



# Daily Bulletin

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## National event updates

- Vanderbilt R16: No. 2 toppled

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## Bridge Mania



Players crowded the 21st floor for Bridge Mania, a popular event at each NABC.

Some came to play Jeopardy or Family Feud, but many more came

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## Spring ahead

Daylight Saving Time starts in the lost hour between Saturday and Sunday. Set your watches and clocks ahead by one hour Saturday night or risk being late for your first bridge date on Sunday. While you lose an hour, the extended daylight will be nice for a post-dinner stroll.

**ATTENDANCE through  
WEDNESDAY  
4446 tables**



## Goodwill Message

Respect the tournament directors; they are here for you.

*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*

*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Chang – Rotaru win Rockwell

Jacqueline Chang of New York City and Iulian Rotaru of Sunnyside NY won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs by half a board on Wednesday with a strong final session. It's the first NABC+ win for Chang and the fifth for Rotaru, who also has a win in a 10K event. They have been a regular partnership for about six years.

Chang and Rotaru scored 52.25% and 62.96% in Tuesday's qualifying sessions to qualify in 20th place. A 51.56% first final session dropped them to 35th.

"It didn't look so good," Rotaru said.

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**Winners of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Jacqueline Chang and Iulian Rotaru**

## SoCal crew captures 10K title



The team captained by Lamya Agelidis, playing with Gregory Chaffee, Marjorie O'Malley and Charles O'Malley III, mounted a

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**Winners of the NABC 0-10K Knockout Teams: Team captain Lamya Agelidis, Gregory Chaffee, Charles O'Malley III and Marjorie O'Malley**

## Page dominates 3K Swiss final

The squad led by Skip Page led the final of the two-day contest from the outset, having qualified in first place in Tuesday's opener, and never letting up. Page of Rye NH played with fellow New Hampshire resident Clifford Lopate of Auburn, and teammates Suvabrata Biswas of Katy TX and

Linzhi Hu of Menlo Park

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**Winners of the 0-3000 Swiss Teams: captain Skip Page, Clifford Lopate, Suvabrata Biswas and Linzhi Hu.**

## Today's Bridge Events

### Thursday, March 5

**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>	1-2 QF	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
<b>10 am</b>				
Thursday Morning Side Pairs <i>Wed-Thu 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>SILODOR OPEN PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>0-3000 PAIRS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Room 230, ACC	\$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
<b>0-4000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams</b>	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>3 pm</b>				
Thursday 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>				
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).**

### 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](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 Volunteer

### Mike Arnheim Partnership Chair

Mike is a card player, as his email address makes clear. A local director, he runs a highly popular Saturday Swiss game that's a can't-miss for many of us. The game begins at noon, or usually a few minutes later. Mike always greets the assembled players with a hearty, "Good morning, all!" – and we collectively check our watches.



Mike often fills in on a team that's short a player, yet somehow manages to juggle his roles as director, caddy, and player with grace and patience. At other games you'll likewise find him picking up an unmatched partner.

Mike plays other card games too. Drop by the Partnership Desk and he'll have some suggestions for you.

## Vugraph operators needed

Vugraph operators are needed 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).

## 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.

**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*

**Saturday, March 7**  
7:30 pm–midnight **Junior Night.** ACBL Educational Foundation-sponsored event; Juniors only. *Parkview, mezzanine, 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.

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

**Friday, March 6**  
9:15 am Norman Beck *Odd Things and Bridge*  
2:15 pm Jeff Hand *Play These Trump Contracts*

## 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.

**Thursday, March 5**  
Bagels

**Friday, March 6**  
Morning: cereal bars  
Afternoon: brownies

## 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 and tomorrow, for light lunch and coffee.

The lounge is also open mornings 9 to 10 a.m. for coffee.

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

**Friday, March 6**  
Filipino chicken adobo, Korean beef bulgogi, vegetable fried rice, egg rolls, Vietnamese coleslaw, fortune 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.

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

**Friday, March 6**  
Doughboys, Wok and Roll, Wok-O Taco



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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 7 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



### Opener's rebids after 1M–2♣

In this article, we examine opener's follow-ups when the auction begins 1♥–2♣ or 1♠–2♣.

Let's start by expressing the beauty of the 2/1 GF system: Opener bids naturally. Yes. Good-old natural. If opener has a second suit (of four or more cards), he bids it. If he is flat, he bids notrump. If he has six or more cards in the major opened, he

repeats it. No jumping. Well, for now, anyway. Jump rebids are rare and generally should be avoided. So, for now, we are discussing 1♥–2♣:

1♥–2♣; 2♦: Natural, 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds (strength is not known yet)

1♥–2♣; 2♥: Natural, 6+ hearts (strength is not known yet)

1♥–2♣; 2♠: Natural, 5+ hearts and 4+ spades (strength is not known yet)

1♥–2♣; 2NT: Natural, 5 hearts and 3–3–2 in the other suits (strength is likely 12–14 HCP)

1♥–2♣; 3♣: Natural, 5 hearts and club support, usually 4+ (strength is not known yet)

#### Notes:

1. There is no memory or artificiality here. You bid what you have. Natural. Just avoid jumping. Save space.
2. Bidding a new suit shows at least four. With five, you will repeat the second suit on your third bid. Do not jump to your second suit. Your bid is only showing shape for the time being. If you have extras, you will reveal that later once you agree on a trump suit or notrump.
3. Repeating your major promises six\* or more. Do not jump with extras. For example, after 1♥–2♣, rebid a peaceful 2♥ with:

♠5 4 ♥K J 8 7 6 5 4 ♦A ♣A K 2.

Don't jump to 3♥, which will make finding out the trump suit too difficult. You don't want to jump unless you are sure what is trump, so a jump (covered in the next article) guarantees a solid suit (solid is A–K–Q–J–x–x or longer).

4. "Reversing" to 2♠, says nothing about strength. It could be a dead minimum. In general, it is best not to worry about a reverse showing extra values in a 2/1 GF auction.
5. The 2NT rebid shows a "weak notrump" type of hand, i.e., an opening bid, but less than a strong notrump. So, typically 12–14. It shows a balanced hand; five in the major and 3–3–2 elsewhere. Does it promise stoppers?

This is not universally agreed upon. Most prevalent is to not worry about rebidding 2NT with x–x–x in a side suit. But, do not rebid 2NT with only x–x in the side suit. With x–x in the side suit, prefer instead to raise to 3♣ with three-card support. Of course, if your x–x is in clubs, you can comfortably rebid 2NT.

6. Raising to 3♣ should usually be reserved for four-card support, but can occasionally be a three-carder if nothing else fits. As usual, it could be a 12-count or a 20-count. Strength will be revealed later. First find a trump fit.

Does anything change if the auction begins 1♠–2♣? No. All the information above is valid. Rebid 2♦ or 2♥ with a 4+–card suit. Rebid 2♠ with 6+. Rebid 2NT with a 5–3–3–2 hand. Raise to 3♣ if nothing else fits.

### Summary of opener's rebids after a 2♣ response to 1M

Bid naturally. Don't worry about showing your strength. Show your shape. Once a fit is found, you can show extra values by trying for slam.

#### Quiz

After partner's 2♣ response to your 1♠ opening, what is your rebid?

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

#### Answers

A. 2♦; B. 2♠; C. 2♠ (no jumping--and this is not a "solid" suit); D. 2♥; E. 2NT (preferable to raising clubs); F. 2♥ (no jumping); G. 2♠; H. 3♣ (preferable to 2NT)

\*Note for advanced players: Regarding the 2NT rebid by opener, it is assumed to be 12–14, balanced. With 15–17 balanced, please make your author happy and open 1NT. What should you do with 18–19 balanced and a five-card major? Open the major, of course and then after partner's 2/1 GF bid, you have to have an agreement. The simplest is to play that opener's jump to 3NT shows 18–19 balanced. A little more complex (but more space-saving and thus more efficient) is to rebid 2NT with 12–14 OR 18–19 balanced. With the latter, you have to reveal it later by driving towards slam once a fit is found. The responder always will assume 12–14 for a 2NT rebid.



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Karen Blank-Ewell and Jan Rethorst played in Tuesday's Gold Rush Pairs. Both residents of Southern Illinois – Blank-Ewell lives in Creel Springs, Rethorst in Benton – the players are both members of the District 8 family, of which St. Louis is a part. The district is largely eastern Missouri, all of Illinois except for Chicago, and bits of western Kentucky).

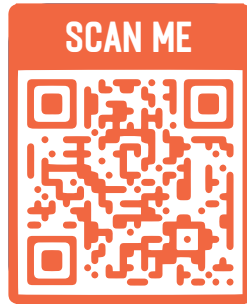


The pair made the two-hour drive to play in the NABC, although they have played together in club games only twice before.

# PLAYER MEMO

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## Rockwell

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But they saved the best for last, putting up 67.61% in the final session.

“I’m just surprised and thrilled,” Chang said.

“We didn’t make major mistakes,” Rotaru said. “She played well.”

**Runners-up in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Jason Feldman and Lotte de Wijs**



## 10K KO

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come-from-behind victory over Carlos Hoyos, Maris Zilant, Juan Castillo, Ignacio Miquelez and Susan George.

Agelidis won the first quarter by 15 IMPs, then suffered a drought in the second quarter, scoring only 1 IMP while Hoyos piled on 49. The halftime score was 86–53 in Hoyos’ favor. Agelidis scored four double-digit swings in the pivotal third quarter to take a 2-IMP lead going into the last set. There were plenty of IMPs exchanged, but Agelidis held on to win, 139–136.

It’s the first national win for the entire team. “First everything,” said Agelidis. “First time behind screens, too.”

“We’re beside ourselves,” said Marjorie. “They can keep the points, we’re just so happy we won.”

“We had the world’s best captain,” said Charles.



**Second-place in the NABC 0–10K Knockout Teams: Team captain Carlos Hoyos, Juan Castillo, Maris Zilant, Susan George and Ignacio Miquelez**

## 0-3000 Swiss

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CA. With carryover, the Page team finished with 116.83 victory points, more than a full match ahead of the runners-up captained by Steve Highfill who scored 86.20 VPs. The Page team had secured the win with one round still to play.

Playing with Highfill of Ridgewood NJ was his sister, Janet Dunlap of West Caldwell NJ and teammates Daniel Wright of Deerfield IL and his father, Joseph Wright of Westfield NJ.

Two members of the Page team have had some previous success in limited NABC contests. Captain Page was second in the same event in 2024 (when the upper masterpoint limit was 2500), and Biswas won the Grand National Teams Flight B in 2019. It was the first limited NABC title for Lopate and Hu.



**Second in the 0–3000 Swiss Teams: captain Steve Highfill, Janet Dunlap, Daniel Wright and Joseph Wright.**

## Vanderbilt R16: No. 2 toppled

In the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams Round of 16, the powerhouse No. 2 seed captained by Nick Nickell, who has won this event five times and placed second four times, was defeated by the original No. 18 seed captained by Rob Helle, playing with Bob Drijver, Simon de Wijs, Cornelis van Prooijen, Ed Hoogenkamp and Bauke Muller. Helle led at the end of every quarter; the final score was 115–81.

In the underdog department, team Xiao’s run has come to an end. In their match against Hans, they led by 43 after the first quarter and 35 at the half. Hans trimmed that down to 7 IMPs with 15 boards to play, then came back to win the match 127–103.

The No. 1 seed Fleisher and the No. 3 seed Zimmermann induced early withdrawals from their opponents.

The full bracket and pairings can be found on pages 12–13.

## Evening entertainment

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

### Tomorrow

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



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# Bridge Mania

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to watch. The Jeopardy room was consistently packed with spectators as host James Holzhauer tried to entice people to be brave enough to sit on the panel. Then, when no one wanted to ring in, those same audience members were eager to volunteer answers.

Family Feud may be a little less scary for some, as it's a team event. In a category about what you would find in a bridge player's version of heaven, host Zach Grossack came to panelist Mike Cappelletti, who was quick to offer an answer: booze. Strike, but the room erupted in laughter.

It was evident that people were having a good time.



**ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS**

65.0 Tables / Based on 135 Tables

100.00	1	Jacqueline Chang, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY	2096.35
75.00	2	Lotte de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Jason Feldman, Palm Beach Gardens FL	2064.62
56.25	3	Amir Ezion, Ashkelon Israel; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	2058.74
44.44	4	Adam Kaplan, New York NY; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	2050.39
40.00	5	Paul Markarian, Stuart FL; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	2026.94
36.36	6	David Treitel, Ocala FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	2023.36
33.33	7	Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	1972.91
30.77	8	Sibrand van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Sarah de Wijs, Doorn Netherlands	1964.62
28.57	9	William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	1963.17
26.67	10	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China	1939.57
25.00	11	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	1932.27
23.53	12	Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France	1925.69
22.22	13	Lucy Zhang, Brooklyn NY; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	1923.73
21.05	14	Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Bob Heller, Knoxville TN	1915.28
20.00	15	Radu Nistor - Raluca Nistor, New York NY	1908.49
19.05	16	Thomas Mac Cormac, Dublin Ireland; Anne Beaurivage, Lincoln NE	1904.79
18.18	17	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	1898.49
17.39	18	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	1891.98
16.67	19	Stephen Sanborn - Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	1888.59
16.00	20	Jackson Wahl - Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	1885.27
15.38	21	Daniel Boye, Baldwinsville NY; Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL	1884.42
14.81	22	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	1882.42
14.29	23	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	1876.17
13.79	24	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Alan Watson, Lexington MA	1874.23
13.33	25	Ethan Liu, Fremont CA; Crystal Tang, Hong Kong	1871.03
12.90	26	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	1868.80
12.50	27	Jenny Wolpert - Bruce Lang, Palm Bch Gdns FL	1858.41
12.12	28	Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY	1851.35
11.76	29	Robert Hopkins Jr. - Joan Lewis, Arlington VA	1850.46
11.43	30	Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	1849.02
11.11	31	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Irem Ozbay, Cliffside Park NJ	1848.44
10.81	32	Jan Jansma - Monique France, New York NY	1836.43
10.53	33	Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	1835.56
10.26	34	Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Melanie Appelbaum, Armonk NY	1834.45
10.00	35	Phyllis Yates - Paul Darin, San Diego CA	1830.43
9.76	36	Cenk Tuncok, Dallas TX; Selen Hotamisligil, Weston MA	1825.83
9.52	37	Sophia Baldysz, Plymouth IN; William Neumann, Columbia MD	1822.41
9.30	38	Sidney Brownstein - Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA	1818.05
9.09	39	Beatrice Kemp, Hoschton GA; Sveinn Eiriksson, Delray Beach FL	1817.01
8.89	40	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	1812.57
8.70	41	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	1812.34
8.51	42	Matt Cory - Penelope Millar, Indianapolis IN	1809.46
8.33	43	Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX; Robert Morris, Houston TX	1805.15
15.61	44	George Klemic, Lombard IL; Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA	1804.83
8.00	45	Michael Fleisher - Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	1804.60
7.84	46	Maya Alela, Flagstaff AZ; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	1801.36
7.69	47	Steve Levinson, Highland Beach FL; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	1790.42
7.55	48	Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Jeff McKee, Livingston TX	1790.32
7.41	49	Linda Einhorn-Ihde - Erez Hendelman, New York NY	1789.09
7.27	50	Daniel Rubinfeld, Rockville MD; Judi Radin, New York NY	1784.49
9.26	51	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX	1783.97
7.02	52	Bo Fu, Shanghai China; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	1782.68
16.73	53	Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	1781.76
13.65	54	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	1781.23
6.67	55	Lawrence Sherman, San Diego CA; Fran White, Vista CA	1781.09
6.56	56	Jung Hu, San Jose CA; Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA	1777.25
6.45	57	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Nancy Boothe, Houston TX	1776.62

6.35	58	Susan Kissinger - John Kissinger, San Clemente CA	1774.94
6.25	59	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	1774.64
6.15	60	Kathrine Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Garth Yettick, Westminster CO	1770.53
6.06	61	Kendra Bridges, Chicago IL; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL	1769.27
5.97	62	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	1767.49
5.88	63	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	1766.63
5.80	64	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Robert Gervis, Boynton Beach FL	1762.64
5.71	65	Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; John Hinton, Greenwood IN	1752.42
10.51	66	Susan Perez, Ballwin MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	1749.35
5.56	67	Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	1747.06
5.48	68	Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; James Holzhauser, Seattle WA	1747.02

### NABC 0-3000 SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

40.15	1	Skip Page, Rye NH; Clifford Lopate, Auburn NH; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy TX; Linzhi Hu, Menlo Park CA	116.83
30.11	2	Steve Highfill, Ridgewood NJ; Janet Dunlap, West Caldwell NJ; Daniel Wright, Deerfield IL; Joseph Wright, Westfield NJ	86.20
22.58	3	Clyde Bruce Baldwin, Statesboro GA; Joan Blinn, Hollidaysburg PA; Sue Knirsch – James Knirsch, Chagrin Falls OH	81.82
17.84	4	Angela Snyder – Michael Johnson, Charlotte NC; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton MA; Alan Frank, Amherst MA	79.78
16.06	5	A. Moulton – Tamara Moulton, Hilliard OH; John Jordan, Fishers IN; Brett Roby, Indianapolis IN	78.41
14.60	6	Arvin Uppal, Madison MS; Jack Boge – Vincent Zheng, New York NY; Nicole Qian, Evanston IL; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA; James Moody, Austin TX	75.33

### NABC 10K KNOCKOUT

17 Tables

55.00	1	Lamya Agelidis – Marjorie O'Malley – Charles O'Malley III, San Diego CA; Gregory Chaffee, La Jolla CA
41.25	2	Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Maris Zilant, Palo Alto CA; Juan Castillo – Ignacio Miquelez, Fort Lauderdale FL; Susan George, Delray Beach FL
27.50	3/4	Jonathan Cohn, Elkhorn NE; Andrew Clements, La Vista NE; Marlene Pontifex – David Sired, Winnipeg MB
27.50	3/4	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Luke Brezak, Arlington VA; Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA

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54 Tables

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vs

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

vs

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



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

vs

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

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 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

50.00 9/16 Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina

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50.00 9/16 Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy; Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Jie Li, Beijing China; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland

50.00 9/16 Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway; Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway; Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark

50.00 9/16 Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner, New York NY; Fred Gitelman - Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA

50.00 9/16 Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY; Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON

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1. Fleisher **137**  
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16. (39) So **137**  
17. (38) Ivatury **157**

1. Fleisher  
8. Shourie

9. Lall **170**  
24. (31) Hamman **137**

9. Lall 12 42 59 99  
8. Shourie 30 61 122 **159**

8. Shourie **188**  
25. Goldberg **69**

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5. Rosenthal **120**  
28. Vedanta **60**

5. Rosenthal 24 82 118 **150**  
12. Grossack 32 49 73 115

12. Grossack **157**  
21. (24) Cayne w/d

5. (5) Rosenthal  
4. (13) Overdeck

13. Overdeck **141**  
20. Cole **124**

13. Overdeck 15 44 74 **142**  
4. (36) Andresen 53 77 117 120

4. Street **142**  
29. (36) Andresen **149**

# VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS – ROUND OF 16 PAIRINGS

2. Nickell	<b>175</b>
31. (34) Rodrigues	115

2. Nickell	20	44	74	81
15. (18) Helle	30	76	110	<b>115</b>

15. Goodman	93
18. Helle	<b>136</b>

2. (18) Helle  
7. Hans

10. (45) Xiao	<b>122</b>
23. Dunitz	79

10. (45) Xiao	58	79	88	103
7. Hans	15	44	81	<b>127</b>

7. Hans	<b>123</b>
26. (29) McAllister	105

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3.

6. Rubenstein	<b>173</b>
27. Wildavsky	158

6. Rubenstein	19	50	103	<b>139</b>
11. (22) Bianchi	36	66	95	115

11. Simson	54
22. Bianchi	<b>158</b>

6. Rubenstein  
3. Zimmermann

14. Amoils	<b>120</b>
19. (26) Gupta	76

14. Amoils	14	21	44	w/d
3. Zimmermann	64	96	127	<b>127</b>

3. Zimmermann	<b>174</b>
30. Ashe	122

**WEDNESDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS**

48.5 Tables / Based on 118 Tables

	A	X		
44.09	1		Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE	62.08%
33.07	2		Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD; R. Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL	59.95%
24.80	3		Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	59.63%
18.60	4		En Hay, Highlands Ranch CO; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	58.53%
14.70	5		Alan Osofsky, Lantana FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	58.44%
12.60	6		Daiva Vitukynaite – Gediminas Poska, Palos Hills IL	58.43%
11.02	7		Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA; Gale Senter, San Clemente CA	58.28%
9.80	8		Paulo Brum, Columbus Brazil; Rhoda Walsh, Carlsbad CA	58.14%
8.82	9		Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey	57.45%
8.02	10		Daniel Friedman – Linda Friedman, Orinda CA	56.40%
11.24	11	1	Shangyou Nie, Houston TX; Mark Pan, Celina TX	56.16%
6.78	12		Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Neal Satten, Philadelphia PA	55.73%
6.30	13		James Breihan, Houston TX; Linda Drake, Fulshear TX	55.62%
8.43	14	2	Shihong You, Boyds MD; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates	55.36%
6.32	15	3	Tanaaz Timblo – Jayendu Patel, Carlsbad CA	54.06%
5.19	16		Bart Bramley, Avon CT; George Jacobs, Geneva IL	53.75%
4.90	17		Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	53.49%
4.64	18		John Jones, Santa Fe Springs CA; Bridget Poizner, San Diego CA	53.39%
4.31	19/20		Gary Soules – Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA	53.38%
4.47	19/20		Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	53.38%
4.01	21		Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL; Janet Lee, Oakton VA	53.22%
4.74	22	4	Roxie Tom, San Antonio TX; Barbara Morgan, Kyle TX	53.19%
3.67	23		Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Evelyn Holtz, Santa Rosa CA	53.15%
3.53	24		Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	53.02%
3.39	25		Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook ME; Dan Morgenstern, Brunswick ME	52.94%
3.75		5	Shazia Makhdumi, San Francisco CA; Frank Dinoff, Penfield NY	51.80%
3.21		6	Gigi Simpson – Michel Rapoport, Sarasota FL	50.61%
2.81		7	David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne Cook, Salem OR	50.26%
2.50		8	Randy Pearson, Pittsburgh PA; William Holt, Sewickley PA	50.25%

**WEDNESDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS**

28.0 Tables / Based on 68 Tables

	A	B		
29.53	1		Mary Bazata, Bennington NE; Jon Udell, Wilsonville OR	60.40%
22.15	2		Tracey Ball, Urbandale IA; Randall Klein, Leawood KS	59.66%
16.61	3		Eric Richelson, Fort Pierce FL; Robin Brown, Dobbs Ferry NY	58.43%
12.46	4		Rufus Cole – Silvia Szanto, Cos Cob CT	58.19%
9.84	5		Li Zhang, San Jose CA; Jay Wang, San Leandro CA	58.12%
8.44	6	1	Gary Koenig – John Olson, Georgetown TX	56.42%

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7.38	7		Mark Stein, Skokie IL; James Abbott, Chicago IL	55.98%
6.56	8		Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Debbie Carpenter, Ithaca NY	55.77%
5.91	9		Richard Kalkbrenner, Little Rock AR; Ti Davis, Flower Mound TX	55.52%
5.69	10	2	Gregory Harding, Madison WI; Douglas Babcock, Fitchburg WI	55.09%
4.92	11		Tyra Galyean, Catoosa OK; Trish Leblang, Tulsa OK	54.75%
4.54	12		Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL	54.35%
4.26	13	3	Ken Deutch – Frank Levinson, St. Louis MO	54.03%
3.94	14		Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN	53.83%
3.20		4	James Herchenroeder, Harrodsburg KY; Neil Armstrong, Lexington KY	52.74%
2.53		5	Steven Stout, Andersonville TN; Susan Bedwell, New Market TN	52.25%
2.17		6	Clyde Lantz – Vicky Lantz, West Bend WI	50.42%

**WEDNESDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

19.0 Tables

	7	4	2		
6.66	1			William Bonneau, Omaha NE; Patrick McGehearty, Longmont CO	59.56%
5.00	2	1		Rebecca Ruttenberg – Bob Wyman, Boulder CO	57.34%
3.75	3			Penny Williams – Cynthia Peters, St. Louis MO	56.38%
3.74	4	2		Anne Wildrick – Karon Fox, Jacksonville IL	55.90%
2.22	5			David Dailey, Shoreline WA; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	55.84%
2.81	6	3		James Myers – Glenn Rehagen, O’Fallon MO	55.71%
2.11	7	4		Joyce Lewin, Chesterfield MO; Susie Knopf, Clayton MO	55.08%
2.60	8	5	1	Willis Chang, Arlington VA; Alexander Gretsinger, Fort Washington MD	54.25%
1.43	9	6		Rick Leech – Debbie Leech, Waukesha WI	53.78%
1.21	10			Phillip Helm – Linda Helm, Manchester MO	52.89%
1.25		7		Melissa Conrad – Susan May, Indianapolis IN	52.15%
1.95			2	John Wright, St. Louis MO; Deborah Majers, Kirkwood MO	50.54%
1.46			3	Lisa Ovens – Sue Chappell, Springfield MO	49.03%



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## TUESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1		Susan Miguel – Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI	59.55%
3.41	2	2		Jason Clevenger – Shrikant Jategaonkar, St. Louis MO	57.05%
2.56	3	3		Shmuel Greenberg, Israel; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills Estates CA	56.82%
2.45	4	4		Aaron Krieser – Heather Harmeyer, Foristell MO	56.59%
1.72	5	5		Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA	54.09%
1.23	6			Ryan White, Indianapolis IN; Mark Rexroth, Carmel IN	53.86%
2.28			1	Felicia Childs, Vinita Park MO; David Addison, St. Louis MO	52.27%
1.71			2	Colin Prakken – Yongyan Zhang, St. Louis MO	48.41%

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Rebecca Brown, Lakeway TX; Jeff Edelstein, Brooksville FL	70.24%
3.68	2	1		Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC	59.52%
2.44	3			Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA; Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA	56.55%
3.03	4	2	1	Michael Wang, Grove City OH; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	54.76%
2.07	5/6	3		Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA	53.57%
1.20	5/6			Paul Chan – Lily Chan, Columbia MO	53.57%
2.27		4/5	2	James Schnepf – Connie Nelson, Avon MN	51.79%
1.36		4/5		William Carrell – Catherine Dwinell, Las Cruces NM	51.79%
1.70			3	Carol Marks – Barbara Waldron, Overland Park KS	48.51%

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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1	1	1	Marc Ashton, Excelsior MN; Rolf Hubmayr, Minneapolis MN	61.52%
3.41	2	2		Mike Vontz – Janet Vontz, Lake St. Louis MO	60.63%
2.56	3	3	2	Frank Cole III, Apalachin NY; Kumari Santosh, St. Louis MO	58.89%
1.92	4			John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	57.48%
1.72	5			Marie Abate – Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT	57.23%
1.23	6			Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy	56.07%
1.55		4		Dianne Kiehl, Brookfield WI; Sharon May, Oconomowoc WI	52.21%
1.38		5		Jeffrey Weiss, Novelty OH; James Pivarski Jr., Gates Mills OH	50.71%
1.58			3	Ida Parks, Nyack NY; Anne Bendell, Fort Lee NJ	47.83%

**TUESDAY-WENESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 1**

4 Tables

52.76	1	Samuel Ehrlichman, Brooklyn NY; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Michael Kopera, Fort Mill SC; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA			
36.93	2	Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Ed Freeman, Tacoma WA			
23.74	3	Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Amber Lin, Mountain View CA; Anant Rathi, Denver CO			
18.47	4	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-WENESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 2**

4 Tables

30.20	1	Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Christopher Staszak, Orland Park IL			
21.14	2	Samuel Phillips, Largo FL; Paul Gallizzi, Tampa FL; John Bridgewater II, Columbus IN; Rajasekhar Menon, Lutz FL			
13.59	3	Dimi Cooklev – Robert Enyeart, Fort Wayne IN; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN			
6.04	4	Carolyn Bitetti, Belmont MA; Juan Felipe Cuervo, Bogota Colombia; Mitch Towner, Phoenix AZ; John Ramos, Los Angeles CA			

**TUESDAY-WENESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 3**

4 Tables

24.41	1	Huang-Chia Chang – Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; George Mansour, Scranton PA; Michael Zeller, New Kingstown PA			
17.09	2	Hellen Reville, Louisville KY; Susan Bates – Ruthie Shor – Jane Kirby, Dallas TX			
10.98	3	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH; Usama Faris, Queen Creek AZ; Richard Cohen, Boca Raton FL			
4.88	4	Judith McNutt, Pittsfield MA; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Jichong Chai, Falls Church VA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD			

**TUESDAY-WENESDAY KNOCKOUT BKT 4**

4 Tables

16.58	1	Molly Silvia – Barbara Fitz-Hugh – Cappy McIver – Di Lapeyre, New Orleans LA			
11.61	2	Glenn Sussman, Juno Beach FL; Jane Rusch, Jupiter FL; Richard Aufmann, Bradenton FL; Patrick Thompson, Lakewood Ranch FL			
7.46	3	James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Ashish Gupta, Sacramento CA; Liam King, San Francisco CA; Barbara McKay, Orinda CA			
3.32	4	Nancy Dugan, Long Grove IA; Michelle Feeney, Davenport IA; Dawn Miller, Sabula IA; Margaret Wolf, Clinton IA			

**WEDNESDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**

46 Tables / Based on 127 Tables

	A	X	Y		
36.04	1			Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Brazil; Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil	104.00
27.03	2			Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Shan Huang – Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Giovanni Donati, Rimini Italy	93.00
20.27	3			Wojciech Strzemecki, Poland; Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland; Jakub Patreuha, Boleslawiec Poland; Kamil Walczyk, Radom Poland; Maciej Dobrzynski, Warka Poland	84.00
15.20	4			Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	81.00

12.01	5			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	80.00
10.30	6			Laura Lipman, Estero FL; Francisco Guerra – Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL; Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL	78.00
8.51	7/8			Frances Schneider, Riverside CT; H Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	77.00
8.51	7/8			Mike Rippey, San Francisco CA; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Irene Baroni, Paris France; Leonardo Cima – Federico Porta Tadolini, Roma Italy; Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland	77.00
12.69	9	1	1	Jared Egerer, Mount Arlington NJ; Tiger Lili Williams, Fair Lawn NJ; Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Betty Cox, Randolph NJ	75.00
6.55	10			Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland	71.00
5.57	11/13			William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn – Daniel Korbel – Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	70.00
5.57	11/13			Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Carlos Pellegrini – Pablo Ravenna, Buenos Aires Argentina; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	70.00
5.57	11/13			Daniel Lev – Barry Rigal, New York NY; Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Ron Rubin, Deerfield Beach FL	70.00
9.52	2	2	2	Robert Winters, McMurray PA; Fred Schenker – Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA; Charles Carroll, St. Paul MN	65.00
7.14	3	3	3	Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Larry Jackson, Memphis TN; John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	64.00
5.35	4	4	4	Deborah Branch – Jesse Laird, Delray Beach FL; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL; Terry Goodykoontz, Wellington FL; Robert Robinson, Severna Park MD	58.00
4.23	5	5	5	Jeffrey Chapman – Donna Chapman, Hopkinsville KY; David Cochener, Clarksville TN; William Stevenson, Nashville TN	52.00

### WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

15.83	1			Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Philip Kuhn – Jennifer Kuhn, San Mateo CA	126.00
11.87	2			Denise Klein – Marion Brum De Barros, Denver CO; Jennifer O'Neill, Greenwood Village CO; Julie Clark, Aurora CO	86.00
8.90	3			Mary Laplante, Riverview FL; Roger Roemmich, Roswell GA; Barbara Goldman – Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA	82.00
6.68	4			Andrew Carver, Belleville IL; Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL	81.00

### WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

9 Tables

13.85	1			Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI; Noah Bell, Ithaca NY; Katie Fagan – Thomas Fagan, Huntsville AL	115.00
10.39	2			Thomas Frank – Bruce Stroud – Suzanne Bellamy, Indianapolis IN; Domenico Sneider, Carmel IN	112.00
7.79	3			Rich Ardini, Vienna VA; Raelene Kirkbride, Grand Rapids MI; Catherine Wright – Kyle I. Larson, Rockford IL	87.00
5.84	4			Jo-Ellyn Ryall – Jay Shah – Steven Hakanson, St. Louis MO; George Marvin, Maryland Heights MO	77.00

### WEDNESDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables

12.26	1			Jennifer Samuels – Mark Mackenzie, Portland OR; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR; Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR	97.00
9.20	2			Susan Miguel – Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI; Cindy Shoemaker – Jack Shoemaker, Tucson AZ	96.00

6.90	3	Susie Ball – Peter Galbraith, Yakima WA; Kathleen McDougall, Richmond TX; Deb Bowyer, Poway CA	95.00
5.17	4	Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR; Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR; Bruce Dautrich, Eagle Point OR; Heather Breckenridge, Jacksonville OR	94.00

**WEDNESDAY 0–4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables

10.69	1	Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Shriram Phadke, Plainsboro NJ; Prakash Malkani, East Brunswick NJ; Robert Carroll, Lawrenceville NJ	105.00
8.02	2	Lauri Laufman – James Woodward – Janice Rush, Houston TX; Gustavo Saravia, Oak Park IL	103.00
6.01	3	Josh Rich – William Riley, Alton IL; Jacqueline Schroering, Prospect KY; Carolyn Carpenter, Louisville KY	90.00
4.51	4	Lee Blocher – Kyle Blocher – Wesley Seitz, Champaign IL; Terry D’Amato, St. Louis MO	88.00

**WEDNESDAY 0–4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5**

9 Tables

9.69	1	Kenneth Eiger – Susan Eiger, Clayton MO; Julie Ertmann, St. Louis MO; Cathy Vivirito, Chesterfield MO	108.00
7.27	2	Diane Atteberry – James Atteberry – Michael Frederick, Fort Worth TX; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook TX	96.00
5.45	3	Philip Bridges – Susan Bridges – Gordon Brown, Madison AL; Maureen Busta, New Hampton IA	82.00
4.09	4	John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; Darlene Trenholm, St. Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO	81.00

**WEDNESDAY 0–4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6**

10 Tables

7.89	1	Jenny Hornby – Barbara Hitt, Huntsville AL; Diana Clive – Peter Clive, Fort Worth TX	106.00
5.92	2	Shannon Kasperkiewicz – Nathan Kasperkiewicz, Redmond WA; Chris Morris-Lent – John Kraha, Seattle WA	105.00
4.44	3	Barbara Foley – Carolyn Eddie – Deborah Suckow – Susan Hayes, Darien CT; Melissa Graves, Chicago IL	92.00
3.33	4	James Meter, Wildwood MO; Robert Gardiner, Webster Groves MO; Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO; Michael Biggers, St. Louis MO	78.00

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### New Ruby Life Master



Robert Ives of Bethesda MD became a Ruby Life Master here in St. Louis playing with “King Louis” Beauchet of France, a former King of Bridge (that’s his BBO handle).



The duo placed second in the regional open pairs, earning 32.39 gold points. It was their second second-place finish. They’ve won two 0–6K events together: the pairs in 2023 and the mini-Spingold in 2024. “Always a bridesmaid, never a bride,” said Ives of the two seconds. “Maybe next time we’ll get a first.”




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## Meet Me in St. Louis – Vanderbilt Round of 32

By Mark Horton, UK | Watch at [kibitz.realbridge.online](http://kibitz.realbridge.online)

With three matches being transmitted, where to go for honey? I decided to take the one with the most spectators.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q, and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond, East taking the ♦A and returning the ♣8. When West could not ruff declarer's king, the ♥A K were followed by the ♦Q and a third heart for +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rippey</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
		1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

(1) 10–13 HCP

West led the ♥3, and declarer won with the ♥8 and played the ♦Q, East winning and returning a heart. Declarer won, played a diamond to the king, and ruffed a diamond high. She could cross to dummy with a heart and cash three diamonds, squeezing East in the black suits for +230, but it was 10 IMPs to FLEISHER.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
4♥ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) A void somewhere

(2) Asking

(3) Diamond void

(3) Last Train (slam try)

I'm guessing about 4♥, but it must have shown some slam interest given that West did not sign off in 4♠.

South led the ♦5 to the jack and ace. Declarer ruffed and played the ♠Q, soon accumulating all the tricks, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rippey</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here, South led the ♦Q, and declarer took all the tricks to flatten the board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

FLEISHER vs. RIPPEY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bak</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) Fourth suit forcing

South led the ♦10, and when dummy's ♦J held, declarer played a spade to the queen followed by the ♠J, North discarding the ♣5. When declarer continued with the ♦A, South ruffed and exited with the ♣2 (either major suit is a mortal blow). Of course, declarer did not put in dummy's ♣J (although you might argue that he should) instead pitching a heart on the ♣A, coming to hand with the ♠10 and playing the ♦Q. North won and cashed two hearts for one down.

It would not surprise me to discover that South really exited with the ♣K.

Once the ♦J has held, one way to make the contract is to pitch a heart on the ♣A and play a second diamond, finessing against the king. South can ruff, but declarer is in control.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Rippey</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♠	All Pass

(1) Could be three hearts

(2) Controls

Here, too, South led the ♦10, covered by the jack, king and ace. Declarer cashed the ♠A Q, North pitching the ♦5, drew trumps and claimed, +650 and 13 IMPs.

Given that the deals were not especially exciting, I took a look at MCALLISTER vs. HANS, only to discover that the score after 10 comparisons was 8–7 to the latter.

GOODMAN vs. HELLE had the former leading 33–16 after 12 results had been posted.

On one deal, Percario and Donati stopped in 3♠ with:

♠6 ♥A K 6 2 ♦10 9 7 6 2 ♣A 5 4

facing:

♠A J 9 8 7 5 ♥10 4 ♦A 8 5 4 ♣J

making +140. Hoogenkamp and Helle bid 6♦, which needs a 2–2 diamond break and spades not be horrendous. They were 3–3, but diamonds were 3–1 and 8 IMPs went to GOODMAN.

At the end of the session FLEISHER led 27–6.

Session 2

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

GOODMAN vs. HELLE

In the Open Room, the auction, alas, is missing, but West was one down in 6♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Helle</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♦7, and North won and switched to the ♣7, declarer taking 11 tricks for +650 and 13 IMPs to GOODMAN.

## Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

## GOODMAN vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Huang</i>
		1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

(1) 15+ any

(2) 9–11 balanced

(3) Controls

South led the ♥10. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠K Q and then played the ♣J, ducking when South played the ♣K. Declarer won the spade exit perforce with dummy's ♠A, ruffed a heart and cashed his remaining trumps, claiming when South pitched the ♣9 on the last of them, +980.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West might have bid 4♣ over 3♦, accepting the game try while showing a control.

With nothing at stake, declarer took only 11 tricks, +450 translating into 11 IMPs for HELLE.

## Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## GOODMAN vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Huang</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3♠ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	5♥	All Pass

(1) Puppet Stayman

(2) At least one major

(3) Hearts

(4) Control

South led the ♣3 (a diamond lead is deadly) and declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a heart to the ace followed by the ♥K, North discarding the ♦2. The top spades took care of dummy's diamonds, but declarer was a trick short, -100.

That was unlucky, but if declarer cashes dummy's ♥Q at trick two and then plays a second heart, the 4–1 break is revealed and cashing three spades, ruffing a diamond and then exiting with a club will deliver 11 tricks.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Helle</i>
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♠4, and having won in dummy declarer cashed the ♥A, played a heart to the queen, went back to the ♥K and ran the ♣Q. North won, but with North marked with the ♦A, the contract was safe, declarer recording an overtrick when North exited with a spade, +650 and 13 IMPs to GOODMAN.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## GOODMAN vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Dwyer-Rimstedt</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Huang</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠4, and declarer won with the ♠A and played the ♣A K J, ruffing and pitched two spades on the top diamonds. A diamond ruff was followed by a club ruffed with the ♥Q, and East overruffed and returned the ♥4. When declarer played the ♥J, West ducked, ruffed the club continuation and exited with the ♠9, taking the last two tricks with the ♥K 9 for one down, -50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Helle</i>
Pass	3♦	3♠	Dbl
All Pass			

Despite the barren distribution, North was happy to put the pressure on. When East decided to come in, South pounced.

The ♣K was followed by the ♣A and ♣4, North ruffing and playing three rounds of diamonds, taking the score to 6–0. The ♠A meant three down, -500 and 11 IMPs to HELLE.

GOODMAN took the session 38–26 and led 70–61.

## Session 3

We switch to HANS vs. MCALLISTER, the latter leading 39–37.

## Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
1NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	All Pass

If the final contract had been 1NT doubled, a low diamond from North puts the defenders on course for nine tricks.

It may be that East's pass compelled West to look for an escape route, but raising the level of the contract might not be a good idea.

In the modern era, making a low-level penalty double has become difficult, but if South had doubled 2♣, North might have elected to pass. Even if E/W find their heart fit, they are still in big trouble.

South led the ♣7 and three rounds of the suit saw declarer emerge with two tricks, -600.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
1NT	All Pass		Pass

North led the ♦3 to the 4, jack and king, and declarer exited with the ♥Q, South winning and switching to the ♠5. When declarer put up the ♠K, North won and returned the ♠9, South winning and cashing three more tricks in the suit. She switched to the ♦8, and North won with the ♦10, cashed the ♥A and the ♦A and had only to exit with a diamond to force declarer to lead into the ♣A Q. Cashing the ♣A instead meant four down, -400, and 5 IMPs to HANS.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

HANS vs. MCALLISTER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Pavverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) 10–15 HCP, 5♠ + 4♣ or 16+

It may be that 2♦ promised hearts.

South led the ♥3, and when dummy's ♥8 held, declarer played the ♣J followed by the ♣3, North winning and switching to the ♠3. Declarer took the ♠A, played two rounds of hearts ending in hand, pitched a spade on the ♣K and played the ♦K. South won and played the ♠J, and declarer was a trick short, -50.

Having taken the ♠A, cashing a top club and then playing the ♦K will lead to 11 tricks. As the play went, having pitched a spade on the ♣K, if declarer ruffs a spade, cashes the ♥A and plays a diamond, he will survive thanks to the diamond position.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) 5–12 nonforcing

(2) 5♠ + 4♣

(3) Fragment

South led the ♣5. North took the ♣A and returned the ♣10, declarer winning with the ♣K and playing the ♦K. South won and returned the ♣7, declarer winning as a spade went from dummy. A heart to the ace was followed by a diamond ruffed with the ♥Q, after which the play was too fast for the operator, declarer taking 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to HANS.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

HANS vs. MCALLISTER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Pavverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
			2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	5♥ <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
	All Pass		

(1) 6+♣, 10–15 HCP

(2) 6+♦, game forcing

(3) RKCB

(4) Two key cards

East led the ♥J. Declarer won with the ♥K, drew trumps, played the ♣J to dummy's ♣Q and ruffed a club, +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
			1♣
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥J. Declarer won with the ♥K, ran the ♣J, played a diamond to the 10, cashed the ♣A and then took six more diamonds. When the ♠A was cashed, East, down to ♥Q 10 ♣K, had no answer, +720, but 12 IMPs to HANS.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		Pass	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	1♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	1NT
All Pass			
(1) 16+ HCP			
(2) 0-7 HCP			

West led the ♦A and continued with the ♦4, declarer winning with the ♦Q as East pitched the ♥6, and playing the ♠K. West won and exited with the ♦7, declarer taking dummy's ♦J, discarding (fatally as it turns out) the ♣2. The ♠10 was covered by the jack and queen, and declarer cashed the ♥A and the ♠9 and exited with the ♥Q. West won and cashed out for one down, -100.

If declarer pitches a major-suit card on the ♦J and plays a club to the jack, West has to duck that and the ♣K that follows. Then declarer cashes the ♠Q and exits with a club and scores two hearts at the end. Not easy.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
		Pass	1♣
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣10 and when dummy's ♣Q was covered by the king, the die was cast, declarer only being able to muster five tricks, -400 and 11 IMPs to MCALLISTER.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
			1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) 2+♦, 10-15 HCP			
(2) Invitational			

East led the ♠A and the defenders took the first six tricks, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠3 and East won with the ♠A and returned the ♠4, West winning with the ♠Q and ... well, we don't know what West played next, but it must have been a red card, as declarer recorded +400 to give MCALLISTER another 11 IMPs.

## Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

West led the ♦K, and declarer won in dummy and played the ♠2, East winning and returning the ♦9. The defenders had five tricks coming, one down, -200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Schireson</i>
3NT	Pass	1♦	2♠
	All Pass		

North led the ♥8, and South won with the ♥Q, declarer following with the ♥J. Dummy's ♠A took the switch of the ♠Q, and declarer played a diamond to the queen, North winning and returning the ♥3. When the ♥A collected South's ♥K, declarer played a heart to the 10 and the ♣2 to dummy's ♣Q. What happened next is unclear, but declarer finished with 10 tricks, +630 and 10 IMPs to HANS.

The session score was 39-37 to MCALLISTER, but HANS led 88-73.

## Session 4

## Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Hans</i>
1NT	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	4♣
5♦	All Pass		

(1) Majors

(2) Diamonds

North led the ♠K and declarer won, cashed the ♦K Q and played the ♥Q, North winning and cashing two spades for one down, -100.

In the Closed Room, East declared 3NT. The only lead to defeat that is the ♠J followed by a club switch, North winning and going back to spades. However, the result posted was +630 giving HANS 12 IMPs.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## HANS vs. MCALLISTER

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Hans</i>
2♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
	All Pass		

(1) Splinter

South led the ♣5. Declarer won with the ♣A, unblocked the ♦A, ruffed a club, pitched a heart on the ♦K, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a club. North could overruff and cash the ♥K, but declarer had the rest, +650.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	4♠	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

South led the ♣5 and declarer won with the ♣A, unblocked the ♦A, ruffed a club, pitched a club on the ♦K, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a club and ... finished one down.

We can guess that declarer ruffed a diamond, drew trumps and played for the ♥K to be onside. No doubt you can see that the double-dummy approach of cashing a second spade

and then throwing North in with the ♠J to lead into the split heart tenace will deliver the goods.

It was 13 IMPs for MCALLISTER.

Note that if South leads the ♥10, declarer must play dummy's ♥Q and duck North's ♥K.

Double-dummy fans will have spotted another winning line. Declarer wins the club lead, ruffs a club, comes to hand with a diamond, ruffs a club, pitches a club on the ♦K, ruffs a diamond high and then executes the throw-in play on the third round of spades.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

HANS vs. MCALLISTER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♥	2♠	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(1) Fit jump

North led the ♦4 and South won and returned the ♦9, declarer winning, crossing to the ♣K and playing a heart to the king. North won and played two rounds of spades, which looks like two down, but the score was shown as -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and switched to the ♥9 to the queen, king and ace, and declarer cashed the top spades and played two rounds of diamonds, claiming, +620 and 11 IMPs to MCALLISTER, very close at 101-105.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

HANS vs. MCALLISTER

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>McAllister</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Schireson</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2NT*	Pass	3♥	Dbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East's imaginative opening bid was not enough to deter South.

East led the ♥6, and West won with the ♥K, cashed the ♥A and exited with the ♣Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played the ♠K, East winning and returning the ♣5. Declarer took dummy's ♣K, cashed the ♠K Q and could claim, East being marked with the ♦K, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>van de Paverd</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	Dbl
Pass	2♠	3♣	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) 2+♣

(2) Diamonds or no major

East led the ♣8. Declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played the ♥4, West winning with the ♥K and returning the ♣Q to dummy's ♣K. Another heart saw West win and play the ♣J, forcing declarer to ruff. He pitched a diamond on the ♥Q, played a diamond to the queen and the ♠K, East winning and exiting with the ♣7. When declarer pitched dummy's ♦10, West's ruff with the ♠8 was the setting trick, -100.

At trick two, declarer must play a top spade. Say East wins and returns a club. Declarer wins in dummy, draws trumps and plays a heart. West wins and plays a club forcing declarer to ruff, but now a diamond to the 10 is followed by another heart. West can win, but with only red cards left, must allow declarer to take the rest.

It was 12 IMPs for HANS, and they ran out winners 117-107.

## St. Louis Vugraph and BridgeCast RealBridge

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

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

### Schedule

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

We will cover the Vanderbilt from start to finish. Today through Saturday,

Vugraph will start at 10 a.m. & 4p.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](http://bridgecast.org). Today, for the quarterfinal, 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.

### Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

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



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# Competitors vie for Silodor Open Pairs Trophy



**Last year's Silodor Open Pairs winners were Neil Silverman and Bob Hamman.**

The Silodor Open Pairs is a four-session event consisting of two qualifying and two final sessions. The winners are honored by the Silodor Trophy, presented in memory of Sidney Silodor, winner of the Bermuda Bowl, the McKenney Trophy and more than 30 North American championships.

Silodor, a member of the team that won the first Bermuda Bowl World Championship in 1950, won the Vanderbilt eight times, the Reisinger six times, the Spingold, the Open Pairs and the Master Mixed Teams three times each and the Mixed Pairs five times.

Silodor was an original member of the Bridge Hall of Fame, elected in the '60s when the institution was the province of its creator, The Bridge World magazine.

Known simply as the Open Pairs until 1992, this event was renamed the Open Pairs I and was referred to as such until 2003. The trophy was presented in 1963 in memory of Silodor and made retroactive to include winners of the event, which began in 1958.

Barry Crane holds the record in the event with seven victories.

## Previous winners:

- 1958** Leonard Harmon, Ivar Stakgold
- 1959** Lew Mathe, Edward Taylor
- 1960** Robert Jordan, Alvin Roth
- 1961** Mark Hodges, Hampton Hume

- 1962** Robert Jordan, Arthur Robinson
- 1963** Norman Kay, Sidney Silodor
- 1964** Barry Crane, Oswald Jacoby
- 1965** John Biddle, James Wisemiller
- 1966** Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
- 1967** Harvey Cohen, Maury Genud
- 1968** Ronald Balu, Richard Spero
- 1969** Robert Freedman, James Mathis
- 1970** Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1971** 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher  
1-2. Joan Remy, Vincent Remy
- 1972** 1-2. Barry Crane, John Fisher  
1-2. Matt Granovetter, Merle Tom
- 1973** Michael Hoffman, Jack Rhatigan
- 1974** Barry Crane, John Fisher
- 1975** Garey Hayden, Daniel Hyland
- 1976** Terry Hause, Ernest Ivey
- 1977** Barry Crane, Peter Rank
- 1978** Robert Levin, Mike Passell
- 1979** Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 1980** Paul Lewis, Michael Schreiber
- 1981** Dan Gerstman, Marc Nathan
- 1982** Gerald Caravelli, Craig Janitschke
- 1983** Barry Crane, Mike Passell
- 1984** Lou Bluhm, Bart Bramley
- 1985** Jim Robison, Joey Silver
- 1986** Lew Stansby, Ralph Katz
- 1987** Ed Manfield, Kit Woolsey
- 1988** Ron Rubin, Michael Becker
- 1989** Kit Woolsey, Ed Manfield
- 1990** Don Campbell, Barry Harper
- 1991** Larry Mori, Henry Bethe (became Open Pairs)
- 1992** Bernie Miller, Mike Lucas
- 1993** Russ Ekeblad, Peter Weichsel
- 1994** Lloyd Arvedon, Allan Falk
- 1995** John Strauch, Evan Bailey
- 1996** Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein
- 1997** Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
- 1998** Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
- 1999** Mike Passell, Michael Seamon
- 2000** Mike Cappelletti, Larry Hicks
- 2001** Jim Tritt, Richard Meffley
- 2002** Joergen Molberg, Boerre Lund
- 2003** Ralph Katz, Michael Rosenberg
- 2004** Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz
- 2005** Bob Morris, Eddie Wold
- 2006** David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
- 2007** Giorgio Duboin, Roy Welland
- 2008** Robert Lebi, Dan Jacob
- 2009** David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
- 2010** Nicholas L'Ecuyer, Stephen Landen
- 2011** Joel Wooldridge, Gavin Wolpert
- 2012** Hans Christian Graverson, Dennis Bilde
- 2013** David Bakhshi, Billy Cohen
- 2014** John Diamond, Geoff Hampson
- 2015** Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin
- 2016** Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2017** Mikael Rimstedt, Zach Grossack
- 2018** Simon Cope, Peter Crouch
- 2019** Mark Dahl, Richard Oshlag
- 2020** Not held
- 2021** Not held
- 2022** Mark Itabashi, Neil Silverman
- 2023** Sjoert Brink, Sebastiaan Drijver
- 2024** Rafal Jagniewski, Wojciech Gawel
- 2025** Neil Chambers, Bob Hamman

## Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

# Play begins today in Smith Women's Pairs



**Dilek Yavas and Irem Ozbay won last year's Smith Women's Pairs.**

Play gets underway today in the four-session Smith Women's Pairs. Formerly a Life Master pairs event, it is now open to all women.

The Smith Trophy recognizes Helen Sobel Smith, the first woman elected to the Bridge Hall of Fame. Smith was an outstanding player and is universally considered the best woman player of all time. She won 35 North American titles – the Vanderbilt twice, the Spingold five times and the Reisinger four times – and the McKenney Trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) three times: in 1941, 1942 and 1944.

This event was played in the fall for many years before moving to the spring in 2015.

## Past winners:

- 1961 Dorothy Hayden, Helen Portugal
- 1962 Barbara Kachmar, Margaret Wagar
- 1963 Anne Burnstein, Hermine Baron
- 1964 Margaret Alcorn, Betty Kaplan
- 1965 Ann Sheaber, Jan Stone
- 1966 Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden
- 1967 Nancy Gruver, Edith Sachs
- 1968 Dorothy Talmage, Rhoda Walsh



- 1969 Gratian Goldstein, Sylvia Stein
- 1970 Bette L. Cohn, Marietta Passell
- 1971 Ruth Bloomfield, Delle Levinson
- 1972 Amalya Kearse, Rhoda Walsh
- 1973 Frieda Arst, June Deutsch
- 1974 Bernice Larson, Joan Stein
- 1975 Dorothy Moore, Marion Weed
- 1976 Barbara Furbeck, Barbara Herr
- 1977 Edith Kemp, Barbara Rappaport
- 1978 Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott
- 1979 Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp
- 1980 Kathie Cappelletti, Claire Tornay
- 1981 Nancy Gruver, Edith Kemp
- 1982 Dorothy Buchanan, Barbara Morris
- 1983 Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas
- 1984 Karen Singer, Sharon Soules
- 1985 Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
- 1986 Mickie Kivel, Judi Cody
- 1987 Jill Meyers, Gaye Herrington
- 1988 Nancy Passell, Nell Cahn
- 1989 Rhoda Walsh, Sabine Zenkel
- 1990 Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy
- 1991 Sue Weinstein, Tobi Deutsch
- 1992 Shawn Womack, Jan Cohen
- 1993 Janice Seamon, Sabine Zenkel
- 1994 Lynn Deas, Rhoda Kratenstein
- 1995 Flo Rotman, Susan Miller
- 1996 Suzy Burger, Barbara Sion
- 1997 Janice Seamon, Sylvia Moss
- 1998 Sharon Hait, Barbara Sartorius
- 1999 Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn
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- 2003 Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn
- 2004 Cynthia Hinckley, Diana Schuld
- 2005 Jill Levin, Malle Andrade
- 2006 Sara Sivelind, Cecilia Rimstedt
- 2007 Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum
- 2008 Betty Ann Kennedy, Lynn Deas
- 2009 Sue Picus, Shawn Quinn
- 2010 Disa Eythorsdottir, Valerie Westheimer
- 2011 Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack
- 2012 Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva
- 2013 Patti Hartley, Barbara Nist
- 2014 Bernace De Young, Bronia Jenkins
- 2015 Yiji Starr, Pam Granovetter
- 2016 Victoria Gromova, Tatiana Ponomareva
- 2017 Sylvia Shi, Pamela Granovetter
- 2018 Sally Brock, Fiona Brown
- 2019 Rozanne Pollack, Cheri Bjerkan
- 2020 Not held
- 2021 Not held
- 2022 Migry Zur Campanile, Margie Cole
- 2023 Jovana Zoranovic, Selena Pepic
- 2024 Kristen Onsgard, Nancy Passell
- 2025 Dilek Yavas, Irem Ozbay



**Winners of last year's 0-2500 Pairs: Rick Londeree and Sandy Bigg**

## 0-3000 Pairs starts

The 0-3000 Pairs, a relatively new event since 2022, begins today. This four-session event is limited to players with less than 3000 masterpoints, up from 2500 the past three years. Approximately half of the pairs entering will qualify for tomorrow's final.

- 2022 Ping Hu, Henry Shi
- 2023 Vikram Srimurthy, Venky Venkataramani
- 2024 Peter Ashbrook, Lisa Bievenue
- 2025 Rick Londeree, Sandy Bigg



## 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.

Locations in the Marriott Plaza may be reached either by going outside, crossing Ninth Street and entering the doors on Washington Avenue, or by going down to the concourse level of the main building of the Marriott, using the underground walkway and then taking the escalators up to the first or second floors.

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).

## 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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## Entry fees

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.

## 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.



## Limited events eligibility

Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0–10,000 events.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment was operated in violation of (2) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/2 of a board, 6 IMPs, or 2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event, the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the second offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring

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.

A kibitzer in violation of these policies must leave the playing area and may be readmitted only by permission of the tournament director.

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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Five night package with 9 sessions including bridge learning and games with bridge professional Corey Krantz

*Improve your bridge game while you take in the beauty of Hilton Head, the weather, scenic views and all the services the resort offers.*

Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort boasts an elegant contemporary design throughout the property's spacious guest rooms, public areas, meeting rooms and the unmatched white sand beaches joining the cool blue Atlantic Ocean. Tropical gardens run throughout the Hilton Head beach resort, providing a serene and tranquil place where you can choose from a variety of activities during your stay



Corey Krantz stands out as a distinguished professional in the world of bridge. As both a national and international champion, his expertise on the global stage is unquestionable. His unique approach to teaching and mentoring in the game truly sets him apart.

### What's Included?

- 5 Nights in a run of house Vista room in King or Twin
- Thorough lessons on a variety of bridge topics. ACBL sanctioned games with silver points.
- Lunch allowance provided on bridge days.
- Opening reception to get to meet your fellow bridge players.
- Closing reception

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**Omni Hilton Head Resort**

**From \$3,900\***

**Limited local rate available**

\* Rates are based on run of house accommodation, per person with two guests per room. Other accommodation categories are subject to availability.



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## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

### Friday, March 6

**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>	1-2 SF	Landmark 4, MtPz, 1st floor	\$40	\$50
<b>10 am</b>				
Friday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun 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>SILODOR OPEN PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS</b>	1-2 F	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
0-3000 PAIRS	1-2 F	Room 230, ACC	\$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 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
<b>3 pm</b>				
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>7:30 pm</b>				
Friday 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.