoints, the event pays 10 percent platinum to those placing in the overalls. While it has a national rating, a win in the event does not serve as a Grand Life Master qualification.

- 2014** Robert Todd, Garth Yettick, Peggy Ware, Spencer Jones
- 2015** Donald Rumelhart, Jonathan Flesichmann, Ned Irving, Morrie Kleinplatz, Stephen Mackay, Ray Jotcham
- 2016** James Melville, Vladislav Isporski, Stephen Stewart, Mark Jones
- 2017** Viktor Anikovich, David Pelka, Alan Daniels, Igor Milman, Robert Kent, Ellen Kent



**Winners of last year's 0–10,000 Knockout Teams: captain Kyle Rockoff, Ronald Vickery, Stephen Tu and Ronald Powell**

- 2018** Albert Shrive, Michael Ranis, Donald Dalpe, Anthony Barre, Saul Gross, Juan Castillo
- 2019** Lou Glasthal, Mike Massimilla, Robert Lass, Tom Fogarty
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Kyle Rockoff, Sarik Goyal, Eric Xiao, Victor Xiao, Jeff Xiao
- 2023** James Fox, Judy Fox, Maximo Crusizio, Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa
- 2024** John Hinton, Tom Bishel, John Bishel, Rajagopal Sriraman
- 2025** Kyle Rockoff, Ronald Vickery, Stephen Tu, Ronald Powell

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# Look ahead

By Allen Frank

Here's an interesting deal from the second qualifying session of Saturday's NABC+ Open Pairs. I was the unfortunate North.

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

West led the ♥K to dummy's ace, 5, 8. I cashed the ♠A, getting the bad news (East discarding the ♥4), and continued with the ♣2, 7, 10, king. East exited with the ♥Q, which I ruffed with the ♠5. I led the ♦2 up to dummy, winning with the queen, and played another club, West's queen appearing. I now led another diamond. East took the ace and led a diamond for West to ruff with the ♠7. They next led the ♥3.

Alas, if I ruff high, West has a trump trick by force. If I ruff low, there is no way to draw trump safely. And if I ruff on the board, there is no way to draw trump and enjoy the minor-suit winners.

Assuming the same defense, declarer could succeed with the farsighted play of winning trick two in hand, so that spades would not be blocked in the end position.

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

## Eligibility points

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If you are now or have been a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed). This is especially important if you intend to enter an event with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Westmoreland, first floor, Marriott Plaza) to do so.

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## Platinum Rising (continued)

By Mark Horton, UK

After the first session of the semifinal session, Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen were leading the field with 61.23%, followed by Jodi Edmonds–Michal Klukowski, Eric Greco–Geoff Hampson and Jeff Meckstroth–Mikael Rimstedt.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>di Franco</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♠	1♣	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(1) Hearts

It might be that 4♦ was asking for key cards, with 4♥ showing one, but whatever, the virtually laydown slam was reached, scoring 88%.

I wonder how tempted East was to pass 2♠ doubled?

That is what Andy Cope did against Dror Padon and Yinghao Liu, leading the ♥Q for an easy 800 and 62%.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>van Oosten</i>	<i>Edmonds</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) No five-card major

West led the ♥A and continued with the ♥5, declarer putting up dummy's ♥Q and running the ♠10. When it held, a spade to the queen was followed by the ♦K. At this point, if declarer cashes the ♦Q, 12 tricks will be possible (worth 98%). When declarer played a diamond to dummy's ace (East pitching the ♣4) he could play a club to the 10, finishing with 11 tricks and 84%.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gupta</i>	<i>di Franco</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♠ <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

(1) Spades

(2) RKCB

(3) 2 key cards + ♠Q

With a horrible hand to lead from! West started with the ♦A and declarer claimed, +990 and a rare maximum, 100%.

If you reverse the vulnerability, West might risk overcalling 1NT (say 2♣ to show hearts and another, or 2♥ to indicate hearts and a minor) which would complicate matters for N/S. They have to play in spades with South as declarer to avoid the risk of a killing club lead.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 7 2		
	♥ A K 7 4		
	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ Q 7 2		
♠ K Q 6 4		♠ A J 10 8 5	
♥ 8 3		♥ 10 9 6	
♦ A Q 7 6 2		♦ 10	
♣ 9 4		♣ A J 6 3	
	♠ 9 3		
	♥ Q J 5 2		
	♦ 9 4 3		
	♣ K 10 8 5		
West	North	East	South
<i>Tan</i>	<i>van Oosten</i>	<i>Ganesan</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
1♦	1♥	1♠	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥Q. North overtook it with the ♥K and returned the ♥7, South taking the ♥J and switching to the ♠3. Declarer won in dummy, and played a club to the 7, jack and king. Back came a spade, and declarer was a trick short, -50, giving N/S 92%

Having won the first spade in dummy, one winning line is to cash the ♦A, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond, and then play two rounds of clubs. Declarer will be able to establish a long diamond as a 10th trick. +420 was worth 66%.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A J 10 9 7 2		
	♥ —		
	♦ Q J 10 8 4		
	♣ K 6		
♠ Q 3		♠ 5 4	
♥ J 10 2		♥ Q 9 8	
♦ A 9 6 3		♦ 5	
♣ Q J 9 5		♣ A 10 8 7 4 3 2	
	♠ K 8 6		
	♥ A K 7 6 5 4 3		
	♦ K 7 2		
	♣ —		
West	North	East	South
<i>Sheng</i>	<i>di Franco</i>	<i>Xu</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
5♣	1♠	3♣	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♣
All Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠

When East led the ♣A, declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the top spade and gave up a diamond, +1430 and 98%.

Against van Oosten and Sprinkhuizen, Franco Baseggio, having seen an auction where South had made an exclusion Blackwood bid of 5♣, led the ♦5 against 6♠, and Andrew Stark took the ♦A and returned the ♦6 for -100 and 86%.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lishkov</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Dunitz</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (1) RKCB
- (2) 1 key card

With the ♥K inside, that was +1430 and 100%.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ A 8 6		
	♥ 4		
	♦ 5		
	♣ Q 10 9 8 6 5 3 2		
♠ 9 5 2		♠ J	
♥ A K Q J 8 5 3		♥ 6 2	
♦ A 2		♦ Q J 10 8 6 4 3	
♣ 7		♣ A K J	
	♠ K Q 10 7 4 3		
	♥ 10 9 7		
	♦ K 9 7		
	♣ 4		
West	North	East	South
<i>Tuncok</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Baker</i>	<i>Liu</i>
6♥	3♣	3♦	Pass
	All Pass		

North led the ♠A, and when South followed with the ♠3, he switched to the ♣2. Declarer won with dummy's ♣J and tried the ♣K but South ruffed with the ♥9, and after declarer overruffed, ruffed a spade and played the ♣A, South ruffed with the ♥10. Declarer overruffed, ruffed a spade and played the ♦Q, but when South withheld the ♦K, declarer could only play a diamond and North's ruff was the setting trick, -50 and 82%.

If North does not switch to a club at trick two, declarer should emerge with 12 tricks and a 90% score.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Heiberg-Evenstad</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Dunitz</i>
Pass	Dbl	4♠	Pass
		All Pass	

South led the ♦K, and declarer ruffed and played the ♣J, North winning with the ♣Q and switching to the ♠8. Declarer won and played the ♣10, North winning and returning the ♦8. Declarer ruffed and played the ♣9, North winning and exiting with the ♣4. South ruffed and played two rounds of hearts, and with two trump tricks to come that was four down, -1100 and 84%.

If South leads his singleton club, the defenders have a chance of -1400 – I'm sure you can work out how!

Board 24. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>van Oosten</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	6♥
	All Pass		

(1) Heart fit

(2) RKCB

(3) 2 key cards

West led the ♣A followed by the ♣6. When East could not ruff, declarer cashed the ♥A and then played a heart to the jack for one down, -50 and only 2%. If you missed the slam, you scored only 36%.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>McKee</i>	<i>van Oosten</i>	<i>Brower</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
	1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♥

All Pass

(1) 11–14 HCP

West led the ♠Q, declarer ruffing and playing a heart to the king and ace. East cashed the top clubs, and when the suit divided, declarer claimed, +420 and 86%.

At the majority of tables, E/W were able to enter the auction, and when they reached 4♠, N/S took a save, -100 being worth 42% (no one being allowed to play 4♠).

It was Jeff Meckstroth and Mikael Rimstedt who led the qualifiers, their total of 1059.45 leaving them ahead of Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen (1056.30) and Dror Padon and Yinghao Liu (1050.83). The top five qualifiers were all sitting N/S.

## Nice D, partner

By Jeff Ford

My partner Chris Gibson had a straightforward but careful defense in the second qualifying session of the NABC+ Open Pairs.

Dlr: West      ♠ Q 9 3  
 Vul: N-S      ♥ A 6  
 Bd 12         ♦ K J 8 6  
                  ♣ 8 5 3 2

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

We had the following auction:

West	North <i>Ford</i>	East	South <i>Gibson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

I led the ♥A and continued after partner encouraged. Partner won the second heart with the 10 and switched to a low diamond. I won the ♦J and returned the suit to the ace. Only then did partner play ♥K and another heart, promoting my Q-9-3 of trumps. At the table, declarer ruffed high, and I pitched, later covering the ♠J to set up my 9. If partner doesn't play diamonds first then declarer can just throw a losing diamond on the fourth heart.

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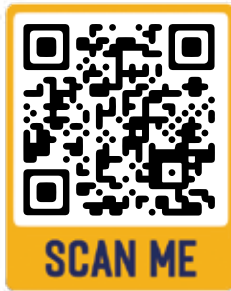
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Regional events are \$32 per player per session. For team events of one or

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## Monitoring

ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials. These recordings are also uploaded to the internet following the NABC.

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 or disputes 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.

## You oughta be in pictures

If you achieve a new masterpoint milestone here in St. Louis – Life Masters and upwards – please come by the Bulletin office (Portland, mezzanine, Marriott main), and let us take your picture. We're eager to congratulate you and share your achievement in the Daily Bulletin.



# District 6 4th of July Regional



**Join us for Bridge in Chantilly, Virginia  
and celebrate America's 250th birthday in the nation's capital!  
June 29–July 3rd, 2026**

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## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

**Tuesday, March 3**

**Georgia Heth Memorial Day**

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

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
<b>9:30 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS</b>	Rd of 64	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
0–10,000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd 3-4	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$25	\$35
<b>10 am</b>				
Tuesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
<b>ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS</b>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>				
0–3000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Room 230, ACC	\$25	\$35
<i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>				
Georgia Heth Memorial Open Pairs <i>(unlim./4000/1500)</i>	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Tue-Wed Mini-Soloway Style Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2 Q	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<i>Two-session Swiss qual; two-session KO final</i>				
Top-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Swiss Teams <i>(4000/2000/750)</i>	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>3 pm</b>				
Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Sun-Tue Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Tuesday Evening Side Pairs <i>Tue-Fri 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.