



Daily Bulletin

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Join us for bridge-themed Jeopardy, Family Feud and other games
Wednesday, March 4, 8:30 p.m.
Marriott 21st floor (use gold elevators)

Jump Start Bridge hires help

Patty Tucker’s Jump Start Bridge program has been one of the greatest success stories in bridge education for the past two years. The program has to date reached 27,000 children who are learning bridge at school. Until recently, it was run entirely by Tucker

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ATTENDANCE through TUESDAY
3784.5 tables



Goodwill Message

Remember, it’s nice to be important; it’s more important to be nice.

Lamya Agelidis, Chair
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Noel Stewart is Goodwill Member of the Year

Hot Springs Village AR is the largest gated community in the U.S. While popular with retirees – it’s billed as an “active lifestyle community” – anyone can live there. It caught the eye of Noel Stewart and her husband Craig as they approached retirement. They moved there from Houston about 10 years ago.

That turned out to be a very good thing for The Village Card Club.

“From the moment that Noel moved to Hot Springs Village, she hit the ground running,” said Martha McAlister, who nominated Noel. “Learning bridge,

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Itabashi gets fifth win in Top 500 race



Mark Itabashi of Newport Beach CA had his best year in bridge in 2025 in a lot of ways. He won two national events and had top-10 finishes in six others, winning the Mott-Smith Trophy for most masterpoints at the Spring NABC in Memphis – where he won the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs and the Senior Mixed Pairs.

He won the Barry Crane Top 500 race for the fifth time with exactly 3028 masterpoints, his third-biggest total and third-biggest margin. That’s as many times as Brazil has won the World

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GerriAnne Mason 1952–2025

Grand Life Master GerriAnne Mason of Fairfield Glade TN passed away suddenly Dec. 31 from an undiagnosed medical condition at a duplicate bridge tournament in Myrtle Beach SC. She was 73.

GerriAnne became a Life Master by winning a regional pairs in Albany NY in the 1980s playing with future husband Brian Mason. In 1993, she was a member of the winning squad in the Marsha May Sternberg Women’s Board-a-Match Teams. She topped 10,000 points in 2020 playing with husband Brian on BBO during the COVID period, but the ACBL did not recognize her as a Grand Life

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Today'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
9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	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
10 am				
Wednesday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS	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
3 pm				
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
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.



Crazy Bridge takes your favorite game and adds a new rule to every board. Show up solo or with a partner and get ready to play, laugh, and think on your feet.

Crazy Bridge runs from 8:30-10:30 p.m., with everyone starting together at 8:30.

**Friday, March 6 • Majestic D
Marriott Plaza**

Entry Express and purchase options

Tournament events are open to current, paid members. Guest members must convert to a full membership. A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

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 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 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 to be added. Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at 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 Volunteer

Phyllis Siegel

Intermediate/Novice Program Chair

Phyllis has been teaching bridge to eager learners for years. She is one of our most enthusiastic promoters of bridge for beginners, which is why we sought her out to run the I/N desk. Her warmth and patience, refined over years in elementary school classrooms, make for a reassuring presence among players sifting through complexities of the game.



In addition to her teaching, she regularly directs Sunday games, and she finds a particular joy in turning them into potluck dinners. Her New Year's Eve events are a staple of the St. Louis bridge calendar.

But don't be deceived! Beneath that friendly, welcoming exterior there lurks a sharp bridge player ready to hand you a bottom. She is very matter-of-fact at the bridge table as she destroys your contract. It's painful.

Vugraph operators needed

Vugraph operators are need 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.

Claim your prize

If you win or have won a section top in any event, come get your prize from the Prize Desk, located either on the second floor of the America's Center in the atrium or on the ground floor of the Marriott Plaza. The Prize Desk is open for about an hour, closing 15 minutes before the start of morning and afternoon sessions.

No smoking

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the Marriott St. Louis Grand or the America's Center. It is a violation of both the ACBL codification and Missouri law to smoke in an area where not permitted. Violators will be subject to discipline.

A player who was caught smoking has been removed by the host facility and disqualified for the remainder of the Spring NABC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

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

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

Friday, March 6
8:30–10 pm **Crazy Bridge.** This variation brings chaos to the game by changing a different rule for each board. *Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza*

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.

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

Thursday, March 5
9:15 am Marjorie Michelin *The Right Suit First*
2:15 pm Thomas MacCormac *Declarer Play Starts with the Auction*

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.

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

Thursday, March 5
Bagels

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.

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

Thursday, March 5
Salad bar, smoked turkey, soup, cookies

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.

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

Thursday, March 5
Mr. Papas, Taste D Burger, Grace Meet and Three

Evening entertainment

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

Today
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 6 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



The 2♣ response

Now, we can get into the fun part of the system – the actual 2-over-1 auctions. For now, we'll focus on the auctions where the opening bid is 1♥ or 1♠, and the response is 2♣. (We'll leave 1♦–2♣ for a future article.)

Of course, this means we opened 1♥ or 1♠ as the dealer (or in second position). We do not use 2/1 GF after third- or fourth-seat opening bids. Also, the opponents must be silent; if they interfere, there is no 2/1 GF.

So, what does 2♣ show?

It is “natural,” but certainly doesn't promise a five-card suit. It shows enough points to want to be in (at least) game opposite partner's opening bid. Here are more explicit details on the length and strength of the 2♣ response:

Length: While a five-card or longer suit would be nice, what can responder respond after partner's 1♠ if he has, say: ♠K 3 ♥6 5 4 2 ♦A Q 2 ♣A J 9 8?

He can't raise spades with only two. The hand is wrong for notrump (no heart stopper), not to mention that a jump in notrump preempts our own good auction. Responding 2♥ with only a four-card suit is a no-no (the auction 1♠–2♥ promises at least five hearts, as we will see in a later article). That leaves, ta-da, 2♣. Sometimes, responder will be 4–4 in the minors, in which case I recommend bidding 2♣ (to leave the most room). I suppose if the clubs are terrible (J–7–6–2) and the diamonds are good (K–Q–9–8), it would be a better description to respond 2♦. Certainly if clubs is responder's longest suit, that will always be the suit he names first. Can the 2♣ response ever be made on a three-card suit? Not likely (unless it is part of some fancy, newfangled system). If I had to come up with an example of a three-card response of 2♣, try this:

♠A 4 3 ♥J 5 4 3 ♦A 5 4 ♣A K 3.

After partner's 1♠, I might bid 2♣, just to get the ball rolling. Nothing else seems better.

Strength: Basically, a 2/1 response shows an “opening bid.” With an opening bid opposite an opening bid, it is expected there will be at least a game. As to how to define what constitutes an opening bid, good luck to all of us! Do

we count high-card points? Shape? Both? There is no easy answer. A lot also depends on how light your partner opens the bidding. If he is opening every 11-count in creation, you don't want to force to game just because you have some ordinary 12-count. Opposite a sound partner, you can take more liberties with your 2/1 responses. Also, you need to use your judgment as to the degree of fit. For example, if partner opens one of a major, would you force to game with this hand:

♠Q J 3 ♥6 ♦A Q 8 7 ♣Q J 8 4 2?

It was a trick question. You need to know which major partner opened. After his 1♠ opening, I'd gladly bid 2♣ and force to game. I have a wonderful hand in support of spades. However, after 1♥, I'd content myself with 1NT (forcing). Picture partner with, say:

♠A 7 6 ♥K J 8 7 5 ♦J 4 2 ♣K 3.

Where are we going?

Summary of length and strength for a 2♣ response to one of a major

Length: Usually at least four cards. Occasionally only three if stuck.

Strength: Approximately an opening bid, but take shape/support into account based on your fit.

Quiz

After partner's 1♠ opening, with which of these hands would you respond 2♣?

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

Answers

A. Yes; B. Yes; C. Yes; D. No (with four-card trump support, use Jacoby 2NT or some Forcing spade raise); E. Yes; F. Yes; G. Yes; H. No (not strong enough to force to game)



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

St. Louis-area players Celeste Williams and Connie Agard played together in Tuesday's Gold Rush Pairs. The duo finished sixth overall, and they were first in the 0-200 strat.

Williams, of Florissant MO, and Agard, of Richmond Heights MO, are frequent players at the St. Louis Bridge Center.

This is the first NABC for Agard, but the second for Williams, who attended the Spring NABC in Memphis last year.



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El-Selehdar–Hemus lead Rockwell

Aly El-Selehdar of Pembroke NH and Junko Hemus of Los Angeles CA are leading the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. The duo scored 68.31% in the first qualifying session and followed that up with 58.59% to top the leaderboard. They will have a carryover of 203.10 (64 top) going into today's two-session final.

In second place by less than a board are Kent Mignocchi and Linda Lewis, who scored 60.10% and 63.91%, respectively. Their carryover is 180.94.

Of the 270 pairs who entered the event, 130 qualified for today's two-session final.

Mason obit

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Master for a few months: It took a few phone calls to find her national title which she won as GerriAnne Klafter.

Brian and GerriAnne moved to Fairfield Glade in 2008 from Allentown PA where they had both worked for Air Products and Chemicals, and where GerriAnne received her bachelor's degree from Cedar Crest College. In Fairfield Glade, she became an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church where she and Brian renewed their marriage vows in 2013.

In addition to tournament bridge, her passions were family, singing, travel and audio books. She was a member of the St. Francis church choir, Plateau Women's Chorus, Sweet Assurance Ladies Ensemble, and Master Singers. She also played in tennis and golf groups and was active in local charities.

GerriAnne is survived by her husband and companion of 45 years, Brian Mason, her sons Robert and Geoffrey Klafter, their wives, 10 grandchildren, two great-

Page leads 3K Swiss

The team captained by Skip Page of Rye NH leads the NABC 0–3000 Swiss Teams after Tuesday's qualifying sessions. The team lost its first match but then won the next five to lead with 83.17 victory points, five more than the second-place team captained by Arjun Singh of Lakewood CO.

Page is playing with Clifford Lopate, Suvabrata Biswas and Linzhi Hu. Singh is playing with Delaine Boyd, Estella Lau and Gunnar Niemi. In third place is the team of Angela Snyder of Charlotte NC, Michael Johnson, Jeffrey Lehman and Alan Frank.

Sixteen of the 23 teams who entered the event qualified for today's final sessions. The event is limited to players under 3000 masterpoints.

Vandy R32: Street, Simson out

In the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, the No. 4 seed Street squad was eliminated by the No. 29 Andresen team. Street trailed by 31 IMPs after the first set and 68 at the half. At the three-quarter mark, Andresen's lead was 64 IMPs. Street made a tremendous effort in the fourth quarter, scoring 70 IMPs while holding their opponents to 13, but could not overtake Andresen, who won the match 149–142.

The No. 22 seed Bianchi got an early lead against the No. 11 Simson and never looked back, winning 158–54.

Team captain Brent Xiao is continuing his hot streak after winning the Baldwin North American Pairs; his team defeated the veteran Dunitz squad 122–79.

The full bracket can be found on pages 16–17.

10K KO final: Hoyos vs. Agelidis

In Tuesday's semifinal matches in the NABC 0–10K Knockout Teams, the underdog (original No. 17 seed) Munro jumped out to a 51–35 lead in the first quarter against Hoyos. They built on that to lead by 39 at the half. Hoyos held Munro to 12 IMPs in the third quarter and scored up 56 on their side to take a 5-IMP lead going into the last quarter. Hoyos kept their foot on the gas, winning the match 163–137.

In the other bracket, Agelidis took the first quarter 49–15 against Cohn, who closed the gap to 25 IMPs at the half. At the end of the third set, Agelidis' lead was back up to 29. Cohn kept fighting but couldn't catch up; the final score was 139–125.

grandchildren, and siblings John, Amy, Terry, Robert and Edward.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on March 13 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Fairfield Glade followed by a luncheon and a celebration of life. Her favorite charity was Tunnel to Towers.



Goodwill

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then directing games at the VCC, joining the VCC board, becoming its president, becoming a local sectional director, and recently joining the Unit 161 board.”

But what truly sets her apart is the personal, thoughtful touches she brings to her community.

“Noel came into the VCC like a breath of fresh air,” said Deborah Christian, one of Noel’s partners. “She is always the first person to greet all newcomers and guests and assists them in making a bridge home at the VCC.”

And now, she is the 2026 Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year.

Noel first learned to play bridge with her family as a child. “My parents loved to have bridge parties. I remember it as a time when my family enjoyed getting together, and I enjoyed the community of friends. It’s a special memory for me.”

Noel’s life followed a familiar trajectory: college, career, marriage. Bridge took a backseat, but, she said, “Deep in the core of my heart, I kept this love of bridge.”

After Noel retired from an international chemical company where she was responsible for compensation and support for the company’s executives and board of directors, she and Craig bought a house in Hot Springs Village. “I started looking into bridge, of course,” she said. “I went and took lessons, because I was taught Goren. That was no longer the way people played. I’m still working on learning. That’s the fun part of bridge; you never stop learning.”

Fascinated with directors and dealing machines, Noel decided to become a director in 2019. “Here I am, a novice with less than 300 points,” she laughs. “I trained with Andy Cosby, he mentored me as a director, and I read the rule book – several times. I still read it, because OMG.”

So much for retirement. Craig, who is not a bridge player, takes it in

stride. “Poor man,” said Noel. “He’s used to it. Before I retired I got really into yoga, so then I became a yoga instructor, studying for 1000 hours. He knows that with my pursuits, it’s all-in. Even though he doesn’t play bridge, I have recruited him to help with club equipment – I couldn’t do it without him. Thank goodness he’s a golfer and I’m not!”

Noel was the VCC president in January 2020. “All of a sudden, we had to make a decision to close the club,” said Noel. “My partner and club manager Ken Frankenberger, (he said he knew his wife really loved him when she took his last name), learned about BBO, and we began a campaign to get players online. In a retirement community, where people are computer-averse, it is not easy. We ended up getting a robust BBO presence, which was a needed connection, as people were stuck in their homes.”

“Noel was the person who stepped up to create our virtual club,” said McAlister. “Ken and Noel got VCC games set up on BBO. She communicated with our members about how to play online. Many members wanted to play but could not fathom how. Noel went to their homes and helped countless members sign up and play.”

Noel was characteristically humble about the effort. “A lot of people who are not computer savvy – it’s hilarious to call myself savvy but relatively speaking – they’re afraid they’ll mess things up,” she said. “It was confusing for some of these folks. I would show them how to create a profile, find our club, and put money in their account. When you go as a friend, it puts them at ease.”

When the club reopened, Noel led the way in rebuilding the VCC. They no longer run any virtual games. It currently ranks 107th in the ACBL, with 2199 tables in 2025 (88th F2F only). It was ranked fourth in 2019, with 3909.5 tables. “It’s a big challenge to get new players,”

observed Noel. They try to draw in other types of card players and offer some social bridge.

Louallen Wyatt is a Platinum Life Master who gave Ken and Noel bridge lessons and encouraged them to play in open games. She started the campaign to nominate Noel for the Goodwill recognition. “Noel is a leader, a hard worker and a caregiver who has always put the welfare of the people of our club first,” said Wyatt. “She created an ACBL family in our club. Noel loves our game and the people who play it. She brought back the “eight is enough” game, which broke down barriers between the beginner game and the open game, and allowed the newer players to get to know and play with the better players.”

Noel approaches the “eight is enough” team game differently. She has a database in Excel and sorts everyone by masterpoints to create teams herself, rotating partnerships and teams. “It’s not about winning, just have fun and get to know people at the club,” said Noel. To create a more festive atmosphere, she encouraged players to bring food by bringing some herself, starting small: cheese and crackers, cookies. Now they have huge spreads of food. “This year at the club we are planning to celebrate birthdays every month with a birthday bash. People started volunteering to bring cake. On New Year’s Day, our club president made a huge pot of black-eyed peas and cornbread. We plan an event every six weeks.

“It’s a lot more work for the club. But it’s our community. These are our peeps. I tell people, you know, I really do love everybody at this club – even the pickles.”

Noel has great insight and empathy for the players. “There’s not a single one of us who is not an overachiever,” she noted. “Most of the women at the club had careers and achieved a lot. These people are used to being successful and respected; you have to remember that and treat them with respect and compassion.”

Her own career prepared her well. “It was a demanding job,” she recalled. “Good training ground, that and my yoga. Sometimes, you gotta go to a zen place at the bridge table.”

As for this recognition, Noel says she’s “amazed. I just do what any caring person would do.”

The members of VCC think she’s exceptional. “I have observed the leadership of this club for 25 years and have never seen a more dedicated, inclusive, gracious and caring person,” said Chris Voeller, a longtime member of the club. “Noel has done it all. She truly makes everyone feel welcome while maintaining great professionalism.”

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Top 500 winner

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Cup, though it’s only tied for fourth-most in the race – one fewer than the eponymous Barry Crane, who was a mentor to Itabashi decades ago, along with Mike Smolen.

In recent years, platinum points have accounted for about 14% of Itabashi’s total. But his record in national events in 2025 was so good that he earned 594.21 platinum points, nearly 20% of the total and taking fifth place in the Player of the Year race.

That record includes third place in the Mitchell Open BAM, fifth place in the Silodor Open Pairs, sixth in both the Baldwin North American Pairs and Nail Life Master Pairs, eighth in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs and ninth in the NABC+ Mixed Pairs.

“It was a good year,” Itabashi said. “At this point in my bridge life, I’m trying to win national events and get world championship medals. That means a lot more than these regionals. It’s nice to win the Top 500 as long as it doesn’t take too much effort. I’m playing more with friends and a little less with sponsors. I used to always work the national events; now I play at least half with buddies. Obviously there’s a much better chance to win.”

The South Orange County Bridge Center hosted a celebration of Itabashi’s achievements last month. A rarity among top players, Itabashi is a regular club player, playing about 60 face-to-face club games the past year, three-fourths of them at SOCBC and most of the rest at Laguna Woods DBC.

“They’re great people, very supportive of me,” Itabashi said. “Every year that I’ve won, they’ve had a party for me.”

This time, the party was already being planned to celebrate a milestone: Itabashi crossed 75,000 masterpoints in November. For most of the year, Radu Nistor of New York, who finished second with 2443.65 points, was leading the Top 500 race, and

Itabashi had no plans to challenge him. But Nistor slowed down in August, attending just one regional and playing in club games the rest of the month, gaining fewer points than Itabashi won in a single week in Phoenix. By September, Itabashi pulled ahead, and by October, he had a healthy lead.

Itabashi’s 75,000 points place him sixth on the ACBL’s Lifetime Achievement list. In recent years Itabashi has watched the list warily as online players have rocketed upwards.

“It’s a great game; I love the challenges,” Itabashi said. “The one thing I would like to see changed is they should not be awarding masterpoints for online games. You cannot equate playing against robots with playing against good players. I would like to see the ACBL do something about that. It cheapens the achievements of people like Jeff Meckstroth or myself. It’s not too late to correct an obvious fault.”

Where Itabashi earned his points in 2025

	Attended	Points
Regionals	19	1563.30
NABCs	3	666.02
Club games	59	226.45
Sectionals	7	180.86
Digital NABC	1	124.00
Online regionals	3	98.18
Virtual club games	18	50.99
StaC games	6	44.27
USBCs	2	49.93
D22 NAP	1	24.00
Total		3028.00

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Jump Start Bridge

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and volunteers, with support from the ACBL Education Department.

But as the program grew, so did the work involved, and Tucker realized it was time for Jump Start Bridge to hire its first employee. At the Club and Teacher Reception on Friday, she introduced her new assistant, Kevin Foley of Mission KS.

Foley’s enthusiasm about growing the game of bridge is palpable. A year ago, he reached out to the ACBL and asked what he could do to help spread word about the game. He was directed to Tucker, and signed up to take the Best Practices Teacher Workshop in Philadelphia. There he met Tucker and began helping her as a volunteer. Tucker found him so helpful that she asked the program’s backers for funding to hire him.

Foley grew up in Lees Summit MO, a suburb of Kansas City, playing card games with his large family – he’s one of seven siblings. He learned social bridge from his great uncle in 2017 before going to college at Iowa State. He was hooked immediately and played regularly at the club in Ames throughout college. He moved back to the Kansas City area in 2023 and has been playing at the club in Overland

Park since. He appreciates how much players at both clubs and elsewhere have wanted to help him learn.

“I’ve never been in a community where everyone is like, ‘Take my wisdom!’” he said. “Everyone wants to help you get better.”

In the meantime Foley has taught bridge to his parents, four of his siblings and several friends. But as he exhausted his social circle, he realized his ambition was to keep promoting bridge beyond it.

“I really wanted to get more involved,” Foley said. “I reached out to the ACBL and said I would like to get into outreach, helping to grow the game.”

Much of his work for Jump Start Bridge is administrative record keeping. He also represents the program at teacher conferences, the primary method of recruiting school teachers to incorporate the program in their curriculum. He has attended three conferences so far and has plans for another immediately after the NABC. He’s also helping Tucker with her goal of expanding the program beyond public schools, trying to reach private schools and homeschool groups.

Foley’s enthusiasm for bridge has spread to at least one member of his family. His sister Jeannette has been bitten by the bridge bug



Patty Tucker and Kevin Foley

and also volunteers for Jump Start Bridge. Jeannette Foley, who is in her last semester at the University of Evansville, studying mechanical engineering, does social media for the program, running the @jumpstartbridge TikTok account. She is also here in St. Louis.

These two are bringing valuable energy to the program, Tucker said.

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65.0 Tables / Based on 135 Tables		Carryover
1	Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	203.10
2	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	180.94
3	Amir Ezion, Ashkelon Israel; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	168.01
4	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China	164.87
5	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	164.62
6	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	154.08
7	William Pollack – Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	148.34
8	Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	130.16
9	Jian Wang, Myrtle Beach SC; Jui Wang, Cary NC	129.73
10	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	129.25
11	Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Ella Rosthoej, Frederiksberg Denmark	125.24
12	Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	120.87
13	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Nancy Boothe, Houston TX	119.39
14	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	119.06
15	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	117.20
16	Sophia Baldysz, Plymouth IN; William Neumann, Columbia MD	115.75
17	Lotte de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL	115.53
18	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	114.00
19	Jenny Wolpert – Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	113.61
20	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	113.44
21	Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; John Hinton, Greenwood IN	111.90
22	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	104.69
23	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	102.05
24	Les Bart – Gloria Bart, Sarasota FL	101.99
25	Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI	101.72
26	Rick Ramey – Sherry Allison, Columbus OH	101.61
27	Erleta Plana, Sandnes Norway; Robert Ives, Bethesda MD	101.04
28	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	99.51
29	Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	95.39
30	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	94.14
31	Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Sarah de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	91.92
32	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Conner Boyd, Davidson NC	90.71
33	Jeff Hand – Gail Greenberg, New York NY	90.10
34	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL	88.40
35	Amy Rhodes, New York NY; Mark Blanchard, Bay Shore NY	87.96
36	Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	85.42
37	Carol Frank, San Diego CA; James Berglund, Chesterfield MO	84.14
38	Lucy Zhang, Brooklyn NY; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	84.05
39	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	82.45
40	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	82.21
41	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	81.96
42	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	77.34
43	Linda Einhorn-Ihde – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	76.89





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44	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Laura Brill, White Plains NY	75.91
45	George Klemic, Lombard IL; Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA	75.85
46	Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA; Fran White, Vista CA	74.57
47	Lee Ohliger – Joyce Menezes, Bradenton FL	73.85
48	Radu Nistor – Raluca Nistor, New York NY	73.59
49	Lynne Feldman – Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA	72.21
50	Maya Jonas-Silver, Brooklyn NY; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA	71.99
51	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	71.79
52	B Wayne Stuart III – Leslie Blair, Raleigh NC	70.73
53	Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY	70.18
54	Susan Kissinger – John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	69.96
55	Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	69.33
56	Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA; C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA	68.91
57	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	67.90
58	Stephen Sanborn – Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	64.18
59	Hua Yang – Yan Song, Plano TX	63.80
60	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	62.03
61	Hugh Hendrickson, Renton WA; Christine Chai, Redmond WA	59.77
62	Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Crystal Tang, Hong Kong Hong Kong	59.33
63	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	57.44
64	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	57.43
65	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	56.69
66	Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Jeff McKee, Livingston TX	56.64
67	Bo Fu, Shanghai China; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	51.52
68	Erik Hansson, Helsinki Finland; Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA	51.16
69	Roberto Scaramuzzi, Los Angeles CA; Christine Child, Leeds United Kingdom	48.05
70	Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; James Holzhauer, Seattle WA	47.72
71	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Irem Ozbay, Cliffside Park NJ	47.28
72	Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA; Harald Eide, Norway	45.46
73	William Muir – Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	45.32
74	Robert Hopkins Jr. – Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	43.87
75	Susan Davis, Marietta GA; Gabriel Fadel, Alpharetta GA	42.97
76	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	42.16
77	Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX; Robert Morris, Houston TX	41.83
78	Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ; William Sigward, Pelham NY	40.60
79	Joyce McMonagle, Ocala FL; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	39.20
80	Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Edward Xu, North York ON	38.32
81	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	38.17
82	Beatrice Kemp, Hoschton GA; Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL	37.14
83	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Larry Robbins, Glenview IL	36.66
84	Gary Macgregor – Heather MacGregor, Portola Valley CA	36.44
85	Ellen Hessel – Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	35.28
86	Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Garth Yettick, Westminster CO	34.51
87	Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Janice Strop, St. Joseph MO	34.17
88	Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Bob Heller, Knoxville TN	32.80
89	Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	32.78
90	Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA	32.74
91	Wanfeng Mou, San Francisco CA; Sherry Zheng, Sugar Land TX	31.76
92	Paul Markarian, Stuart FL; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	31.10
93	Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	30.93
94	Ann Karin Fuglestad, Farsund Norway; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	30.60
95	Molly O'Neill, Fort Lauderdale FL; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	29.94
96	Kendra Bridges, Chicago IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	28.97
97/98	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL	26.97
97/98	Phyllis Yates – Paul Darin, San Diego CA	26.97
99	Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	26.86
100	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Melanie Appelbaum, Armonk NY	25.93
101	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA	25.29
102	Tom Kniest, Clayton MO; Nancy Popkin, St. Louis MO	24.45

103	Daniel Rubinfeld, Rockville MD; Judi Radin, New York NY	23.67
104	Shailesh Gupta, Las Vegas NV; Kyra Helmbold, Minneapolis MN	23.16
105	Sidney Brownstein – Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA	21.85
106	Susan Perez, Ballwin MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	20.95
107	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	17.88
108	Michael Christensen – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	17.56
109	David Yoon, Bayside NY; Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN	15.03
110	Michael Fleisher – Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	14.92
111	Jackson Wahl – Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	14.22
112	Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	13.54
113	Daniel Loveland, Powell OH; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	12.99
114	Todd Wachsmann, Delray Beach FL; Rebecca Anspach, St. Paul MN	11.05
115	Russ Kirkpatrick, Mobile AL; Deanna Stewart, Hattiesburg MS	10.57
116	Zenon Wachowicz – Elizabeth Wachowicz, Clearwater FL	10.31
117	Jan Jansma – Monique France, New York NY	9.84
118	Jay Barron, Norman OK; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	8.70
119	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	8.28
120	Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD; Robert Fendrick, Marietta GA	7.70
121	Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	7.54
122	Kevin Cline, Seattle WA; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	7.34
123	Joanne Weingold – Jack Weingold, Boca Raton FL	5.89
124	Judy Laxer – Claude Vogel, San Diego CA	4.90
125	Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	4.36
126	Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; Karen Kendrick, Nashville TN	2.99
127	Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain	2.20
128	Thomas Mac Cormac, Dublin Ireland; Anne Beaurivage, Lincoln NE	1.27
129	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Thibo Sprinkhuizen, Rotterdam Netherlands	0.80
130	Matt Cory – Penelope Millar, Indianapolis IN	0.00



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16 Tables / Based on 23 Tables		
1	Skip Page, Rye NH; Clifford Lopate, Auburn NH; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy TX; Linzhi Hu, Menlo Park CA	24.03
2	Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO; Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO; Estella Lau, St Louis MO; Gunnar Niemi, Emeryville CA	19.75
3	Angela Snyder – Michael Johnson, Charlotte NC; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton MA; Alan Frank, Amherst MA	17.88
4	Robert Moody, Irvine CA; Frank Grzegorzewski, Erie PA; Carl Bartone, Bonita Springs FL; Sudhir Kulkarni, Pleasanton CA	16.63
5	A Moulton – Tamara Moulton, Hilliard OH; John Jordan, Fishers IN; Brett Roby, Indianapolis IN	15.53
6	Michael Rohm – Judy Staufer – Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Jayne James, Salt Lake City UT	13.58
7	Tana Holt, Clinton IN; James Kirtley, Terre Haute IN; Sharon Winters, Centre AL; Judith Harris, W Terre Haute IN	12.19
8	Clyde Bruce Baldwin, Statesboro GA; Joan Blinn, Hollidaysburg PA; Sue Knirsch – James Knirsch, Chagrin Falls OH	8.94
9	Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Jack Boge – Vincent Zheng, New York NY; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA; James Moody, Austin TX	8.26
10	Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI; Lelvin Crowe, Colorado Springs CO; Erin Bealles, Mars PA; Glen Okui, Memphis TN	7.48
11	Elizabeth Crawford – Cynthia Coffee – Sandy Spears – Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY	5.99
12	Steve Highfill, Ridgewood NJ; Janet Dunlap, West Caldwell NJ; Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL; Joseph Wright, Westfield NJ	5.04
13	Ryan Wolpert – Brandon Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA; Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS	4.44
14	David Divine – Pat Linville – Stephanie Haddy – Anne West, Scottsdale AZ	2.58
15	Brigitte Sandquist – Kirsten Beda, San Francisco CA; Anne Meyer – Sheri Carryl, Jacksonville FL	0.25
16	Vernon Carrigan, Clarksville TN; Mark Webb, Rome GA; Roberto Crocenzi – Jeffrey Young, St. Simons Island GA	0.00



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52.0 Tables / Based on 92 Tables

100.00	1	Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ	1671.93
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	1598.56
33.33	7	Sally Wheeler – Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1578.53
30.77	8	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Jack Waller, Dana Point CA	1571.55
28.57	9	Jim Johnsen, Frisco TX; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	1567.76
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	1535.23
20.00	15	Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Daniel McGuire, Epsom NH	1533.88
19.05	16	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	1530.35
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	1508.33
16.67	19	Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA	1506.63
16.00	20	Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	1500.61
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	1490.91
14.29	23	Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA; Roger Roemmich, Roswell GA	1486.76
13.79	24	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Yossi Nygate, Rochester NY	1486.58
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	1475.82
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	1456.15
11.11	31	Elizabeth Jankord – Amit Chakrabarti, Manhattan KS	1443.74
10.81	32	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	1441.43
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	1435.83
10.00	35	Daniel Friedman, Orinda CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA	1426.79
9.76	36	Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	1421.09
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	1414.98
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	1409.55
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	1401.32
7.84	46	Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Milton Zlatic, St. Louis MO	1396.13

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – ROUND OF 32 PAIRINGS

1. Fleisher	26	57	97	137
32. Rippey	7	25	53	79

1. Fleisher
16. (38) Ivatury

16. (39) So	27	83	118	137
17. (38) Ivatury	41	103	118	157

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9. Lall	15	62	118	170
24. (31) Hamman	34	84	119	137

9. Lall
8. Shourie

8. Shourie	33	78	118	188
25. Goldberg	15	29	51	69

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4.

5. Rosenthal	31	55	65	120
28. Vedanta	20	43	58	60

5. Rosenthal
12. Grossack

12. Grossack	41	95	157	157
21. (24) Cayne	19	27	32	w/d

Vanderbilt Irregularity

In the opening round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, there were several irregularities concerning the distribution of boards and timing issues, including when hand records were displayed on vugraph.

The ACBL is confident that there were no ethical or other violations and that the event can continue normally.

We apologize and will strive to do better.

13. Overdeck	41	71	97	141
20. Cole	30	54	82	124

13. Overdeck
4. (36) Andresen

4. Street	21	42	72	142
29. (36) Andresen	52	110	136	149

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – ROUND OF 32 PAIRINGS

2. Nickell	49	101	128	175
31. (34) Rodrigues	17	73	105	115

2. Nickell
15. (18) Helle

15. Goodman	38	70	75	93
18. Helle	26	61	105	136

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7.

10. (45) Xiao	55	79	91	122
23. Dunitz	21	35	60	79

10. (45) Xiao
7. Hans

7. Hans	10	37	88	123
26. (29) McAllister	19	39	73	105

2.
3.

6. Rubenstein	31	75	133	173
27. Wildavsky	22	42	109	158

6. Rubenstein
11. (22) Bianchi

11. Simson	18	44	51	54
22. Bianchi	40	72	109	158

6.
3.

14. Amoils	31	61	75	120
19. (26) Gupta	21	47	53	76

14. Amoils
3. Zimmermann

3. Zimmermann	38	68	93	174
30. Ashe	47	93	100	122

GEORGIA HETH MEMORIAL TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS

35.0 Tables / Based on 75 Tables

	A	B	C		
38.19	1			Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	63.99%
28.64	2			Maciej Dobrzynski, Warka Poland; Jakub Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland	62.47%
21.48	3			Paul Chan – Lily Chan, Columbia MO	62.40%
16.11	4			Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey	61.88%
18.33	5	1		Dan Knier, Waite Park MN; Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN	60.90%
10.91	6			Jack Lipson, East Meadow NY; Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY	60.69%
9.55	7			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Charles Wilkins, Greensboro NC	58.97%
8.49	8			Henry Nelson, Zelienople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	58.62%
7.64	9			Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	58.17%
13.75	10	2		Howard Maier, Manhasset NY; Clair Kretschmann, Tucson AZ	57.23%
6.37	11			Stephen Moese, West Chester OH; Michael Purcell, Loveland OH	56.53%
10.31	12	3		Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	56.51%
7.73	13	4		Steve Evans, Sandpoint ID; Ben Tucker, Vashon WA	55.85%
5.09	14			Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland; Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland	55.54%
4.77	15			Barbara Morgan, Kyle TX; Roxie Tom, San Antonio TX	55.02%
4.49	16			Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY	54.45%
4.24	17			Chris Compton, Omaha NE; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA	54.45%
4.02	18			Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Becky Hubert, St. Louis MO	53.65%
6.11		5		Karen Tabak Nussbaum, Houston TX; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel	53.11%
5.24		6		Daniel McIntyre, St. Paul MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN	52.97%
6.55		7	1	Richard Lazaroff – Betty Goran, St. Louis MO	51.63%
4.07		8		Tyra Galyean, Catoosa OK; Trish Leblang, Tulsa OK	51.09%
4.91		9	2	Jerry Kizer Jr., Jackson TN; John Bondurant, Memphis TN	50.58%
3.68		10	3	Randal Burns, Washington DC; Cadir Lee, Los Gatos CA	50.49%
3.06		11	4	Ryan White, Indianapolis IN; Mark Rexroth, Carmel IN	50.29%
2.25			5	Peter Doan, Chicago IL; Michael Hughes, Jefferson City MO	50.17%
2.10			6	Carol Marks – Barbara Waldron, Overland Park KS	49.34%

TUESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

20.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

	7	4	2		
7.35	1			Gerald Kilpatrick, Collierville TN; Alan Greer, Germantown TN	60.42%
5.51	2	1		Dave Love – Charlotte Urbanc, Georgetown ON	59.66%
4.13	3	2		Gerald Greiman, St. Louis MO; Robert Tucker, Creve Coeur MO	58.20%
3.10	4	3		Vicki Dubois, Overland Park KS; Eddie Gangriwala, Loch Lloyd MO	58.07%
2.45	5	4		Robert Niehaus, Chesterfield MO; Filippo Ferrigni, St. Louis MO	57.27%
2.98	6	5	1	Celeste Williams, Florissant MO; Constance Agard, St. Louis MO	57.13%
1.84	7			Robert Ross, Olathe KS; Theresa Griffin, Leawood KS	55.79%
2.24	8	6	2	Timo Pekkanen, Cambridge MA; Jim Finn, Milton MA	55.72%
1.58	9			Joy Pillard, La Vista NE; Mary Bonneau, Omaha NE	54.98%
1.68			3	Sue Coast, Larkspur CO; Lynne Telford, Colorado Springs CO	54.52%

MONDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.42	1	1		Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA	68.56%
4.07	2	2	1	Aaron Krieser, Foristell MO; Paul Krieser, St. Louis MO	67.91%
3.05	3	3	2	Charles Driscoll, Westerville OH; Jim Janik, Hilliard OH	60.42%
2.33	4	4		Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	59.48%
1.71	5			Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Christine Child, Leeds United Kingdom	56.72%
1.29	6			Michael Botwin, Rockville Ctr NY; Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	56.65%
1.67		5		Nancy Keefer – Mark Ehret, St. Louis MO	55.87%
1.42		6		Ashish Gupta, Sacramento CA; Stephen Pozez, Tucson AZ	54.15%

TUESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Patricia Blubaugh, Omaha NE; Juanita Washburn, Lincoln NE	62.60%
3.25	2			Bill Cook Jr., Madison MS; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD	62.01%
2.44	3			Joan Dziekanski – Linda Schapiro, New York NY	59.82%
1.83	4			Arun Goyal, Mason OH; Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH	58.14%
3.68	5	1	1	Robert Glasspiegel – Susan Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	57.04%
2.76	6	2	2	James Herchenroeder, Harrodsburg KY; Neil Armstrong, Lexington KY	55.06%
2.07		3		Lawrence Kratz – Cathy Kratz, Pocatello ID	52.68%
1.55		4		Bertram Risch – Reuben Rigel, St. Louis MO	50.40%
1.16		5		Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	47.74%

TUESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Kirk Peterman, Lenoir City TN; Kyra Kaltenbronn, Fairview Heights IL	60.42%
1.58	2	2		Anthony Gawienowski, Urbana IL; Chris Terajewicz, Ponte Vedra FL	59.72%
1.18	3	3		Raymond Tait – Teresa Deshields, Clayton MO	53.47%

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables


	A	B	C		
4.12	1	1		Susan Glasspiegel – Robert Glasspiegel, Johns Island SC	65.77%
3.09	2			Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL; Talbott Maxey, Palm Beach FL	65.48%
2.32	3			David Binney, Seattle WA; Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC	57.74%
1.74	4			Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI; Stephen Gladyszak, Newton Center MA	56.25%
2.60	5	2		Frank Cole III, Apalachin NY; Kumari Santosh, St. Louis MO	55.95%
1.95		3		James Keegan, Boston MA; Les Lee Roland, Sarasota FL	54.76%
1.28		4/5		William Carrell – Catherine Dwinell, Las Cruces NM	51.19%
1.28		4/5		Michael Sherberg, St. Louis MO; Margaret Ball, Pittsburgh PA	51.19%

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9.97	1/2	Toby White, Des Moines IA	125.69%
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8.51	3/4	Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	123.99%
7.53	5/6	Dan Drake, Charleston IL	123.12%
7.53	5/6	Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL	123.12%
5.37	7	Aaron Krieser, Foristell MO	120.48%
5.25	8/9	Nancy Keefer, St. Louis MO	117.04%
5.25	8/9	Mark Ehret, St. Louis MO	117.04%

MONDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS – REVISED

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.63	1			Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA	67.99%
4.22	2			Erleta Plana, Sandnes Norway; Sarah de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	63.26%
3.17	3			George Mansour, Scranton PA; Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA	60.98%
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	58.18%
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	56.58%
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	50.57%
1.16		5		Carl Walworth, Mattoon IL; Dan Drake, Charleston IL	46.78%

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11 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

	A	X	Y		
16.00	1			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	83.00
12.00	2			Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA; Mariusz Krasnicki, Lodz Poland; Philippe Galaski, Florence MA	80.00
9.00	3			Daniel Lev – Michael Polowan – Barry Rigal, New York NY; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL	76.00
6.75	4			Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; John Adams, Cheney WA; Jonathan Weinstein, Newton MA; Josh Sher, Dublin OH	68.00
7.20		1	1	Matthew Kidd – Steven Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Kathie Angione, Chula Vista CA; Elaine Chan, San Diego CA	66.00
5.40		2	2	Robert Coyne, Colonia NJ; John Manopoli, Jamaica Plain MA; Farley Mawyer, Port Chester NY; Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ	64.00

TUESDAY MID-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

37 Tables

	B	C	D		
15.04	1			Phyllis Siegel – Mike Arnheim – Shrikant Jategaonkar, St. Louis MO; Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO	90.00
11.28	2	1		Michael Kelly, Chesterfield MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO; Job George, Columbia IL; Jim Gibson, Ellisville MO	85.00
8.46	3	2	1	Karen Kersey, Troy IL; Linda Key, Shiloh IL; Marcus Cloud - Kenneth Kwantes, Rolla MO	83.00
6.35	4			Andrew Carver – Ben Englert, Belleville IL; Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Vernon Carver, Edwardsville IL	78.00
4.66	5/6			Ken Deutch – Diane Deutch, St. Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Mark Ludwig, Maryland Heights MO	77.00
4.66	5/6	3		Lauri Laufman – James Woodward, Houston TX; Gustavo Saravia, Oak Park IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL	77.00
3.55	7/8	4/5		Diane Atteberry – James Atteberry – Michael Frederick, Fort Worth TX; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook TX	76.00
3.55	7/8	4/5		Ashley Szymiski, Aurora IL; Jeff Duckworth, Sugar Grove IL; James Kehoe, Glendale Heights IL; Neal Goldman, Willow Springs IL	76.00
3.01	9	6		John Luebkemann, Aubrey TX; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON	75.00
1.98		7	2	Matthew Evett – Susan Evett, Ann Arbor MI; Jay Hansen – Toni Hansen, Simi Valley CA	72.00
1.76		8		Cheryl Ward, Florissant MO; Deborah Cole, Chicago IL; Michelle Cotton, St. Louis MO; Linda Spencer, Fairview Heights IL	70.00
1.44			3	Wilhelmina Allen – Randy Steil, Port Allen LA; Julie Barkas – Vicki Kellum, Baton Rouge LA	65.00
1.32			4	Elizabeth Nickson, Chesterfield MO; Donna Schaeffer – Aloys Faenger, St. Louis MO; Allen Otsuka, St. Charles MO	64.00

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 1

4 Tables

Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Anant Rathi, Denver CO

vs

Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Ed Freeman, Tacoma WA

Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA

vs

Lynda Nitabach, West Palm Beach FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Fredrik Nystrom, Sweden; Johan Upmark, Sweden; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Bartosz Chmurski, Lomianky Poland

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 2

4 Tables

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

vs

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

Dimi Cooklev – Robert Enyeart, Fort Wayne IN; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN

vs

Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Christopher Staszak, Orland Park IL

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 3

4 Tables

Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD

vs

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

Hellen Revelle, Louisville KY; Susan Bates – Ruthie Shor – Jane Kirby, Dallas TX

vs

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

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 4

4 Tables

Glenn Sussman, Juno Beach FL; Jane Rusch, Jupiter FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL

vs

Nancy Dugan, Long Grove IA; Michelle Feeney, Davenport IA; Dawn Miller, Sabula IA; Margaret Wolf, Clinton IA

Molly Silvia – Barbara Fitz-Hugh – Cappy McIver – Di Lapeyre, New Orleans LA

vs

James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Ashish Gupta, Sacramento CA; Liam King, San Francisco CA; Barbara McKay, Orinda CA

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Vanderbilt Opening Round – continued

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In the second session of the transmitted matches, RUBENSTEIN outscored WOLPERT 89–20, taking the score to 149–46. The match between CAYNE and HAMMAN was much closer.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 9 8 7 3 ♥ — ♦ 7 ♣ Q J 8 7 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 6 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ A K 6</p> <p>♠ A Q J 10 5 ♥ A J 6 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ 10 9</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
4♥	4♠	1♦	1♠
Pass	5♠	All Pass	Pass

West led the ♦3, and East won and cashed the top clubs for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
4♥	4♠	1♦	1♠
		Dbl	All Pass

There were technical difficulties that meant the official auction is missing, as is the play record. The result posted was +690, giving HAMMAN 12 IMPs.

Board 24 Dealer West. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 3 ♥ Q ♦ Q 10 8 7 4 ♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ A K J 9 3 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ J</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K J 8 6 4 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ A K 8</p> <p>♠ 10 9 7 ♥ 10 8 7 4 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ Q 10 5</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Ravenna</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

(1) Splinter

(2) RKCB

(3) 2 key cards

North led the ♦4 and declarer won and cashed the ♥A, collecting North's ♥Q. The ♥K was followed by a club to the ace and a heart, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Schermer</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

(1) Splinter

(2) Controls

The favorable position in hearts meant +1510 and 11 IMPs to CAYNE.

Both teams scored 23 IMPs in the session, HAMMAN leading 60–55.

Session 3

The organizers switched to two close matches, XIAO–WORLD, the former leading 59–45, and GOODMAN–PARRISH, the latter trailing 73–81. They were playing the same deals.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 10 7 5 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q J 9 8 4 3 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ 6 3 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ 9 8 7 5 3 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 9 2 ♥ Q 8 5 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ K J 10 4</p> <p>♠ K J 8 4 ♥ A K J 10 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A Q</p>
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XIAO vs. WOLD

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
	Pass	1♣	Dbl
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Clubs

East led the ♣J. Declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a spade to the queen and ace, East returning the ♦6. West won and continued with the ♦7, East winning and playing the ♦10. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠K, cashed the ♠J and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Pollock</i>	<i>Liu</i>
	Pass	1NT	Dbl
Rdbl	2♦	Pass	2♥
3♣	All Pass		

North led the ♥9, and South cashed three tricks in the suit and switched to the ♦5. Declarer had to lose two clubs and a spade for two down, -100, but 11 IMPs for XIAO.

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
	Pass	1NT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

(1) Majors

East led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ♠7 and returned the ♠5. East took the ♠A, cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦10, but declarer could not be denied 10 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
	Pass	1NT	Dbl
Rdbl ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♣ ⁽²⁾	2♥

All Pass

(1) One suit

(2) Pass or correct

West led the ♦K and switched to the ♥2. Declarer won, cashed the ♣A, ruffed the ♣Q and played a spade to the king followed by the ♥A J for +170 but 10 IMPs to PARRISH.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

XIAO vs. WOLD

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Pass ⁽²⁾
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

(1) Hearts

(2) Fewer than three hearts

Declarer took 12 tricks for +480 and 10 IMPs to WOLD. 3♦ redoubled would have been a fun contract!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Pollock</i>	<i>Liu</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West led the ♠6 and having won with the ♠J, declarer cashed the ♣K Q, unblocked the hearts, crossed to dummy with the ♣A and cashed the ♥A for +940.

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣

All Pass

(1) Hearts

(2) Fewer than three hearts

West led the ♠6. Declarer won with the ♠J, cashed two clubs and the ♥K Q and went to dummy with the ♣A, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♦ ⁽³⁾	Dbl	2NT
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(1) Multi

(2) Pass or correct

(3) Hearts

West led the ♦9 and declarer took all the tricks for +520 but it was 9 IMPs for PARRISH.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
2♣	1♣	1♠	Pass
4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
6♠	Pass	5♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass
All Pass			

(1) Splinter

(2) RKCB

(3) 2 key cards + ♠Q

When South led the ♠3, declarer was in the game.

He won with dummy's ♠J, cashed the ♠A and ran the ♣9. When it held, he continued with the ♣10, went back to dummy with the ♠8 and pitched the ♦2 on the ♣A. His next move was to ruff a club, South discarding the ♦K, cash two spades and then play two rounds of hearts, which meant one down, -100.

Do you see the winning line? Having disposed of the diamond loser, declarer must play dummy's ♥10. If North covers with the ♥J declarer wins and plays a heart to the seven. That's tough, as it requires two cards to be well placed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Dbl	2♠	Pass
All Pass			

Declarer took 11 tricks, South leading the ♦K, and +650 gave PARRISH 13 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

XIAO vs. WOLD

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

I wonder if East could have bid 5♣ over 4♠, hoping to see 5♦ from partner. That might depend on the meaning of the earlier bids. Declarer took all the tricks, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Pollock</i>	<i>Liu</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♥	All Pass

The system cards I could find online didn't help much, but it looks like 2♣ was an artificial game force.

You could argue that East was lucky to find an entry into the West hand, but he had opened the bidding, and it might be that 5♦ promised a control.

North led the ♥2 and declarer claimed, +1510 and 11 IMPs for XIAO.

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT ⁽³⁾	Pass
4♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	7♥	All Pass

(1) Strong

(2) Solid suit

(3) Serious slam try

(4) Control

Naturally, I'm guessing a little about the auction, but 4♦ was they key bid, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass
5♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	7♥	All Pass

(1) Sets hearts, demands control showing

(2) Control

(3) RKCB, hearts

(4) Zero

That was an honorable push.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
		1NT	2♥ ⁽¹⁾
3NT	All Pass		
(1) Hearts and a minor			

South led the ♦4 to the queen and king, and declarer played a heart to the queen and the ♣2. When North played the ♣10, declarer put up the ace, and with a nod to the Rabbi, recorded +520.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠ ⁽³⁾	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

(1) Clubs or size ask

(2) Maximum

(3) Splinter

South led the ♠K, and declarer won and played the ♠4. South ruffed and cashed the ♦A for -50 and 11 IMPs to GOODMAN. PARRISH took the session 45–24 to lead 118–105.

In the other match, XIAO lost the session 32–36, but led 91–81.

Session 4

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥2 and declarer claimed 11 tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♣A, and when North followed with the ♣3, he continued with the ♣7 for a rapid one down, -100 and 13 IMPs to PARRISH.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
	Pass	1♠	1NT
2♠	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

(1) Weak minor or one major + clubs or game forcing

South led the ♥8, and declarer won with the ♥A, played a heart to dummy's queen and a spade to the 10, jack and queen. South cashed the ♣A then played the ♦A and a diamond. Declarer had to lose a spade, one down, -100.

Do you see how declarer could have made his contract? At trick two he must play a diamond. If South wins, cashes the ♣A and exits with a trump, declarer can eliminate the minors via the ruffing finesse in diamonds, pitch two spades on diamonds and play a spade to the 10 and jack, ending play South.

If North wins the first diamond and switches to a spade, declarer must take the ♠A, cross to dummy with a heart, ruff the ♦5 felling South's ♦A, return to dummy and pitch his clubs on the ♦Q J, losing only two spades.

Difficult, but the bidding suggests North has a weak hand with diamonds.

The only certain way to defeat 4♥ is for South to lead the ♣A. He can then continue the suit. If declarer comes to hand with a heart and plays a diamond, South must duck, North winning and switching to the ♠10.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
	3♦	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	5♦

Dbl All Pass

(1) Majors

East led the ♥K, and when West followed with the ♥3, he cashed the ♥A and then switched to the ♣10. West won with the ♣K and returned the ♠3. East won with the ♠A and West's trump tricks meant four down, -800 and 14 IMPs to GOODMAN.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

XIAO vs. WOLD

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Liu</i>
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 19–20 balanced, game forcing one-suiter or game-forcing two-suiter, not ♣

(2) Transfer

West led the ♣A, then cashed the ♠A and exited with the ♠3. Declarer won and played the ♦Q, West winning, cashing the ♥A and waiting to score the ♦J for one down, -200 and 11 IMPs to XIAO.

After eight deals of the session, WOLD was ahead 15–14, but then Xiao ran away, scoring 22 IMPs without reply over the remaining seven deals to win 127–96.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Garner</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦9. Declarer took South's ♦Q and played the ♥A followed by the ♥Q. When that held, he continued with the ♥9, and North won and exited with the ♦3, South winning with the ♦K and returning the ♣3. Declarer went up with the ♣A and returned the ♣5, South winning and switching to the ♠Q. Declarer won and exited with the ♠3, scoring the ♥J at the end for three down, -300 and 11 IMPs to XIAO.

In the other match, both Easts looked for a heart fit and the hopeless 3NT was three down in one room, four down in the other, GOODMAN collecting 3 IMPs.

After eight deals, both teams had added 18 IMPs taking the score to 136–123 in favor of PARRISH.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After checking on the strength of the preempt, East settled in 4♠.

North led the ♥3, and declarer won with the ♥10 and played a spade to the ace. When South discarded, declarer could not avoid the loss of four tricks, suffering a heart ruff in addition to the ♠K and two clubs, -50.

In our other featured match, both declarers adopted the identical line and went down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥3, and declarer won with the ♥10 and ran the ♠Q, South pitching the ♣3. Declarer continued with a spade to the 10, cashed the ♠A and played a heart to the king. North ruffed and switched to the ♣4, but there were only two clubs to cash, and declarer was home, +420 and 10

IMPs to GOODMAN, who trailed by 3 IMPs.

Over the next two deals, three overtricks gave GOODMAN 3 IMPs to bring the scores level.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. PARRISH

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Humphreys</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Parrish</i>	<i>Percario</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠6, and declarer took the third round of the suit discarding a diamond. He cashed five hearts discarding two diamonds and a club, cashed two diamonds ending in dummy (North discarding the ♠Q) and then refused the club finesse, finishing with 10 tricks and +630.

Declarer could have pitched a club on the third spade. He then takes two top hearts, two diamonds ending in dummy and cashes three more hearts, catching North in a show-up squeeze for +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Sprung</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Checkback

North led the ♦3. Declarer won with the ♦A, drew trumps discarding spades from dummy, as North pitched a spade and a club. Declarer ran the ♦8: South won and exited with a spade, and having won with dummy's ♠A, declarer came to hand with a club, played a diamond to the 9 and pitched a spade on the ♦K. When the ♣Q fell under the ♣K, that was +680 and the 2-IMP swing to GOODMAN saw them home, 138–136.

St. Louis Vugraph and BridgeCast RealBridge

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

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Schedule

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.

Bridgecasts

Rob Barrington will again be hosting live commentary at 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, starting at 4 p.m. CST each day.

Friday and Saturday (Vanderbilt semifinal and final) there will be full day coverage of the play, starting at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT each day.

Last chance for Haiku contest

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

Submit your haikus to the pink box at the Welcome Desk (ACC, second floor) or NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org. Deadline is noon today. 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.



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Convention card notice

Each player must have an ACBL convention card legibly filled out and on the table. The convention card must include the first and last name of each member of the partnership, and the cards must be identical. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

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

with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as they deem to be appropriate under the circumstances.

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.



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.

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Tournament events are open to current, paid members. Guest members must convert to a full membership. A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

For all daytime events, a discount of \$10 per player per session is available to registered guests of the host hotel and residents of the host district who purchase entries through Entry Express.

Players must be members whose dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Lebhar IMP Pairs, Senior Mixed Pairs, NABC+ Open Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams and Women's Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are \$45 per player

per session.* (For team events, this means \$180 per team per session for four-person teams, \$225 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$270 per team per session for six-person teams.)

For Premier NABC+ events – the Kay Platinum Pairs and the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams – the entry fee is \$50 per player per session.* (For team events, this means \$200 per team per session for four-person teams, \$250 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$300 per team per session for six-person teams.) There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams, 0–10,000 Knockout Teams, 0–2500 Swiss Teams and 0–2500 Pairs. The entry fee is \$35 per player per session. This means \$140 per team

per session for teams of four, \$175 per team per session for teams of five, and \$210 per team per session for teams of six.

Regional events are \$32 per player per session. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$128 per session. Guest members must upgrade to full membership to play. Inactive members must renew.

Events with a limit of 500 masterpoints or lower are \$28 per player per session. Guest members must upgrade to full membership to play.

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



Navigating to playing areas

To reach locations in the America's Center, exit the Marriott, cross Washington Avenue at Eighth Street, enter the main doors and take the escalator to the second floor.

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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.



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).

It is recommended, though not mandatory, that any such equipment remain switched off while in the playing area during a session.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 IMPs, or 1/2 VP. For each subsequent offense

during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

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Organization.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches and kibitzers, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play.

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

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9:30 am & 3:30 pm				
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rd of 16	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
10 am				
Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
10 am & 3 pm				
SILODOR OPEN PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
0-3000 PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic C, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$25	\$35
Open Pairs (unlim./4000/1500)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, 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
3 pm				
Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
7:30 pm				
Thursday 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).**

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