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## Bill Gates finds duplicate bridge a "window" to fun

Bill Gates is accustomed to taking on software competitors, government anti-trust lawyers and federal judges, but this weekend he's facing some *really* tough opposition.

Rumors of the Microsoft chairman's attendance at the Anaheim NABC have been circulating all week. Those rumors proved to be true, as Gates entered the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams Saturday with partner Sharon Osberg of San Francisco and teammates Sheri Weinstock of Toronto and Howard Weinstein of Chicago.

Gates has been much in the news of late, with Microsoft battling an anti-trust suit in the federal courts that threatens the software giant with possible partitioning.

With regards to Gates, however, many bridge players have paid less attention to his legal troubles and more to the fact that he has recently been spotted playing at several ACBL-sanctioned events. Although this is the first North American Bridge Championship that Gates has attended, online enthusiasts have known for some time that Gates can frequently be found playing bridge on OKbridge or at The Zone, his own online game site.

Gates frequently plays with partner Osberg, as well as Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett and bridge software designer and Bridge Base founder Fred Gitelman. Indeed, Buffett was also scheduled to play

as part of the Gates team in Anaheim, but is recovering from surgery and was unable to attend. Gitelman, too, was supposed to be part of the team but wasn't available to play since he is still doing battle in the Spingold Knockouts as a member of the squad captained by Roy Welland.

It is no secret that players and ACBL officials alike are delighted with Gates' participation in the game. His presence attracts media attention to bridge, and as with any celebrity, provides an opportunity for the game to be showcased to the general public.

In an interview preceding the first qualifying session, Gates appeared excited to be attending his first national event. He and Osberg were engaged in the typical, last-minute fine-tuning of agreements. Gates sought clarification from Osberg on a series of points:

"How likely are we to encounter big club systems, and what defense do we play against them?" or "How do we treat a Precision one diamond opener?", and so on. Osberg reminded him of their methods each time.

Gates and Osberg play fairly straightforward methods.

"We don't play two-over-one," said Gates. "It's pretty much standard Yellow Card."

Gates took time out from the convention card

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Microsoft chairman and bridge enthusiast Bill Gates

## Caddy champs really know how to play

The caddy champions are a brother act — Marc Glickman, 17, and Robert Glickman, 14, were the victors in the special caddy championship game Friday night. Clearly the brothers know something about the game. As of Friday night, Marc had won 60 masterpoints at this NABC, and Robert wasn't far behind with 35.

Marc has been playing bridge since he was 14, but he didn't try duplicate until this year. The game really turns him on. He's had some outstanding games here — second overall in a Flight B Swiss, second in the Flight A Charity Pairs, and second in one of the knockout events. He came close to winning the knockout — the teams were tied at the end of regulation but Marc lost in the four-board playoff. Marc also went to the ACBL Bridge Camp.

Robert would have loved to go to the bridge camp, but he couldn't — too young. He too has been playing for about three years, but he too also has just started duplicate. In the knockout event where Marc was second, Robert was tied for third — he lost to his brother in a semifinal. He also has a first in a board-a-match game.

The boys have an avid fan — Jim, their father. He has managed to instill his love of the game in his sons.



## Chairman Kopec enjoyed the job

The first chairman of the Anaheim NABC resigned a few years ago. At this point, the eyes of the District 22 Board of Directors fell on Sandy Kopec, the Orange County representative to the board. What could be more natural than to ask her to chair the tournament? She was asked, and she said yes. "I guess you might say I inherited the folks who work regionals with me — here we go again! We have to do this. And they came through. They were very efficient. That's why everything has gone so perfectly at this tournament."

Kopec is certainly right — this has been a fine tournament. We've had good playing space, fine entertainment, tasty refreshments, helpful volunteers, etc.

"I want to thank all my chairmen — they've been terrific," Kopec said. "And I want to say a special thank you to my husband Conrad. I don't think I could have done it without his help."

Once this is over, Kopec will go back to directing the Huntington Beach game and playing bridge. "I love to play and I love to direct. I like people. That's what I've enjoyed most about this tournament — dealing with the people. I think the majority of bridge players are really nice people."



Marc and Robert Glickman

## Welland, Meltzer square off in Spingold final

Teams captained by Roy Welland and Rose Meltzer triumphed yesterday in semifinal Spingold action to advance to today's championship round.

The Welland squad (Brad Moss, Marc Jacobus, Fred Gitelman, Magnus Lindkvist and Peter Fredin) defeated the team of George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Giorgio Duboin and Norberto Bocchi, 151–138.

After a close first quarter, Welland had a large second set to lead at the half, 88–50. The Jacobs team narrowly won the third quarter 33–30, and mounted a rally in the fourth quarter — winning it 55–33 — but fell short of closing the gap by 13 IMPs.

In the other bracket, Meltzer's team (Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, and Kyle Larsen) suffered a disastrous first quarter against the squad led by Steve Robinson (Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey and Fred Stewart), but rallied late in the second half to win 128–115.

Robinson jumped out to a 57–9 lead, which increased slightly by half time when the score was 87–36.

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## Wadas and Shugart lead Mixed Teams

Teams captained by Judy Wadas and Rita Shugart will lead 52 teams into today's final two sessions of Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. Each will go into the final with a carryover of 3.65 boards.

Playing with Wadas are Bart Bramley, Paul Lewis and Linda Lewis. Shugart once again is going with Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester and Geir Helgemo. In third place are Mary and Richard Oshlag plus Robert and Cindy Bernstein, with a carryover of 2.96 boards.

## A Losing Option

by Rich Colker

In the closing minutes of Friday's close quarterfinal Spingold match between Rita Shugart and Rose Meltzer, this little gem came along. It could only have happened against a top expert like Alan Sontag.

Board 58 ♠ Q 9 7

Dlr: East ♥ Q 10 5

Vul: Both ♦ A J 10 6 4 3

♣ 9

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ K 9 6 4

♦ Q 7

♣ 8 7 4

♠ K J 2

♥ J 3 2

♦ 9 8

♣ A K Q J 3

♠ 10 5 3

♥ A 8 7

♦ K 5 2

♣ 10 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Robson	Weichsel	Shugart
		1NT	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

After a mildly competitive auction Alan Sontag, by virtue of his earlier Stayman bid, became declarer in 3♣. Andrew Robson led the ♣9 and Sontag won and drew a second trump, Robson pitching a diamond. Sontag then led a diamond from dummy and Shugart rose with the king to play a third trump, Robson pitching another diamond. When Sontag drew the last trump, pitching the ♦Q from his own hand, Robson had an answer — not an obvious one, but one which had a chance to succeed only against one of the world's great players.

Robson could see that Sontag would have no alternative to taking the spade finesse for his ninth trick and that it was destined to win, with the queen-third sitting as it was in front of the king-jack-third. If only there was something he could do to tip the odds slightly in his favor and away from the winning line. Suddenly he found the answer. On the fourth trump Robson discarded — the ♠7!

Just consider the possibility this opened up for Sontag. If North started with ♠1097, South's queen could now be captured by leading the ♠J from dummy and letting it ride if Shugart ducked. If Shugart covered, Sontag would win with the ace, Robson's 9 (or 10) falling, and a second spade to the king would bring down Robson's other intermediate, setting up Sontag's 8.

Sure enough, Sontag worked this out and led the ♠J from dummy (he could have led the ♠K first and Robson would have followed with the 9). When Shugart played low Sontag let it ride and Robson won his queen. He then cashed a second diamond and the defense eventually came to two heart tricks to add to the two diamonds and one spade they had already scored for down one, minus 100.

At the other table Chip Martel and Lew Stansby reached 3♦ on the North-South cards. When this failed by one trick (-100), Shugart picked up five nifty IMPs.

Meltzer won the match 124-119, the margin of victory being — you guessed it — 5 IMPs! If only Robson had had one more opportunity like this one.



They finished second in the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams. Left to right: Peggy Sutherlin, Shawn Quinn, Mildred Breed, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, npc Bob Hamman and Petra Hamman.

## Squeezing the declarer

Karen McCallum and Kerri Sanborn executed a neat squeeze on declarer on this hand from the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams quarterfinals.

♠ A Q J 10 6

♥ 7 3

♦ 10 7 2

♣ J 8 3

♠ K 9 8 4

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 9 3

♣ A 9 5

♠ 7 5

♥ K J 9 6 4

♦ 5 4

♣ K Q 10 6

♠ 3 2

♥ A 10 5 2

♦ A J 8 6

♣ 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Sanborn	Dbl	McCallum
2NT	All Pass		Pass

Sanborn started with the ♠Q, ducked. She shifted to a club that ran to declarer's 9. When declarer led the ♥Q, the ducking continued. McCallum ducked the ♥J as well. Now declarer led a diamond, and once again McCallum ducked. Declarer ran the clubs, pitching a diamond from her hand on the last club. This was the position at this point:

♠ A J 10 6

♥ —

♦ 10

♣ --

♠ K 9 8

♥ —

♦ Q 9

♣ --

♠ --

♥ K 9 6

♦ 5 4

♣ --

♠ 3

♥ A 10

♦ A J

♣ --

Declarer called for a diamond and McCallum was ready. She rose with the ace and immediately put the ♥A on the table. West was helpless. If she pitched a diamond, McCallum's jack was good. If she tossed a spade, Sanborn could run the suit. Down one on a declarer squeeze.

## Count, count, count

Geoff Hampson took advantage of all the clues as declarer on this deal from the second round of the Spingold. He was playing with partner Eric Greco.

Dlr: North ♠ K 10 8 4

Vul: None ♥ Q J

♦ 9 5

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ K 10 8 6 3

♣ 7

♠ A 7 2

♥ K 4

♦ A 7 4 2

♣ A J 8 2

West North East South

West	North	East	South
	Greco		Hampson
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥2, which shows attitude in their methods. The jack was played from dummy and East played the ♥3. East-West were using upside-down count, so this showed an even number. Hampson allowed dummy to hold the trick, and placed West with five hearts, East with four.

Since his 2♦ response to the Stayman inquiry denied a four-card major, Hampson knew that the opponents were aware that the heart suit was running. To make the contract, Hampson needed to run the clubs without a loser. Before tackling the critical suit, however, he played on the other suits to get a count of the hand.

He called the ♦9 from dummy and East covered with the ♦10. Hampson rose with the ace, and West played the queen. The defenders' cards on this trick suggested that East started with K(or Q)-10-8-x-x, and West with either K-Q or Q-J. Next, Hampson played a low spade to the king and another spade to the ace. The opponents knew that Hampson was digging about for clues, so they both gave false count.

"They both showed an even number," said Hampson, "so I played the suit to be 3-3."

The inferential count on the hand, therefore, was 3-5-2-3 for West and 3-4-5-1 for East. So Hampson cashed the ♣A and finessed West for the ♣Q to score up the game.

## New Gold Life Master

MIKE CASSEL, who calls himself "a bridge caddy from Cleveland in a former lifetime," achieved the Gold Life Master level (2500+ masterpoints) in yesterday morning's Continuous Pairs game, which he won. He expressed thank to the following for helping him along the way: Nanette Hegeman, Don Campbell, Steve Gaynor, Peg Waller, Keith Connolly, Andy Bakshian, Suzanne Trull, Carol Rynders, Diane Audeon, James Barry and John Stansbury.

## Correction

Sorin Samanta of Downey CA was a member of the team that finished first in Bracket 1 of the Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams. His name was inadvertently omitted in the Daily Bulletin report of that event.



## Allan Siebert earns 20,000th masterpoint

Little Rock businessman Allan Siebert crossed the 20,000 masterpoint plateau here in Anaheim. There are now 30 ACBL members with more than 20,000 masterpoints.

Siebert won the Life Master Pairs in 1995 playing with Joe Kivel, and was second in the event in 1985. Siebert also won the North American Swiss Teams in 1988 with teammates John Zilic, Sylvia Summers, Paul Munafò and brother David Siebert. (David currently has some 19,000 masterpoints.)

Siebert has recorded more than 350 regional wins.

## Neat declarer play

Chris Willenken, 24, and Aaron Silverstein, 33, can play well even when they're playing fast – that's why they were victors in the NABC+ Fast Pairs. Here's some neat declarer play by Willenken in the first final session.

♠ K Q J 9 4	♦ 6 4	♣ K 9	♣ J 9 5 3
♦ 7 5	♦ 9 2	♦ A Q 10 8	♣ A K Q 10 8
♣ 8 3 2	♦ J 7 5 3	♦ J 7 6 4 3	♣ 6
West	North	East	South
1♦	1♣	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led a spade to the jack and Willenken ducked. He won the trump switch and cashed three rounds, just in case the suit broke 3-3. Perhaps he would have been better advised to give up a trump immediately to gain the tempo. However, this was a matchpoint event, and that play would be costly if the suit broke.

When hearts failed to split evenly, Willenken went after clubs. South made it easy by ruffing the second club. Willenken was able to win the spade return, go to dummy with a club to ruff a club, then get back to dummy with the ♦A. Then he pitched his losing spade on the good club and claimed.

But Willenken, who expected South to wait for the third round of clubs before ruffing, was ready for that eventuality as well. South no doubt would have switched to diamonds, and Willenken said he would finesse, losing to the king. North would no doubt switch back to spades, but Willenken would win with the ace. He would then cash his last two trumps. He would have to pitch dummy's last club on the last heart, but North would have to hold the high spade and a diamond while South would hold two diamonds. The distribution of course would be clear at this point – Willenken would know that South started with five diamonds and North with two. So he would finesse in diamonds for the last two tricks.

## Safety play pays off

How do you play Q-10-5-3 opposite K-7-6-2 for no more than two losers? You're in a good game, and you cannot afford to lose three tricks in this suit. That's the problem that faced the declarers who played this deal in the final session of the Senior Swiss Teams. Hamish Bennett of the victorious team knew the answer. This was the full deal:

Board 16	♠ 8 4
Dlr: West	♥ Q J 4 3
Vul: E-W	♦ A J 9 4
	♣ K 9 6
♠ Q 5 3 2	♠ A K J 10
♦ K	♥ A 8 5
♦ Q 10 5 3	♦ K 7 6 2
♣ 10 8 7 3	♣ A 5
	♠ 9 7 6
	♥ 10 9 7 6 2
	♦ 8
	♣ Q J 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♣	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Bennett won the opening heart lead and drew three rounds of trumps, carefully finishing in dummy. Most of the declarers wound up in hand and led a diamond to the king, winning. But now the A-J-9 was over the Q-10-5, so those declarers all lost three tricks and went down one because there was no way to avoid a club loser.

Bennett led a diamond from dummy and put up the queen, losing to the ace – but he noticed that South followed with the 8. He won the heart return and led a second diamond to the 10, losing to the jack. Now he was in fine shape – dummy had the king-7 over North's 9-4, and a simple finesse got him the two diamonds he needed to score his game.

This safety play works whenever South's singleton is anything but the 4. If North held the top four outstanding diamonds, there would be no way to avoid three diamond losers. The safety play also works if South rather than North holds the four diamonds. After leading to the queen, which wins, you return to dummy and lead another diamond and put up the 10. If this loses to the jack, this means the suit broke 3-2 and you have only two losers. And if South has both the ace and the jack, the 10 will win declarer's second diamond trick.

## Plus 1050, lose 14 IMPs!

Steve Robinson reported the following pair of auctions from an early round of the Spingold Knock-outs.

As South, both vulnerable, you hold:

♠6 ♥A K 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♦--- ♣K Q 10 4.

You decide to take this hand slowly, and so you open the bidding with 1♥. Left-hand opponent doubles and partner raises to 2♥. RHO bids 2♦ and, anticipating lots more bidding, you try a calm 3♥. LHO jumps to 4♣ which is passed back to you, so you now bid 5♥. LHO doubles, ending the auction. Partner (North) tables:

♠A 7 5 4 3 ♥10 5 3 ♦9 8 5 3 ♣7 3.

Trumps are 1-1, so making six is easy. Plus 1050. Won't this be a great score to take back to your partners? Not necessarily, since this was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Dbl	2♥	2♦	1♥
Dbl	5♦(2)	Pass	5♦(1)
Dbl	Pass	Pass	6♥
			Rdbl

All Pass

(1) Exclusion Key Card Blackwood, i.e., "How many key cards do you have outside of diamonds?"

(2) One.

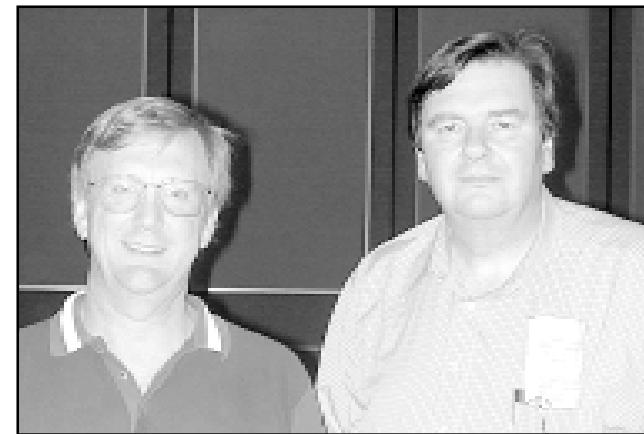
6♥ redoubled vulnerable, making six. Plus 2070, and the bad guys win 14 IMPs.

## Goodwill Message

As we prepare to leave Anaheim, let's say a special "thank you" to our hosts – it's been a super Summer NABC.

See you in Birmingham for the fall edition.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman  
National Goodwill Committee



Runners-up in the NABC IMP Pairs Steve Beatty and George Steiner

## Canadian bidding

By Barry Harper

If you want to know how to defend against a Canadian Slam, ask Mike Passell (or check a Daily Bulletin from a few years ago). That old article said something like, "Cash your aces and kings, lead over to partner's ace and king, and then wait for your trump tricks."

But this is about Canadian Bidding. For instance, we have the auction 1♥-2♥-3♥, ostensibly a game try. Actually it's a transfer sequence – "Whatever happens now is your fault, Pard." The is so because a Canadian Game Try would be

1♥-2♥-4♥.

The following hand came up when I was playing with double Richmond Trophy winner Ken Gee, who is currently leading the Canadian masterpoint race again this year.

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

I opened 1♦ as South and it went double by LHO, 1♣ by Ken, 2♥ by RHO. Now picturing heart shortness in Ken's hand and hoping for a few diamonds and some useful stuff, I made a Canadian Slam Try – STOP! Six diamonds!

After doubling, LHO led the ♠A. I thought about different options and saw a good chance on the bidding – diamond to West's ace, spade ruffed, diamond to dummy's jack, heart finesse and a heart ruff, spade ruff. Now I could claim on a double squeeze and claim plus 1090.

I even won a bet on the hand since Texas expert George Pisk said the opponents had misdefended. I knew what he meant because repeated club leads kill the double squeeze. But I told George "Redouble!" since I could have ruffed two hearts in dummy since LHO had the stiff ♦A.

## Defenses to 1NT

At this NABC, in General Convention Chart events, the Board of Directors has voted to allow constructive defenses to 1NT openings, even when those defenses do not contain a known suit.

Since these are Mid-Chart conventions, it is the responsibility of the pair playing these methods to pre-Alert the opponents and to provide a suggested defense.

In order to help players counter these methods successfully, the tournament is making available copies of an article on the subject, written by Marlene Letizia, that appeared previously in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. Look for "Counter-Defense to Interference vs. 1NT Opener" in the rooms where General Convention Chart events are played.





Practice session: Gates plays a warm-up set with Sharon Osberg (left), Fred Gitelman and Sheri Weinstock.

## Gates

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discussion to explain his attraction to bridge.

"The game is so deep. There's always something you can learn, and it rewards you when you use good judgment," said Gates, who added, "and it's fun."

Gates said that he reads bridge books and uses instructional software to help him improve his game.

"The software that Fred (Gitelman) has produced is first-rate, and I also really enjoy material by Larry Cohen and Mike Lawrence," said Gates.

The Gates squad had a strong first qualifying session, posting a score of 16 (average was 13), but the foursome had a tougher time of it in the second set, scoring 11 for a total score of 27. This was just enough to qualify, however, as the cutoff score for the final was 26.5.

Gates looked pleased but relieved at the end of the qualifying sessions.

"I knew the second half wasn't as good. We had several bidding misunderstandings that were primarily my fault," he said, laughing.

"I'm not so concerned with bidding mistakes though, because I know that with enough experience, certain types of auctions will start to become automatic. But it's really frustrating to get a play problem wrong. I feel I should always be able to work it out."

## Spingold

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Meltzer retaliated in the third set, winning it 32–6, and put together a huge last quarter (60–22) to win the match.

The 64-board final will be presented on Vugraph in the Marriott Marquis Foyer. The Vugraph panel will include ACBL Chief Commentator Chris Compton, Eric Rodwell, Zia Mahmood, George Jacobs, Michael Rosenberg and Larry Cohen. Everyone is invited to come watch the program.

## New Silver Life Master

TONY SCOTT, formerly of England but now of Los Angeles, achieved Silver Life Master (1000+ masterpoints) when he placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Red Ribbon Pairs in partnership with Greg Tapia of San Pedro.

## Cinderella Welland will barely escape the pumpkin patch

After going a woeful, pathetic, pitiful 0-2 in the Spingold semifinals, the Bull was feeling his oats late Saturday night at the Cafe Del Sol. Grazing through his plate of vegetarian grains (the Bull hates diets worse than Zero Tolerance), the Bull ruminated over the action from the day's semifinal matches: Kudos first to a valiant loser as Robinson-Boyd and Woolsey-Stewart were shot down by Captain Meltzer-Larsen, Sontag-Weichsel, and Stansby-Martel. Robinson *aka* the Bi-Coastal Little People, jumped out to a 48-IMP first-quarter lead, but a terrible last quarter led to a tough defeat.

On the other side of the bracket Cinderella Welland pulled off its third straight upset, unseating the world-class Italians and giving Jacobs-Katz, Versace-Lauria and Bocci-Duboin an extra travel day before they compete for their respective national teams at the World Team Olympiad in Maastricht next weekend. Welland richly deserves this final – his team came through a tougher bracket than Meltzer by beating the reigning Bermuda Bowl Champion Nickell, the stalwart Schwartz, and powerful Jacobs to win an invitation to Cinderella's Ball.

The 2000 Spingold has driven home the soundness of the ACBL's decision of the early '90's not to prohibit foreign players from entering the Reisinger, Vanderbilt and Spingold. The Bull gives a 21-Longhorn Salute to the incomparable field of the 2000 Spingold. All the brightest stars were out featuring brilliant British, Canadian, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Swedish, and last, but not least, American constellations. This year's field was the strongest in the history of the Spingold, truly a brilliant performance by both Meltzer and Welland. In the end, American players profit from the tough field by raising their level of play.

On to the finals of the 2000 Spingold:

Original #17, now #1 Cinderella Welland versus original #7, now #2 the Anaheim Rose. Welland, led by Roy, a New Yorker, who is suddenly as strong as his New York IMP game is partnered by Vegas Poker hound Marc Jacobus, with a team also featuring the World Open Pair Bronze Swedish stars Magnus Lindkvist and Peter Fredin and rounded out by the hottest young Can-Am stars, Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss. It is a particularly enjoyable final for Gitelman who plays for the first time on his own vugraph software. As to the Rose Meltzer sextet, Sontag-Weichsel won the 1999 Vanderbilt to restore luster to a partnership begun during the Vietnam War, while Chip Martel and Lew Stansby have won multiple world championships as a pair and survived their own Vietnam War. Finally, Captain Rose and that old crazy, but now calm, Kyle Larsen have raised their level of play to that of the rest of the game.

Who would have guessed this final instead of a Nickell-Jacobs affair? Watch the quarter pole -- Meltzer needs a lead of 20 by the half. If not, the Meltzer energy wears out, "pop pop, fizz fizz", it's an "Alka-Meltzer Day". Youth takes over as Gitelman-Moss and the Swedish Swizzle Sticks get hot in the second half. Book your tickets for the ball -- Cinderella Welland makes it to the goal line just prior to the stroke of midnight, barely escaping the pumpkin patch.

## Semifinal results in Spingold KOs

Welland	30	88	118	151
Jacobs	32	50	83	138
Robinson	57	87	93	115
Meltzer	9	36	68	128

## Bill Gates finds key to defense

by Barry Rigal

Microsoft boss Bill Gates found the key play to defeat 3♥, and that was good enough to win the board in the first qualifying session of the Mixed Teams.

Board 7	♠ K J 3
Dlr: South	♥ A K 2
Vul: Both	♦ Q 9 2
	♣ Q 10 6 5
♠ 7 6 4 2	♠ A Q 10 9 8
♥ 5 4	♥ Q J
♦ K J 5 4	♦ A 6 3
♣ 9 8 4	♣ A J 7
♠ 5	
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 3	
♦ 10 8 7	
♣ K 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Schaeffer	Osberg	Landen	Gates
Pass	1NT	Dbl	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

Despite his lack of high cards, Gates unashamedly bid to the three level, fortified by the knowledge that his partner, Sharon Osberg, had at least two hearts for her opening 1NT. He led a heart and Osberg took two heart tricks before switching to a club. Declarer Steve Landen, ducked this and Gates won the king. It looks reasonable to return a club, but Gates didn't like the looks of that. Instead he switched to diamonds, and suddenly declarer had no way to make the hand. He knew where all the high cards were – Osberg had to have them all for her opening notrump. So Landen knew the finesses in both black suits would work, setting up an endplay. His problem was that he had only one entry to dummy – he knew the diamond finesse would fail – so he could take only one of the finesses. So declarer had to go down one, losing a diamond, two hearts, a club and another black trick.

If Gates had returned a club to the queen and ace at trick three, Landen could cross to the ♦K and finesse in spades. After cashing the ♠A and the ♣J, Landen could lead a third spade to North's king, endplaying Osberg. She would have to lead away from the ♦Q or give a ruff-sluff by leading a club or a heart.



## MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS QUALIFIERS AND CARRYOVERS

52 Teams

1/2	Judy Wadas - Bart Bramley, Chicago IL; Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV
1/2	Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Andrew Robson, Carmel CA; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Norway; Ase S. Langeland, Alta, Norway
3	Mary Oshlag - Richard Oshlag, Germantown TN; Robert Bernstein - Cindy Bernstein, Auburn AL
4/5	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Portola Valley CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Mildred Breed, Bryan TX
4/5	Robin Klar, Spring TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Russell Ekeblad - Sheila Ekeblad, Providence RI; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL
6/7	Ed Lazarus - Diane Lazarus, Baltimore MD; John Hoffman, San Jose CA; Leila Sink, Los Gatos CA
6/7	James Griffin - David Sokolow - Tobi Sokolow - Patricia Griffin, Austin TX
8/10	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; John Rengstorff, New York NY; Carol Simon, Las Vegas NV; Phyllis Quinn, Cortlandt Manor NY
8/10	Barry Rigal - Sylvia Moss - Judi Radin - Susan Picus, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Jeffrey Ferro, Santa Monica CA
8/10	Lynne Schaefer - Stephen Landen, Rochester Hills MI; Danny Sprung - Jo Ann Sprung, Philadelphia PA
11/12	Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Steve Scott, Phoenix AZ; Alan Truscott, Riverdale NY; Dorothy Truscott, Bronx NY; June Deutsch, Aventura FL
11/12	Gerri Knilans - Hal Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA; Robert Lesser - Barbara Lesser, Los Angeles CA
13/14	Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Matt Granovetter, Kennesaw GA; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH
13/14	Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein, White Plains NY; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Christal Henner-Welland, Greenwich CT; Robert Levin, Windermere FL
15/20	Rick Roeder, Encinitas CA; Sue Weinstein - Jerry Weinstein - Carol Pincus, Las Vegas NV
15/20	Eugene Prosnitz - Sandra Prosnitz, Bronx NY; Jeffrey Rothstein - Linda Rothstein, New York NY
15/20	Leonard Ernst - Roberta Epstein - Mark Epstein, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL
15/20	Joan Stein - Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI; Dick Bruno, Chicago IL; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN
15/20	Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Michael Rosenberg, Wykagyl NY; Janice Seamon-Molson, Miami FL; Mike Passell, Plano TX
15/20	Terry Michaels, Prairie Village KS; Joseph Jabon - Shirley Jabon, Bellevue WA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA
21/23	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Elvera Levine, Charlotte NC; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL
21/23	Nell Schaefer - Phil Schaefer, Los Angeles CA; V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine CA
21/23	Bob Crossley, Greenbrae CA; Joanne Greene, San Rafael CA; Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA
24/29	Gary Soules - Jan Soules, Campbell CA; Sherie Greenberg, Palo Alto CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
24/29	Jill Melstrom, Brottby, Sweden; Brian Gunnell, Jacksonville FL; Ulf M Nilsson, Malmo, Sweden; Dorothy Francis, Memphis TN
24/29	Suzanne Trull - Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles CA; Janet Ju - George Wang, El Monte CA
24/29	Peg Waller, Eden Prairie MN; Paul Meerschaert, Excelsior MN; Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Burnsville MN
24/29	Mary Ruth Blustein - Maurice Blustein, Bellevue WA; Janet Daling, Seattle WA; Loren Hawkins, Bremerton WA
24/29	Betty Rossmann - Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Jean Hume, Livermore CA
30/35	Betty Parker - Freerk Polling, Miami FL; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY; Sandrea Friedman, Flushing NY
30/35	Maggie Shenkin - Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Marc Culberson - Andrea Culberson, Weston FL
30/35	Cynthia Balderson - Bob Balderson Jr, Minnetonka MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN; Dan Sershon, Duluth MN
30/35	Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duanesburg NY; Kitty Munson, East Hampton NY; Steven Cooper, Albuquerque NM
30/35	David Berkowitz - Lisa Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Mariesa Letizia, Kingston NY; Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL
30/35	Chris Willenken, New York NY; Karen Manfield - Lynn Johannesen - Dale Johannesen, Sunnyvale CA
36/40	Craig Jacobson, Skokie IL; Barbara Lehman, Glenview IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Maris Zilant, Miami FL
36/40	Gregory Chaffee, Chula Vista CA; Maritha Pottenger - Pat Chapman - Lynne O'Neill, San Diego CA
36/40	Michael Mikyska - Catherine Podolsky - Gloria Levy - Louis Levy, Los Angeles CA
36/40	Beth Palmer - William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Rozanne Pollack - William Pollack, Warren NJ; Susan Wexler - Mark Feldman, New York NY
36/40	Susi Katz - Harry Ross, Winter Spgs FL; Mark Bailey - Donna Bailey, Bothell WA; Michael Flanagan - Barbara Flanagan, Westlake Vlg CA
41/48	David Levy, Cannes La Bocca; Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Susan Miller - Bernard Miller, Boca Raton FL; Robert Morris - Barbara Sion, Las Vegas NV
41/48	Bill Gates, Redmond WA; Sharon Osberg, San Francisco CA; Sheri Winestock, Toronto ON; Howard Weinstein, Chicago IL
41/48	Gloria Silverman, Toronto ON; Michael Roche, Don Mills ON; Bill Sides, Burbank CA; Beverly Rosenberg, Sherman Oaks CA; Marcia Masterson, Pasadena CA; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT
41/48	Bob Jones - Ora Lourie, Delray Beach FL; Ginny Schuett - Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Joan Brooke - Dave Glen, La Quinta CA
41/48	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Saul Teukolsky - Roselyn Teukolsky, Ithaca NY
41/48	Jon Brissman, San Bernardino CA; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Nancy Kalow, New York NY; Ron Feldman, Torrance CA
41/48	Jane Dillenberg - John Solodar, New York NY; Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY; Phyllis Rye, Jamaica Plain MA
41/48	Leonard Holtz, Los Angeles CA; Ann Kluewer, Bakersfield CA; Daniel Hugh-Jones, Santa Monica CA; Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA
49/52	Joseph Payne - Mary Lou Payne - Gene Freed - Adrienne Green - Louise Freed, Los Angeles CA; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY MORNING KNOCKOUTS

#### Bracket 1 11 Teams

Hendrik Sharples, Portland OR; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Bernie Lambert, Viking AB; David Corn, Kirkland WA; Don Campbell, Saskatoon SK; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON

vs

Daniel Boye, Syracuse NY; Steven Barcus, Sorrento FL; John Zaluski, Nepean ON; Jeff Smith, Ottawa ON

11.12 3/4 John Malley, Pascoag RI; Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Paul Kinney, Jamaica Plain MA

11.12 3/4 Ross Rainwater - Jackie Jarigese, Vancouver WA; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA

#### Bracket 2 12 Teams

Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Charles James - Andrea James, San Jose CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA

vs

Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON; Kim Smith, Bethesda MD; Jim Eastham, Atlanta GA; Mac Kowalczyk, Newcastle WA

8.08 3/4 Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC; Bill Valliant, Kanata ON; Solange Graziani, Culver City CA; Elliot Gordon, New York NY

8.08 3/4 Yvette Neary, Mequon WI; Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; Ronald Gould, Green Bay WI; Peter Jones, Milwaukee WI

#### Bracket 3 12 Teams

Alisha Hudson, Walnut Grove CA; Andrew Steinheimer, Oakland CA; Roberta Vance, Danville CA; Joan Patterson, Walnut Creek CA

vs

Frederick Benedetti, Westminster CA; Kathy Russell, Long Beach CA; Maureen Broscow, Cypress CA; Barbara Heavener, Lakewood CA

### FRIDAY ZIP KNOCKOUTS

#### Bracket 1 12 Teams

3.34 1 Joanne Minken, Los Angeles CA; Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Julie Sheerin, Westlake Vlg CA; Pamela Nisbet, Regina SK

2.51 2 William Weingarden, Santa Monica CA; Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Kristene Miller, Reston VA; Ken Bullock, Independence MO

1.67 3/4 Jim Relihan, Tampa FL; Terry Currie, Houston TX; Shirley Leeds - Brian Hingerty, Knoxville TN

1.67 3/4 John Peter Lagodimos, Redwood City CA; Peter Cheung, Fremont CA; Reiko Raese, Boulder CO; Scott Campbell, Sun City CA

#### Bracket 2 12 Teams

3.34 1 Margo Coffman, Newport Beach CA; Bill McClean, Redondo Beach CA; Barry Bromstead - Jill Bromstead, Alamo CA

2.51 2 John Stansbury - Keith Connolly - Joe Barrett, Minneapolis MN; Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN

1.67 3/4 Randolph Hammock, Los Angeles CA; Brian Egan, Marina del Rey CA; Fred Galbraith, Culver City CA; Bob Lipeles, Los Alamitos CA

1.67 3/4 Robert Sievers - Lisa Sievers - Scott Merritt, Champaign IL; Georgia Heth, Morton IL

#### Bracket 3 10 Teams

3.03 1 Martin McCloskey, Westlake Vlg CA; Mizuko Tan Yamada, Tokyo; Hiroko Sekiyama, Kanagawaken, JP; Ritsuko Kai, Chofu-Shi

2.27 2 Reisha Berkowsky, Dix Hills NY; Carolyn Carlin, Jericho NY; Yo Buehler, Williamsburg VA; Gail Levy, Melville NY

1.52 3/4 Lois Vaaler, Maryland Hts MO; Don Define, Saint Louis MO; Solange Graziani, Culver City CA; Tom Fung, San Diego CA

1.52 3/4 Shawn Cantlin, Tracy CA; Marlea Cantlin, St Petersburg FL; William Wood - Jill Wood, Pleasanton CA

### FRIDAY ZIP KNOCKOUT CONSOLATION

#### 3 Teams

1.28 1 Nina Lubick-Reich, Fullerton CA; Paula Oliver, La Crescenta CA; Richard Ryder, Los Angeles CA; Christine Britton, Pasadena CA

## Epley and Grue tie in Junior Trials

Teams captained by Alan Epley and Joe Grue tied for first in the qualifying session of the Junior Team Trials, the event that will decide which teams will represent the United States in the World Junior Championships next year. Both teams finished with plus 12 IMPs.

The matches today will match Epley against Erek Slater and Grue against Greenberg.

Playing with Epley are Christopher Davis, Jenni Hartsman and Todd Wolford. Grue's squad also has John Kranyak, John Hurd, Brad Campbell, Joel Wooldridge and Kent Mignochi.











