



# Daily Bulletin

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## National event updates

- Vanderbilt opening round
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## Entry Express and purchase options

All monetary transactions are cashless, including entries for NABC and regional games. All major debit/credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system

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## 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).

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**ATTENDANCE through MONDAY**  
**3095 tables**



## Goodwill Message

You can be competitive and still be friendly, caring and ethical.

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*  
*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Roman, Buchalter win Silver Ribbon Pairs

Jeff Roman of Bend OR and Ralph Buchalter of South Orange NJ won the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs on Monday. It's the first NABC+ win for Roman, making him a Grand Life Master. It's the fourth win for Buchalter, who is still under 10,000 points.

"I have a fair number of seconds,"

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**Winners of the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs: Jeff Roman and Ralph Buchalter**



## MacCracken receives Distinguished Employee Award



At a ceremony at the St. Louis NABC on Monday, longtime National Tournament Director Charlie MacCracken was presented with the Distinguished Employee Award in honor of his decades of multi-faceted work for the ACBL. Dozens of current

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**National TD Charlie MacCracken receives the Distinguished Service Award from ACBL's Senior Manager of Field Operations McKenzie Myers.**

## Bruce Gowdy 1930-2025



Canadian Bridge Hall of Famer Bruce Gowdy of Newmarket ON died Dec. 13 at 95 years of age.

For decades, Gowdy held the record for being the youngest player ever to win a major knockout event – the Spingold Knockout Teams – at the age of 19 in 1949. That title was broken in 2022 when Finn Kolesnik won the Soloway KO Teams at 18. Gowdy won the Canadian National Open Teams five consecutive times, from 1949 to 1953.

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## Today'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 <i>Two-session Swiss qual; two-session KO final</i>	1-2 Q	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
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.



**BRIDGE MANIA**

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

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

## Entry Express

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in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of one of the host hotels or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express, go to [acbl.org/ee](http://acbl.org/ee) or scan the QR code. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins and subsequent days. For continuing events, purchase each day through Entry Express to continue receiving the discount.



Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (e.g. six nights gets 14 coupons).

If you are staying at the hotel but are not on the discount list, go to [acbl.org/StLouisEEform](http://acbl.org/StLouisEEform) to be added. Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at [acbl.org/ee](http://acbl.org/ee) for more information.

For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located in either building – in the atrium at America’s Center and on the ground level of Marriott Plaza.

Entries may also be purchased at the event location in the hour before the start time.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy at least 30 minutes in advance.

## Today’s Sponsors

### Georgia Heth Memorial Day

Today we remember Georgia Heth, District 8 luminary and past president of the ACBL, who passed away in 2023. A graduate of Stanford Law School, Georgia practiced law in the state of Illinois until her retirement in 2017, first with the Illinois Attorney General’s office and then with the Department of Children and Family Services. She lived her commitment to child welfare by becoming a foster parent later in her life.



Georgia’s career as a bridge leader began decades ago, and she joined the ACBL Board of Directors in 2003. She ascended to the presidency in 2020.

This writer met Georgia a few years back at the great Kansas City regional. She stopped by every table to introduce herself, welcoming us on behalf of the ABCL and listening to anything we had to say. Her warmth and interest lent a personal touch to our experience as bridge players.

In one of her obituaries of Georgia, Karen Walker, another central Illinois bridge leader, wrote, “We’ve all lost a friend with a big heart and a fierce dedication to our game. I’ll miss working on bridge projects with Georgia, but most of all, I’ll miss our conversations, her sense of humor and her big laugh.”

Georgia would happily cross the Mississippi to attend our NABC, and we would happily welcome her. She is here in our hearts.

### Haiku contest

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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.

### Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes between you and the ACBL resolved in a court of law and agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the Institute of Bridge Arbitration. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at [acbl.org/bindingarbitration](http://acbl.org/bindingarbitration).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

**Tuesday, March 3**  
6–9:30 pm **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** *Shaw Boardroom, mezzanine, Marriott main*

**Wednesday, March 4**  
8:30–11 pm **Bridge Mania.** Bridge-themed parlor games. *Lucas, Hawthorne, 21st floor, Marriott main*

### 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.

**Tuesday, March 3**  
9:15 am Norman Beck *Odd Things and Bridge*  
2:15 pm Jerry Helms *Fourth-Suit Forcing*

**Wednesday, March 4**  
9:15 am Donna Compton *Short Suit Working Values*  
2:15 pm Vic Queros *Don't Be a Slave to Point Count*

### 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.

**Tuesday, March 3**  
Yogurt

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Morning: breakfast sandwiches (ham, egg, cheese English muffin)  
Afternoon: cookies

### 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.

**Tuesday, March 3**  
Taco bar, street corn salad, black beans, vegetable empanadas, cinnamon churros

**Wednesday, March 4**  
St. Louis-style pizza: pepperoni, sausage, cheese or mushroom; side salad, ice cream bars

### 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.

**Tuesday, March 3**  
Mr. Papas, Wing and a Prayer, Go Gyro Go

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Doughboys, Wok and Roll, Crooked Boot

### Evening entertainment

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

**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*



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 5 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



### More responses to one-level openings

Let's make sure we know about all responses to partner's openings of one of a suit. Remember that a 1♣ opener is out of the picture for a 2/1 GF discussion (use what you've always used after 1♣).

### Responding to a 1♦ opening

After 1♦, the only GF response is 2♣. In a future article, we will delve

into the details of this auction.

What about other responses to 1♦?

One-level responses in a major are just "bridge." A raise to 2♦ is natural. You can use inverted minors if you wish – this has nothing to do with 2/1 GF. A raise to 2♦, if playing inverted, shows 10+ HCP and is invitational or better, not necessarily a game force. A jump response to 2♥ or 2♠ also has nothing to do with 2/1 GF. Play it as weak if you wish. Or strong. (Just make sure you and partner agree one way or the other.) A 2NT response is natural, and I recommend playing it as invitational, 11–12 HCP. If you'd rather play it as 13+, be my guest (again, agree with partner).

What about a 3♣ response? This will be the highlight bid of this installment.

I like to play that after any opening bid, that a JUMP to three-of-any-lower-suit is natural and invitational (denying support for partner).

Accordingly, 1♦–(Pass)–3♣ shows something like:

♠5 4 ♥Q 3 2 ♦J 3 ♣A Q J 10 7 6.

It shows a six-card or longer suit and about 10–11 points. It's a hand that isn't quite good enough for a 2/1 GF. It is a great alternative to 1NT (yuk). Without having this agreement, you'd have no choice but to respond 1NT (or 2♣ GF) with the hand above.

### Responding to One-of-a-Major openings

What about after a 1♥ or 1♠ opening? I'll get to the three-level jump in a moment, but let's just review the other responses. A response of 1♠ to 1♥ is just bridge. It's natural and a one-round force. Could be 6 points. Could be 20 points.

A 1NT response to either major is part of the system. It is 1NT forcing (or, if you agree with partner, "semi-forcing").

A two-level response in a new lower-ranking suit is a natural GF. That is the essential bid in 2/1 GF.

A raise is a raise (more on raises in a future article).

A jumpshift on the two level (1♥–2♠) needs to be defined. Choose to play it as weak or strong. One or the other – and

make sure you agree with partner.

A jump-response to 2NT has nothing to do with 2/1 GF. Most readers probably use it as a conventional call (Jacoby 2NT).

A jump-raise is natural. If not using Bergen raises, it is invitational/limit. Playing Bergen raises, all of your three-level bids are artificial raises (again, this has nothing to do with 2/1 GF). I hope Marty Bergen isn't reading this, but honestly I would eschew Bergen raises because I like to use the three level for the difficult-to-show invitational hands. Repeating the rule above (which I use after 1♦), I also use it after one of a major:

A JUMP to three of any lower suit is natural and invitational.

Using this method, each of these bids below shows a six-card or longer suit and about 10–11 playing points:

Partner	You
1♦	3♣

An example hand for you:

♠K 2 ♥4 3 ♦4 3 ♣A Q 10 9 8 7 3

Partner	You
1♥	3♣

An example hand for you:

♠4 ♥5 4 ♦A 5 3 2 ♣K Q J 8 7 6

Partner	You
1♥	3♦

An example hand for you:

♠A 4 ♥— ♦K Q 10 8 7 6 2 ♣10 8 7 3

Partner	You
1♠	3♣

An example hand for you:

♠4 ♥Q 5 4 ♦6 5 4 ♣A K J 10 6 3

Partner	You
1♠	3♦

An example hand for you:

♠— ♥K 3 ♦A Q J 6 5 4 2 ♣9 7 6 5

Partner	You
1♠	3♥

An example hand for you:

♠6 ♥A Q 10 8 7 6 5 ♦K 9 8 ♣3 2

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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Tips for New Players

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This is just a simple recommendation. If you want lots of sophistication (or to keep your beloved Bergen raises), then so be it. However, what I am recommending is nice and simple. It gives you a quick and easy-to-remember system for all responses. You can bid 1NT forcing with most responding hands and also have the ability to show the invitational hands by jumping to three of a lower-ranking suit. Note: These Invitational jumps are only after right-hand opponent passes. If RHO doubles or overcalls, then we don't use invitational jumps.

Indianapolis-based players Christopher Egan and Doug Kenny played in Monday afternoon's 299er game. Egan came to St. Louis to take the Best Practices Teachers Workshop offered by the ACBL, and having completed the three-day seminar, he is now enjoying some time at the table. He is an accountant.



Kenny also has a full-time job: He is the caretaker of four young grandchildren.

"My adult children are both physicians, so I watch four grandkids under the age of 6. Bridge is my escape!" he said.

Egan and Kenny have been playing together about a year.

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## Silver Ribbon Pairs

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**Second in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs: Matt Granovetter and Peter Friedland**

Roman said. "Some were joyous; some were unbelievably painful. I wish Mom was here."

Many well-wishers came up to congratulate him.

"Two very popular wins," said Janice Seamon-Molson, referring to Lee Ohliger getting his first national title in the Senior Mixed Pairs along with Roman.

Roman and Buchalter scored 54.33% and 62.75% on Sunday to

qualify in 11th place. On Monday they scored 60.78% in the first final session to take the lead and followed up with 55.84% to win by half a board.

In second were Matt Granovetter of Cincinnati OH and Peter Friedland of Cupertino CA.

## Stay in touch

Is your email address on file? Is it up to date? Let ACBL know. Update your info at [acbl.com](http://acbl.com) by logging into MyACBL. Or call toll-free in the U.S., 800-264-2743; outside the U.S. 1-662-253-3191 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time. You may also email [service@acbl.org](mailto:service@acbl.org).

## Vugraph operators needed

Vugraph operators are needed Wednesday and Thursday for coverage of the Vanderbilt KO matches. Operators are paid \$100 per session.

For information or to sign up, contact Jan Martel by email: [jan@usbf.org](mailto:jan@usbf.org).

## Vanderbilt opening round

In the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, the opening round saw five three-way matches and 17 head-to-head matches to reduce the field for the Round of 32. Notable upsets included the No. 19 Bailey squad losing in a four-way against No. 26 Gupta, No. 29 McAllister and No. 36 Andresen; No. 10 Wold waning to No. 45 Xiao; No. 16 Nitabach knocked out by No. 39 So and No. 17 Dinkin down against No. 38 Ivatury.

The Round of 32 bracket can be found on pages 12-13.

## 10K KO semis set

Of the 19 teams who entered the NABC 0-10,000 Knockout Teams, four are remaining and will play a two-session semifinal today.

The No. 2 seeded Agelidis squad faces off against the No. 10 Cohn, in the other bracket, the No. 4 seed Hoyos will meet the No. 17 seed Munro.



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## McCracken

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and former TDs were in attendance.

MacCracken, 84, recently announced his retirement from full-time directing. The Memphis resident began his career as a TD in 1963, and he became part of the League's senior directing personnel in 1972 when he joined the ACBL Headquarters staff. Through the years, MacCracken has been at the center of TD education and customer service training. McKenzie Myers, ACBL's senior manager of Field Operations, hosted the award ceremony and recounted his own remembrances of the "Charlie Classes," where Myers received his early TD training.

"My career has been better because of those classes," said Myers.

At the award presentation, MacCracken received an inscribed plaque that reads, "In recognition of contributions that transformed ACBL Field Operations by creating and promoting a culture of continuous teaching and learning, the Distinguished Employee Award is presented to Charlie MacCracken: Pioneer of 'Charlie Classes'; Promoter of technical skills, knowledge and customer service; For his lifelong commitment to the ACBL, its membership and the game of contract bridge."

The League also made a donation in MacCracken's name to Kindred Place, a Memphis nonprofit that he volunteers for.

The Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of the late Jeff Johnston, ACBL's longtime director of operations and NABC meeting planner. National TD Ken Horwedel was on hand at the ceremony to explain the significance of the award name and why MacCracken was a perfect choice for the honor.

"Jeff Johnston was an outstanding organizational leader with an unparalleled work ethic and intense focus on members," he said.

Upon receiving the award, MacCracken said, "I have enjoyed

my work, and I really like teaching. I'll still be involved with the game on a local level; I'm the president of the Lightman Bridge Center in Memphis where I continue to direct club games. We continue to be focused on player recruitment there, and we attracted 30 new members in the past year."

MacCracken urged his colleagues to remember the importance of professional customer service, even in dealing with difficult players.

"Even when players are irksome, smile. It really hurts them!" he quipped.

Fellow lifetime employee and friend Richard Oshlag, who began working for the League in 1969, praised MacCracken.

## Gowdy obit

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The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge began tracking the Youngest Life Master in 1952 with Richard Freeman (who was 18 at the time), but prior to Freeman, Gowdy claimed the record in an interview in 2018.

"I know there are a few members who have since become LMs at a younger age, but for discussion purposes, I was the original Youngest Life Master when I reached 300 masterpoints in January 1950, at age 19. I became an LM in an open pairs event in Niagara Falls NY, playing with Margaret Bell (who later became the wife of fellow Canadian great Bruce Elliott)."

Gowdy, who finished second in the 1964 Spingold, was Life Master No. 269.

A WBF World Life Master, Gowdy represented Canada three times in the World Team Olympiad (1960, 1972 and 1976), winning a bronze medal in 1972. He also won a silver medal in the 2002 World Senior Pairs.

Gowdy was not only a player but also a tournament director and organizer. A former president of Unit 166 based in Ontario, he became a tournament director in 1950 and scored sheets all over the country for top

"Charlie is my best friend. He attended my wedding, and he was with me following the death of my spouse. He is a kind man, and there is nothing he won't do to help. He's a brother from another mother, and I love him. Also, he's a hell of a player."

Originally from the San Francisco area, MacCracken enjoyed partnerships with Doug Drury, Marty Cohn and even Barry Crane in the '60s. MacCracken finished second-third in the 1969 aMitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams.

MacCracken is only the second person to receive the Distinguished Service Award. The first was Jim Lopushinsky, chief architect of the computer scoring program ACBLscore.

directors Al Sobel, Alvin Landy and Russell Baldwin. Gowdy was director-in-charge of many tournaments in Ontario in the 1950s.

Gowdy's education included attending Pickering College in Newmarket and graduating from the University of Western Ontario's business school in 1954. He attained his chartered accountant designation from Clarkson Gordon, and worked in various senior financial positions in industry throughout his career. He also served on numerous community organizations, especially during his years living in Ajax, where he was finance chairman of the Ajax Public School Board in 1965 and president of the Rotary Club in 1967-68.

Gowdy's other interests included curling and golf – he achieved a hole-in-one at the age of 87. Gowdy and his wife, Mia, were married for 63 years and enjoyed theater, opera, live music and various travel adventures.

Gowdy is survived by his children Katarina (John Hele), Doug (Kim), and Karen (Charles Mountain) and grandchildren Katherine (Brendan Karson), Carson, Trevor, Grace and John.

## Teacher Breakfast

Dozens of bridge teachers gathered for breakfast Monday morning, the “coordinated effort of three organizations: the ACBL, the American Bridge Teachers’ Association and the ACBL Educational Foundation,” said Betty Starzec, who welcomed the crowd. There were many new faces in attendance. Starzec, a past president of the ABTA, explained its role in accrediting Master Teachers – a prestigious title bestowed on ABTA members who submit to the application process – and the benefits of networking and experiencing the convention that takes place just before the Summer NABC.

The first 20 registrants were the lucky recipients of Robert Todd’s new book, “On the Road with Robert Todd,”

a collection of lessons compiled in an appealing textbook format with a very easy-to-read design. Starzec thanked Baron Barclay Bridge Supply, who offered a generous discount so that the books could be the prize.

Todd explained how he found himself on the road teaching and making handouts repeatedly, so he decided to make his life easier by creating this workbook, complete with interactive hands available to play via his website.

Also on deck, the ACBL’s Education Program Manager Blakely Meyers will be hosting weekly drop-in Zoom sessions for bridge teachers to ask questions. The first one is tentatively scheduled for March 16th. Visit the Teacher’s Lounge at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org) for more information.



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52.0 Tables / Based on 92 Tables

100.00	1	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	1672.43
75.00	2	Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1652.09
56.25	3	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Shihong You, Boyds MD	1631.72
44.44	4	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	1627.80
40.00	5	Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	1614.59
36.36	6	Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Herbert Jordan, Miami FL	1599.06
33.33	7	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	1583.55
30.77	8	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1579.03
28.57	9	Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	1568.26
26.67	10	Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Stan Dub, Shaker Heights OH	1561.45
25.00	11	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Larry Robbins, Glenview IL	1558.13
23.53	12	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Rob Gordon, Woodbury NY	1547.17
22.22	13	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Lee Ohliger, Bradenton FL	1536.54
21.05	14	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	1535.73
20.00	15	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH	1533.38
19.05	16	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1529.85
18.18	17	Barry Bragin, Silver Spring MD; Mark Laken, Baltimore MD	1509.75
17.39	18	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY	1507.83
16.67	19	Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA	1507.13
16.00	20	Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	1501.11
15.38	21	Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC	1495.70
17.72	22	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA; Richard Popper, Wilmington DE	1490.41
14.29	23	Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA; Roger Roemmich, Roswell GA	1486.76
13.79	24	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Yossi Nygate, Rochester NY	1486.08
13.33	25	Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL	1479.96
12.90	26	Kun He, North Potomac MD; Xun Zhang, Longueuil QC	1476.83
12.50	27	Robert Hopkins Jr. – Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	1476.32
12.12	28	John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Susan Sneed, Scottsdale AZ	1466.97
12.38	29	Chris Moll, Raleigh NC; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	1462.10
11.43	30	Michael Creager, Bedford OH; Kenneth Kranyak, Parma OH	1456.65
11.11	31	Elizabeth Jankord – Amit Chakrabarti, Manhattan KS	1444.24
10.81	32	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	1440.93
10.53	33	Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD; R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	1440.92
10.26	34	Richard Brown, Easley SC; Hugh Brown, McCormick SC	1436.33
10.00	35	Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	1426.79
9.76	36	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	1420.59
9.52	37	Glenn Reider, Louisville TN; Simon Sellers, Walland TN	1419.25
9.30	38	Perry van Hook, Surprise AZ; Charles Finch, Las Vegas NV	1417.29
9.32	39	Ben Tucker, Vashon WA; Steve Evans, Sandpoint ID	1416.04
8.89	40	Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	1415.48
8.70	41	Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ; Jaggy Shivdasani, West Hollywood CA	1413.76
15.16	42	Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH; Arun Goyal, Mason OH	1410.59
8.33	43	Varghese George, Milton GA; James Gentry Jr., North Augusta SC	1409.05
8.16	44	Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY	1406.29
8.00	45	Fran White, Vista CA; Leon Fisher, Clearwater FL	1400.82
7.84	46	Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO	1396.13

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2. Nickell  
31. (34) Rodrigues

2.  
15.

15. Goodman  
18. Helle

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10. (45) Xiao  
23. Dunitz

10.  
7.

7. Hans  
26. (29) McAllister

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6. Rubenstein  
27. Wildavsky

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11. Simson  
22. Bianchi

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14. Amoils  
19. (26) Gupta

14.  
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3. Zimmermann  
30. Ashe

## VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – ROUND OF 32 PAIRINGS

54 Tables

Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Cedric Lorenzini, France; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Chip Martel, Davis CA

vs

Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Federico Porta Tadolini – Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland

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

vs

Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Brazil

Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Jacek Kalita – Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Franck Multon, Monaco

vs

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

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

vs

Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg–Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark

Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark

vs

Vedanta: 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

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

vs

Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX

Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgtton, Sydney Australia

vs

John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Olivia Schireson, Colorado Springs CO; Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; Tim van de Paverd, Leiden Netherlands

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

vs

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

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

vs

Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina

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

vs

Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland

Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina

vs

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

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

vs

Margie Cole, New York NY; Sandra Rimstedt – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina

Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland

vs

Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark

Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy

vs

Rob Helle, Mauritius; Bob Drijver – Simon de Wijs, Netherlands; Cornelis van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Ed Hoogenkamp, Ourense Spain; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands

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

VS

Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Frederic  
Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON

Uday Ivatury – Christal Henner, New York NY; Fred Gitelman –  
Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City  
CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA

VS

Ho-Yee So – Li-Hsiang Kuo, Taipei City Taiwan; Alex Hudson,  
Cary NC; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON

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

VS

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

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

VS

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

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**MONDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS**

55.0 Tables / Based on 123 Tables

	A	X		
43.18	1	1	Lotte de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Julie Sigsgaard, Copenhagen Denmark	62.24%
32.39	2	2	Robert Ives, Bethesda MD; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	60.84%
24.29	3		Ann Karin Fuglestad – Ole Fuglestad, Farsund Norway	59.95%
18.22	4		William Pollack – Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	59.28%
14.39	5		Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	58.94%
12.34	6		Gary Macgregor – Heather MacGregor, Portola Valley CA	58.77%
10.80	7		Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ	58.51%
9.60	8		Jenny Wolpert – Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	58.26%
8.64	9		Jeff Hand, New York NY; William May, Shepherdstown WV	58.03%
7.85	10	3	Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA; Lisa Mita, Downingtown PA	57.81%
7.20	11		Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	57.68%
6.64	12		Jan Jansma – Monique France, New York NY	57.53%
6.17	13		En Xie, St. Louis MO; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	56.87%
5.76	14		Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	56.45%
5.40	15		Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Jeff McKee, Livingston TX	56.32%
5.08	16		Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; David Yang, Darien IL	56.18%
4.80	17		Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	55.91%
4.55	18		Norman Beck, Dallas TX; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	55.44%
4.32	19		Michael Crane – Lori Strager, West Bloomfield MI	55.02%
4.11	20		Dan Roseberry, Dover OH; Richard Katz, North Versailles PA	54.62%
5.07	21	4	John Bacon, Mayfield Heights OH; Maureen Loeb, Bridgeville PA	54.56%
4.00	22	5	Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	54.53%
3.60	23		Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Stan Christie, Kirkland WA	54.25%
3.45	24		Dwight Meredith, Greensboro NC; George Woltman, Blowing Rock NC	53.89%
3.43	25	6	Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Siqing Yu, San Diego CA	53.73%
3.20	26		Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	53.47%
3.63	27	7	Platt Hill, Saint Charles IL; Steven Vorenkamp, Harbor Springs MI	53.42%
2.98	28		Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	53.12%
2.67		8	Michael Boreson, Kalispell MT; Ben Loehnen, New York NY	53.01%
3.59		9	Ronald Goor, Houten Netherlands; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	52.98%

**MONDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS**

28.0 Tables / Based on 68 Tables

	B	C		
15.20	1		Kathryn LeGro, Carmichael CA; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	61.32%
11.40	2		Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS; Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA	58.74%
8.55	3		Susan Marshall – Rick Gardner, Denver CO	56.15%
6.41	4		Dawn Miller, Sabula IA; Michelle Feeney, Davenport IA	55.94%
5.07	5		Susie Ball – Peter Galbraith, Yakima WA	55.27%
5.46	6	1	Peter Doan, Chicago IL; Michael Hughes, Jefferson City MO	55.27%
4.10	7	2	Richard Lazaroff – Patricia Lazaroff, St. Louis MO	55.16%
3.38	8		Mark Hanlon, Bismarck ND; Kerry Hanlon, Cass Lake MN	54.93%
3.07	9	3	Janet Jones, Harrisburg IL; Charles Wiese, Creal Springs IL	54.80%
2.76	10		Sandy Spears – Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY	54.68%
4.08	11	4	Jerry Kizer Jr., Jackson TN; John Bondurant, Memphis TN	53.69%
2.34	12		Phil Reynolds, Jackson MI; Walter Magee, Manitou Beach MI	53.62%
2.17	13		Marc Boisvert, Laval QC; Elliott Kayser, Halifax NS	53.08%
2.03	14	5	Rosy Agrawal – Pawan Agrawal, Las Vegas NV	52.85%

**MONDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

24.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

	7	4	2		
8.66	1	1		Douglas Kenny, Westfield IN; Christopher Egan, Fishers IN	64.07%
6.50	2	2	1	Kenneth Kwantes – Marcus Cloud, Rolla MO	58.47%
4.87	3			Penny Williams – Cynthia Peters, St. Louis MO	58.45%
3.74	4	3		Gary Goetz Jr., Turtle Creek PA; Chris Rasmussen, Monroeville PA	57.22%
2.89	5	4		Joy Pillard, La Vista NE; Mary Bonneau, Omaha NE	56.97%

2.49	6			Tim Bonner – Vicki Brantley, Paducah KY	56.18%
2.22	7	5		Kirk Peterman, Lenoir City TN; Patrick McGehearty, Longmont CO	56.08%
2.60	8	6		Thomas O’Hara, Fairview Heights IL; Mary Joan Woods, St. Louis MO	55.73%
1.73	9	7		Randy Steil – Wilhelmina Allen, Port Allen LA	55.67%
2.87	10	8	2	Patience Schock, St. Louis MO; Tom Horlacher, Clayton MO	54.93%
1.52	11			Theresa Griffin, Leawood KS; Robert Ross, Olathe KS	54.12%
2.15	12	9	3	Kevin Foley, Mission KS; John McKay, Kansas City MO	54.06%
1.62			4	Brian Curd – Diane Curd, Greenwood Village CO	52.22%
1.28			5	Mary Dunger, St. Louis MO; Linda Whitaker, Ballwin MO	50.93%

**1ST SUNDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1	1	1	Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	63.64%
3.90	2	2		John Krah, Seattle WA; Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	57.77%
2.93	3	3		Wesley Seitz, Champaign IL; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY	57.58%
2.19	4			Grant Sterling – Mark Daily, Charleston IL	55.68%
1.65	5			Katherine Pollock, Williamsville NY; Lamar Daniel, Gruetli Laager TN	55.30%
1.74	6	4		Ryan White, Indianapolis IN; Mark Rexroth, Carmel IN	54.55%
1.30		5		Ashish Gupta – Danning Lu, Sacramento CA	54.36%
1.97			2	Molly Walsh, York PA; Shae Patnoe, Denver CO	52.84%
1.48			3	Douglas Kenny, Westfield IN; Christopher Egan, Fishers IN	52.46%
1.11			4	Donna Frohm, Lakeport MI; Jennifer McKeown, Austin TX	48.86%

**MONDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS**

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1			Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Christine Child, Leeds United Kingdom	65.18%
3.09	2			Jeff Eisenberger, Chesterfield MO; William Holt, Sewickley PA	58.04%
3.25	3/5	1		Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Allyson Welsh, Monroe WA	56.25%



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1.79	3/5		Steven Jackson, Fort Wayne IN; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN	56.25%
1.79	3/5		Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN; Dimi Cooklev, Fort Wayne IN	56.25%
2.44		2	Patti Knote, Fishers IN; Bruce Stroud, Indianapolis IN	53.57%
2.38		3	1 Robert Glasspiegel – Susan Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	51.19%
1.37		4	Catherine Dwinell – William Carrell, Las Cruces NM	50.60%
1.79		2	Greg Foster, Kansas City MO; Mike Davis, Lees Summit MO	49.40%

**MONDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	67.99%
4.22	2			Ereleta Plana, Sandnes Norway; Sarah de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	67.42%
3.17	3			George Mansour, Scranton PA; Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA	61.40%
2.38	4			Bo Liu, Irvine CA; Somers Collins, Little Rock AR	59.47%
3.68	5	1		William Carrell – Catherine Dwinell, Las Cruces NM	58.59%
1.52	6			Thomas Musso, Charleston SC; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA	57.39%
1.06	7			John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	56.99%
2.76		2		Thomas Frank, Indianapolis IN; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN	53.98%
2.32		3	1	Kevin Henry – Huang-Chia Chang, Cincinnati OH	53.03%
1.74		4	2	Jon Udell, Wilsonville OR; Les Lee Roland, Sarasota FL	50.19%
1.16		5		Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	46.40%

**1ST SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS – REVISED**

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	60.68%
22.74	3	2		Anant Rathi, Denver CO; Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	59.68%
17.05	4			Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	58.99%
13.47	5			Mark Henderson, Wilmington DE; Lisa Mita, Downingtown PA	58.61%
11.55	6			B. Wayne Stuart III – Leslie Blair, Raleigh NC	58.59%
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	57.55%
6.74	11			Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	57.53%
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 Center 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	55.25%
6.16	18	5		Mark Hanlon, Bismarck ND; Kerry Hanlon, Cass Lake MN	55.23%
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	54.47%
3.51	22			Michael Christensen – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	54.33%
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	54.07%
3.94	25			Henry Nelson, Zelienople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	53.87%
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 Hts IL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL	52.16%
2.84		12		Erin Bealles – Alexander Bealles, Mars PA	52.08%
2.64		13		John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Robert Coyne, Colonia NJ	51.46%
3.71		14	3	Frank Paynter, Grove City OH; Kenneth Frank, St. Charles MO	51.42%
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%
1.89			6	Sharon Murphy – Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN	50.34%

**MONDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

29 Tables / Based on 80 Tables

	A	B	C		
31.22	1			Robert Shore – Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA; Mariusz Krasnicki, Lodz Poland	95.00
23.42	2			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND; Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	85.00
18.41	3	1		David Rogers – Adam Deeb, Clearwater FL; Steve Valencic, Land O'Lakes FL; Jack Brawner Jr., Palm Harbor FL	77.00
11.79	4/5			Laura Lipman, Estero FL; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Ash Gupta, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL	72.00
11.79	4/5			Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; David desJardins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Bill Cook, Louisville KY	72.00
13.81	6/7	2	1	Russell Friedman, Wilton CT; Ken Eisner, Truro NS; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL	71.00
8.37	6/7			Robert Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY; Jeffrey Goldman, Norwalk CT; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY; Michael Radin, New York NY	71.00
10.36		3		Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH; Bob Lafleur, Las Vegas NV; Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH; Joe Barnard, Mount Vernon OH	70.00
8.17	4/5	2/3		Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA; Joyce Neville, White Marsh VA; Robert Hendricks, Richmond VA; Richard Beye, Mehlville MO	67.00
8.17	4/5	2/3		Jack Boge – Vincent Zheng, New York NY; Morgan Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL	67.00
5.26		6		Jessica Lin, Aurora ON; Peter Wong – Jianfeng Luo, North York ON; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	66.00
5.25		4		Cooper Pierce – Ellie Gossage, New York NY; Lucy Zhang – Sam Bellows, Brooklyn NY	64.00
4.15		5		Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA; Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD; Barbara Devaney, Washington DC	62.00

**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1**

9 Tables

13.28	1	Andrew Carver – Ben Englert, Belleville IL; Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Vernon Carver, Edwardsville IL	116.00
9.96	2	Charles Johnson, St. Louis MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO; Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO; Mark Ludwig, Maryland Heights MO	93.00

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5.60	4	Angela Snyder – Michael Johnson, Charlotte NC; Martha Meyer – Mark Meyer, Winston-Salem NC	81.00

**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2**

9 Tables

11.79	1	Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ; Renee Waas, Heber City UT; Robert Carroll, Lawrenceville NJ	103.00
8.84	2	David Divine – Pat Linville – Stephanie Haddy – Anne West, Scottsdale AZ	95.00
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**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3**

9 Tables

10.71	1	Buddy Massey, Gulfport MS; Sharon Murphy – Daniel Murphy, Indianapolis IN; Robert Reich, Mandeville LA	109.00
8.03	2	Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; James Kehoe, Glendale Hts IL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL; Neal Goldman, Willow Springs IL	98.00
6.02	3	Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Debbie Carpenter – Noah Bell – Edythe Krauss, Ithaca NY	97.00
4.52	4	James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Shirley Shi – Ashish Gupta, Sacramento CA; Liam King, San Francisco CA	84.00

**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables

9.97	1	Mark Webb, Rome GA; Roberto Crocenzi – Jeffrey Young, Saint Simons Is GA; Vernon Carrigan, Clarksville TN	104.00
7.48	2	Ken Deutch – Michael Sherberg – Frank Levinson, St. Louis MO; Kenneth Eiger, Clayton MO	94.00
5.61	3	Penny Sweeney, Maple City MI; Kathy Twomey, Bloomfield Village MI; Brian McClure, Suttons Bay MI; Christopher Gennick, Traverse City MI	89.00
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3.77	4/5	Brenda Egeland, Haymarket VA; David Dailey, Shoreline WA; Morris Jones, Monrovia CA; Sarah Deschenes, Pasadena CA	86.00

**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5**

9 Tables

8.12	1	Michael Kelly, Chesterfield MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO; Job George, Columbia IL; Jim Gibson, Ellisville MO	96.00
6.09	2	Ralph Lipe – Lynda Lipe, Chelan WA; Sarah Thesenvitz – Greg Thesenvitz, Black Diamond WA	93.00
4.57	3	Barbara Ganin – William Witt, Gainesville FL; Susan Goldenberg – Carol Kushnick, Scarsdale NY	87.00
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**MONDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6**

7 Tables

5.26	1	Jerry Dutra – Barry Krell – Ellen White, Saint Louis MO; Michael Caldwell, O'Fallon MO	72.00
3.95	2	Mary Sievers – Aaron Obanion – Lisa O'Banion, Champaign IL; Anthony Gawienowski, Urbana IL	70.00
2.96	3	Robert Moody, Irvine CA; Renata Frutiger, Tiki Island TX; Renee O'Donnell, El Paso TX; Glenna Lowe, Las Cruces NM	66.00

**SUNDAY-MONDAY KNOCKOUT**

4 Tables

24.00	1	Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Laura Raczek, Joliet IL; David Cochener, Clarksville TN; Jack McCullagh, Herndon KY
16.80	2	Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Charles Swart, Alameda CA; Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Phil Feldman, Los Angeles CA
10.80	3	John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA; Todd Thorsen – Bobette Thorsen, Lititz PA
8.40	4	Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL; Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO; Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Larry Jackson, Memphis TN

## Rockwell Mixed Pairs



**Arti Bhargava and Aaron Jones won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs last year.**

The Mixed Pairs is a four-session event with two qualifying and two final sessions. Each pair must consist of a male and female partnership. The Rockwell Trophy, donated by Helen Rockwell in 1946, honors the winners.

The record holder in the Mixed Pairs is Sidney Silodor, who won the event five times – including 1955 and 1956 with Helen Sobel. John Crawford won the event three times – in 1948 and 1949 with Margaret Wagar and in 1959 with Dorothy Truscott, the first time they had ever played together.

### Previous winners:

- 1946** Anne Burnstein, Alvin Roth
- 1947** Evelyn Ansin, Charles Goren
- 1948** John Crawford, Margaret Wagar
- 1949** John Crawford, Margaret Wagar
- 1950** Peter Leventritt, Ruth Sherman
- 1951** Edith Rosenbloom, Sidney Silodor
- 1952** Anne Burnstein, Alvin Roth
- 1953** Jewel Hodge, Paul Hodge
- 1954** Said Haddad, Betty Windley
- 1955** Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1956** Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
- 1957** Bee Gale, Howard Schenken
- 1958** Carol Ross, Edwin Smith
- 1959** John Crawford, Dorothy Hayden
- 1960** Elsie Abrams, William Passell

- 1961** Art Comstock, Margaret Muirhead
- 1962** Clarice Holt, Paul Levitt

A similar, three-session event was held at the Spring NABC from 1958 to 1962.

### Winners:

- 1958** Mrs. M.J. Novak, John Gerber
- 1959** Mary Jane Farrell, Al Roth
- 1960** Shirlee Harris, Edward Rosen
- 1961** Carol Sanders, Tommy Sanders
- 1962** 1-2. Jessie Cook, Grant Marsee  
1-2. Shirlee Harris, Edward Rosen
- 1963** Agnes Gordon, Eric Murray
- 1964** Dan Morse, Mary Margaret Swan
- 1965** Betty Kaplan, Edgar Kaplan
- 1966** Robert Sharp, Louise Sharp
- 1967** Gertrude Machlin, Kit Woolsey
- 1968** Marilyn Johnson, Peter Rank
- 1969** Peggy Parker, Steve Parker
- 1970** George Dawkins, Carolyn Flournoy
- 1971** Eugenie Mathe, Lew Mathe
- 1972** John Mohan, Peggy Sutherland
- 1973** Bernie Chazen, Marilyn Johnson
- 1974** Gerald Caravelli, Helen Utegaard
- 1975** Barry Crane, Kerri Shuman
- 1976** Peggy Lipsitz, Steve Parker
- 1977** Joel Friedberg, Nancy Gruver
- 1978** Ahmed Hussein, Gail Moss
- 1979** Juanita Skelton, Mike Smolen
- 1980** Jeff Meckstroth, Patty Meckstroth
- 1981** Esta Van Zandt, Jim Zimmerman
- 1982** Barry Crane, Kerri Shuman
- 1983** John Gustafson, Helen Gustafson
- 1984** Kathy Sulgrove, Larry Rock
- 1985** Beth Palmer, Steve Robinson
- 1986** Lisa Berkowitz, David Berkowitz
- 1987** Lisa Berkowitz, David Berkowitz
- 1988** Claire Tornay, Michael Moss
- 1989** Dorothy Truscott, Alan Truscott
- 1990** Jo Ann Manfield, Ken Cohen
- 1991** Jo Ann Manfield, Danny Sprung
- 1992** Kitty Bethe, Larry Mori
- 1993** Libby Fernandez, Happoldt Neuffer
- 1994** Jillian Blanchard, Geoff Hampson
- 1995** Cindy Bernstein, Bob Bernstein
- 1996** Margery Tamres, Joseph Brady
- 1997** Phyllis Quinn, Wafik Abdou
- 1998** Joan Eaton, Leslie Amoils
- 1999** Shannon Lipscomb, Mike Cappelletti
- 2000** Linda Gordon, Bernie Chazen
- 2001** Barbara Shaw, Mark Shaw
- 2002** Linda Webb, Richard Ekstrum
- 2003** Jim Kirkham, Corinne Kirkham
- 2004** Peggy Kaplan, Bill Kent
- 2005** John Kranyak, Laurie Kranyak
- 2006** Tom Kniest, Karen Walker
- 2007** Mildred Breed, Richard Zeckhauser
- 2008** Gail Greenberg, Jeffrey Hand
- 2009** Karen Walker, Tom Kniest
- 2010** Scott Levine, Judi Radin
- 2011** Lloyd Arvedon, Carolyn Sessler
- 2012** Sheila Gabay, Pat McDevitt
- 2013** Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis
- 2014** Richard Coren, Janice Seamon-Molson
- 2015** Susan Stubinski, Bruce Wick
- 2016** Jenni Carmichael, Greg Humphreys
- 2017** Cristal Nell, Igor Savchenko
- 2018** Pat McDevitt, Sheila Gabay
- 2019** Stephen Sanborn, Kerri Sanborn
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Jacek Pszczola, May Sakr
- 2023** Greg Humphreys, Jenni Carmichael
- 2024** Li-Hsiang Kuo, Ho-Yee So
- 2025** Arti Bhargava, Aaron Jones



Winners of last year's 0-2500 Swiss Teams: brothers **Charlie Chen and Andrew Chen** and teammates **Kyo Chen** with his father **Hua Chen**

### 0-3000 Swiss starts

The 0-3000 Swiss Teams starts today. This four-session event is limited to players with less than 3000 masterpoints, previously 2500. Approximately half of the teams entering will qualify for the final tomorrow.

- 2022** Ping Hu, Henry Shi, Yanping Zhang, Henry Zhang
- 2023** Barry Port, Susan Port, Harriet Goldman, Ken Lowenstein
- 2024** Ping Hu, Henry Shi, Xin Ge, Chen Zhou
- 2025** Hua Chen, Kyo Chen, Charlie Chen, Andrew Chen

## Milestones

**Pat Dunn** of Edmonds WA recently crossed the 25,000 masterpoint threshold. Pat and his wife, Polly, were the winners of the inaugural Senior Mixed Pairs in 2011, held on their home field in Seattle, the site of the Fall NABC in 2027.



Congratulations, Pat!

**Michael Hughes** of Jefferson City MO became a Ruby Life Master on Sunday, earning his 1500th masterpoint playing in the Afternoon Side Pairs with Michelle Krause of Lohman MO. They tied for fourth in B.



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*The Real Deal Regional Swiss will be played each month.*

## Platinum Rising – continued

By Mark Horton, UK

Before we look at the second session of the final, here are two deals from the concluding part of the first session:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	3♠	4♣ <sup>(3)</sup>
4♠	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- (1) Limit raise +  
 (2) Asking if limit or better  
 (3) Controls

East led the ♣A and when West followed with the ♣7, he continued with the ♣4 to dummy's ♣K. Four rounds of trumps ending in dummy saw declarer cash the ♦K, hoping to see West follow with the ♦8. When it did not appear, he claimed for one down, -100, only 12%.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>di Franco</i>	<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>
1♠	3♥	1♣	Pass
4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass

- (1) RKCB  
 (2) 2 key cards, no ♠Q

North led the ♥A and continued with the ♥J, but declarer could ruff and claim, +1430 and 96%.

Everyone who played in 4♠ took 12 tricks and scored 50%.

At the end of the session, Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen led with 224.87 followed by Adam Grossack and John McAllister (218.53) and Amir Zamir and Oren Toledano (216.01).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Avery S.</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>Aaron S.</i>
4♦	1♦	1♥	Dbl
Dbl	5♣	Dbl	5♦
	All Pass		

Against the daughter-father Silverstein pair, East led the ♥Q and West overtook it and switched to the ♦8. With the ♣K onside, that was +550 and 81%.

Where E/W bid 5♥ and N/S went on to 6♦, -300 meant they only scored 0.5%.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Madala</i>
			Pass
1♠	3♣	3♦	4♣
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣Q and declarer ruffed and played three rounds of spades, South winning and switching to the ♥4. Declarer won, and when the second key suit divided, he could claim, +1430 and 100%.

Ron Gerard and Mark Lair bid 6♦ with the E/W cards, and when Toledano did not find the essential heart lead, declarer recorded +1370 for 92%.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>van Oosten</i>	<i>Lien</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
		Pass	3♣
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣K and continued with the ♣7, South taking the ♣A and continuing with the ♣5. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with the ♥K and played a diamond to the 4, jack and queen. When North cashed the ♠A, declarer unblocked the ♠K, won the continuation with dummy's ♠Q and repeated the diamond finesse for +600 and 92%.

Did you spot the winning defense? South must switch to the ♠J at trick three.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Tebha</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
			1♥
3♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

North led the ♥2. Declarer won with dummy's ♥A and played the ♠5, South winning and switching to the ♦6. Having won in dummy, declarer cashed the top clubs and claimed for one down, -100 and 42%.

If declarer ruffs a heart high, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart high and draws trumps, he can then advance the ♣10, intending to run it. Sibrand van Oosten scored +1370 for 92%.

Were North to lead an unlikely trump, he cannot regain the lead to play a deadly second round!

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Baqai</i>	<i>Zia</i>
			1♦
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Dbf	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠K and declarer won, cashed six clubs and advanced the ♦Q. When it was covered, he was home, +400 and 85%.

If you were desperate for a top, you might overtake the ♣J and play the ♦Q. When it is covered you win, cash the remaining clubs and play a second diamond, although in practice I doubt declarer would finesse the ♦10.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Edmonds</i>	<i>Mignocchi</i>
2♦	2♠	5♦	5♠
All Pass			

The intervention took away the bidding space, and North was unwilling to speculate about the possibility that partner held a diamond control. Scoring +680 was exactly 50%.

A couple of questions: Would a bid of 5♥ from South in this situation be Last Train? Would a double of 5♦ be a unilateral expression of a wish to defend?

The only pairs to bid 6♠ were Zia–Donati and Madala–Botta, scoring 96% apiece.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tan</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Ganesan</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
2NT <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- (1) Waiting  
 (2) Kokish  
 (3) Forced  
 (4) Balanced

North led the ♠2. When dummy's ♠10 held, declarer came to hand with the ♠A, unblocked the ♠K (North followed with the ♠5 and ♠7) and played two rounds of clubs, ducking North's ♣10. South won with the ♣J and switched to the ♥9. When declarer put in the ♥Q, North won and returned the ♥5 and that held declarer to nine tricks, +600 scoring only 12%.

Three pairs managed +660 for 92%. One way that might happen would be for North to lead a heart, and South to switch to a diamond when in with a club.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Avery S.</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Aaron S.</i>
1♠	2♣	Dbl	3♣
3♦	Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (1) Control

Should East have preferred 6♦? 6♠ scores more if it is making, and E/W were having a good session.

North led the ♣K, and declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the 8, North winning with the ♠J and returning the ♣Q. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and played a heart to the queen for one down, -100 and only 23%.

West <i>Jacob</i>	North <i>Lien</i>	East <i>Carmichael</i>	South <i>Kaplan</i>
1♠	2♣	Dbl	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

North led the ♥3, and when dummy's ♥Q held, declarer drew trumps and played a spade to the 8 and jack. He ruffed the club return, played three rounds of spades ruffing and claimed, +1370 and 99.5%.

When the smoke had cleared, Ami Zamir and Oren Toledano had totaled 430.51 to take the win from Sibrand van Oosten and Thibo Sprinkhuizen (412.37) who were also runners-up last year. Adam Grossack and John McAllister were third (402.03) and Zia and Giovanni Donati fourth (396.16).

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We'll be showing Vugraph through Saturday, March 7.

We will cover the Vanderbilt from start to finish. Today 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.

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Rob Barrington will again be hosting live commentary at [bridgecast.org](http://bridgecast.org). 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,

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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**  
<https://www.youtube.com/@BridgeBaseOnline>

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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>

## Meet me in St. Louis Vanderbilt

By Mark Horton, UK

On day one of the Vanderbilt KO, which would reduce the field from 54 to 32 teams, there were different boards in every match, so there was a fair chance that if one were quiet, another might be more exciting.

Here is some action from the first of the four sessions:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
		1♥	Pass
2NT <sup>(1)</sup>	3♦	4♥	All Pass

(1) Invitational+ heart raise or 12–14 balanced with hearts

It looks as if North gave some thought to taking another bid over 4♥. If he doubles and South bids 5♣, it is hard to predict what might happen.

South led the ♦4 and declarer took 10 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
		1♥	Pass
2NT*	Dbl	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♠10. North took his ♦A when the suit was played, so no swing.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

RUBENSTEIN vs. WOLPERT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Barrington</i>
	1♠	Pass	4♠
5♦	5♠	6♦	6♠
Dbl	All Pass		

East led the ♥7, and declarer won with the ♥A and cashed the ♠K Q before playing a second heart. West won and played the ♣A, declarer ruffing, ruffing a diamond, ruffing a club, ruffing a diamond and ruffing a club. Dummy's clubs were good, but there was no way to reach them, so that was four down, -1100.

Although its clear declarer might have done better in the play, the real interest is in the bidding. If North prefers 5♥ to 5♠, South, holding an ace, is less likely to save. If North passes over 5♦, is East going to raise to 6♦? If he does, there is no reason for N/S to bid again.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mawyer</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦	3♦	3♠
4♦	All Pass		

Declarer lost the first three tricks but took the rest, +130 but 14 IMPs to RUBENSTEIN.

## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠7, and declarer took East's ♠J with the ♠A and played on diamonds, easily securing nine tricks, +150.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠7, and declarer won with the ♠10 and played the ♦10. When it held, he played the ♥K and was assured of nine tricks, +600 and 10 IMPs for HAMMAN.

## Board 6. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dbl
3♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) At least one four-card major

(2) Hearts

Guided by his partner's double, North led the ♣A, South following with the ♣9. When North switched to the ♥2 (a disappointment for South that North did not have a second club), dummy's ♥K held. Declarer played a spade to the jack, North winning with the ♠Q and returning the ♥5. South took dummy's ♥Q and exited with the ♠6. Declarer won, and cashed his spade and diamond winners. He discarded two diamonds on the spades and then tried exiting with a low club which saw South win and play the ♥10, North winning and cashing the ♦8 for two down, -200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
		Pass	3♣
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Seeing no future in clubs, North led the ♠2. Declarer won with the ♠J, unblocked the diamonds and played a heart to the king, South taking the ♥A and returning the ♠6. Declarer won with the ♠A, cashed the ♠K, crossed to dummy with a heart and took the diamonds for +600 and 13 IMPs to CAYNE.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
1NT	Pass	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) No five-card major

North led the ♦4. Declarer ducked twice, won the heart switch in dummy, came to hand with a spade and played a club to the jack, +660.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥ <sup>(5)</sup>	Pass
4♠ <sup>(6)</sup>	Pass	5♦ <sup>(7)</sup>	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(1) Can have four hearts

(2) Clubs

(3) Club fit

(4) Mild slam try

(5) Control

(6) Optional RKCB

(7) Two key cards

South led the ♠J and declarer won in dummy, played a club to the ace and a club, claiming, +1370 and 12 IMPs to CAYNE.

I wonder how declarer would have played against an inspired diamond lead.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## RUBENSTEIN vs. WOLPERT

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Barrington</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦

East led the ♣3 and West took the ♣A and returned the ♣5, declarer taking the rest, +690.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mawyer</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♣

East led the ♥10 and West took his aces, -100 and 13 IMPs for WOLPERT.

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
	1♠	Dbl	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

North led the ♠A, continued with the ♠K and then switched to the ♥J. Declarer won in dummy, played a club to the king, pitched a diamond on the ♠J, played a diamond to the ace, a club to the king, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♥K, ruffed a heart, and crossruffed his way to 11 tricks, +600.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
	1♠	Dbl	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
All Pass			
(1) Diamonds			

West started with three rounds of clubs which saw the defenders take the first nine tricks. Having already won with the ♦A, East exited with the ♦2 at trick 10 and declarer put in the ♦J, to finish five down, -250 but still 8 IMPs for HAMMAN.

## Board 11. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## RUBENSTEIN vs. WOLPERT

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>B. Wolpert</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Barrington</i>
			3♥
Pass	Pass	4♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

(1) Spades and a minor

(2) Asking

Do you think West should have bid 5♥ over 5♦?

South led the ♣6, and declarer won in dummy and was soon claiming all the tricks,+940.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mawyer</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Rubenstein</i>
			3♥
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

## That meant 11 IMPs for RUBENSTEIN.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

## CAYNE vs. HAMMAN

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
Pass	2♦	2♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Dbl
All Pass			

They do say with “6–5, come alive” but it was wrong this time.

South led the ♦K, and declarer had to go two down, -300.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Glubok</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

North might have bid 5♦, the idea being to help partner if E/W go on to 5♠, but it would not have helped here.

West led the ♠9 and East won and switched to the ♣3 for one down, -100 and 9 IMPs to CAYNE.

At the end of the session HAMMAN led 37–32, and RUBENSTEIN was ahead 60–23.

## Maple Leaf Celebrity Classic a success

By Shelley Burns, CBF President | [president@cbf.ca](mailto:president@cbf.ca)

I sincerely want to thank each and every person who participated in our inaugural 2026 Maple Leaf Celebrity Classic, which was not only a fundraiser for the Canadian Bridge Federation, but most importantly, it was a worldwide community-building event. Celebrities donated either a speedball game and lesson, and/or the opportunity to play with them in our Celebrity Game which took place Feb. 23 on RealBridge.

Congratulations to our winners, Jan Jansma and Paul Freaon of New York City.

I played with Neil Kimelman who, by the way, is responsible for getting me onto the CBF Board, when I really knew very little about bridge beyond club games. I bought Andrew Gumperz for my husband, Lorne. Both Neil and Andrew are great bridge writers and players.

I had a fantastic time, and it seemed that everyone else enjoyed it, too. What a fantastic way for keen players to engage with world-class players!

Save the date!

Want to play with some of the world's best bridge players in next year's Celebrity event? Mark your calendars for the 2027 Maple Leaf Celebrity Classic to be held Monday, March 8 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time (7 p.m. European time).

All celebrities worldwide are welcome to participate,



**CBF President Shelley Burns congratulates the winners of the 2026 Maple Leaf Celebrity Classic: Jan Jansma (left) and Paul Freaon of New York City.**

so please reach out to me if you are a top player, a bridge teacher, or a bridge celebrity! If you can help spread the word to your friends and your bridge clubs, I would be most grateful. I am already keeping a list for our 2027 Celebrity event, and I encourage you to get involved in building community amongst our international friends.



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

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per team per session for six-person teams.)

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two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Guest members must upgrade to full membership to play. Inactive members must renew.

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\* \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

## Limited events eligibility

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## Navigating to playing areas

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A detailed map of the playing areas in these buildings is available from either Welcome Desk or online at [acbl.org/stlouis](http://acbl.org/stlouis).



# ACBL Electronic Device Policy

This policy applies to all events at NABCs and events where ACBL is the Sponsoring Organization. Regional and Sectional tournaments are encouraged to adopt and apply this policy or one more well-suited to their players. A violation of any of the restrictions below will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

1. Any electronic equipment must be kept in silent mode (except for health-related equipment, where silent mode is unavailable or could constitute a health risk).

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2. Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the director's judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

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Penalties for captains and coaches: Same as for players.

For the purpose of this policy, each day of a multi-day event is treated independently.

Further restrictions and requirements may apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage and/or instruction from the Sponsoring Organization.

For the purpose of this policy, Sponsoring Organization is the ACBL for NABCs, the organizing District for Regionals, and the organizing Unit for Sectionals.



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## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

### Wednesday, March 4

**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 32	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
0–10,000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS	1-2 F	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$25	\$35
<b>10 am</b>				
Wednesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	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 F	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
0–3000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Majestic C, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
Top-Flight Pairs ( <i>unlim./5000</i> )	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs ( <i>4000/1250</i> )	1-2	Room 230, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Tue-Wed 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>3 pm</b>				
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Wednesday 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.