



# Daily Bulletin



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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

## 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 THURSDAY**  
**5102 tables**



## Goodwill Message

Good sportsmanship is the hallmark of our bridge community.  
*Lamya Agelidis, Chair*  
*Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

## Hall of Fame honors Roger Bates, Barbara Seagram

At its meetings at the Fall NABC in San Francisco, the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee selected Roger Bates as this year’s recipient of the von Zedtwitz Award and Barbara Seagram as the recipient of



the Blackwood Award. Grand Life Master Roger Bates of Las Vegas NV has been selected by the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee

as this year’s recipient of the von

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## Haiku land like soft rain

*A haiku contest?*  
*Many entries, good and bad*  
*Whose was best? Read on.*

The haiku contest drew 36 entries from 23 authors. Some of them cracked us up, but others were great in a different way. Unlike the limerick format, which is really geared toward humor, a great haiku doesn’t have to be

funny. While the funny ones took the top spots, let’s first look at some of the others.

Aimee Andersen of Columbia MO really captured the beauty of the Japanese haiku with this entry:

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## Mel Colchamiro 1945–2026

Grand Life Master Mel Colchamiro of East Meadow NY died Feb. 18. He was 80.

Colchamiro won the Keohane North American Swiss Teams in 2000, and he was second in five NABC+ events: Freeman Mixed BAM Teams (2000); Baze Senior KO Teams (2002, 2003); and the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams (2010, 2024).

A longtime resident of Long Island, Colchamiro taught hundreds of students in the New York area over decades. As a bridge writer, Colchamiro penned “How You Can Play Like an Expert,” and he wrote for the Bridge Bulletin magazine for many years, both as a regular columnist, and later, as a special

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## Today'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
<b>0-3000 PAIRS</b>	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.

## Today's Volunteer

### Jennifer Luner

#### Prize Chair

When we thought about a Prize Chair for this NABC, Jennifer came immediately to mind, and for one simple reason: she has great taste. You will never see her dressed in anything short of perfection, and she carries herself with the grace and self-confidence of someone who knows what she likes. So we suspected that she'd enjoy poring over catalogues to find prizes for our winners. And that she did, after weeks of consultation and a careful review of the NABC prize history, so as not to duplicate previous choices.

Devoted to her bridge friends and to the game in general, Jennifer plays bridge around town, and is a regular at the local Saturday Swiss game. A committed world traveler, she will regularly pop up on Facebook in an unexpected place. And, like many of us, she has a great love for cats.



### 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.

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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.

### 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

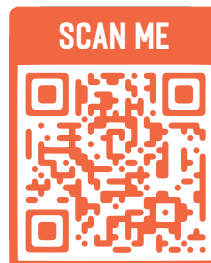
Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the Marriott St. Louis Grand or the America's Center. It is a violation of both the ACBL codification and Missouri law to smoke in an area where not permitted. Violators will be subject to discipline.

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

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# 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.

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

**Saturday, March 7**  
 9:15 am Thomas MacCormac *How to Beat Everyone*

## 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.

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

**Saturday, March 7**  
 Assorted pastries

## 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, for light lunch and coffee. The lounge is also open mornings 9 to 10 a.m. for coffee.

### 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.

**Friday, March 6**  
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**Saturday, March 7**  
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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Two-Over-One Game Forcing – Part 8 By Larry Cohen | larryco.com



### Opener's jump rebid

Recall that in most 2/1 auctions, opener should generally avoid jumping. Opener's job is to show his shape. Put another way: Opener's rebid says nothing about strength; he is to describe his pattern. Game is already a given; the new priority is: "What's trump?" The partnership is trying to find out what the trump fit is at as low a level as possible. Once

the trump fit is found (or it is determined there is no eight-card major-suit fit), then and only then should strength be addressed. Locate the fit (or notrump) and then with extras, look for slam.

That said, opener "never" jumps solely because he has extra strength. Opener's jump is used for special hands and should be defined specifically.

Let's start with the auction where opener jump rebids his suit. He opens, say, 1♠ and after partner's, say, 2♣ response, jump rebids 3♠. Here are the possible auctions we are discussing:

1♥–2♣; 3♥ or 1♥–2♦; 3♥ or  
1♠–2♣; 3♠ or 1♠–2♦; 3♠ or 1♠–2♥; 3♠.

In all cases, opener is showing a "solid" six-card or longer suit. This means that opposite a void, the suit can be expected to run. Accordingly, A–K–Q–x–x–x is not solid. Opener must have A–K–Q–J–x–x or longer. Some pairs agree that the suit can be missing the ace (which will always be locatable with Blackwood), so K–Q–J–10–x–x or longer is "solid." What the jump really means is: "Partner, my suit is trump."

What about the strength shown? This does not have a universal answer. Some players/teachers require the jump to show extras. I prefer that it doesn't guarantee extras. All the jump says is: "My suit is trump; if you have slam interest, make a control-bid for me."

So, I would jump rebid 3♠ after partner's 2/1 response with as little as:

♠A K Q J 8 6 ♥Q 6 4 ♦6 5 ♣8 6.

After opener's 3♠ jump, responder can bid 3NT (to play) or raise to four of the major. With extras, responder can bid any other suit at the four level. This would show his cheapest control (remember that opener's major is already set as trump). So, the auction 1♠–2♣; 3♠–4♣ shows a club control (the ace or king) and a nonminimum, maybe something like:

♠6 2 ♥A K 7 6 ♦6 5 ♣A K J 5 2.

Opener would now bid 4♦ with diamonds controlled, and then responder would likely use Roman key card Blackwood. If responder wants to play in clubs (or rebid clubs naturally), tough luck. Spades are trump.

Note: Opener's jump rebid to four of his major, should probably be avoided; it takes up too much space.

### Splinter bids (opener jumpshifts)

Because opener should not ever jump in a new suit to show extras, common expert practice is to treat opener's jumpshift as a splinter bid. That means opener has trump support (at least four) for responder's suit. He jumps in his short (0 or 1) suit. So:

1♥–2♣; 3♦: Splinter bid, 4+ clubs and 0–1 diamonds  
1♥–2♣; 3♠: Splinter bid, 4+ clubs and 0–1 spades  
1♠–2♣; 3♦: Splinter bid, 4+ clubs and 0–1 diamonds  
1♠–2♣; 3♥: Splinter bid, 4+ clubs and 0–1 hearts  
1♠–2♦; 3♥: Splinter bid, 4+ clubs and 0–1 hearts

### Notes:

1. Never jumpshift into a natural suit. With extra strength and a second suit, just bid the second suit on the two level and worry about slam later.
2. Splinter bids can be made with a minimum hand. You are already forced to game, so just show your fit and your shortness. If the splinter bidder has extras, he can always look for slam later.
3. Whereas normal splinters are a double jump, these 2/1 splinters are only single jumps. Just remember no natural jumpshifts, and it is easy to handle. (The splinter could be on the four level, for example: 1♠–2♦; 4♣ or 1♠–2♥; 4♦).
4. Never make these splinter bids with only three-card support.
5. If you (or your partner) can't handle/remember these splinter bids, just don't make them.

Example of opener's splinter bid:

♠A Q J 7 6 ♥K 3 2 ♦6 ♣Q J 7 2

After 1♠–2♣, opener jumps to 3♦.

### Opener's jumps in notrump

What would it mean if opener jumped to 3NT in an auction such as 1♠–2♣; 3NT? I prefer to avoid such a space-eating bid. What range can 3NT possibly be showing?

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# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Tips for New Players

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If opener had 15–17 balanced, he would have opened 1NT. With 12–14 balanced, he would have rebid 2NT. With 18–19 HCP, I prefer that opener also rebid 2NT (and make a strong move later). If you want to define the jump to 3NT as a specific range, and you and your partner can remember it, then do so at your own risk. I prefer not to make such an indelicate bid before we know the trump suit.

### Quiz

What would you rebid as opener after 1♠–2♣?

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

### Answers

- A. 2♠. Do not jump without a solid suit. You will unleash your strength later. Just show the sixth spade for now.
- B. 2♠. Same as A. Do not set this suit as trumps. (For example, facing:  
♠3 ♥J 7 ♦A J 3 ♣K Q J 10 9 8 6  
you belong in 6♣.)
- C. 3♠. Shows six-card or longer solid suit.
- D. 2♥. Natural. Don't jump to 3♥ (a splinter bid). You will unleash your strength later. Find out what is trump first.
- E. 3♦. Perfect splinter bid.
- F. 2NT. Shows 12–14 or 18–19 balanced. If partner raises to 3NT, you will bid 4NT, quantitative to show 18–19.
- G. 2♠. As usual, no jumping without a solid suit.
- H. 3♠. They don't get any more solid than this!



Jonathan Klinker and Stephanie Threlkeld won the Thursday morning 299er Game. Klinker, of Tiverton RI, and Threlkeld, of Germantown TN, scored a strong 65.97% game, and they are shown here with their trophies from the event.

Klinker is the son of new ACBL Board member and longtime teacher Sue Miguel, who represents the New England and NYC areas. Klinker learned to play when he was 10 years old, but then quit playing during his college years. Now in law school, Klinker is playing again.

Threlkeld is the ACBL's manager of education and marketing, and she is a member of the Headquarters staff. Threlkeld attends all the NABCs where she hosts multiple events and receptions.

## Stay in touch

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## Parking deal

ACBL members who have booked at the Marriott through Conference Direct are being offered a \$20 self-parking rate (half off the normal rate).

## Tijssen–van de Pavverd lead Silodor

The Dutch duo of Luc Tijssen and Tim van de Pavverd topped the qualifying round of the Silodor Open Pairs. Tijssen and van de Pavverd posted a strong 66% effort in the first qualifying session and paired it with a 56% score in the second set.

Narrowly behind them are Joel Wooldridge of New York City and David Grainger of the Toronto area, while the New Jersey–based duo of Alex Perlin and Igor Savchenko are third.

Of the 256 pairs that entered the contest, 130 qualified for today's two-session final.



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## Tie in Smith qualifying

There was a tie at the top of the qualifying round of the Smith Women's Pairs, with the lead shared by Lorraine Cable of Greenfield IN with Becky Stevens of Seattle WA and Ellen Kozlove of Louisville KY with Susan Miller of Boca Raton FL.

Cable and Stevens scored 63.07% and 56.12%, while Kozlove and Miller scored 53.41% and 65.74% to total 1519 matchpoints. Both earned the maximum carryover of four boards for today's final sessions.

The Vancouver BC pair of Julie Smith and Cindy Oishi is close behind. The fourth and fifth place pairs, Sondra Schubiner of Boca Raton FL with Marjorie Michelin of Laguna Woods CA and Jodi Edmonds of New York with Justyna Zmuda of Poland, are only about half a board back.

More than three-fourths of the field, 78 pairs out of 100, qualified for the second day.

## SF area duo leads 3K Pairs

Douglas Grant of San Francisco CA and Charles Riffle of Emerald Hills CA lead the NABC 0–3000 Pairs after Thursday's qualifying sessions. With scores of 55.03% and 66.30%, they earned the maximum carryover of four boards in today's final.

Almost half a board behind, the Chicago-based second place pair, Mark Stein and James Abbott, were much more consistent, with just 0.3% separating and their first and second session scores of 59.54% and 59.24%.

Last year's winners, the local pair of Rick Londeree and Sandy Bigg are a somewhat distant third, more than a board behind the leaders. Jennifer Samuels and Mark Makenzie of Portland OR are in fourth.

Two-thirds of the 54 pairs who entered the event qualified for the second day, where 17 will be a top. The event is limited to players under 3000 masterpoints.

## Colchamiro obit

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contributor and panelist for the "It's Your Call" feature.

Colchamiro was famous for his numbered series of "rules" that he taught to students. "Mel's Rule of 2," "Mel's Rule of 8," "Mel's Rule of 9," and so on helped students remember shortcuts to hand evaluation.

In addition to being a past president of the Nassau Suffolk Bridge Association, Colchamiro served on the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee.

According to an obituary posted on Bridge Winners by Mike Lipkin, Colchamiro worked for many years as a senior economist for the New York Stock Exchange before becoming a full-time player and teacher.

Colchamiro is survived by Kim Diquattro, and his children Russell, Allison, and Lauren. A memorial will be held on March 15 at 1 p.m. at Jerusalem Memorial Chapel in Levittown NY.

## Vandy SF match-ups: Fleisher vs. Overdeck; Helle vs. Z'mann

The semifinal pairings in the Vanderbilt KO Teams feature contests between Marty Fleisher against John Overdeck and Rob Helle vs. Pierre Zimmermann.

In the quarterfinal round, Fleisher pounded Raj Shourie and company 165–108, while Overdeck handled Andrew Rosenthal's team 125–70. Helle took out Sartaj Hans' Down-Under squad 152–83, and Zimmermann defeated Stewart Rubenstein's team 136–103.

## Hall of Fame

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Zedtwitz Award, given to individuals who have achieved prominence in the game of bridge and have an outstanding tournament record but who may not have been in the limelight for a significant period of time.

Bates, 78, has a sterling tournament resume with 12 NABC titles in top-tier events:

- Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs 1971
- Vanderbilt KO Teams 1975, 1976, 1988, 1992
- Spingold KO Teams 1976
- Nail Life Master Pairs 1976, 1985
- Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1985, 1987
- Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1990
- Baze Senior KO Teams 2010

Additionally, Bates was a runner-up in 12 NABC contests.

Bates is also a three-time winner of the Mott-Smith Trophy, given to the player who earns most masterpoints at the Spring NABC (1975, 1988, 1992).

In world championship play, Bates earned six gold medals:

- # Rosenblum Cup (World Open Transnational Teams) 1994, 2006
- # d'Orsi Trophy (World Senior Teams) 2003, 2005, 2007, 2013

Bates also picked up a bronze medal in the 1978 World Open Pairs playing with John Mohan. Bates is a World Grand Master.

Hall of Famer Eddie Wold said, "This is a well-deserved honor. Roger was one of my very favorite partners. He is an incredible card player, a very thoughtful bidder and has a very sly sense of humor. I learned a lot of new bidding ideas from him. An interesting fact was that I ended up playing a lot with two of Roger's previous partners before I played with him: John Grantham and George Rosenkranz. (Roger won the Blue Ribbon Pairs with Grantham and was second with Rosenkranz)."

Alan Sontag, another Hall of

Famer, wrote, "I played with Roger in the 2007 World Senior Teams championship in Shanghai, China. Before an important match against a strong Danish team, Roger was nowhere to be found and unreachable. At the last minute, I had to call my teammate Grant Baze to replace Roger as my partner in this match. When Roger turned up two hours later (we won the match), I asked him what happened. He said, 'I turned the wrong way leaving the hotel and got lost!'"

"We played in two world championships together as partners and one as teammates, and we won all three. Roger was a great partner, player and teammate, and hardly ever got lost."

### Blackwood Award

To call Barbara Seagram of Toronto ON a "celebrity" in the bridge world would not be an overbid. One of the most popular bridge teachers in history, she has authored 39 books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know," now in its 24th printing. Seagram and her husband, Alex Kornel, owned and ran the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio, the largest in Canada, for many years. She now owns and runs the Barbara Seagram School of Bridge in Toronto and teaches tens of thousands of students a year at all levels across the U.S. and Canada.

Seagram was a co-founder with Paul Cronin of the Zero Tolerance program, which was adopted by the ACBL in 1997. At the time duplicate bridge had a reputation of being unpleasantly competitive, with players insulting and intimidating opponents and partners alike. Seagram "saw what a difference attitude and behavior can make." Recognizing that the public view was important and that "civility promotes civility," she was inspired to develop and promote the policy that virtually all bridge clubs have adopted.

For all this and more, Seagram is the recipient of the Blackwood Award, given to individuals who have contributed greatly to the game of bridge without necessarily being world

class players. Betty Starzec, who was ACBL's 2023 Honorary Member for her outstanding contributions to bridge education, said of Seagram, "Barbara's commitment and love for the game of bridge can be confirmed by any one of her thousands of students who enjoy her presentation style while they learn the game."

Seagram's books have won the American Bridge Teachers' Association's Book of the Year Award eight times – three times with books she co-authored with David Bird, one of the world's top bridge writers. "Barbara and I wrote several books together, and she was always very friendly and helpful in our email exchanges," said Bird. "As many of my own books are aimed at an expert readership, Barbara sometimes had to point out, very gently, it was just possible that such-and-such a deal might be too difficult for our intended audience. With her huge experience of teaching bridge, she was usually right!"

Seagram is very active in the ABTA. She is passionate about marketing events of all sorts and writes a monthly newsletter advertising all upcoming events and including bridge articles to further students' knowledge at the same time. She sends this out to over 9500 of her former and current students. She loves to support local bridge events and community causes. Mary Alice Seville of Corvallis OR, who was the former Education Liaison for District 20, remembers reaching out to Seagram in 2011. "I wanted to provide half-hour lectures during the regionals but add longer workshops as well," said Seville. "I called Barbara out of the blue, and she agreed immediately to come to the Seaside regional and teach two-hour workshops on three mornings of the tournament. 100 people attended those workshops and generated about \$4000 for D20." Seagram returned to D20 regionals several times after that.

"I kept in touch with Barbara," continued Seville. "In 2013, some of

us from my area had breakfast with Barbara at the Phoenix NABC. We discussed the financial struggles the club was facing. She started figuring on a napkin and showed us a plan that would generate at least \$3000 for our club. She came to Corvallis in 2014 and presented three workshops, asking only for her airfare and housing.

“Needless to say, I consider Barbara my good friend but also a good friend of D20 and the Corvallis DBC.”

Seagram, who is from Barbados, West Indies, was educated there, then graduated from the University of New Brunswick with a nursing degree. She taught nursing before becoming a bridge teacher. She is also a licensed travel agent who travels all over the world; Seagram and Kornel have now visited 172 countries. They love to spend time with the people and nationalities of so many diverse countries and have become especially passionate about Africa, Cambodia, Laos and India.

In Cambodia, Seagram and her colleague, Patti Lee (with the enormous help of the bridge communities of the U.S. and Canada), have built and now sustain five schools there. They also have outreach programs for victims of landmine accidents, build water towers for health centers and sanitation facilities for

government schools. If there are no toilets at school, the young girls must miss school for a week each month. They then fall behind and drop out. “Our schools in Cambodia are my biggest accomplishment and all the water projects we are doing there,” said Seagram. “We have a wonderful team of 16 Khmer teachers and librarians on the ground and every dime raised goes to the cause.”

“Barbara is not only an accomplished player and teacher, but a wonderful ambassador for our game,” said fellow Hall of Famer and star teacher Patty Tucker. “Her humanitarian efforts in support of Cambodia simply underscore her caring and giving heart.”

Barbara tirelessly promotes bridge wherever she goes in the world. “I am deeply honored and truly delighted to be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame,” said Seagram. “Bridge has been my passion for 50 years. It inspires lasting friendships and strong personal connections for so many people around the world.”

### 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.



### Eligibility points

Notice to members of other national bridge organizations:

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**Tournament Chair: Jack Shoemaker  
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*Silent bids whisper,  
Four minds weave through hidden hands  
Tricks fall like soft rain.*

Tom Stringer of St. Louis captured second place with one of his funny ones, but we liked this one for its profundity:

“Nature”  
*Haiku notes nature  
Bridge airs the nature of man  
Seek someone to blame*

Now onto the awards. We had to stall for time a bit because our winner was too vulgar for the front page. From our very own Paul Linxwiler:

*I told him no psychs;  
First board, One No with 8 points  
He’s such an asshole*

We thought this was clear, but lest anyone think the judging panel was biased, we included an employee not on the editorial staff. Three of the four judges were not privy to the author’s names, though everyone was able to identify this author by recognizing the style and sense of humor.

Second, from Stringer:

“Penalty”  
*I bid a fourth suit  
My partner chose to pass it  
and deserves to die*

We have a good friend who often says, “There’s not enough killing in bridge.” Things started off with a bang in 1929 when Myrtle Bennett killed her husband following a bridge game, but since then bridge players have learned to channel their anger toward safer outlets, like the haiku contest. Think of how many lives are saved by publishing these poems.

Once again apologizing for the optics, third place went to another member of our staff, Amy Casanova:

*Attitude or count  
suit preference, reverse Smith  
just return my lead*

This one might have tickled us because we knew it was inspired by a true story, and writing it may have spared Amy from the fate of Myrtle Bennett.

Several entries made good use of the host city, including this one in fourth place by David Neiman of Minneapolis:

*“So, we meet again!”  
Bridge in the Gateway City  
My Arch-nemesis*

And fifth, from Jeff Ford of Redmond WA:

*They bid six notrump  
All five finesses were on  
The St. Louis Blues*

Five finesses is a 3% contract; Jeff’s opponents are very lucky.

These next few missed the podium but scored an average of 4 out of 5 or better. From Tournament Director Scott Humphrey:

*We won Bracket 8,  
For that, we got one gold point,  
We deserve better*

There are many things that might be said about bracketed teams. That it doesn’t award enough masterpoints is not a criticism that would occur to us.

From Kristy Knight of Jacksonville FL:

*Riddle me a game  
To vex, bemuse, bewilder.  
Ah ... duplicate bridge*

Spoken like someone who’s had a Myrtle Bennett moment or two.

Another one by Amy Casanova:

*Platinum, gold, red  
but I mostly see silver  
we are getting old*

And from Tournament Director Christina van Leeuwen:

*We must follow suit,  
But there’s strong desire to ruff.  
Oops, director please!*

Some additional honorable mentions, scoring between 3.7 and 3.9. From Barry Rigal of New York:

*Consolation Pairs:  
Grand slam on making finesse ...  
Too little too late*

This one may be underrated. Rigal displays excellent timing.

From Polly Schoning of Wichita KS:

*St. Louis bridge stinks  
We try so hard; bad results  
What do we do wrong?*

And from Pamela Mayne of Modesto CA:

*Clever, deceptive  
Stripping defender's safe cards  
Sadness, it's down one*

To both of the above: The important thing is you're trying.

There were a few haiku that divided the panel, earning high marks from some and low from others. This, from Rebecca Anspach of St. Paul MN:

*Gateway to the West  
Not so much East, North and South  
a great town for cards*

On the one hand, it's all over the place. But what's not to love?

From Daniele Favre-Panayotatos of Orangeburg NY:

*"Unanswered Prayer"  
Thirteen cards I hold  
Please fewer than 13 points  
Damn, I have to bid*

This is a feeling we don't know what it's like to experience. It's a totally different game once you learn to love bidding. You'll get there.

Contrary to the opening poem of this article, there weren't really any truly bad entries. A certain judge dished out 1s more liberally than the others, but the four lowest poems received an average score of 2.5, dead average. We don't see scores that good on the bottom end of the limerick contest, for sure. Two of them were lesser entries by authors who made the cut for publication above.

Diane Deutch of St. Louis had a good idea, but her execution in the final line left her just slightly above the bottom four.

*"The Threat, The Reality"  
We play Precision  
Our 1♦ can be short  
Opening bid, pass*

Hopefully partner had a lot of diamonds for her and she didn't miss anything.

Speaking of the limerick contest, Josh Rich of Alton IL had this to say:

*This contest called for a haiku,  
Which I was not willing to do.  
I think it's sedition  
To break from tradition.  
Are limericks just cop-out coups?*

Considering Rich's haiku was one of the bottom four, we understand why he would prefer a limerick contest. Fear not, next year's Spring NABC will be in mid-March.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Small Federations Online Open Teams 2026**  
Save the dates: October 15 to 18, and October 22 to 25.



**QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC 0-3000 PAIRS**

18.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables		Carryover
1	Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	68.00
2	Mark Stein, Skokie IL; James Abbott, Chicago IL	61.24
3	Rick Londeree – Sandy Bigg, Chesterfield MO	49.79
4	Jennifer Samuels – Mark Mackenzie, Portland OR	46.43
5	Jane Riddle, Midlothian VA; Karen Hamlett, Glen Allen VA	46.09
6	Peter Marvin – Mary Anne Wildman, Little Rock AR	45.40
7	Larry Gordon, West Orange NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	44.21
8	Louis Daigneault – Denys Skalskyi, Mississauga ON	41.75
9	Ping Hu, Naperville IL; Yixin Tang, Lake Forest IL	40.82
10	John Mayne – Pamela Mayne, Modesto CA	40.79
11	Xiang Long, Kirkland WA; Debbie Carpenter, Ithaca NY	36.06
12	Ignacio Miquelez, Fort Lauderdale FL; Susan George, Delray Beach FL	35.68
13	Peter Ashbrook, Urbana IL; Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL	30.82
14	Mark Marty, Oakley CA; Bonnie Macbride, Kensington CA	30.49
15	Ida Cardona, Delray Beach FL; Leslie Weisbrod, Boca Raton FL	27.03
16	Marc Boyer – John Hagedorn, Fort Myers FL	24.93
17	Cynthia Coffee – Elizabeth Crawford, Louisville KY	23.34
18	Theresa Griffin, Leawood KS; Keith Smith, Lees Summit MO	21.55
19	Angela Snyder – Michael Johnson, Charlotte NC	20.78
20	Casey Shoenhard – Suzanne Anson, Oceanside CA	20.60
21	John Krah, Seattle WA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	20.20
22	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI; Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI	17.75
23	Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA	17.25
24	Janice Rush, Houston TX; Chris Morris-Lent, Seattle WA	14.37
25	Glen Okui, Memphis TN; Lelvin Crowe, Colorado Spgs CO	13.48
26	Hamilton Sawczuk, Baltimore MD; Luke Brezak, Arlington VA	13.37
27	Peter Griff, Randolph MA; R. Edward Kelley, Quincy MA	9.61
28	Kadie Davis, Daytona Beach FL; Steven Clements, Wildwood MO	7.60
29	Catherine Peters, Atlanta GA; Robert Corry, Palos Verde Estates CA	7.14
30	Hall Whitaker, Fenton MO; Chuck Ettelson, St. Louis MO	4.55
31	Rufus Cole – Silvia Szanto, Cos Cob CT	4.54
32	Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Kevin Marnell, Milwaukie OR	3.83
33	Pamela Kennedy – Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH	3.39
34	James Moody, Austin TX; Matti Hietalahti, Belle Chasse LA	0.35
35/36	Ritambhar Burman, Memphis TN; Gabriela Slik, Palmetto Bay FL	0.00
35/36	David Neiman – Mark Lasoff, Minneapolis MN	0.00

**QUALIFIERS IN THE SMITH WOMEN'S PAIRS**

39.0 Tables		Carryover
1/2	Lorraine Cable, Greenfield IN; Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	152.00
1/2	Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL	152.00
3	Julie Smith, Vancouver BC; Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC	147.17
4	Sondra Schubiner, Boca Raton FL; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	133.36
5	Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Justyna Zmuda, Skawina Poland	132.87
6	Anam Tebha, New York NY; Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA	128.24
7	Silvana Rojko, West Palm Beach FL; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT	127.64
8	Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Margie Cole, New York NY	126.96
9	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Bo Fu, Shanghai China	125.63
10	Yimei Cao, Aurora ON; Jung Hu, San Jose CA	124.42
11	Asli Acar, Izmir Turkey; Berrak Erkan, Turkey	116.57
12	Libby Fernandez – Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL	115.16
13	Nina Huang, Pasadena CA; Dilek Yavas, Bursa Turkey	114.96
14	Mechel Frost – Linda Murdock, Nashville TN	111.94
15	Eileen Paley, White Plains NY; Mimi Bieber, Hartsdale NY	111.13
16	Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Morgan Sabourin, Ottawa ON	110.53
17	Rhoda Walsh, Carlsbad CA; Judi Radin, New York NY	105.49
18	Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Nancy Katz, New York NY	102.47
19	Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA	101.67

20	Sophia Baldysz, Plymouth IN; Maureen McLaughlin, Princeton NJ	101.27
21	Amy Rhodes, New York NY; Nancy Marshall, Edgewater NJ	100.06
22	Harriet Goldman, Melville NY; Susan Calabro, Roslyn NY	99.66
23	Elizabeth Brimberg, New York NY; Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY	98.85
24	Danuta Kazmucha, Poznan Poland; Barbara Ferm, Dallas TX	98.45
25	Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Prudence Saunders, Palo Alto CA	97.24
26	Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Chantal Dube, Montreal QC	95.43
27	Barbara Morgan, Kyle TX; Roxie Tom, San Antonio TX	95.03
28	Jessie Lee, Sugar Land TX; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	91.00
29	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA	89.19
30/31	Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Rozanne Pollack, Boca Raton FL	88.99
30/31	Katarzyna Dufurat, Wroclaw Poland; Linda Robinson, Arlington MA	88.99
32	Joanne Weingold, Boca Raton FL; Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	88.78
33	Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	88.18
34	Maureen Brines, Virginia Beach VA; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY	84.56
35	Karie Willyerd, Windsor CO; Fiona Freeseaman, Fort Collins CO	81.54
36	Julie Sigsgaard, Copenhagen Denmark; Ella Rosthoej, Frederiksberg Denmark	80.53
37/38	Giorgia Botta, Brooklyn NY; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	79.72
37/38	Kathie Angione, Chula Vista CA; Elaine Chan, San Diego CA	79.72
39	Mary Lee – Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL	76.70
40	Crystal Tang, Hong Kong Hong Kong; Michele Liu, Cupertino CA	76.30
41	Zheng Jiang Liao, Chengdu China; Xiaowen Li, Jersey City NJ	74.29
42	Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; Kitty Cooper, Avon CT	73.89
43	Carole Miner, Rochester MN; Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN	71.47
44	Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; En Hay, Highlands Ranch CO	68.85
45	Deborah Branch, Delray Beach FL; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL	67.24
46	Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	67.04
47/48	Virginia Wailes, Hillsborough CA; Kathryn LeGro, Carmichael CA	65.63
47/48	Allison L. Cappelletti – Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	65.63
49	Myriam Milgrom, Vero Beach FL; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD	64.02
50	Cathy Baldysz, Mieroslawskiego Poland; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA	62.21
51	Anne Wilson, Campbell CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	61.40
52/53	Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land TX	61.00
52/53	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt, Jupiter FL; Joan Millens, Kingston NY	61.00
54	Lynne Castoldi, La Quinta CA; Ann Karin Fuglestad, Farsund Norway	58.99
55	Claire Alpert, Miami FL; Irem Ozbay, Cliffside Park NJ	54.06
56	Kate Hill, Santa Rosa CA; Frances Schneider, Riverside CT	51.34
57	Tracy Sherman, United Kingdom; Christine Child, Leeds United Kingdom	49.93
58	Sally Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Signe Buus Thomsen, Valby Denmark	49.53
59	Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	48.72
60	Fran White, Vista CA; Christine Denny, Oceanside CA	43.08
61	Sherry Zheng, Sugar Land TX; Jacinda Liu, Sandy UT	41.07
62	Linus Bendel-Stenzel, Richfield MN; Sarah Wahl, Minneapolis MN	39.86
63	Sherry Fardie, Newport RI; Susan Miguel, Tiverton RI	34.63
64	Donna Givner, Golden CO; Cheryl Gorman, Omaha NE	32.82
65	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	32.21
66	Christina Madsen, Denmark; Paula Jourdain, Oakville ON	32.01
67	Rena Lieberman, Carver MA; Marina Polestra, Boston MA	30.80
68	Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	27.38
69	Carol Schaffer – Nell Schneider, St. Louis MO	26.57
70	Brenda Hatton, San Jose CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA	24.16
71	Bobbi Kauffman – Chris Kollenberg, Houston TX	19.93
72	Ann Lemp – Susan Rosenthal, St. Louis MO	17.52
73	Chris Benson, Leroy IL; Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria IL	16.91
74	Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Beurivage, Lincoln NE	16.11
75	Ho-Yee So, Taipei City Taiwan; Yu Nadler, Boca Raton FL	13.69
76	May Sakr, Miami FL; Allison Freeland, Coral Gables FL	13.29
77	Lori Moore – Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL	6.85
78	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Allyson Wolfe, St. Louis MO	0.00

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1. Fleisher **137**  
32. Rippey **79**

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16. (38) Ivatury **w/d**

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

1. Fleisher	25	84	134	<b>165</b>
8. Shourie	25	59	75	108

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

9. Lall **99**  
8. Shourie **159**

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

1. Fleisher  
4. (13) Overdeck

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

5. Rosenthal **150**  
12. Grossack **115**

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

5. Rosenthal	9	40	50	70
4. (13) Overdeck	33	70	95	<b>125</b>

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

13. Overdeck **142**  
4. (36) Andresen **120**

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

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2. Nickell 175  
31. (34) Rodrigues 115

2. Nickell 81  
15. (18) Helle 15

15. Goodman 93  
18. Helle 136

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7. Hans 40 45 66 83

10. (45) Xiao 122  
23. Dunitz 79

10. (45) Xiao 103  
7. Hans 127

7. Hans 123  
26. (29) McAllister 105

2. (18) Helle  
3. Zimmermann

6. Rubenstein 173  
27. Wildavsky 158

6. Rubenstein 139  
11. (22) Bianchi 115

11. Simson 54  
22. Bianchi 158

6. Rubenstein 28 44 84 103  
3. Zimmermann 33 61 91 136

14. Amoils 120  
19. (26) Gupta 76

14. Amoils w/d  
3. Zimmermann 127

3. Zimmermann 174  
30. Ashe 122

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

vs

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

80.00 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Martin Schaltz, Copenhagen Denmark

80.00 5/8 Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA; Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway



80.00 5/8 Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia

80.00 5/8 Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA; Gavin Wolpert – Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Tucson AZ; Vincent Demuy, West Palm Beach FL

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

50.00 9/16 Leslie Amoils, North York ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland

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

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2	Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	174.27
3	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Igor Savchenko, Morris Plains NJ	170.95
4	Adriano Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Joao Paulo Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil	168.77
5	Thor Erik Hoftaniska, London England; Martin Andresen, Nesaya Norway	159.79
6	Alexander Sandin, Horn Lake MS; Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad, Finnsnes Norway	151.60
7	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Cary NC	148.68
8	Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Mark Jones, Birmingham AL	142.50
9	Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA	134.22
10	Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	130.71
11	Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Christian Lahrman, Virum Denmark	129.74
12	Siqing Yu, San Diego CA; Sandra Rimstedt, Jupiter FL	127.03
13	Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	125.49
14	Stella Wan, San Francisco CA; Johan Saefsten, Uppsala Sweden	125.07
15	Daniel Weiss, New York NY; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ	118.35
16	Danning Lu, Sacramento CA; Andrew Rowberg, Dublin CA	115.89
17	Dror Padon, Tel Aviv Israel; Alon Birman, Israel	115.62
18	Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Chris Compton, Omaha NE	112.90
19	Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	111.83
20	Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland	111.59
21	Carrie Liu – Maxim Siline, Hudson MA	108.22
22	Thomas Peters, Dayton MD; Tracy Brines, Smithfield VA	107.55
23	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Edward Xu, North York ON	104.68
24	Miguel Villas-Boas, Salvador Brazil; Marcos Toma, Sao Paulo Brazil	101.73
25	Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria	98.43
26	Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, San Francisco CA	98.09
27	Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX	95.93
28	Wojciech Bak, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland	94.52
29	Leonard Holtz, West Hollywood CA; Jeffrey Ferro, Saint Helena CA	94.41
30	Aaron Jones, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	93.21
31	Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	93.19
32	Weizhong Bao, Herndon VA; Frank Feng, Basking Ridge NJ	92.70



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35	Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Craig Jacobson, Skokie IL	88.04
36	Gary Cohler, Wellington FL; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC	87.10
37	Radu Nistor – Lloyd Mandell, New York NY	85.57
38	Adam Grossack, Brooklyn NY; Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA	83.78
39	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	83.77
40	Geoffrey Brod, Newington CT; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	80.68
41	Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL	79.91
42	Michael Bodell – Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA	79.63
43	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Seth Cohen, Brooklyn NY	78.31
44	Brian Gilbert – Weishu Wu, Irvine CA	75.28
45	John Bishel – Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	74.30
46	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA	73.89
47	Kim Eng – Eric Sieg, Issaquah WA	73.88
48	Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV	72.56
49	Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	71.68
50	Mark Itabashi, Newport Beach CA; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	70.66
51	Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	67.89
52	Li-Hsiang Kuo, Taipei City Taiwan; Ryan Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL	67.44
53	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	64.39
54	Haijin Li, Lisle IL; Wensheng Wang, Bonner Springs KS	63.81
55	Mariusz Krasnicki, Lodz Poland; Edward Betteto, Holland Landing ON	63.74
56	Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	61.76
57	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	61.35
58	Evelyn Holtz, Santa Rosa CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	61.13
59	Giacomo Beretta, Redondo Beach CA; Guillermo Minutti, Rolling Hills CA	60.88
60	Oscar Nijssen, Rotterdam Netherlands; John McAllister, Charlottesville VA	60.13
61	Aly El-Selehdar, Pembroke NH; Junko Hemus, Los Angeles CA	58.62
62	Jackson Wahl, Minneapolis MN; Andrew Caranicas, St. Paul MN	58.19
63	Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA	57.75
64	Heather MacGregor – Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA	56.99
65	Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY; Russell Samuel, Coram NY	55.80
66	Richard Oshlag, White Plains NY; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY	55.63

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67	Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood SC; Saverio Margiotta, Italy	55.52
68	Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Larmor-Plage France; Robert Ives, Bethesda MD	54.95
69	Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Zhaobin Xie, Chengdu China	54.52
70	Jian-Ping Chen, Yorktown VA; Shihong You, Boyds MD	53.87
71	Dan Morgenstern, Brunswick ME; Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook ME	53.78
72	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Cornelius Duffie, Brooklyn NY	53.64
73	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman, Greensboro NC; Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX	52.66
74	Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	49.41
75	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	49.13
76	Castor Mann, Lund Sweden; Marc Topaz, Flourtown PA	48.46
77	Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; James Geist, Olney MD	46.53
78	Stephen Stewart, Overland Park KS; Brad Carmichael, Shawnee KS	46.46
79	Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY; Francisco Bernal, Miami FL	46.17
80	Massimiliano di Franco, Palermo Italy; Sergio Bianchi, Cesena Italy	46.14
81	Daniel Lev, New York NY; Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA	45.62
82	Bart Bramley, Avon CT; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	43.47
83	Kevin Cline, Seattle WA; Alexander Woo, Moscow ID	42.74
84	Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey; Murat Alaybeyi, Saratoga CA	41.33
85	Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL	39.25
86	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA	37.91
87	Frederic Pollack, Laval QC; Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON	37.51
88	Diego Brenner, Barcelona Spain; Caru Vidigal, Rio De Janeiro Brazil	36.34
89	Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA; Jim Foster, Vestavia AL	33.95
90	Kyle Blocher – Robert Sievers, Champaign IL	33.25
91	Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY; Eric Genheimer, Edmond OK	30.34
92	Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Ash Gupta, New York NY	30.32
93	Owen Lynch, Huntsville AL; Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	30.26
94	Corey Krantz, Boynton Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	29.96
95	Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO	29.04
96	Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA	28.18
97	Nathan Kasperkiewicz – Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	27.44
98	Bonnie Gellas – Erez Hendelman, New York NY	27.37
99	Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Amir Ezion, Ashkelon Israel	26.70
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101	Michael Ranis, Aventura FL; Robert Cappelli, Naples FL	24.39
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105	Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; James Bush, New Orleans LA	20.20
106	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Brian Glubok, Brooklyn NY	20.15
107	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Sheng Li, New York NY	19.65
108	Peter Fredin, Malmö Sweden; Chun Ling, Las Vegas NV	18.78
109	Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI	16.68
110	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	16.26
111	Phil Clayton, Bella Vista AR; Danny Sprung, Las Vegas NV	15.99
112	Leo Lasota, Ewa Beach HI; David Yang, Darien IL	15.54
113	Brian Zhang – Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA	15.14
114	Amber Lin – Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA	15.02
115	Vern Swing, Minneapolis MN; Keith Connolly, Saint Paul MN	14.83
116	Bryan Delfs, Vancouver WA; Stan Christie, Kirkland WA	12.33
117	Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	11.08
118	Samuel Kuang, Woodside NY; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL	10.51
119	Hadi Abushakra, Kensington MD; Lloyd Rawley, Greenbelt MD	10.13
120	Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Kent Hartman, San Diego CA	9.89
121	Mark Bendure, Grosse Pointe MI; Michael D. Alioto, Birmingham MI	9.19
122	B. Wayne Stuart III, Raleigh NC; Wayne Ohlrich, Carrboro NC	8.39
123	Todd Wachsman, Delray Beach FL; Peter Jargowsky, Boca Raton FL	6.55
124	Greg Hinze – Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	4.17
125	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA	4.13
126	Nicolas Hammond, Alpharetta GA; Matthew Morgan, Nashville TN	3.43
127	Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale AZ; Jaggy Shivdasani, West Hollywood CA	1.81
128	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Jason Ji, Jersey City NJ	1.67
129	Geoff Hampson – Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	0.14
130	Sam Lev, Aventura FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY	0.00

**2ND THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS**

17.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables

	A	B	C		
29.50	1			Carole Weinstein, Waltham MA; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	60.89%
22.13	2	1		Phillip Yorston, Vero Beach FL; Scott McClure, Greeley CO	56.71%
16.59	3	2	1	Randy Pearson, Pittsburgh PA; Steven Stout, Andersonville TN	55.96%
12.45	4			Joseph Machotka – Jack Weingold, Boca Raton FL	55.75%
9.83	5			Greg Leblanc, Charlotte NC; David Binney, Seattle WA	55.26%
9.96	6	3		Catherine Dwinell – William Carrell, Las Cruces NM	55.10%
7.47	7	4		David Sloane, Glen Cove NY; Wesley Seitz, Champaign IL	54.77%
6.56	8	5	2	Patricia Steiner – Betty Goran, St. Louis MO	54.53%
5.90	9	6	3	Michael Sherberg, St. Louis MO; Margaret Ball, Pittsburgh PA	54.24%
4.43		7	4	Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL; Gustavo Saravia, Oak Park IL	53.66%

**2ND THURSDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

15.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.56	1	1		Linda Nagle, College Grove TN; Birgitt Adams, Southwest Harbor ME	66.81%
4.92	2	2		Joy Pillard, La Vista NE; Mary Bonneau, Omaha NE	59.91%
3.69	3	3		Patricia Bell – Geof Tidey, Richmond VA	59.83%
2.77	4	4		Allen Otsuka, St. Charles MO; Larry Harris, Creve Coeur MO	59.08%
2.19	5			Patrick McGehearty, Longmont CO; William Bonneau, Omaha NE	58.05%
2.49	6	5		Frank Levinson, St. Louis MO; William Dewitt, Marquette MI	57.47%
1.80	7			Dan McElroy, Burnsville MN; Cass Weil, Minneapolis MN	56.95%
1.46	8	6		Elaine Ozment – Katerina Ozment, Norman OK	53.08%
2.98			1	David Pliskin, Rio Rancho NM; Marguerite Swope, State College PA	51.49%
2.24			2	Kenneth Kwantes – Marcus Cloud, Rolla MO	51.32%
1.68			3	Lisa Ovens – Sue Chappell, Springfield MO	45.87%



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**WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS**

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.20	1	1	1	Kurt Haeusler, Wheaton IL; Julie Ertmann, St. Louis MO	64.77%
3.90	2	2		Cynthia Mazzaferro, Naples FL; Fred Shubert, Andover NJ	60.98%
2.93	3	3		Wesley Seitz – Kyle Blocher, Champaign IL	59.28%
2.19	4	4	2	Louis Daigneault – Denys Skalskyi, Mississauga ON	58.71%
1.65	5			Rick Clelland, Boulder CO; Ying Zhang, Longmont CO	58.52%
1.44	6	5		John Krah, Seattle WA; Hongbo Li, Baltimore MD	57.58%
1.08		6		Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Alexander Woo, Moscow ID	56.25%
1.38			3	Paul Krieser, St. Louis MO; Aaron Krieser, Foristell MO	50.19%

**THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS**

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1	1		Michael Wang, Grove City OH; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	60.00%
2.76	2	2		Judy Staufer – Michael Rohm, Boise ID	58.33%
2.07	3	3		Richard Parker, Upland CA; Peter Kavounas, Claremont CA	57.50%
1.98	4			Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL; Linda Dunn, Atlanta GA	56.67%
1.53	5	4		Ray Barber, Kensington CA; Michael Hughes, Jefferson City MO	51.67%

**2ND THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS**

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1			Stephanie Threlkeld, Germantown TN; Jonathan Klinker, Tiverton RI	65.97%
1.73	2	1	1	Raymond Tait – Teresa Deshields, Clayton MO	59.72%
1.18	3			Susie Zimmerman, Clayton MO; Joyce Bishop, St. Louis MO	56.25%
1.30		2	2	Patricia Azar – Anne Bresnahan, St. Louis MO	50.69%

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS**

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1			Stefanie Scott – Petra Hamman, Carrollton TX	63.33%
3.25	2	1		Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI; James Bruckner, Milwaukee WI	57.92%
2.07	3			Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA; Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA	57.50%
2.44	4	2		Richard Kassar – Shlomit Rind, New York NY	56.25%
1.16	5			Max Mohan Arora, Carmel IN; Rahul Kapur, Indianapolis IN	55.00%
2.60		3	1	Michael Wang, Grove City OH; Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	53.75%
1.95		4	2	Judy Staufer – Michael Rohm, Boise ID	48.75%

**WED-THU SIDE SERIES**

23.25 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

8.40	1			Rebecca Brown, Lakeway TX	125.51%
6.71		2/3		Michael Wang, Grove City OH	114.76%
6.71		2/3		Robert Kaplan, Columbus OH	114.76%
4.51		4/5		Sherrie Goodman, New Orleans LA	114.05%
4.51		4/5		Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA	114.05%
3.68		6/7		Petra Hamman, Carrollton TX	112.99%
3.68		6/7		Stefanie Scott, Carrollton TX	112.99%

**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1**

9 Tables

14.99	1			Sue Knirsch – James Knirsch, Chagrin Falls OH; Jeffrey Weiss, Novelty OH; James Pivarski Jr., Gates Mills OH	116.00
11.24	2			Carl Bartone, Bonita Springs FL; Shmuel Greenberg, Israel; Barbara Goldman – Barbara Fleming, Atlanta GA	97.00
8.43	3			Jason Clevenger, St. Louis MO; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL	91.00
6.32	4			Peter Clay – Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA; Jay Silberberg, Denver CO; Michael Shedd, Brighton CO	84.00

**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2**

9 Tables

13.08	1			Andrew Carver – Ben Englert, Belleville IL; Vernon Carver – Mark Somma, Edwardsville IL	116.00
9.81	2			Molly Silvia – Di Lapeyre – Barbara Fitz-Hugh – Cappy McIver, New Orleans LA	96.00
6.44	3/4			Rich Ardini, Vienna VA; Milton Birmingham, Fort Worth TX; Peter Galbraith – Susie Ball, Yakima WA	88.00
6.44	3/4			Renee Waas, Heber City UT; Kim Ebner, Pasadena CA; Peter Jager, Monrovia CA; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ	88.00

**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3**

9 Tables	
12.12	1 James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Frank Grzegorzewski, Erie PA; Ashish Gupta, Sacramento CA; Liam King, San Francisco CA 115.00
9.09	2 Jeffrey Walker, Eagan MN; Douglas Giloy, Rockford IL; Rolf Hubmayr, Minneapolis MN; Marc Ashton, Excelsior MN 114.00
6.82	3 Charles Johnson – Darlene Trenholm, St. Louis MO; Aaron Gwin, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO 91.00
5.11	4 Anthony Toto, Clovis CA; Robert Carroll, Lawrenceville NJ; Prakash Malkani, East Brunswick NJ; Shriram Phadke, Plainsboro NJ 79.00

**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 4**

9 Tables	
10.29	1 Ross Richardson – Mike Roeder – Christopher Gennick, Traverse City MI; Brian McClure, Suttons Bay MI 102.00
7.72	2 Kenneth Eiger – Susan Eiger, Clayton MO; Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO; Michael Biggers, St. Louis MO 101.00
5.79	3 Nancy Chesley – Patrick Chesley, Springfield IL; Philip Casella, Chatham IL; Charles Langley, Mechanicsburg IL 94.00
4.34	4 Josh Rich, Alton IL; Jacqueline Schroering, Prospect KY; Carolyn Carpenter, Louisville KY; Linda Sloat, Urbana IL 82.00

**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 5**

9 Tables	
8.24	1 James Danziger, Mason OH; Robert Nowacki – Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY 117.00
5.41	2/3 Sharon Sweet, Manchester MO; Karen Pahuski – Rick Armstrong, St. Louis MO; Craig Cooke, Chesterfield MO 100.00
5.41	2/3 Alan Greer, Germantown TN; Gerald Kilpatrick, Collierville TN; Paul Snow, Madison MS; Deborah Culler, Gulfport MS 100.00
3.48	4 Diane Atteberry – James Atteberry – Michael Frederick, Fort Worth TX; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook TX 83.00

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**2ND THURSDAY 0-4000 BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 6**

8 Tables

6.17	1	Daniel Hellrung – Tyler Burns, Troy IL; Polly Ziegler, O’Fallon IL; Dan Evers, Mascoutah IL	103.00
4.63	2	Mary Warner, Tulsa OK; John McKay – Jeanne Cooper, Kansas City MO; Michelle Krause, Lohman MO	92.00
3.47	3	Lilly Trabucco – David Ball, Bethesda MD; Willis Chang, Arlington VA; Alexander Gretsinger, Fort Washington MD	79.00

**2ND THURSDAY TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS**


14 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

	A	X	Y		
19.60	1			Robert Evers, Fair Oaks Ranch TX; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY	100.00
14.70	2			Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland	82.00
11.03	3			Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark	72.00
8.27	4	1		Jie Li, Beijing hina; Yizhou Liu, Chicago IL; Zhaofeng Wang, Evanston IL; Jakub Wojcieszek, Zachodniopomors Poland	70.00
6.07	5/6			Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, New York NY; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	68.00
6.07	5/6			Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Bart Nab, Netherlands; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel	68.00
5.25		2		Jim McKeown, State College PA; Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA; Kathrine Loh, Walnut Creek CA; Thomas Musso, Charleston SC	57.00
3.78			1	Debra Lamountain – David Joseph – Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY; Mark Hyman, Briarwood NY	39.00

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## Beer Me

By Brian Glubok

Eliminated by Zia Mahmood's squad on Tuesday in the Vanderbilt, the Hamman team entered the regionally rated Swiss. A veteran Washington Post columnist asked me what it's like to play with Bob Hamman, considered by most bridge pundits to be the greatest of all time – like Zia (and also like Michael Rosebner, Sam Lev, and this writer) – Hamman was a high-stakes rubber bridge player, as well as a tournament enthusiast.

I'll offer some illumination on what it's like to partner the youthful TGBH (The Great Bob Hamman), 87 years old as I write this.

But first I want to congratulate the crew that put together "Bridge Mania" – a popular evening event that combines a party atmosphere with a Family Feud and Jeopardy-style contest, attended by perhaps a hundred bridge players, most all of whom appeared to have a rollicking good time, players and spectators both.

On behalf of the large audience who enjoys these events so much, I'll take this opportunity to thank the people who make them happen: Executive Director Bronia Jenkins, Executive Assistant Shaneka Cunningham (celebrating her birthday that night onstage at Family Feud), and capable hosts Zach Grossack, Adam Grossack, and "Jeopardy James" Holzhauser (among many others).

Some of the material skewed towards the adult, here's an example:

"We asked 100 bridge players for 'A lie bridge players tell their spouses.'"

Answers included "I played really well"; "I'll be home early" and "We're only bridge partners ..."

Earlier in the day, partnering Hamman in the next-to-last match, we faced a pair from the southwest.

"This is the second time I've played against you," my RHO told Bob. "The first was in 1969."

That's the kind of thing that happens when you partner a legend.

Here's a deal from that match:

Dlr: South  
Vul: None

♠ K J 4

♥ J 5

♦ A J 7 3

♣ K Q 9 4

♠ Q 9 8 5 2

♥ 10 8 3

♦ 10 8

♣ 6 5 3

♠ 6 3

♥ K 9 7 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 7 2

♠ A 10 7

♥ A Q 6 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A J 10 8

West

Hamman

East

Glubok

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

The lead was a low spade.

"Should have a play," Bob quipped as he laid down the dummy – Bob's big on quips.

I won the opening lead with the ♠7, crossed to dummy in clubs and led a diamond towards the 9. My RHO went up with the ♦Q – the 8 appeared on my left – and played a second spade.

At that point there was a great deal I could infer about the diamond suit – from the play of the queen, it looked likely that RHO had both the king and the queen, and not the 10 – a more astute opponent might have reasoned that his partner had the 10, for if I had it, I probably wouldn't have played the diamonds this way, but would have begun the suit by leading them from my hand, but that's an inference that many players would miss. (Pro Tip: Second Hand Low.)

When the ♦8 appeared on my left, I won the spade return in dummy and led the ♥J from the table. This was covered by the king, so I played my ace.

I now played my ♦9 and LHO covered with the 10 – we already said we placed him with the 10, right?

I called for the jack, which lost to righty's king.

Some among the readers will be aware of an obscure custom, popular among juniors and former juniors: A player who can score the last trick with the ♦7 wins a beer from his partner. (In a non-diamond contract – Ed.)

It's harder than you think to fulfill this mission – there are some caveats – but on this deal, I was able to claim not only 11 tricks, but Trick 13 with the ♦7.

One IMP to the Hamman Team on the way to our low overall finish. When the match finished, my RHO asked for Bob's autograph – Bob obliged.

"Let's hope it's not another 50 years before you play him again," I told the fellow.

More about this deal, and on Brian's adventures partnering Bob Hamman, can be found on his bridge blog at [wbsblogs.substack.com](http://wbsblogs.substack.com).

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## Meet Me in St. Louis – Vanderbilt Round of 16

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

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

LALL vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠2, and when the ♠J held, he continued with the ♠Q. Declarer took that with dummy's ♠A and correctly played a third spade, South winning and returning the ♥10. Declarer won with dummy's ♥K and played a diamond to the jack, South winning and playing another heart. Declarer won with the ♥A and if they set up the diamonds, a club finesse will provide a ninth trick. However, declarer played a third heart, establishing a fifth trick for the defenders, which meant he was one down.

After a spade lead, to be sure of defeating 3NT, North needs to switch to something else, when declarer rates to be a trick short.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Welland</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣3. Declarer ducked North's ♣K, won the club return with the ♣A, played a heart to the king and a diamond to the jack and queen. He won took the club continuation and played two rounds of diamonds, emerging with eight tricks, +120, and 5 IMPs to SHOURIE.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

LALL vs. SHOURIE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

East led the ♠K, and declarer took the rest, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Welland</i>
	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	1♥	2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>
4♥	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

(1) 2+♣, any balanced hand including any other five-card suit

(2) 5+♠, 4+♣

East led the ♥3. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♣8 to the ace for +650 and 6 IMPs to LALL, leading 10–5.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## LALL vs. SHOURIE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠3. Declarer ruffed the third round of the suit and ran the ♦J, West winning as East followed with the ♦6 (playing standard signals). When West exited with the ♦5 (a black-suit switch is required), declarer won with the ♦8, played the ♥J to the king and ace, came to hand with the ♣A and played a heart to the 9 for +620.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Welland</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and switched to the ♠3 when declarer ducked. Declarer ruffed the third spade, played a club to the jack and played the ♣A, pitching a diamond when West discarded the ♦5. When dummy's ♥J was covered, declarer won, played a diamond to the ace and a heart to the 9 for +140, 10 IMPs to SHOURIE.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## LALL vs. SHOURIE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
			1♣
3♠	3NT	Pass	4♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

(1) Control

It's possible that 5NT was a grand slam force.

Declarer won the spade lead, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a spade (looks odd), claiming +1440.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shourie</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Welland</i>
			1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
3♠	3NT	Pass	4♠ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(1) 2+♣, any balanced hand including any other five-card suit

(2) Control

Would it have helped if North had bid 5♠ over 4♠? It meant 11 IMPs to SHOURIE, leading 26–10.

SHOURIE led 30–12 at the end of the session.

## Session 2

It turned out to be one of those days when the higher-seeded teams generally prevailed. However, while FLEISHER and ZIMMERMANN saw their opponents concede, NICKELL was having to work hard against HELLE.

HELLE had edged the first session 30–20.

## Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Katz</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠2. Declarer took dummy's ♠A and played the ♥10, covered by the queen and ace, declarer then playing clubs, pleased to see the 3–3 break. After five clubs, he played a heart and East won and returned the ♠J, declarer cashing his winners for +400.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helle</i>
Pass	1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) 10–12 HCP

(2) Hearts

East led the ♣J, and declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the ace and the ♥10 to the king and ace. He cashed the ♠K and ruffed a spade, East overruffing with the ♥5 and returning the ♣10. Declarer won with the ♣A and cashed the ♣K pitching a diamond. When he continued with the ♦2, East took the ♦A and exited with the ♦3. Locked in hand, declarer had to surrender two heart tricks to East, -50 and 10 IMPs to NICKELL.

The winning line requires declarer to continue playing clubs. If East ruffs, declarer overruffs and exits with a heart, forcing East to lead a diamond.

## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Katz</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

East led the ♥Q, and having won, declarer played the ♣3 to dummy's ♣K, East pitching the ♥8. Declarer could draw trumps and claim 12 tricks, +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helle</i>
Pass	2♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Dble	5♣*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

(1) 10–12 HCP

(2) Invitational Stayman

N/S play Symmetric Relay Precision, so it was a case of bidding by question and answer. It would not have been a surprise had they bid 7♣.

East led the ♠K, and declarer took dummy's ♠A, played a club to the ace, drew trumps via the marked finesse and could test the diamonds before setting up a second spade trick, +920 and 11 IMPs to HELLE.

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Katz</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	5♥ <sup>(5)</sup>
Pass	6♠ <sup>(6)</sup>	All Pass	

(1) Splinter

(2) Last Train, slam try

(3) RKCB

(4) One key card

(5) ♠Q?

(6) Yes, no side kings

East led the ♥Q and West overtook it and played two more rounds of the suit for two down, -200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helle</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) 16+ HCP, any  
(2) Hearts and a minor

West played three rounds of hearts, +620 and 13 IMPs to HELLE.

## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Katz</i>
		2♥	Dbl
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	5♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

(1) RKCB  
(2) One key card

East led the ♥A and declarer ruffed and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing. He ran the ♠J and repeated the finesse when it held, +480.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	3NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

(1) Multi

When East led the ♥A, declarer could ruff, cross to the ♣K, pitch two diamonds on the ♥K Q, ruff a diamond and play two rounds of clubs. He ruffed West's heart return, crossed to the ♠A and cashed the ♦A K, +920 and 10 IMPs to HELLE.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Katz</i>
		1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	All Pass

(1) 2+♦, 11–15 HCP

South led the ♠9. Declarer took dummy's ♠A and played diamonds, South winning the third round and returning a spade. Declarer finished with nine tricks, +150.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helle</i>
		1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) 14–16 HCP

South led the ♣5 to the 3, jack and king, and declarer played diamonds, South taking the second round and returning the ♣6 to declarer's ♣10. After cashing two diamonds ending in dummy, declarer exited with the ♣Q and South won and cashed the ♣9. North, under pressure, was already down to ♠K Q and ♥J 7 3 2 and had to discard a heart. Declarer won the heart switch, ran the ♠J, took the heart return and played the ♠10, going up with dummy's ♠A when South followed with the ♠9, +600 and 10 IMPs to NICKELL.

HELLE took the session 48–23 to lead 78–43.

**Session 3**

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 10 8 5 4 2  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ K  
♣ J 4 3

♠ 9  
♥ 9 2  
♦ Q 9 7 6 2  
♣ A K 10 6 2

♠ A K  
♥ K 10 7 5  
♦ A 5 3  
♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ Q 7 6 3  
♥ Q J 8 6  
♦ J 10 8 4  
♣ 8

NICKELL vs. HELLE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
	2♠	2NT	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠3, and declarer won with the ♠A and played the ♦3 to the 4, queen and king. The spade return meant he was inevitably -50.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	2♠	Dbl	3♠
Dbl	3NT	All Pass	

South led the ♠6, and having won with the ♠A, declarer played a club to the ace and the ♦2, collecting North's ♦K. He won and played the ♦3, ducking South's ♦10 and finishing with 11 tricks, +460 and 11 IMPs to NICKELL.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 9  
♥ K 10 7 3  
♦ 10 7 2  
♣ K 10 6 5

♠ A Q 2  
♥ A 9 5 4 2  
♦ A 9 6  
♣ Q 7

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

♠ K 6 4 3  
♥ Q J 8  
♦ Q 8 5 4  
♣ J 2



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## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3♣	All Pass		
(1) 14–16 HCP			
(2) Clubs			

There is a note on the system card that many hands without a major go via Stayman.

South led the ♥Q. Declarer took dummy's ♥A, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the queen, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and pitched a spade on the ♥5, South contributing the ♠4. When North returned the ♦2, declarer played the ♦3, took South's ♦Q with dummy's ♦A, cashed two diamonds and exited with the ♠10. North had to ruff that and lead a club, giving declarer a well played +130.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣5, and declarer won with the ♣7 and continued with the ♣Q, collecting South's ♣J. He exited with the ♥9 and South won with the ♥J and switched to the ♠3, North winning with the ♠J and returning the ♠9. Declarer won with the ♠Q and exited with a heart, South winning with the ♥8 and returning the ♠6 to declarer's ♠A. Two rounds of hearts gave the defenders a fourth trick, but with North winning, declarer now had the rest, +600 and 10 IMPs to NICKELL.

After eight deals, the session score was 30–0 to NICKELL, down only 74–76.

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

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
	Pass	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
1♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	1♥ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♥	Pass
All Pass			

(1) 15+ unbalanced or 17+ balanced

(2) 0–8 HCP

(3) 18+ artificial

The relays told East what he needed to know.

South led the ♥J, so declarer took all the tricks, +1460.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

(1) Control-showing response, game forcing

The partnership plays some switch rebids after a response of 2♥/♠.

Unless East knows about the third-round heart control in partner's hand, bidding a slam is speculative. It meant 13 IMPs to HELLE.

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

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

## NICKELL vs. HELLE

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
1NT <sup>(1)</sup>	2♣	Dbl	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass
(1) 9–11 HCP			
(2) Majors			

West led the ♣8, and East won with the ♣K and switched to the ♠3. Having taken West's ♠Q, declarer ruffed a heart (East playing the ♥7) played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, went to dummy with the ♠8 and ruffed a heart. When the suit did not divide, he was one down, -200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Weak			

Here, too, West started with the ♣8, and after winning with the ♣K, East switched to the ♦Q followed by the ♦8, West winning with the ♦10 and exiting with the ♣4. Having won with dummy's ♣A, declarer played the ♥2, and when East put up the ♥A, he ruffed, went to dummy with a spade, ruffed a heart, played a spade to dummy's king, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played the ♥10, discarding the ♦J when East followed with the ♥6 for +620 and 13 IMPs to HELLE. They had outscored NICKELL 34–0 over the last seven deals of the session and had a comfortable lead, 110–74, which they had no trouble defending in the remaining session.

## Session 4

HANS had made a poor start to their match against XIAO, but by the time the final session got under way, they trailed only 81–88. The early exchanges saw HANS take the score to 99–90.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## HANS vs. XIAO

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Hans</i>
	Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♦
3♥	Dbl	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

(1) 10–14 HCP

West led the ♠A and continued with the ♠7, East ruffing and returning the ♥9. West won and played the ♠4, East ruffing and exiting with the ♥A. The ♣K meant three down, -800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

West led the ♣9 and declarer took dummy's ♣A, drew trumps and played the ♣Q, escaping for one down, -200 and 12 IMPs to XIAO, back in the lead.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## HANS vs. XIAO

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Hans</i>
		1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	1♦
Dbl	2♣	2♠	All Pass

(1) 0+♣

South led the ♣Q, and declarer won with the ♣K and played three rounds of diamonds pitching a club, finishing with nine tricks, +140.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dbl	Rdbl	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

When South led the ♣Q, North took the ♣A and returned the ♣6, declarer winning with the ♣K and playing a spade to the jack and ace. South ruffed the club return with the ♠K and switched to the ♥3, but declarer put up dummy's ♥K, drew trumps, eliminated the diamonds and exited with a heart for +730 and 11 IMPs to HANS.

To defeat 3♠, South has to find a low heart lead – where is Peter Fredin when you need him!

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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### Schedule

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

We will cover the Vanderbilt from start to finish. Today and Saturday, Vugraph will start at 10 a.m. & 4p.m. All Central Time. Results from

## HANS vs. XIAO

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Pollack</i>	<i>Hans</i>
Pass	1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) 2+♦, 10–15 HCP

South led the ♠6 and declarer took North's ♠Q and played three rounds of hearts pitching the ♦9. A club to the jack saw South win and exit with the ♠2, North winning and returning the ♦2. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♣K and pitched a heart on the ♣8, but North won and played a diamond, and there were only nine tricks, -50.

After the trump lead, the double-dummy line is to play back a low spade at trick two.

Coincidentally, as on the previous deal, South must underlead an ace at trick one, a low diamond theoretically allowing North to win and switch to a heart.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Duffie</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Xiao</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥2. Declarer took three rounds of the suit pitching his diamond and then played a club to the jack and king. He could ruff the diamond return, cash the ♣K and crossruff the minors to establish a long club, South scoring the ♠10 and North a spade, but that was +420 and 11 IMPs to HANS that sealed the deal as they won 126–103.

## St. Louis Vugraph and BridgeCast

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.

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## Monitoring

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

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

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## 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](https://acbl.org/stlouis).

## 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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## Tomorrow's Bridge Events

**Saturday, March 7**

**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>				
Saturday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
<b>10 am &amp; 1 pm</b>				
Fast Pairs	1-2	Room 231, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3 pm</b>				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions; Pre-qualification required</i>	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
Top-Flight Pairs (unlim./6000/4500)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Mid-Flight Pairs (4000/2000/750)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32
<b>10 am &amp; 3:30 pm</b>				
<b>JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>WOMEN'S OPEN SWISS TEAMS</b> <i>2 qualifying &amp; 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz, 2nd floor	\$35	\$45
<b>3 pm</b>				
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
499er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28

\* 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.