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New Yorkers lead Blue Ribbon Pairs

Glenn Milgrim of Forest Hills NY and Bobby Levin of the Bronx will begin play today as the leaders of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. Fifty-two pairs will fight it out over two final sessions for the championship. Levin has won the event once and finished second four times.

Right behind Levin and Milgrim were Jerry Helms and Robert Bitterman of Charlotte NC.

Netherlands – small nation, large interest in bridge

The Netherlands is a country with a population of about 16 million people. The European nation is about twice the size of New Jersey.

The Dutch counterpart to the ACBL is the Nederlandse Bridge Bond. Membership in the NBB is about 90,000 people, playing at 1100 bridge clubs affiliated with the Dutch bridge federation.

The ACBL is the world's largest bridge organization with about 160,000 members. If the ACBL had market penetration similar to the NBB, membership would far exceed 1.5 million.

So what's the difference?

According to NBB President Armand Trippaers, who is visiting at the Fall NABC in Boston, a big difference is the way the NBB signs up members.

If a Dutch player wants to play at an NBB-affiliated club, he must become a member of the federation – and a member of that club. Annual NBB dues are 20 euros (about \$25.50).

Clubs charge annual dues of 80 to 90 euros, but members pay no card fees, so the annual cost

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Milner wins seesaw final in Senior KO

The team captained by Reese Milner prevailed in the final of the Senior Knockout Teams against the squad led by Richard DeMartino in a match where the lead switched back and forth. Milner gained the control in the final quarter, however, to win the match 113-97.

Playing with Milner were Sam Lev, Fred Chang, Matt Granovetter, P.O. Sundelin and John Carruthers. The non-playing captain is Grant Baze.

DeMartino's lineup featured John Stiefel, Geoffrey Brod and Pat McDevitt.

Milner jumped out to a 35-18 lead in the first quarter, only to see their edge erased in the second



Senior Knockout Teams champions: P.O. Sundelin, Matt Granovetter, Fred Chang and John Carruthers. Not pictured are Reese Milner and Sam Lev. Grant Baze was npc.

when DeMartino outscored them 39-12. The

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Father-son duo capture Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs

A father and son from Florida took the lead after the first final session of the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs and posted a solid game in the evening session to win the event by about 35 matchpoints on a top of 51.

The winners are Roger Coffman of Palm Beach Gardens FL and his son, Chris Coffman, who lives in nearby Wellington. Their 59.77% game in the second session was good enough to distance them from runners-up Arne and Gene Maki of Dallas OR. Third place went to Carolyn and George Fox of Manvel TX.

The father-son winners play together rarely. Chris spends most of his time running his produce

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Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs winners Chris and Roger Coffman.

Goodwill message

I'd like to issue an invitation — and a challenge — to all of you. Join me and other members of the Goodwill Committee in promoting the game we love.

Improve your behavior toward your partner

and your opponents — this will produce better results for your side and a more enjoyable game for everyone.

Do your part.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman

National Goodwill Committee



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 29
 10:30 a.m. - Noon **Understanding Changes in the Laws seminar.** Club managers and directors are invited to join ACBL National Director Rick Beye and the ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A question-and-answer session will be included. *Room: Marriott, Regis.*

Sunday, Nov. 30
 1 - 6:30 p.m. **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*
 8 p.m. til **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Thursday, Nov. 27
 9:15 a.m. Mike Flader *Ruling the Game*
 6:45 p.m. Barry Harper *Hand Evaluation and Re-evaluation*

Friday, Nov. 28
 9:15 a.m. Phillip Alder *The Dummy and Its Play at Trick One*

6:45 p.m. Ellen Kent *Director: Why Call?*

Saturday, Nov. 29
 9:15 a.m. Jim Priebe *Matchpoint Defense*
 6:45 p.m. Jeff Roman *The Difference Between Pairs and Teams*

LATE NIGHT

Late night food will be served following the evening sessions on the fourth floors of both the Marriott and the Westin.
 Thursday, Nov. 27 (no food tonight)

Friday, Nov. 28
 Saturday, Nov. 29

Cheesecake with Toppings
 Chili

Boston-area Tours

All tours will be back at the Marriott before 12:30 p.m. Directions for returning by "T" will be available if longer visits are desired.

Boston City Tour

Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$20.

For an interesting and informative overview of the city, jump on board the Old Town Trolley. The 135-minute, fully narrated tour covers more than 100 points of interest, including a 30 minute stop at the USS Constitution.

Freedom Trail Guided Tour

Friday, Nov. 28 at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$5 reservation fee (refundable).

Take the "T" to Park Street. Exit onto Boston Common and proceed to Freedom Trail Foundation headquarters (on the right). A knowledgeable guide will accompany you as you experience Boston history from Colonial times through the Revolutionary War period. Highlights: Boston Common, Faneuil Hall, Granary and King's Chapel Burying Grounds, the Old State House and much more. The walking tour takes approximately 1-1/2 hours. It is an outside tour, so dress appropriately.

Greed is good (and so is luck)

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs showed was a triumph for George Jacobs and Norberto Bocchi, but it could have been a tragedy.

Dir: East ♠ 7 6 5 3
 Vul: Both ♥ 10 6 4 3
 ♦ 10 6 2
 ♣ 8 6

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

♠ J 4
 ♥ K Q 9 7
 ♦ Q J 7 4
 ♣ A J 5

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

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
7♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

After the double of 6NT, Jacobs reasoned that South must have the ♠A K. If he had the ♥K Q and the ♠A, that would have left Bocchi with only 13 high-card points, a trifle aggressive even by his standards. As it was, he was a high-card point light for his 1NT (supposedly 15-17).

That left it up to North to find the right opening lead, and he chose the wrong suit. A heart lead allowed Jacobs to scamper home with all 13 tricks.

Sharp defense

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, England's David Bakhshi and Ireland's Tommy Garvey showed how astute they can be on defense (spots approximate).

Dir: East ♠ A J 8 7 4
 Vul: None ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ K Q

♠ K 9 2
 ♥ A J 10 5 4
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ 9 8 6

♠ Q 10 5
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ A 10 3
 ♣ A J 10 7 2

♠ 6 3
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ K Q J 7 5 2
 ♣ 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>		<i>Garvey</i>	
		1♣ (1)	2♦
2♥	3♦	All Pass	

(1) 11-13 balanced or 17+.

Bakhshi led the ♦9, ducked by Garvey to declarer. A heart was next, ducked by Bakhshi. In dummy, declarer played a low spade, won by Garvey with the 10. Now he made the key play of a club to the dummy.

Declarer played the ♠A and ruffed a spade, establishing the suit, but when he played a second heart from hand, Bakhshi went up with the ace and played a trump to his partner's ace. Now Garvey could cash two more clubs to defeat the contract.

Attendance
through Wednesday evening
8036

This could get to be a Habert

By Mark Horton

When an expert makes what they consider to be a routine play they are frequently surprised when it arouses the admiration of others.

When Canada's Rhoda Habert made a spectacular opening lead that resulted in the defeat of a grand slam, the first person to congratulate her afterwards was the unlucky declarer.

Dlr: East ♠ Q 7 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ —
 ♦ A Q J 7 6
 ♣ A Q J 8 5

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

West	North	East	South
Habert	Wittes	Gwozdinsky	Quinn
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♥ (1)	Pass	2♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass		Pass	7♠

(1) Exclusion Key Card Blackwood (asking South to show key cards outside the heart suit).

After South showed two key cards without the trump queen, North made a grand slam try that South was happy to accept.

From West's point of view, her holding in diamonds was horrendous, so in an attempt to deflect declarer from what might be a contract-winning finesse, she led the ♦8!

Declarer won with dummy's ace and when she tried to cash two rounds of clubs, East ruffed to scupper the contract.

On a more passive lead, say for example a trump, declarer wins in hand, ruffs a heart and then plays all her trumps, squeezing West in three suits.

I hate to mention it, but after the diamond lead there is a winning line even if East has the king.

After taking the ace, declarer comes to hand with a trump, ruffs a heart and then runs the trumps to reach this position (I have moved the ♦K to the East hand for effect):

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A Q J 8 5

♠ —
 ♥ A
 ♦ —
 ♣ 10 9 4 3 2

♠ 4
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K 6

When declarer plays the last spade, West has to surrender. Notice that this squeeze operates against either defender who happens to hold five clubs and the ♥A.

Practice what you preach

By Mark Horton

A few days ago, I recommended that you should always support your partner when you have four cards in their suit. Here is an example where doing so paid an unexpected dividend.

Dlr: East ♠ 7 6 5 3
 Vul: Both ♥ 10 6 4 3
 ♦ 10 6 2
 ♣ 8 6

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

♠ J 4
 ♥ K Q 9 7
 ♦ Q J 7 4
 ♣ A J 5

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

West	North	East	South
	Horton		Helman
		1♦	1♠!
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

With North-South "marked" with a nine-card fit, West "knew" his partner held at most one spade, so he was happy to jump to slam. After tricks one and two, so was the Rabbi!

As an aside, suppose the auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	?

At least one South was unwise enough to double this contract. West retreated to 7♣ and South doubled again. He is still waiting for North to find a spade lead.



Daily Bridge Puzzle

Composed by Derrick Niederman.

Solution on page 6.

Dave was a bit on the shy side, and he was reluctant to approach the lovely woman he kept seeing at the bridge club. He decided one afternoon that he'd ask her out if they played against one another, but when she sat down at her table Dave saw that they were both playing North-South. He then counted upward starting from his own table, just to make sure he knew her table number, and proceeded to write a little note, which he folded and taped to one of the boards they had just made.

He wrote on the outside "Do not open until the last round," and then described to his partner what he was up to.

At that point, Dave went to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee. When he returned, his partner seemed worried.

"What's the matter?" Dave asked.

"They changed the movement when you were in the kitchen," his partner said. "Since we have 13 tables, a bunch of people felt that a two-board movement would be better, so that's what the director did. Your little note scheme may not work out so well now."

Dave thought things over, but finally said, "No problem."

What table was Dave sitting at? What about his intended date?

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Zen & the art of bridge

By Bruce Greenspan

1. The #1 rule of bridge – There are no rules, only guidelines.

2. How many of you play better after partner whines and complains about your play?

Assume this is also true of your partner.

3. Keep the bidding in mind as you play the contract. I know the bidding happened so long ago, but it is highly informative. Declarer

play is much easier when you know where the opposition high cards are hiding. If there is an overcall or double, put most of those points in that hand. If the opponent makes a two-suited overcall such as Michaels or an unusual 2NT, it can give you a road map on how to play the hand.

4. Stay in the present. If you worry about a mistake you made last deal, you'll be worrying about a mistake you made on this one when the board after that comes up. As much as anything, the ability to forget about what just happened separates the experts from the rest. Focus on the present. Michael Rosenberg, one of the top 10 players in the world, wrote a wonderful book entitled *Bridge, Zia . . . and me*. He spent an entire chapter describing mistakes he made in world championships. Trust me, if he's going to make them, so are you. Learn from them and move on. Dwell on them and you and your partner are in for a long night.

5. If you really want to learn how to play this great game, call me for lessons (just kidding). Move up in level as soon as you are possible. Start with the intermediate/newcomer game to learn the structure. As soon as you are comfortable, move up to the open stratified game. Finally, move up to Flight A. Play against the best players and learn from them.

6. In the Blue Ribbon Pairs against Zia, vul against not, I held:

- ♠ K 7 6
- ♥ A Q J 7 6 5 4
- ♦ 7 6
- ♣ 6

Zia opened 1♦ and my partner doubled, Zia's partner bid 3♦, weak, and somehow I found the 4♥ bid. Zia sized me up, not realizing he would

be in this article, and bid 4NT. My partner passed and Zia's partner bid 5♣. I wasn't sure what Zia was doing, but if he was trying to convince me that he had a big hand, I wasn't buying it. I bid 5♥ (making). It was a great learning experience. Next time this situation comes up, I'll bid 4NT.

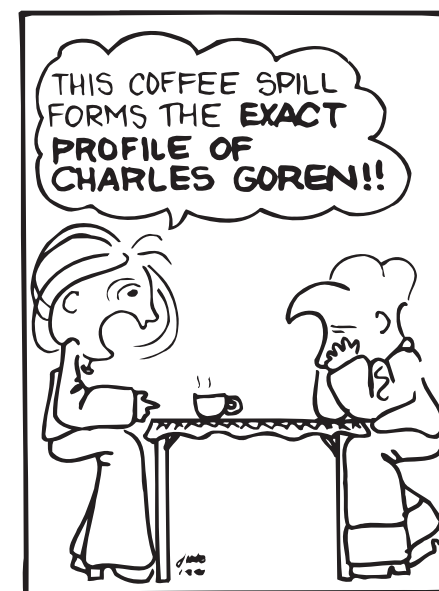
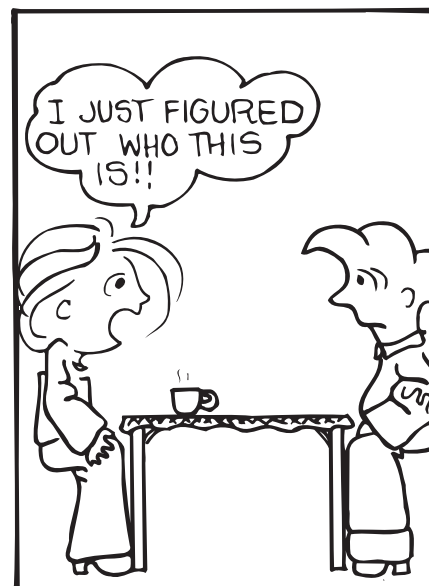
7. Be flexible. Make adjustments if necessary as you play the contract.

Preconceived notions can be deadly. When partner is on lead and plays a 9, don't assume it is top of nothing. Look at your cards, dummy's cards and the card declarer plays. A 9 may be the lowest of three cards.

8. Search out the top players in your area. For the most part, they will be happy to offer advice on bidding and play. Avoid those players who think they are the top players and give lessons during play.

9. Count, Count, Count. Audrey Grant says that there are three types of bridge players, those who count and those who don't. Which one are you? The more you count, the easier the game becomes. However, be aware when you start counting, your game may hit a speed bump. You're so involved with the counting aspect, the basics may disappear in the tall grass.

10. Don't get discouraged. Bridge is a most humbling game, and sometime it seems you get sucked in to a black hole and will never get out.



Cartoons Jude Goodwin, from the book *Go Ahead, Laugh*, published by Master Point Press.

Don't worry, as the doctor said to the patient with a kidney stone, "This, too, will pass."

11. Cherish your partner. Without him or her, you would be playing solitaire.

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Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

To cover or not to cover

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Opening lead: ♦3.

Bidding commentary: As North, you are a point shy to jump shift to 2♠ with a balanced hand, and 2NT is out with no diamond stopper. South's 1NT rebid shows a good 7 to 10 high-card points and at least one diamond stopper – enough for North to bid 3NT.

Lead commentary: With three low cards in partner's unsupported suit, lead low to show length. The lead of a high spot card in partner's unsupported suit shows shortness.



Your length plus lack of intermediate spot cards dictate playing low.

Defensive

commentary: As East, with ♦A Q J 10 6, normal third hand play at notrump is the 10 to drive out the king, retaining at least one diamond in partner's hand.

As West, do not cover the ♠Q if it is led.

Play commentary: As South, you have no "time" to drive out the ♥A. The opponents will take four diamonds and a heart. Take the spade finesse instead. This spade layout is tricky. Start with the 9, underplaying the 6 from dummy. After the 9 holds, continue with the queen, underplaying the 10, and finally low to the jack. If you start with the queen and West plays low, you will wind up in dummy the next time you lead the suit with no entry back to your hand to repeat the finesse. Play the same with J-9-x facing A-Q-10-x. Start with the 9, not the jack.



Melissa Parkin and Luke Dwyer have been playing together for four years. The Bostonians were playing in yesterday's 299er game. This is the fourth NABC for Parkin, a genetic researcher at MIT, and Dwyer, a sales representative with the Boston Red Sox.

Walking Tours: Boston "America's Walking City"

Maps available at Information Desks at the Westin and Marriott hotels in Copley Place. Public transportation maps available as well. "T" costs \$2 per ride.

Freedom Trail – Experience Boston history from Colonial times through the Revolutionary War period: Highlights include Boston Common, Faneuil Hall, Granary and King's Chapel Burying Grounds, Old State House; then to North End (see below) and Charlestown, which is home to the "USS Constitution". Obtain a map at the Information Desk or visit Freedom Trail Foundation, 147 Tremont Street (Boston Common), for guided tours.

North End – Continue Freedom Trail tour through Hanover Street, home of the lively Italian community enjoying area's ethnic restaurants and markets. Visit the Old North Church, Paul Revere House (\$5) and tree-lined mall, and Copp's Hill Burying Ground with views over the harbor to

Bunker Hill and Charlestown.

Quincy Market and Waterfront – Walk over to the waterfront with views of the Rose Kennedy Gardens (atop the 'Big Dig'), Long Wharf and Rowes Wharf and New England Aquarium. Visit the buildings of the former Faneuil Hall produce and meat markets, which have been converted to boutiques, restaurants, and pubs which maintain the historic character of the area.

Beacon Hill – Stroll along Charles Street lined with charming shops and restaurants, including antique browsing. Continue along Mt. Vernon Street and Louisburg Square, Boston's most prestigious address, and Massachusetts State House facing Boston Common and Public Gardens.

Copley Square – Boston Public Library featuring bronze doors representing Music and Poetry, Knowledge and Wisdom, and Truth and Romance; John Singer Sargent's murals of Judaism and Christianity and Edward Abbey's Pre-Raphaelite murals of the Quest for the Holy Grail; Trinity Church (North Portico and North Transept

stained-glass windows); Arlington Street Church (Louis Comfort Tiffany windows). Continue walk to Newbury Street and window shop in Boston's most trendy area.

Harvard Square – Walk through historic Harvard Yard stopping at the John Harvard Statue, Widener Library, Memorial Church and Holden Chapel. Visit the Sackler (Eastern) and Busch-Reisinger (Germanic) Art Museums - \$8/\$6, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and the Museum of Natural History. Meander around the shops in Harvard Square.

Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. 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.

Dutch

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of playing bridge at one's club— however often its doors open – is about \$130.

Trippaers says there are another 1100 duplicate clubs in his country that are not affiliated with the national organization.

He says a study not long ago indicated that there are 500,000 people in the Netherlands who play duplicate at least one every couple of weeks.

The ACBL has about 3200 sanctioned clubs, but ACBL membership is not required for players at the various clubs.

Trippaers says the NBB provides software to each club – most of which use electronic scoring such as the Bridge Mate – to allow for downloading to the federation web site of every game. Most of the reports include the contracts that were played by each pair – and those using computer-generated deals include the deals as well as the scores.

As Trippaers describes the average NBB member, there are close similarities to ACBL members, especially in their focus on local games. "Most of our players don't know or care about the international game," he says.

There's another similarity between ACBL and the NBB – an aging membership. Trippaers says the average age of the NBB member has edged upwards of 65. They, like their ACBL counterparts, also like their masterpoints.

He says two factors have made bridge a popular leisure-time activity in his country.

First, in the Seventies, before everyone had 100 or more TV channels to watch, there was a program on television about how to play bridge. About the same time, a how-to-play-bridge book titled *From Start to Finish* was published and sold more than 1 million copies.

That laid the foundation for the Dutch people's interest in the game, and the NBB has made it a priority to "keep in contact with members," sending them a 74-page, full-color magazine 11 times a year and setting up an Internet bridge club called Step Bridge – annual dues 30 euros. "We do a lot for our players," Trippaers says.

Players who represent the Netherlands in international competition receive subsidies from the Dutch Olympics Committee, and there are programs for teaching bridge in schools, although Trippaers says, "There aren't enough of them."

Lately, he says, the NBB and the Dutch government have combined efforts to try to tear people away from their television sets and get them to social activities, including bridge, and the NBB is formulating a campaign aimed at getting people between 40 and 45 to return to bridge.

He says some clubs have begun offering players the opportunity to select the number of boards they want to play when they show up for a session, and the movements are set up to accommodate those who play as few as 16 deals before heading for home.

Clubs that have adopted this policy, he says, have seen their memberships soar. Some have seen such large increases that they had to stop accepting new members. "They don't have the space," he says.

Do you seek perfection?

By Brian Senior

What's your philosophy? Do you look for any possible slam, giving away information to the defense, or just settle for game and make the defense more difficult?

At pairs, I am a strong believer in the latter approach. After all, an extra overtrick could win the board just as easily as finding a perfect-fit slam. Take this deal from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: North ♠ J 5 3 2
Vul: N-S ♥ 9 5
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ A 8 6

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

♠ K 7
♥ 10 7
♦ A K 9 3
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Bird</i>		<i>Senior</i>	
	Pass	1♥ (1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) Four-card majors.

East could have looked for something like:

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A 9 7

with this partner by splintering with 4♦, but then the defense would know of both his great strength and the shortage.

The simple jump to game paid huge dividends when one of the game's modern-day greats, Alfredo Versace, cashed a top diamond, thought a bit and tried an aggressive switch to the ♠K – not the play to paralyze declarer!

The ♠A was followed by the ♥A and ♥K, then the ♣2. That slipped past the ace, and now the simple spade finesse provided a discard for dummy's remaining club. That was 12 tricks for plus 480 and all 25 matchpoints.

Nicely done

By Brian Senior

England's Paul Hackett played nicely on this deal from the first session of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams (hands rotated).

Dlr: North ♠ A K 9 4 2
Vul: None ♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 10 5

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

♠ 6
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ 5
♣ A K 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hanlon</i>		<i>Hackett</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♦K, then the ♦Q, forcing Hackett to ruff. He cashed the ♣A and viewed West's jack with grave suspicion. Hackett judged to lead a low club to the 10 and queen, and back came the ♦A, ruffed.

When Hackett led a low club, West discarded a spade, so dummy could ruff cheaply. Hackett led a heart to the ace and decided that hearts rated to be 4-1, so he played the ♣K, West discarding, then another club. When West again discarded, so did Hackett, after which he was home.

At the other table, 6♥ was down three, declarer having no option but to play the ♣A and the ♣K.

Solution to the bridge puzzle on page 3.

Assuming that Dave wasn't willing to let just anyone read his note, it follows that the board in question will end up at the same table regardless of the movement. That would happen if he was sitting at table 7, preparing board 21, with his intended recipient at table 13. In a 13-table, three-board movement, board 21 would start at table 7 and end up at table 13. In a two-board movement, board 21 would start at table 11 and again end up at table 13.

The only other boards that are similarly "fixed" in a 13-table movement are boards 23, 24, 25, and 26. The first two would end up at table 1 regardless, while the last two would end up at table 2. But the conditions of the problem suggested that Dave was at a lower-numbered table than the woman he wanted to get together with.

There will be blood

By Mark Horton

If you have seen the epic movie starring Daniel Day-Lewis you may recall that it is set in the town of Little Boston. That and the fact that at matchpoints it is not unusual for someone's blood to be spilt was sufficient inspiration for the title of this piece.

Here is my first gruesome offering:

Dlr: North ♠ J 5 3 2
Vul: N-S ♥ 9 5
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ A 8 6

♠ 9 8 6
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ J 10

♠ A Q 10 4
♥ A K J 4 2
♦ 7
♣ K Q 2

♠ K 7
♥ 10 7
♦ A K 9 3
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

West	North Horton	East	South Helman
	Pass	1♥	Dbl!
Pass!	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dbl	All Pass

Despite the warning note sounded by East's 1NT I felt I had enough to compete. East's double and the appearance of dummy (the Rabbi had a couple of clubs in with his spades) quickly shattered that illusion. Minus 1100 proved to be a modest result.

Dlr: West ♠ A 10 8 7
Vul: N-S ♥ A K 7 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ 10 5

♠ J 6
♥ J 9 8
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ K J 7 4

♠ Q 4
♥ Q 6 4 3
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ A 6 3

♠ K 9 5 3 2
♥ 10 2
♦ 10 4
♣ Q 9 8 2

West	North Horton	East	South Helman
1NT	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

After West's 10-13 1NT and North's majors-showing overcall, East intended his double for takeout. When East took a different view it cost minus 870.

Child Care

Child care is available daily from noon to 5 pm and 7 pm to midnight.

For more information, contact Donna Compton at the Westin, Room 1527.

On my next deal, the number was smaller, but the matchpoints only went in one direction:

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

♠ K 7 6
♥ K Q J
♦ 10 5
♣ A 8 7 4 2

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ 9 6 5 4
♦ A K 3
♣ 6 5

♠ J 2
♥ A 10 7 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q J 9 3

West	North Horton	East	South Helman
1♣	2♦	Dbl	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

North led the ♥8, and declarer won with the jack. When he played the ♣A and a low club, South drew trumps, cashed the ♥A and exited with a spade for plus 300.

I'll conclude with this neat effort:

Dlr: South ♠ A J 10 9 6
Vul: None ♥ 7 5
♦ A J 8 3 2
♣ 8

♠ Q 8 7 5 4 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ Q 9

♠ K
♥ K Q J 10 6 4
♦ 7 4
♣ J 10 6 2

♠ 3
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Dbl
All Pass			Dbl

South cashed his top clubs and switched to the ♦9. Declarer put up dummy's king and when that was allowed to hold he played a spade. North took the ace and switched to a trump. South took the ace and played a club. North ruffed, cashed the ♦A and could then play any of his remaining cards to promote South's ♥9 for plus 500.

Put 'em out

Smoking is not permitted in either of the host hotels at the Boston NABC. This is not only a matter of Marriott and Westin policy, but also of ACBL regulation.

Players found smoking (even in stairwells and emergency exits) near any of the playing areas are subject to scoring penalties.

If you want to smoke, please step outside.



Six years later, less happy ending

By Larry Cohen

One of my most memorable deals ever took place at the Washington DC NABC in 2002.

Dlr: South ♠ 9 2
Vul: None ♥ A K J 10
♦ K 9 7
♣ K 8 5 2

♠ Q 8 7 3
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 10 9 7 3

♠ A K 10 5 4
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ 4

♠ J 6
♥ Q 3
♦ A Q J 4 3
♣ A Q J 6

Playing in the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams with Lisa Berkowitz, I opened the South hand with a Precision 1♣. Our unfamiliar partnership reached the inelegant contract of 6NT by North. East could have left well enough alone and led his ♠K for down four. When he greedily doubled, I ran to 7♣, knowing his partner would be on lead. Against 7♣, West didn't find the spade lead, so we made our grand slam and went on to win the event.

Now, six years later, in the first session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs came this deal:

Dlr: East ♠ 7 6 5 3
Vul: Both ♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 8 6

♠ Q 8 2
♥ A 2
♦ A K
♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

♠ J 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ Q J 7 4
♣ A J 5

♠ A K 10 9
♥ J 8 5
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ 10 4

I opened the East hand 1NT showing 14-16. This time, my partner was Lisa's husband, David Berkowitz. He bid 4♣ (Gerber), and over the one-ace reply he bid 6NT. This would have made easily if the opening leader didn't know to lead spades.

Déjà vu – the opening leader had the ♠A K and greedily doubled. More déjà vu – David ran to 7♣! South chose not to double. Now, North had to find a spade lead or we would take all 13 tricks. Mildred Breed thought it over and guessed to lead a spade, down 2. Not so happy an ending this time. I've got to stop reaching 6NT off cashing ace-kings.

Queen finding for dummies

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Bill Pollack demonstrated that the best way to play a contract on which you need to locate a queen is to ignore the suit.

Dlr: North ♠ 10 7 6 3
 Vul: None ♥ 10 9 7 6
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ 10 9 7

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

♠ J
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ A K J 8 6

Pollack, West, played in 4♠ after his partner opened 1♦ and South overcalled 2♣.

The defense started with three rounds of clubs. Pollack ruffed the third round in dummy and cashed the ♠A and ♠Q, getting the bad news.

He played a heart to the ace, a diamond to the ace, cashed the ♥K and ruffed a heart. Now a second diamond was followed by a second heart ruff, getting his trick total to nine. The ♠K represented the 10th trick. Even if the ♦Q been offside, Pollack still would have had 10 tricks.

A few boards later:

Dlr: North ♠ A K J 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ K J 10 6 5
 ♦ K 4 3
 ♣ 5

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

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

After North had shown both majors, Pollack played in 4♣. North led a top spade and shifted to a diamond. Pollack finessed and played to the ♥A, then followed with the ♦A, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff. This was the ending:

Notice to night owls

Players should be advised that the over-street walkway connecting the Westin Hotel with the Copley Place Mall closes at 2 a.m. each evening.

Players that need to cross from the Westin to the Marriott after that hour must do so outside.

♠ K J
 ♥ K
 ♦ —
 ♣ 5

♠ Q
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ A J 7

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ K

♠ 10
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 10 3

Pollack exited with a spade to North's king. North could exit with a club to dummy's king, but Pollack had a trump coup at the end.

Endplay

By Brian Senior

Board 10 from the first qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs was a wild affair, featuring a solid nine-card suit in a 9-4 hand – which frequently was held by a defender.

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

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

♠ K Q 5 4
 ♥ K Q 6
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ 10 9 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

As we are assured by Deep Finesse, even 6♥ is cold if played by West. This is because the ♣K can be overtaken without costing a club trick. However, what about 5♥ on a diamond lead?

I watched declarer ruff, overtake the ♣K and play the ♥J, which held the trick, then a heart to the queen and ace. He continued with a spade to the 10 and queen. South cashed the ♥K, but that was it for the defense, courtesy of the very fortunate club position.

Best is for declarer to lead an intermediate heart from hand at trick two, say the 7, playing low from dummy. South wins but is now endplayed to give the extra dummy entry to pick up trumps and lose, at worst, one spade trick, whatever the lie of the black suits.



Brilliancy missed

On this deal, I thought our opponents had the chance to be brilliant, but it was a difficult play to find.

As West in third seat, you hold:

♠ 6
 ♥ 10 8 5 4 3 2
 ♦ A K 8 6
 ♣ 10 4

and decide to open 2♥, and the auction proceeds as follows:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

You have been dealt the natural lead of the ♦A and see no reason not to make it. This is what you see in dummy:

♠ A K J 9 4
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 9

Partner plays a discouraging card on your high diamond. What next?

Partner presumably has a spade stack. Do you need to play the suit now? At the table, West played his partner for three diamonds and played a low one. Declarer won and played a third diamond as East showed out, pitching an encouraging club.

At that point, it was too late for the defense. Declarer can cash a top spade and all the diamonds and hearts and endplay East in clubs to lead a spade into the tenace. To set the contract, you have to play a club to partner's queen at trick two. Declarer must duck, and now the ♣A and another club breaks up the endplay.

Dlr: East ♠ A K J 9 4
 Vul: Both ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 9

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

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ 10 7 4 3
 ♣ K 6 5



Bruce Ferguson: Genius

Bruce Ferguson found a brilliant defense on this deal from the Tuesday-Wednesday knockouts. Ferguson was playing with team captain Bob Hollman against Mary Ann Berg's squad.

Ferguson picked up (spots approximate):
 ♠3 2 ♥9 7 5 2 ♦A K Q 8 ♣Q J 4.

His right-hand opponent opened 1♥, Ferguson overcalled 2♦ on his four-card suit, LHO bid 3♦ (limit-plus), and Hollman passed. Opener bid 4♥ ending the auction.

Ferguson led the ♦A and saw this dummy:

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ K 10 6
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ K 10 8 3

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 8
 ♣ Q J 4

Ferguson next cashed the ♦K Q, all following. His partner played diamonds up the line, showing either no preference for a switch or something in clubs. How to continue?

Ferguson reasoned that if partner held neither black ace, the contract could still be defeated if East held as much as the singleton ♥J or ♥Q. Besides, if partner held a black ace, it was difficult to see how it could go away. Ferguson continued, therefore, with the 13th diamond.

Success! Here's the full deal:

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ K 10 6
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ K 10 8 3

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 8
 ♣ Q J 4

♠ J 10 9 8
 ♥ J
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2

♠ A 7 6 4
 ♥ A Q 8 4 2
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ A

On the fourth round of diamonds, declarer tried ruffing with dummy's ♥10, overruffed by Hollman's jack, promoting West's 9 into the setting trick.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word — such as "transfer" — and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or Announces a bid should make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

Bruce Ferguson: Idiot

Forget that nonsense you just read in the "Bruce Ferguson: Genius" article. Here's what really happened. Ferguson found a way to let through a no-play game on this deal from the Tuesday-Wednesday knockouts. Ferguson was playing with team captain Bob Hollman against Mary Ann Berg's squad.

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Oy. Here's the full deal:

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ K 10 6
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ K 10 8 3

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 8
 ♣ Q J 4

♠ J 10 9 8
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ A 9 6 5 2

♠ A 7 6 4
 ♥ A Q J 8 4 2
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ 7

Declarer ruffed high in dummy and shed his singleton club. Not only did the club loser go away, but East was squeezed in the black suits on the fourth round of diamonds.

Gift bag winners

Congratulations to the winner of the Rhode Island State Day gift bag, compliments of Unit 145 (Rhode Island): David DuBois of Westfield NJ.

Senior KO

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halftime score was DeMartino 57, Milner 47.

The Milner squad retaliated in the third set, however, establishing an 89-74 lead with 16 boards left to play. DeMartino was unable to close the difference in the final quarter, and Milner claimed the win.

This is the first time that any of the members of the Milner team have won the Senior Knockouts, with the exception of Sundelin, who was on the winning squad in 2002.

Milner	35	47	89	113
DeMartino	18	57	74	97

Individual Regional not just for Individuals!

The annual Keohane Individual Regional bills itself as "the world's only remaining Individual Tournament." What many players don't know, however, is that the tournament — held at the Boston Marriott in Newton MA Jan. 7-11, 2009 — has a five-day schedule that features typical pairs and teams events unrelated to the Individual contests.

Don't let the "Individual" label keep you away. Come see the tournament for yourself! Visit nebridge.org and make your plans to attend the 65th Keohane Individual Regional in January.



Fred King, Margot Hennings and Don Hennings model tee shirts for the 2009 Summer NABC in Washington DC. (Fred is the assistant chair for the DC tournament, Margot is the chair, and Don is lending moral support!)

Want a DC tee shirt? You can buy one here in Boston. The shirts will be on sale in the Westin in the foyer of the American Ballroom and at the Marriott in the foyer on the third floor. The shirts come in men's and women's cuts in two colors – royal and navy – in all sizes.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE MORNING KO BRACKET 1

10 Tables
Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Gerald La Flamme, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB

vs

Nancy Maidman - David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

11.56 3/4 G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Richard Helams Jr, West Monroe LA; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX

11.56 3/4 Garth Yettick, Denver CO; Chris Moll, Lavonia GA; David Caprera, Evergreen CO; Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton CO; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC

GOODWILL COMMITTEE MORNING KO BRACKET 2

8 Tables
7.00 1 Sally Newton - John Newton, Richford VT; Sheila Long, Lyndonville VT; Karen Kristiansen, West Burke VT
3.71 2 Donna Taylor, Venice FL; Eva Jonas, Harwich Port MA; Nina Dover - Mark Dover, Ottawa ON
1.58 3/4 Jason Provan, Norwood MA; John Goldman, Newton Center MA; Florence Weener - Tsuneko Eustace, Needham MA

MIDNIGHT KO "PINK" BRACKET 1

12 Tables
3.34 1 Roma Chandra, Silver Spring MD; Lynda Flanger, Gainesville VA; Rebecca Anspach, Saint Paul MN; Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN
2.34 2 Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY; Marius Agica, New York NY; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL
1.34 3/4 Brandon Harper - Alice Harper, Winter Park FL; Sandra Rosenblum - Ryan Miller, Tampa FL
1.34 3/4 Melissa Parkin, Boston MA; Scott Parkin, Kent CT; Raphael Bouskila - Shaz Taslimi, Montreal QC

MIDNIGHT KO "BLUE" BRACKET 2

12 Tables
3.34 1 Rishabh Singh - Jack Chu, Cambridge MA; Sarah Wiener, Fort Lee NJ; John Hogan Jr, Wayne NJ
2.34 2 Lorraine Kiely, Lowell MA; Albert Shrive, Dalton PA; Jim McKeown, State College PA; Howard Piltch, Osceola IN
1.34 3/4 Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Scott Stearns, Elberta AL; Jason Chiu, San Jose CA
1.34 3/4 Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Sharon Stevenson - Lil Hemeon, Saskatoon SK

OCEAN STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 1

6 Tables
Gene Maki - Arne Maki, Dallas OR; Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON; Christopher Cowan, Mississauga ON; Shirley Wright - Robert Pezzack, Toronto ON

vs

Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA

Suzanne Durst - Douglas Durst, Katonah NY; James Sampson, Lake Worth FL; Stephen Hess, Rehoboth MA

vs

Raymond Depew, Kingston PA; Sam Atabaki, San Ramon CA; Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; Fred Hawa, White Plains NY

OCEAN STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 2

6 Tables
Susan Collins - Lois Callander - William Gruber - Frances Gruber, Toronto ON

vs

William Golush, Denville NJ; Daniel Neill, Lexington KY; Jason Rotenberg, Fairfield CT; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK

TUESDAY MORNING 100/200/300 PAIRS

19.5 Tables		A	B	C		
4.24	1				Patricia Baugh - Jack Baugh, Voorheesville NY	63.10%
3.46	2	1	1		Arthur Aiken, Glover VT; William Beadle, St Johnsbury VT	61.90%
2.39	3				Ann Newman - Arnold Rosenholtz, Hampton Bays NY	60.89%
2.60	4	2	2		Terry Berenson, Swampscott MA; Carolyn Brauer, Marblehead MA	58.33%
1.95	5	3			Jacqueline Shaevel, Brookline MA; Melanie Karp, Needham MA	55.65%
1.46	6	4			Joyce Gottlieb, West Bloomfield MI; Arnold Gottlieb, W Bloomfield MI	54.46%
1.26	5				Karen Largay - Sheila Gillin, Avon CT	53.57%
0.99	6				Cheryl Sober, Newtonville MA; Natalie Bernstein, Newton MA	53.27%
1.20			3		Ruth Westheimer, US; Aileen Hart, Boston MA	52.98%
0.90			4		Betty Ellis, Gloucester MA; Anne Waiker, Manchester MA	52.38%
0.68			5		Melissa Parkin - Luke Dwyer, Boston MA	52.08%

TUESDAY MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS

9.0 Tables		A	B	C		
2.00	1				Harriet Randall, Waban MA; Susan Gladstone, West Newton MA	69.94%
1.50	2				Robert James - Susan James, Sandwich MA	60.84%
1.13	3				Leah Moulton, Friday Harbor WA; Louise Bendonis, Hobe Sound FL	59.48%
1.38	4	1			Laura Heintz, Weston MA; Nicole Hynes, Chestnut Hill MA	57.91%
0.70	5				Robert Kvaal, Lexington MA; Robert Curtice, Burlington MA	57.48%
1.04	2	1			Ruth Sones - Monika Congdon, Manchester MA	54.42%
0.78	3	2			Diana Bell, Weston MA; Gaynor Casner, Concord MA	50.98%
0.58	4	3			Nancy Sklar, Needham MA; Lois Sagel, Newton MA	50.00%

WEDNESDAY MORNING 100/200/300 PAIRS

20.5 Tables		A	B	C		
4.38	1	1	1		Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA; Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH	66.30%
3.29	2	2			Joseph Harrington, Stoughton MA; Justin Booth, Arlington VA	64.38%
2.46	3	3	2		Alta Baack - John Baack, Wellesley MA	64.20%
1.85	4				Flora Hall - Anne McKenna, Eastham MA	62.50%
1.51	5	4			Murray Scott, Canton NY; Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN	61.31%
1.41	6	5	3		Robin Williams, Greenwich CT; Virginia Williams, Concord NH	59.52%
1.04	6				Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Ronnie Fuchs, Lexington MA	58.84%
1.05			4		Tony Ames II, Minnetonka MN; Rekha Bash,	58.71%
1.41			5		Estelle Cushner, Winchester MA; Marcia Fleishman, Wayland MA	58.33%
0.74			6		Helen Bauer, Elburn IL; David Bauer, West Chicago IL	57.16%

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES

17.0 Tables		A	B	C		
4.10	1				John Russell, North Barrington IL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	69.13%
3.08	2				Claire Tornay, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ	64.39%
2.02	3/4				Carleton Lett, New York NY; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	64.02%
3.03	3/4	1			Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY	64.02%
1.30	5				Riva Akerman - Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	59.28%
0.97	6				Susan Mastrola - Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA	59.09%
2.27	2	1			Alvin Doo, Innisfail AB; Ralph Desmond, Jamaica Plain MA	56.44%
1.70	3				Angela Huang, Toronto ON; Yvonne Kennedy, Willowdale ON	55.49%
1.31	4				Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA	54.73%
0.96	5				Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Tom Komline, Easton PA	51.89%
1.59	6	2			Gayle Tunnell - James Tunnell, San Francisco CA	51.70%
1.19		3			James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA	49.43%

NEWPORT COUNTY STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

27.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
10.36	1			Henry Daley, Braintree MA; Robert Prevoir, Randolph MA	64.10%
6.80	2/3			Abbie Cole, New York NY; Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	63.54%
6.80	2/3			Charles Nemes, Hinsdale IL; Martin Morris, Wheeling IL	63.54%
6.86	4	1		John Pringle - Susan Pringle, Rio Verde AZ	63.54%
3.45	5			Judi Radin - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	61.06%
2.96	6			Glenn Eisenstein - Peggy Ellis, New York NY	58.71%
2.59	7			Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Gabriel Tawil, Glendale WI	55.42%
5.15	8	2		Lawrence Gray, Sudbury MA; Ellen Math-Shute, Newton MA	54.89%
3.86		3	1	Neil White - Mary White, Gainesville FL	54.65%
2.89		4		Peter Lombardo, Stoneham MA; Jane Ciarfella, Woburn MA	54.25%
3.16		5	2	Christina Flynn, Northfield MA; Robert Claflin, W Chesterfield NH	53.48%
2.24		6		James Ackerman - Patricia Ackerman, Albany NY	53.29%
1.89			3	Gora Banerjee, Winchester MA; Steven Frymer, Lexington MA	51.04%
1.42			4	Joe DeCosta, North Andover MA; Robert Hope, Provost AB	50.53%
1.47			5	Gordon Markham - Kathy Markham, Sun Lakes AZ	49.44%

PROVIDENCE COUNTY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS

31.0 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

	A	B	C		
17.50	1			Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON	64.50%
13.13	2			John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	62.90%
9.84	3			Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL; Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	60.10%
7.38	4			Nataly Goldin, Auburndale MA; Arkady Shifrin, Natick MA	59.46%
5.83	5			Cristina Tita, Northville MI; Jerrold Grossman, Rochester Hills MI	59.05%
5.00	6			Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL	58.89%
4.14	7/8			Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA; Mary Santini-Ritt, Newton MA	58.65%
4.14	7/8			Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Chandler Gibbs Jr, Poughkeepsie NY	58.65%
3.50	9			William Vinson, Boynton Beach FL; Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL	56.89%
3.18	10			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA	56.65%
8.88	11	1	1	Harry Marsh - Michael Stevens, Waltham MA	56.25%
6.66		2		Constance Graham, Waterford CT; Helen Kobernusz, Madison CT	56.09%
5.00		3	2	Jake Olson, Blaine MN; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL	55.45%
3.75		4	3	Sheng Li - Chieni Liao, New York NY	54.73%
2.96		5		John Berry, New Hyde Park NY; Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY	52.64%
2.54		6		Gloria McCain, Orlando FL; James Easterling, Casselberry FL	51.12%
1.96			4	Jane Clancy, Attleboro MA; Lois DeBlois, Warwick RI	48.80%
1.40			5	Roger Marchand - Junice Marchand, The Villages FL	48.08%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.24	1	1		Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Ronnie Fuchs, Lexington MA	64.29%
3.18	2	2		Elizabeth Vanhorn, Webster NY; Jane Romal, Brockport NY	63.99%
2.39	3	3	1	Nancy Spencer - Mary Goodman, Halifax NS	63.27%
1.79	4	4		Ron Walenius - Eleanor Walenius, Toronto ON	61.31%
1.70	5	5	2	Helen Bauer, Elburn IL; David Bauer, West Chicago IL	59.78%
1.41	6	6		Margaret Kiernan, Schererville IN; Rekha Bash,	58.93%
1.11			3/4	Meryl Ray - Martha Mugar, Belmont MA	52.98%
1.11			3/4	Tom Etheridge - Luanne Rolly, Boston MA	52.98%
0.72			5	Katherine Kane - Jane McKinnell, Boston MA	51.02%

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES

28.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.76	1	1	1	David Alpert, Washington DC; Richard Alpert, Acton MA	62.82%
4.32	2	2		Nancy Heck, Los Angeles CA; Preston Carlisle, Ogdensburg NY	61.86%
3.24	3			James Greer - Maeve Lucey, New Canaan CT	57.53%
2.39	4/6	3/4		Judith Bussell - Jean Johnson, Devonshire Bermuda	57.21%
1.91	4/6			Linda Tuff, Lower Sackville NS; John Currie, Halifax NS	57.21%
2.51	4/6	3/4	2	David Loucks - M-Madeleine Loucks, Toronto ON	57.21%
1.53		5		Matthew Hoskins - Elizabeth Hoskins, Shoreham-By-Sea England	56.41%
2.24		6		Allan Roderiques - Lois Belliveau, Lynn MA	55.29%
1.88			3	Catherine Ferguson - M Mac Callum, Killlearn Scotland	54.17%
1.41			4	Alvin Doo, Innisfail AB; Barbara Levine, San Francisco CA	53.69%
1.24			5	Patsy Fitzpatrick - Burch Fitzpatrick, Piedmont CA	51.92%
0.98			6	Steven Bronstein, Palm Beach FL; H Bossman, Brookline MA	51.12%

Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA; Midori Wakabayashi, Philadelphia PA; Mark Ambrose, Louisville KY

vs

Daniel Landry, Hubley NS; Maureen Donovan, Halifax NS; Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS; Janet Corkum, Dartmouth NS

NUTMEG STATE MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables

18.69	1	Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, Monroe Twp NJ; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY
13.08	2	William Hunter, Reading MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; Lewis Gamerman, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA
8.41	3	Ethan Kotkin - Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ; Ron Peacetree, Haverhill MA; Howard Piltch, Osceola IN
6.54	4	Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY; Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Mike Smith, Charleston SC

NUTMEG STATE MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables

7.51	1	Bob Dale, Pensacola FL; Deirdre Davis - Brian Collins, St. John's NL; Graham Shorrocks, St John S NL
5.26	2	Robert Klopp, New Haven CT; Robert Hawes, Hamden CT; Elizabeth Fitton, Westport MA; Edith Blish, Rumford RI
3.38	3	Virginia Dewing, Blue Hill ME; N. Van Raymond, Bangor ME; Ronald McDonald - Judy McDonald, Henderson NV
2.63	4	Tammy Pepper, Lavonia GA; Diane Beyer, Orland Park IL; Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL

NUTMEG STATE MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 3

15 Tables

4.72	1	Deborah Kelly, Weston MA; Kimberly Prager - Robin Worcester, Boston MA; Sally Edmonds, Cambridge MA
3.30	2	Howard Canan, Holden MA; Jane Adams - Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA; Richard Saval, Wayland MA
2.12	3	William Shockley, Westerly RI; Raymond Cieslak, Warwick RI; Candace Matthew, Woodville MA; Robert Juneau, Millbury MA
1.65	4	Robert Kleinman - Madelaine Kleinman, Vail CO; Marcia McCalden - Thomas McCalden, Wolcott CO

NUTMEG STATE MORNING CONSOLATION KO BRACKET 1

8 Tables

4.35	1	Roy Green - Mary Green, Carlisle MA; James Greer - Maeve Lucey, New Canaan CT
2.31	2	Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Greg House, S San Fran CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kim, San Diego CA
0.98	3	Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI

NUTMEG STATE MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

6 Tables

1.63	1	Roma Chandra, Silver Spring MD; Lynda Flanger, Gainesville VA; Virginia Gibbons, Alexandria VA; Timothy Smith, Kearneysville WV
0.86	2	Dave DuBois, Westfield NJ; Jennifer Nisenoff, Vienna VA; Ernestine Cutler - Benjamin Cutler, Somerville NJ
0.57	3	Mary Hill, Oxnard CA; Elinor Levinson Hood, Ventura CA; Teresa Martin, Anchorage AK; Layne Onufer, Huntington Bch CA

NUTMEG STATE MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 3

7 Tables

1.55	1	Barbara Olsen, Pickering ON; Constance Van Ditzhuyzen, Stouffville ON; Debbie Stavro - Catharine Gilmour, Toronto ON
0.82	2	Noreen Pitts - Mercedes Riley, Boston MA; Kathleen Wilson, West Chatham MA; Leslie Abbott, Chatham MA
0.76	3	Susan Elwyn - Margaret Hoey, Framingham MA; Jeanne Robillard, Marlborough MA; Judith Davidson, Orleans MA

Please help with international study

By Leslie B. Williams

“Over my years of travels, I have discovered that associated with virtually every culture and country is one piece of literature that gives you an entrée into that country or culture like nothing else,” Dr. R.E.D. Woolsey, CSM Professor Emeritus, explained as his motivation for the comprehensive list of books and plays that one should read for the purpose of relaxing the barriers and formalities of first meetings and turning those times into wonderful conversations and business relationships.



The list was compiled circa 1980. My goal is to update this list and to make it more comprehensive.

Looking beyond literature into the culture itself, what historical figure or great event could I mention to create an immediate bond of commonality and respect that would foster more learning and friendship?

At tournaments, our friendships begin, thrive and end with bridge. If we were to randomly meet at a café in your home country, though, what would entice you to show me the locally treasured spots in your town?

In China, mentioning the recent Olympics is a prime conversation starter and a transition into a search for knowledge of culture means friends for life. Natives do appreciate it when someone takes the time to better understand their country and culture beyond the common tourist mantra, “Let’s see, let’s eat, let’s go.”

I have only a few days here at the 2008 Fall NABC and I knew it would be a perfect spot to collect such cultural insights. Everyone calls the NABCs the “Nationals,” but it is truly an international forum.

As a kid growing up with a bridge-playing father and now as a master’s student in international political economy, I am blessed to have connections and friendships with many of you. May I meet and play against you all someday!

The study’s folder will be waiting to collect your cultural notes on the fourth floor of the Marriott Copley by the TV screen on the tables shared by the Junior Team tee shirt sales and Jade’s Bridge Services through Friday.

The folder is purple with instructions in green on the front cover. Contained within is the original

list of countries and their associated books and plays. Blank pages are provided for updates, expositions and, of course, new countries.

All participation is greatly appreciated. The

results will be posted on www.bigelkbridge.com after the New Year.

Thank you and happy Thanksgiving bidding.

— LB

MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

52.0 Tables / Based on 104 Tables

60.00	1	Chris Coffman, West Palm Bch FL; Roger Coffman, West Palm Beach FL	1684.58
45.00	2	Arne Maki - Gene Maki, Dallas OR	1649.13
33.75	3	Carolyne Fox - George Fox, Manvel TX	1644.92
26.67	4	Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA	1630.50
24.00	5	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Barbara McLendon, New York NY	1607.09
21.82	6	Adam Ruprecht, Seattle WA; Andrew Hoskins, Redmond WA	1584.35
20.00	7	Winston Legge Jr - Jennie Legge, Pensacola FL	1573.98
18.46	8	Otto Adamec - Greg Reich, New York NY	1563.85
17.14	9	Paul McDaniels, Richmond CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	1552.44
16.00	10	Patricia Chambers - Robin Chambers, Palo Alto CA	1549.53
15.00	11	Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Ned Irving, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	1548.19
14.15	12	Paul Nason, Los Angeles CA; Joseph De Gaetano, Atkinson NH	1546.86
13.33	13	Leonard Aberbach, Wayland MA; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA	1543.30
12.63	14	Daniel Neill, Lexington KY; Jason Rotenberg, Fairfield CT	1534.17
13.57	15	John Klayman, Haymarket VA; Lawrence Lau, Westport CT	1532.84
11.43	16	Susan Jackowitz - Lew Walter, New York NY	1528.44
10.91	17	Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY; Lance Ribeiro, Hampstead NH	1525.88
13.49	18	Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA; Laurence Hansen, Healdsburg CA	1524.16
11.57	19	Marina Polestra, Boston MA; K Scott Kimball, Brighton MA	1522.71
9.60	20	Katie Scalamandre - Gino Scalamandre, Surfside FL	1507.32
9.23	21	Ava Grubman - Elliott Grubman, Brooklyn NY	1505.48
8.89	22	Grant Vance - Gregory Vance, San Leandro CA	1501.37
8.57	23	Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	1476.82
8.28	24	Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH; Linda Gallaher, Morehead KY	1475.39
8.06	25	Richard Weiss, Swampscott MA; Robert Lurie, Wayland MA	1464.93
7.74	26	Allen McRae, Portland ME; Roland Miller, Bowdoin ME	1462.46
7.50	27	Vonnie Lavender, Burke VA; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT	1460.66
7.27	28	Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel, Saugus MA; Randy Corn, Kirkland WA	1458.39
7.06	29	Mike Bovarnick, Mercer Island WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	1451.48
6.86	30	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; R Bruce Martin, Paia HI	1450.57
6.67	31	Matt Meckstroth, Baltimore MD; Sally Chappleau, Vero Beach FL	1449.67
10.86	32	Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT	1443.26
8.29	33	Roger Zellmer - Marvin French, San Diego CA	1441.45
9.13	34	Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI; Kathy Pollock, Tonawanda NY	1438.43
7.80	35	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI; Edward Hynes, Penobsquis NB	1437.47
8.13	36	Saul Agranoff, Newton MA; Edward Scolnick, Wayland MA	1437.39
5.71	37	Helen Colter - George Colter, Fredericton NB	1435.40
5.58	38	Collis James Jackson, Brookline NH; Alan Frantz, Wayland MA	1433.03
5.45	39	Sam Tekbas, Nepean ON; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE	1429.26
5.33	40	Linda Green, Westport CT; David Blackburn, Fairfield CT	1429.20
5.22	41	Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC	1423.81
5.11	42	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL	1423.19
5.17	43	Jack Alhale - Rozi Alhale, New York NY	1418.88
4.90	44	Susan Grauer - Tom Breed, Aurora CO	1410.87
4.80	45	Mike Develin, Mountain View CA; McKenzie Myers, Charlottesville VA	1409.54
6.11	46	Joanne Antoniou - Jack Weingold, Boca Raton FL	1405.52
4.62	47	William Riley - Nancy Riley, Silver Lake OH	1401.24
4.53	48	Nicolas Hammond, Atlanta GA; Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON	1398.47
8.13	49	David Tuttle - Nancy Tuttle, Reading MA	1398.25

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES

62.75 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

9.80	1/2	Evan Markowitz, New York NY	128.94%
9.80	1/2	Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY	128.94%
5.52	3/4	Chuck Said, Nashville TN	125.34%
5.52	3/4	John Russell, North Barrington IL	125.34%
5.74	5/6	Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	123.11%
5.74	5/6	Riva Akerman, New York NY	123.11%
3.89	7/8	Carleton Lett, New York NY	121.72%
3.89	7/8	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	121.72%
3.60	9	Michael Schrage, New York NY	118.50%

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES

148.75 Tables / Based on 44 Tables

15.47	1/2	Helen Gustafson, Des Moines IA	141.27%
15.47	1/2	John Gustafson, Des Moines IA	141.27%
8.81	3	Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL	121.66%
7.03	4	Jerry Fleming, Los Alamos NM	121.31%
4.68	5/6	Ethel Corlett, Waco TX	120.37%
4.68	5/6	Thomas Corlett, Waco TX	120.37%
5.07	7	Daniel Landry, Hubley NS	120.03%
6.26	8	Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	119.55%
4.57	9/10	Kohava Schwartz, New York NY	118.87%
4.57	9/10	Adrian Schwartz, New York NY	118.87%
6.69	11	Helen Miller, Miller Place NY	118.76%
3.46	12/13	Lucy Spongberg, Niskayuna NY	118.11%
3.46	12/13	Gary Spongberg, Niskayuna NY	118.11%

FLIGHT B BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS 1

8 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

15.75	1	Howard Friedman, Great Neck NY; Al Blinder, Torrance CA; Harvinder Sidhu, Marlton NJ; Lauren Block, Manhasset NY	102.00
11.81	2	Herbert Fallin Jr, Alexandria VA; La Quitta Talbot, Keller TX; Steven Schatzow, Washington DC; Martha Lackey, Mc Lean VA	90.00
8.86	3	Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT; Betty Jane Corbani, New Milford CT; Ann Cady, Roxbury CT; Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	85.00

FLIGHT B BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS 2

8 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

11.24	1	Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, Monroe Twp NJ; Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY; Judith Chaice, White Plains NY	104.00
8.43	2	Michael Sherman, Chickamauga GA; Jeffrey Boak, Bethesda MD; Dian Petrov, Buffalo NY; Shawn Stringer, Silver Spring MD	98.00
6.32	3	Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM	88.00

FLIGHT B BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS 3

8 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

6.14	1	Ronald McDonald - Judy McDonald, Henderson NV; Virginia Dewing, Blue Hill ME; N. Van Raymond, Bangor ME	108.00
4.61	2	Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON; Robert Hill - Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK	88.00
3.45	3	Anand Lele, Natick MA; Rona Gugliemino, Berlin MA; Anita Taylor, Wellesley MA; Larry Hanerfeld, Leominster MA	71.00

FLIGHT B BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS 4

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

5.25	1	Mark Heumann, Watertown MA; Vincent Koon Kam King, Arlington MA; Sylvia Keyes, Bridgewater MA; Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA	89.00
3.94	2	Roger Miller - Patricia Miller, Aurora CO; Susan Marshall - Richard Gardner, Clark CO	76.00
2.95	3	Andrew Purbrick - Deborah Bryan, West Chester PA; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK; Richard Muse, Hornell NY	70.00

Mini-Blue*Continued from page 1*

business, which requires a lot of travel, and spending time with his family – wife Dominique, 14-year-old son Austin and 11-year-old daughter Ashleigh.

According to his father, Chris played a lot as a youngster but pretty much gave up the game once he left home and started a family. Chris said the last time he played at an NABC was in Boston in the summer of 1990.

Roger, a retired computer analyst, plays every day back in Florida. He said both wives were “very tolerant to let us come to the tournament right before Thanksgiving.”

The two played Kaplan-Sheinwold with 11-14 1NT openers.

Life Master news

Alice Mathes of Fort Lee NJ has more than 500 masterpoints, but she needed a few gold points to become a Life Master. She picked those up in a knockout game here in Boston, however, thereby becoming a Life Master and a Bronze Life Master all at once.

Murthy Ayyagari of North Andover MA is a new Life Master. Ayyagari earned his gold card playing in the Connecticut River Valley Knockouts with teammates Marlene Yesley, Mark Yesley and Jori Grossack.

Another of ACBL's newest Life Masters is **Jim Watters** of Lansdale PA. He became an LM in the B/C/D Swiss Teams on Wednesday. Watters played with Elaine Watters, also of Lansdale PA, Harvey Rosenthal of Boston MA and Jim Kingsdale of

Celtics game, anyone?

Get out on the town and see the 2008 World Champion Boston Celtics do battle against the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Tour Desk in Boston has a very limited number of tickets available for \$75 each.

Fans will be personally escorted on the "T" just a few quick stops to Banknorth Garden in the shadow of the Leonard Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge, the newly famous landmark on the Boston skyline. They will see All Stars Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce (2008 World Championship Series MVP), Ray Allen and outstanding Philadelphia guard Andre Miller do battle from fabulous loge seats.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to join the Boston sports scene! Check with our Tour Desk now for further details.

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY KO BRACKET 1

13 Tables
 55.85 1 Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Yukiko Tokunaga, 1800002 Japan; Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo 167-004 Japan
 39.10 2 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm 112 Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Jie Zhao, Tianjin People's Republic of China; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom
 22.34 3/4 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands;
 Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands
 22.34 3/4 Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL; John Malley, Pascoag RI; Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH; Martin Caley, Montreal QC; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY KO BRACKET 2

14 Tables
 37.65 1 David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria
 26.36 2 Stephen Goldstein, Huntington Bch CA; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA
 15.06 3/4 Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC; Jon Rice - Mike Rice, Raleigh NC; Jenny Wolpert, New York City NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON
 15.06 3/4 Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI; William McFall, New Berlin WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables
 24.86 1 Cynthia Berenson, Boston MA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; T Mc Quade, Portland OR; Steve Clark - Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA
 17.40 2 Richard Oldford - Tom Ottley - Edward Rais, Anchorage AK; Charles Gilje, Billings MT
 9.94 3/4 Eric Schwartz - Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Gary Schwartz, Huntsville AL; Peter Matthews Jr, Roslindale MA
 9.94 3/4 Bob Dale, Pensacola FL; Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; Graham Shorrocks, St John S NL

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables
 16.45 1 Mark Yesley - Marlene Yesley, Newton MA; Jori Grossack, Waban MA; Murthy Ayyagari, North Andover MA
 11.52 2 Diane Winiger - Ofra Blonder, New York NY; Bruce Macfarlane, Quincy MA; Gordon Kiernan, New Fairfield CT
 6.58 3/4 Mary Ellen Lemieux, E Longmeadow MA; Betty Fulton, Birmingham AL; Nea Willits, Paget Bermuda; Julia Lunn, Hamilton Bermuda
 6.58 3/4 Robert Smink - Marjorie Smink, Newtown Sq PA; Mike Giesler, Philadelphia PA; Brigitte Smith, Havertown PA

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables
 12.32 1 Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Eric Rolfe, Kansas City MO; Joan Klaus, Linwood NJ; Roger Read, Somers Point NJ
 8.62 2 Robert Klopp, New Haven CT; Robert Hawes, Hamden CT; Edith Blish, Rumford RI; Elizabeth Fitton, Westport MA
 4.93 3/4 Ken Hardy - Olof Hardy, Selkirk MB; Eileen Grady, Burlington ON; Helga Baldwinson, Calgary AB
 4.93 3/4 Ottmar Danner - Claude Danner, S Yarmouth MA; Ed Kineke - Joyce Kineke, Harwich Port MA

FLIGHT B BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS 5

8 Tables
 4.02 1 Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Parul Jain, Wellesley MA; Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA 95.00
 3.02 2 James Watters - Elaine Watters, Lansdale PA; James Kingsdale, Crested Butte CO; Harvey Rosenthal, Boston MA 92.00
 2.26 3 Robert Eachus, Nashua NH; Patti Harp, New Orleans LA; Stephen Baskam, Burlington MA; William Nason, Groton MA 90.00

WALTER FONTAINE BAM TEAMS

24 Tables
 A B C
 5.67 1 Anton Tsyarkin, Sharon MA; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ 17.50
 4.25 2 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands 17.00
 3.19 3 Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Barry Harper, Regina SK 16.50
 2.39 4 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Richard Anderson - Doug Rankin, Regina SK 16.00
 1.79 5 John Malley, Pascoag RI; Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA 15.00
 1.18 6/7 Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC; Mike Rice - Jon Rice, Raleigh NC 14.50
 1.18 6/7 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN 14.50
 3.17 1 Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Florence Hackman, Chatham MA; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON; Helma Strauss, Hartford CT 12.00
 2.34 2/3 1 Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Eric Rolfe, Kansas City MO; Roger Read, Somers Point NJ; Joan Klaus, Linwood NJ 11.00
 2.08 2/3 Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi QC; Maarten Tjebbes - Jim Kerr, Vancouver BC; Marise Hambrick, New Orleans LA 11.00
 1.34 4 Tom Platt - Johanna Platt - Linda Arthur, Mississauga ON; Sherrill Bain, Oakville ON 9.50

BLACKSTONE VALLEY IMP PAIRS

15.0 Tables
 A B C
 3.79 1 David Gurvich - Rachael Moller, Brooklyn NY 56.00
 2.84 2 Lev Seviyan, Yerevan 0001 ; Eduard Vardapetyan, Yerevan 44.00
 2.52 3/5 1/2 James Edwin Bugden, W Sussex Rh1 United Kingdom; Sally Bugden, E Sussex Rh United Kingdom 26.00
 2.52 3/5 1/2 Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC; Allan Karro, Burnaby BC 26.00
 1.64 3/5 Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico 26.00
 1.62 6/7 3 Paul Christ - Lynn Larson, Traverse City MI 25.00
 0.95 6/7 Sarah Wiener, Fort Lee NJ; John Hogan Jr, Wayne NJ 25.00
 2.12 4 1 Jake Olson, Blaine MN; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL 16.00
 0.91 5 Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Neil Montague, Swampscott MA 7.00
 1.59 2 Helene Katz, Louisville KY; Marie Thome, Carlsbad CA -2.00
 1.19 3 Joyce McWilliams - Floyd McWilliams, Paris IL -15.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS

12.0 Tables
 A B C
 3.11 1 1 1 Marissa Freedman - Irene Freedman, Pittsford NY 66.37%
 2.33 2 2 2 Richard Healey, Somerville MA; James Overly, Cambridge MA 66.07%
 1.75 3 James Scheirer - Mary Ann Scheirer, Princeton NJ 62.50%
 1.31 4 3 3 Connie Bartlett, Riverview NB; Jennifer Huntsman, Moncton NB 58.63%
 0.98 5 4 Jane Murray - Luke Dwyer, Boston MA 57.44%
 1.09 6 5 4 Andrea Dunn, North York ON; Tabitha Chinniah, Toronto ON 55.36%

BRISTOL COUNTY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

45.0 Tables / Based on 56 Tables

	A	B	C		
23.10	1			George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; James Tritt, Fresno CA	61.06%
17.33	2			Terry Currie - Joan Pleason, Houston TX	58.25%
12.99	3			Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	57.77%
9.75	4			Wolfe Thompson, Vancouver WA; Marc Zwerling, Portland OR	57.29%
7.70	5			Sandra Drum - Charles Drum, Dover MA	57.05%
6.60	6			Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr, Arlington VA	57.01%
5.78	7			John Russell, North Barrington IL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	56.61%
8.88	8	1		Elena Prahin - Michael Prahin, Irvington NY	56.09%
4.96	9			Eric Arvidsson, Borlange Sweden; Simon Bech, Stockholm Sweden	55.93%
6.66	10	2		David Olson, Owings Mills MD; James Olson, Charleston WV	55.85%
5.00	11	3		Rona Levine - Stephen Levine, New York NY	55.61%
3.55	12			Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ	55.45%
3.30	13			Susan Khanna - Deepak Khanna, Shillington PA	55.13%
3.08	14			Jeffrey Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	54.89%
2.89	15			Florence Beaird, Lake Forest Pk WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA	54.81%
4.20		4	1	Mehmet Kordov - Kutlu Unal, Bogota NJ	54.57%
2.96		5		James Jones Jr, Jamaica Plain MA; Anne Dolbear, Brookline MA	54.23%
3.18		6	2	Deirdre Davis - Brian Collins, St. John's NL	54.13%
2.36			3	Bruce Brown - Elizabeth Brown, Denton TX	52.79%
1.84			4	Martin Dickau - Ellen Dickau, Carlisle MA	52.32%
2.62			5	Murat Azizoglu, Concord MA; Jan Popiel, Lexington MA	51.36%

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE SERIES

24.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.16	1	1		Jim Dick, Woodbridge VA; Susan Halasi, Toronto ON	70.83%
3.87	2			John Gustafson - Helen Gustafson, Des Moines IA	61.11%
2.90	3			Joan Van Geffen - Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	59.26%
2.05	4/5			Thomas Corlett - Ethel Corlett, Waco TX	57.87%
3.08	4/5	2	1	Lynda Edson, South Easton MA; Flora Hall, Eastham MA	57.87%
2.31	6	3	2	Sally Kellar, Willowdale ON; Herbert Heller, Pittsburgh PA	57.64%
1.87		4		Judith Bussell - Jean Johnson, Devonshire Bermuda	57.18%
1.62		5	3	Linda Vernon - Kathie Hoehne, Anchorage AK	54.40%
0.85		6/7		Jay Albright - Barbara Bates, Westerville OH	53.24%
1.22		6/7	4	Linda Fraser - Sharon Stevenson, Saskatoon SK	53.24%
1.18			5	Alya Asarina - Michael Lieberman, Cambridge MA	52.55%

Affordable parking options for NABC Players

Several lower cost options are available for players who need to park a car in the vicinity of the Back Bay playing site. Changes have been made to parking information about the two most affordable options, so please note the following, updated information. The first is ideal for players in events that begin at 1 p.m., while the second is compatible with players in events scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

**Garage @ 100 Clarendon**

Entrance on Clarendon St. Special: \$20 per day.

Arrive after 11 a.m. and depart by 11:30 p.m. to get special rate. When leaving, show your ticket and convention card at Clarendon St. garage office and your parking ticket will be validated.

Marriott Hotel Parking Garage

Arrive before 9 a.m. and depart by midnight,

Monday-Friday ONLY and get a \$20 rate. No ticket validation is required.

Other, more expensive options are available in the vicinity of playing site. Please go to www.acbl.org and to Boston NABC for more information.

Parking meters suspended during the weekend after Thanksgiving

If you are lucky enough to find a parking spot on the street, it's free during the weekend after Thanksgiving—compliments of Boston Mayor Tom Menino.

Entry fees

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are \$18 per player

NARRAGANSETT BAY KO BRACKET 1

13 Tables

Jess Stuart, West Chester PA; Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; William Muir, Kansas City MO; Ed Bissell, State College PA

vs

Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell - Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Joe Grue, New York NY

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy

vs

G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Richard Helams Jr, West Monroe LA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Jim Looby, Burbank CA

NARRAGANSETT BAY KO BRACKET 2

9 Tables

Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; David Sokolow, Austin TX; Richard Ferrin, Washington DC; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA

vs

Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Lawrence Harding, Hampstead NC; Mike Smith, Charleston SC; Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC

Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; Scott Stearns, Elberta AL; Nancy Hetsko - Larry Rich, Cumming GA

vs

Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN; Linda Cobham - Gerald La Flamme, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB; Mark Krusemeyer, Northfield MN

NARRAGANSETT BAY KO BRACKET 3

12 Tables

Allan Sorensen - Paul Sorensen, Berwyn AB; Judy Chapman - Dora Lee, Edmonton AB

vs

Mark Brader - Catherine Brader, Toronto ON; Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA

Arnold Berman, Rehoboth MA; Glenn Barkey, Nepean ON; Teresa Martin, Anchorage AK; Paul Lord, Montreal QC

vs

Mary Lou Kerr - Julia Price - Dixie Lee Birnie, Toronto ON; Lanya Abougoush, Calgary AB

NARRAGANSETT BAY KO BRACKET 4

9 Tables

J Darryl Pistone - David Chipman, Halifax NS; Neil Balcom, Wolfville NS; Neil Macneil, Middleton NS

vs

Marta Mihoff - Derek Broughton, Musquodoboit Hb NS; Mary Mackay, Halifax NS; Jessie Macdonald, Musquodoboit Ha NS

Jill Hunter - Matthew Fienberg, Northborough MA; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC; Xin Chen, Lexington MA

vs

John Newton - Sally Newton, Richford VT; Sheila Long, Lyndonville VT; Karen Kristiansen, West Burke VT

per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is \$16.50 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$15.50 per player per session for ACBL members, \$17.50 for non-members.

All other events are \$14.50 per player per session for ACBL members, \$16.50 for non-members.

Harvard University Bridge Quiz Study Winners and Results

On Nov. 24-25, 241 ACBL players at the Boston NABC participated in a Harvard University research study on decision-making in bridge. The study involved taking a bridge quiz designed by famed bridge expert Michael Rosenberg, completing a risk-taking task, and providing a DNA sample via mouthwash.

The study was designed to investigate the biological bases of risk-taking and decision making. Previous studies in economics and psychology have found that the version of the dopamine receptor gene DRD4 a person possesses can predict their risk taking propensity in laboratory studies. This experiment studied the role genes play role in "real life" risk-taking, specifically in bidding choices on bridge hands, and also a monetary risk decision.

The bridge quiz and answers, along with more information on the study, are available online at <http://fas.harvard.edu/~drand/bridge.htm>. The DNA analysis will take a few months, but the ultimate study results will be reported in full on this website.

Four \$250 prizes were awarded to the highest bridge quiz scorers in different masterpoint categories. Congratulations to the winners!

0 to 199 Masterpoints: Dr. N.B. Moyes
200 to 499 Masterpoints: Bart Bussink
500 to 2999 Masterpoints: Renee Senior
3000+ Masterpoints: Marilyn Hemenway

Interestingly, there was only a modest (not statistically significant) relationship between a person's number of masterpoints and their score on the bridge quiz.

In addition to the bridge quiz winners, Linda Herman, Cynthia M. Schneider, and Denise Zongas were randomly selected to participate in a financial risk-taking task. The task involved choosing how much of \$250 to risk in a 2.5 to 1 payoff on an even money bet. Players with more masterpoints tended to risk more money on this highly favorable bet. They gambled \$5 more for every 1000 masterpoints held. The average amount risked in the 0-199 masterpoint category was \$136, versus \$197 in the 3000+ masterpoint category.

The study was overseen by Richard Zeckhauser, the Frank Plumpton Ramsey Professor of Political Economy at Harvard University.

QUALIFIERS IN THE KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

26.0 Tables		Carryover
1	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Robert Levin, Bronx NY	2658.56
2	Jerry Helms - Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC	2606.09
3	Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden	2597.18
4	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL	2590.25
5	Kujawa Krzysztof, Lublin Poland; Piotr Kucharski, Poland	2554.31
6	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL	2525.37
7	David Yang, Chicago IL; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA	2525.33
8	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL	2521.50
9	Salvador Assael, Alsancak Turkey; Yalcin Atabey, Selomigesme Ist Turkey	2512.62
10	Berry Westra -Vincent Ramondt, Netherlands	2504.38
11	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt	2482.04
12	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ	2478.57
13	Gavin Wolpert, New York NY; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA	2468.46
14	Steve Reed, Arlington VA; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA	2466.50
15	David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL	2463.76
16	Michael Moss, New York NY; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC	2459.64
17	Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL	2459.03
18	Marion Michielsen, 3024 AM Rotterd Netherlands; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam	2459.01
19	Johan Sylvan - Marten Gustawsson, Stockholm Sweden	2450.93
20	Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	2449.31
21	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	2446.91
22	Jan Van Cleeff, Haag0 Netherlands; David Kendrick, Royston Herts England	2443.65
23	Chip Martel, Davis CA; Zia Mahmood, New York NY	2425.89
24	Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	2416.30
25	Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO	2415.75
26	Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands	2411.29
27	Bas Drijver - Bob Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands	2399.89
28	Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Thorlakur Jonsson, Kopavogur Iceland	2392.98
29	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; John Diamond, Boca Raton FL	2392.55
30	Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL	2392.34
31	Laurie Kranyak - John Kranyak, Bay Village OH	2387.57
32	David Lindop - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON	2384.58
33	Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX	2382.29
34	Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY	2380.87
35	David Ewart, London England; Andrew McIntosh, London Wc England	2368.86
36	Tom Hanlon, Dublin 6 Ireland; Paul Hackett, Manchester England	2368.43
37	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Victor King, Hartford CT	2361.49
38	Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	2359.72
39	David Hoffner, Smithville NJ; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	2353.87
40	William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL	2353.48
41	Daniela von Arnim, Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	2352.47
42	Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	2339.43
43	David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; Sarah Dunn, London United Kingdom	2336.92
44	Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 21 Japan; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	2330.01
45	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY	2327.68
46	Jacek Poletylo - Mareu Wojcicki, Lublin Poland	2312.94
47	Andy Bowles - Shireen Mohandes, London N195lh England	2311.33
48	Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA	2310.26
49	Joanna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	2305.03
50	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Bronx NY	2298.73
51	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY	2296.90
52	Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA	2284.78



Tournament Terminology 101

If you're confused by the terms used to describe the different types of bridge events played at clubs and tournaments, you're not alone. Here's a list of common bridge events with explanations.



Masterpoints: the unit which measures bridge achievement in competition. Masterpoints are awarded at ACBL clubs and tournaments in amounts proportional to the size and classification of the event and the rating of the club or tournament.

- **Black points:** awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.

- **Red points:** awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

- **Gold points:** awarded for section firsts and overall placing in regionally rated events that have no upper masterpoint restrictions.

- **Platinum points:** awarded for NABC+ events.

Gold points are also awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing in regional events of two or more sessions that have a masterpoint limit of 750 or more points.

One gold point is awarded to section winners in the annual ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game in sections of seven or more tables.

In addition, new players may now win gold points in their own NABC events: 1.50 gold in the National 199er Pairs at the Summer NABC and 1.00 gold in the National 99er Pairs at the Fall NABC (the remainder of the award is in red points).

A major source of gold points is the *bracketed knockout teams*. The overall awards for the top brackets are all gold while the lower brackets may receive a percentage of gold points and the remainder in red points.

- **Silver points:** awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StAC).

Barry Crane Top 500 race: This trophy is presented to the ACBL player who wins the most masterpoints during a calendar year.

Mini-McKenney races: In 1974 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize masterpoint achievements among player below the rank of Life Master. *The Bridge Bulletin* recognizes leaders ACBL-wide. At the unit level, winners in each category receive recognition and special medallions.

All points won during a calendar year are counted in these races.

Ace of Clubs contests: This competition was created in 1984 to recognize achievement at the club level. Winners are recognized at the unit level as well as ACBL-wide.

Points won only at the club level --- excluding the North American Open Pairs, the Grand National Teams and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs --- are counted in these races.

Masterpoint races: ACBL recognizes the players who win the most masterpoints in their categories during the calendar year. The categories include Life Master, Bronze LM, Silver LM, Gold LM, Diamond LM, Emerald LM, Platinum LM, Grand LM, Youth, Junior, Sectional (points won only at sectional tournaments during the year), Senior, Online and Richmond Trophy.

These are the various categories and the requirements for each category at the beginning of a calendar year:

0--5 masterpoints
5--20 points
20--50 points
50--100 points
100--200 points
200--300 points
300--500 points
500--1000 points
1000--2500 points
2500--5000 points
5000--7500 points
7500--10,000 points
10,000 or more points

Youth: age 19 and younger

Junior: age 25 and younger

Sectional: points won only at sectional tournaments

Senior: 55+ years, points won only in Senior events

Online: points won in online (computer) play

Richmond Trophy: awarded to the Canadian Bridge Federation member who wins the most points in a calendar year.

NABC Diary

Honest man

Robin Hillyard and Len Aberbach were impressed by one of their opponents in the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs.

They defended 3NT very well – taking four tricks. Making three, all agreed – all but one, that is. Declarer, Peter Morse, said, “No, down one – I was in 4NT.”

Good manners

Jay Whipple of Boca Grande FL dropped by the Daily Bulletin office to offer compliments to two of his opponents in a team event. Earlier in the tournament, Whipple had an unpleasant experience with two expert players, although his team won the match. Later, he lost a match playing against Chris Moll and Bruce Reeve, but found the difference in demeanor at the second table worth noting. “It was a pleasure to play against them,” Whipple said.

Say what?

Coming soon – Allan Falk’s quiz on lexicography. Caution: Skip it if you suffer from hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia.

Should have skipped dinner

Mark Horton, who has been making outstanding contributions to the Daily Bulletins, was recruited to fill in for a session in the Kent County A/X Swiss Teams. He left the team undefeated and went to dinner, and was chagrined, on his return, to find out that the squad had been blitzed on the first two rounds of the second half and withdrawn, repairing to the bar. “You can always find Austrians in the bar,” said Horton.

Émigré?

Jan van Cleeff, expert player and founder of IMP, a Dutch bridge magazine, called the director to the table during a session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs because of misinformation. The director ruled in his favor, prompting van Cleeff to declare, “I’m going to emigrate to the U.S. I can win a ruling here.”

Director!

There was an editing error in the article for newcomers on page 4 in the Wednesday Daily Bulletin. The scene depicted was one in which a player opener 1♠ and an inattentive opponent overcalled 1♥. At that point, the article said, the director was called. TD Mike Roberts thought the timing of the director call was noteworthy inasmuch as the hand shown on the page had only 12 cards.

Lost pencil

Bert Adams of Steilacoom WA was very distressed to lose a Cross mechanical pencil from his convention card during a game on Wednesday. It was a gift from his father and means a lot to him. If you find it, Adams requests that you call his cell phone at 253-682-7405.

Intermediate-Newcomer Masterpoint Leaders

As of Wednesday, Nov. 26

1. 13.28 Karen Largay, Avon CT
2. 12.73 Wesley Albinger, New York NY
3. 12.25 Joe Hertz, Sterling VA
4. 10.32 Michael Klemens, Tarzana CA
5. 9.07 Joseph Harrington, Stoughton MA
6. 8.74 Gil Congdon, Reading MA
7. 8.59 Rita Bertsch, Rochester MN
8. 8.59 Rhea Dickson, Rochester MN
9. 8.33 Burton Greenhouse, Montauk NY
10. 8.33 Edward Greenhouse, Wallingford CT
11. 8.11 Barbara Perkins, Milton MA
12. 8.11 Mercedes Riley, Boston MA
13. 8.02 Connie Bartlett, Riverview NB
14. 8.02 James Gerding, Bowie MD
15. 8.02 Jennifer Huntsman, Moncton NB
16. 8.02 Elizabeth Gerding, Newcastle ME
17. 7.88 Estelle Whitman, West Palm Beach FL
18. 7.88 Tami Bane, Marblehead MA
19. 7.76 Helen Smith, Coral Springs FL
20. 7.76 Philip Smith, Portland ME
21. 7.69 Priscilla Hostetter, Osterville MA
22. 6.95 Elizabeth Nuki, Avon CT
23. 6.95 Jane Clipper, Smiths
24. 6.92 Maureen Yachinski, North Easton MA
25. 6.90 Susan Boeing, San Francisco CA
26. 6.90 Peter Klebofski, San Carlos CA
27. 6.76 Terry Berenson, Swampscott MA
28. 6.31 Marissa Freedman, Pittsford NY
29. 6.31 Irene Freedman, Pittsford NY
30. 6.22 Alan Skvirsky, Washington Dc DC
31. 6.22 Saul Franklin, Needham MA
32. 6.17 Layne Onufer, Huntington Bch CA
33. 6.10 Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA
34. 6.07 Sue Bailey, Stockport
35. 6.03 Pat Barnett, Glen Allen VA
36. 6.03 Arthur Aiken, Glover VT
37. 6.03 Rebecca Bray, Glen Allen VA
38. 6.03 William Beadle, St Johnsbury VT
39. 6.02 Ellen Tabell, Torrington CT
40. 6.02 Tony Tabell, Torrington CT
41. 5.80 Nancy Klemens, Tarzana CA
42. 5.72 Nancy Clayman, Boston MA
43. 5.69 Vimla Vadhan, Oceanside NY
44. 5.69 Rosanne Catarius, Roslindale MA
45. 5.69 Pravin Vadhan, Oceanside NY
46. 5.68 Fred Dyle, Huntington Bch CA
47. 5.62 Sue Greenberg, Byron MN
48. 5.62 Margaret Lichty, Rochester MN
49. 5.59 Sheila Gillin, Avon CT
50. 5.51 Josh Lindner, Billerica MA
51. 5.51 Jonathan Hauke, Lexington MA
52. 5.45 Pamela Hughes, Bend OR
53. 5.45 Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA
54. 5.30 John Baack, Wellesley MA
55. 5.30 Alta Baack, Wellesley MA
56. 5.28 Ronnie Fuchs, Lexington MA
57. 5.23 David Grab, Middleboro MA
58. 5.23 Dex Stuber, Seattle WA
59. 5.22 Ronald Matlin, Lexington MA
60. 5.22 Anne Matlin, Lexington MA
61. 5.21 Lucia Denton, New York NY
62. 5.21 Bob Shor, Reading MA
63. 5.19 Selma Baker, Peabody MA
64. 5.19 Lawrence Baker, Peabody MA
65. 5.18 Kenneth Roberts, Wellesley Hills MA
66. 5.18 John Tucker, Weston MA
67. 5.13 Norma Healy, Manchester CT
68. 5.13 Margery Gussak, Manchester CT
69. 5.09 Tim White, Mercer Island WA
70. 5.09 Renae Gunstone-White, Mercer Island WA
71. 5.05 Andrea Dawes, Danvers MA
72. 4.97 Muriel Henderson, Boxborough MA
73. 4.97 Stephen Eakman, Stow MA
74. 4.85 Coreen Neame, Lenox MA
75. 4.67 Judith Lee Karp, Brockton MA
76. 4.67 Laurel Cohen, South Easton MA
77. 4.59 Ruth Fax, Newton MA
78. 4.48 Susan Frazee, Memphis TN
79. 4.48 Bill Frazee, Memphis TN
80. 4.46 Richard Healey, Somerville MA
81. 4.46 James Overly, Cambridge MA
82. 4.45 Bill Birkholz, Westborough MA
83. 4.39 Martin Gordon, Mashpee MA
84. 4.38 Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH
85. 4.38 Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA
86. 4.33 Mary Eisenberg, Hartford CT
87. 4.33 Inge Schuele, W Hartford CT
88. 4.30 Charles Pierce, New York NY
89. 4.29 Annette Gordon, Lenox MA
90. 4.29 Sandra Walters, Pittsfield MA
91. 4.28 Noreen Pitts, Boston MA
92. 4.28 Janet Corson, Osterville MA
93. 4.24 Jack Baugh, Voorheesville NY
94. 4.24 Patricia Baugh, Voorheesville NY
95. 4.20 Luke Dwyer, Boston MA
96. 4.16 Gingie Tuthill, Ipswich MA
97. 4.16 Joe Tuthill, Ipswich MA
98. 4.15 John Lombardo, Cranston RI
99. 4.15 Constance Rubin, Newton MA
100. 4.15 Elizabeth Hagopian, Belmont MA

NABC Insider

Happy Thanksgiving! As the Insider reflects on the things to be thankful for, a few ideas leap to mind. The Insider is thankful to be working today and not having a free day to spend watching the hapless Detroit Lions play their brand of football – if it can be called football. (Actually, the Insider is thankful just to be working period.) We are also thankful that there is a mall between the two hotels so that we can do our window shopping today and, perhaps, find that perfect Christmas gift for Mrs. Insider. Since the Christmas displays appeared the day after Labor Day, the Insider has begun to feel pressure. The mall has also allowed us to avoid the slightly chilly weather of the last few days. Conversely, we are thankful for the short outdoor jaunt between the hotels that will enable us to avoid the masses of people expected inside the mall tomorrow. As you are counting tricks, take some time to count your blessings and think of the things you are thankful for – but don't take too long as those slow play penalties stink

The Insider is happy to announce the results of The Great Boston NABC Chowder-off of 2008. The Insider tasted chowder at both hotels last night and then walked back through the mall to re-taste each one. Without a doubt the Marriott has the best chowder in Boston. The Westin has Boston's best chowder, without a doubt. And Legal Seafood, without a doubt has Boston chowder found to be the best. These results can only be explained as a blatant attempt by the Insider to secure free bowls of the best chowder at as many chowder houses as possible over the last few days of the tournament. (Since yesterday was Rhode Island Day, the Insider would be remiss in not mentioning the best chowder ever, anywhere which can be found at the Black Pearl in Newport, RI. It is truly THE BEST!)

Insider note: The two snack bars at the Marriott will merge into a single food concession on the fourth floor. Another note: There will not be a late night snack tonight as all concerned figured that leftover turkey legs at midnight was just way too much following a day of turkey overload.

Have a great Thanksgiving! We are thankful you are here.

Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

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 he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.

SENIOR KNOCKOUTS

39 Tables
 140.00 1 Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Fred Chang, Flushing NY; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Per Olof Sundelin, Stockholm Sweden; John Carruthers, Toronto ON
 105.00 2 Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Geoffrey Brod, Naples FL; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA
 70.00 3/4 Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
 70.00 3/4 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA
 45.00 5/8 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY
 45.00 5/8 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Bart Bramley - John Sutherland, Dallas TX; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY
 45.00 5/8 Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Spike Lay, Daytona Beach FL; Larry Griffey, Vero Beach FL
 45.00 5/8 Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA; Rick Rowland - Richard Popper, Wilmington DE
 25.00 9/16 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Boise

ID; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN
 25.00 9/16 Pinhas Romik, Nes Zidna 74120 Israel; Adrian Schwartz - Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Arno Hobart, Markham ON
 25.00 9/16 Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL; John Malley, Pascoag RI; Michael Betts, Moncton NB; Martin Caley, Montreal QC
 25.00 9/16 Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA
 25.00 9/16 Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Richard Budd, Portland ME; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Robert White, Raleigh NC
 25.00 9/16 Lewis Gamerman, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA; William Hunter, Reading MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; Chuck Said, Nashville TN; John Russell, North Barrington IL
 25.00 9/16 Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Feldman, Hoboken NJ; Ernesto Dorsi, Sao Paulo Sp 05 Brazil; Marcelo Branco, Rio De Janeiro Brazil; Marcelo Amaral - Eduardo Vianna, Sao Paulo Brazil
 25.00 9/16 James Marsh Sternberg, Palm Bch Grdns FL; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Craig Gardner, Streamwood IL

KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 2ND SEMIFINAL SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS A B C D E					EAST-WEST	
1	Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden	62.22%	1	David Lindop - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON	61.99%			
2	Joanna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	60.48%	2	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL	59.13%			
3	Kujawa Krzysztof, Lublin Poland; Piotr Kucharski, Poland	59.85%	3	Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY	58.84%			
4	David Yang, Chicago IL; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA	59.38%	4	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Victor King, Hartford CT	58.39%			
5	Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX	59.08%	5	Bas Drijver - Bob Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands	57.80%			
6	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Robert Levin, Bronx NY	59.04%	6	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY	57.37%			
7	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal, New York NY	58.17%	7	Marion Michielsen, 3024 AM Rotterdam Netherlands; Meike Wortel, Amsterdam	56.98%			
8	Chip Martel, Davis CA; Zia Mahmood, New York NY	58.14%	8	Ahmed Hussein - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt	56.41%			
9	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Beh FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL	57.42%	9	Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark	55.90%			
10	Paul Bethe, New York NY; Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO	57.26%	10	Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	55.63%			
11	Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA	57.20%	11	Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO	54.97%			
12	Laurie Kranyak - John Kranyak, Bay Village OH	56.68%	12	Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL	54.69%			
13	Berry Westra, Krmibn Rm Den Netherlands; Vincent Ramondt, Alphen Aan Den Netherlands	56.66%	13	Johan Sylvan - Marten Gustavsson, Stockholm Sweden	54.57%			
14	Steve Reed, Arlington VA; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA	56.30%	14	Tommy Garvey, Essex Cm145ww England; David Bakhshi, London England	54.25%			
15	Michael Moss, New York NY; Nicolas L'Eucuyer, Montreal QC	55.97%	15	Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands	54.24%			
16	Jan Van Cleeff, Ah Den Haag 250 Netherlands; David Kendrick, Royston Herts England	55.86%	16	Jerry Helms - Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC	54.24%			
17	Andrew Garnett, Raleigh NC; Haig Tehamitch, Scottsdale AZ	55.53%	17	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL	54.05%			
18	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ	55.23%	18	Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping 58431 Sweden; Sandra Rimstedt, Haverdal 310 4 Sweden	54.03%			
19	Salvador Assael, Alsanca Turkey; Yalcin Atabay, Selomigesme Ist Turkey	55.18%	19	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; John Diamond, Boca Raton FL	53.76%			
20	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Jill Levin, Bronx NY	54.28%	20	Jaggy Shivdasani - Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY	53.46%			
21	Per-Ola Cullin, Stockholm Sweden; Andrea Hayman, New York NY	53.58%	21	Thomas Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	53.31%			
22	Alan Kleist, Cheverly MD; Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH	53.43%	22	Gary Gottlieb, Brooklyn NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden	52.05%			
23	Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan; Kyoko Shimamura, Tokyo 136 Japan	53.18%	23	Alan Osofsky, Palm Beach FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	51.96%			
24	Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA	52.86%	24	Andy Bowles - Shireen Mohandes, London N195lh England	51.90%			
25	Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	52.75%	25	Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL	51.65%			
26	Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL	51.89%	26	David Hoffner, Smithville NJ; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA	51.62%			

WALTER FONTAINE BAM TEAMS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS JJ LL				
A	B	C	Anton Tsyppkin, Sharon MA; Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Nan Wang, Eatontown NJ; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ	17.50		
1			Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands	17.00		
2			Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Barry Harper, Regina SK	16.50		
3			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Richard Anderson - Doug Rankin, Regina SK	16.00		
4			John Malley, Pascoag RI; Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL; Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA	15.00		
5			Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC; Mike Rice - Jon Rice, Raleigh NC	14.50		
6/7			Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN	14.50		
6/7			Howard Piltch, Osceola IN; Lorraine Kiely, Lowell MA; Ethan Kotkin - Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ	14.00		
8			Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Mark Kotlarsky, Laurel MD	13.00		
9			Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA	12.50		
10/12			Robert Gacicia, Weymouth MA; Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH; Lawrence Cheetham, Nashua NH; Bill Irvine, Quincy MA	12.50		
10/12			Marius Agica, New York NY; Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY	12.50		
10/12			Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Florence Hackman, Chatham MA; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON; Helma Strauss, Hartford CT	12.00		
1			Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Eric Rolfe, Kansas City MO; Roger Read, Somers Point NJ; Joan Klaus, Linwood NJ	11.00		
2/3	1		Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi QC; Maarten Tjebbes - Jim Kerr, Vancouver BC; Marise Hambrick, New Orleans LA	11.00		
2/3			Tom Platt - Johanna Platt - Linda Arthur, Mississauga ON; Sherrill Bain, Oakville ON	9.50		
4			William Palmer, Brooklyn NY; Bonnie Gariglio, Tampa FL; Ian Grant, Venice FL; Christina Valente, Philadelphia PA	8.50		

BLACKSTONE VALLEY IMP PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION PP			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	David Gurvich - Rachael Moller, Brooklyn NY	A	B	C	Lev Seviyan, Yerevan 0001 ; Eduard Vardapetyan, Yerevan	44.00	
1			James Edwin Bugden, W Sussex Rh1 United Kingdom; Sally Bugden, E Sussex Rh	56.00	1		Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico	26.00	
2/3	1/2		United Kingdom	26.00	2		Sarah Wiener, Fort Lee NJ; John Hogan Jr, Wayne NJ	25.00	
			Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC; Allan Karro, Burnaby BC	26.00	3		Rebecca Anspach, Saint Paul MN; Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN	17.00	
2/3	1/2		Paul Christ - Lynn Larson, Traverse City MI	25.00	4		Jake Olson, Blaine MN; Eli Jolley, Auburn AL	16.00	
4	3		Thomas Rozinski, Jackson Heights NY; Grigoriy Blekherman, Brooklyn NY	23.00	5	1	1	Andrea Teacher, Waltham MA; Michael Rosen, New York NY	7.00
5			Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Neil Montague, Swampscott MA	7.00	6			Pamela Gorbics - Mark Gorbics, Franklin Lakes NJ	0.00
6	4		Joyce McWilliams - Floyd McWilliams, Paris IL	-15.00		2		Helene Katz, Louisville KY; Marie Thome, Carlsbad CA	-2.00
		1	Ed Kineke - Joyce Kineke, Harwich Port MA	-18.00		3			

WEDNESDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

Table with columns for SECTION VV, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

MINI-BLUE RIBBON 2ND FINAL SESSION

Table with columns for SECTIONS G H I J, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

BRISTOL COUNTY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION FF, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE SERIES

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION BB, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION CC, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

BRISTOL COUNTY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION DD, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION EE, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

NEWPORT COUNTY STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION JJ, EAST-WEST, percentage, and names of participants and their scores.

TUESDAY MORNING 100/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Patricia Baugh - Jack Baugh, Voorheesville NY	63.10%	1	1		Joyce Gottlieb, West Bloomfield MI; Arnold Gottlieb, W Bloomfield MI	54.46%
2	1		Karen Largay - Sheila Gillin, Avon CT	53.57%	2	2		Cheryl Sober, Newtonville MA; Natalie Bernstein, Newton MA	53.27%
3	2	1	Ruth Westheimer, US; Aileen Hart, Boston MA	52.98%	3	3	1	Betty Ellis, Gloucester MA; Anne Waiker, Manchester MA	52.38%
4	3		Rosanne Catarius, Roslindale MA; Aline Sullivan, Cambridge MA	52.08%	4	4	2	Melissa Parkin - Luke Dwyer, Boston MA	52.08%
	4/5		David Makey, Meridian MS; Ian Makey, Boston MA	48.51%					
	4/5	2	Elizabeth Gerding, Newcastle ME; James Gerding, Bowie MD	48.51%					
TUESDAY MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Arthur Aiken, Glover VT; William Beadle, St Johnsbury VT	61.90%	1	1	1	Terry Berenson, Swampscott MA; Carolyn Brauer, Marblehead MA	58.33%
2			Ann Newman - Arnold Rosenholtz, Hampton Bays NY	60.89%	2	2		Jacqueline Shaevel, Brookline MA; Melanie Karp, Needham MA	55.65%
3	2	2	Thomas Clancy - Henry Ackermann, Merrimack NH	51.96%	3	3		Jan Anderson - Ellen Harris, Manchester MA	53.14%
4			Ann Sparrow, Lakeville MA; Louise Schellenberger, Middleborough MA	50.34%	4			John Frank, Weston MA; Peter Karp, Needham MA	51.36%
	3		Devon Poor, New York NY; Deborah Wight, Dorset VT	49.18%			2	Lee Corbett - Ross Lieb-Lappen, Winooski VT	50.00%
TUESDAY MORNING 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION									
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Harriet Randall, Waban MA; Susan Gladstone, West Newton MA	69.94%	1	1		Laura Heintz, Weston MA; Nicole Hynes, Chestnut Hill MA	57.91%
2			Robert James - Susan James, Sandwich MA	60.84%	2			Robert Kvaal, Lexington MA; Robert Curtice, Burlington MA	57.48%
3			Leah Moulton, Friday Harbor WA; Louise Bendonis, Hobe Sound FL	59.48%	3	2	1	Ruth Sones - Monika Congdon, Manchester MA	54.42%
4			Nancy Loomis, Canaan NH; Dulany Bennett, S Woodstock VT	55.70%	4	3	2	Diana Bell, Weston MA; Gaynor Casner, Concord MA	50.98%
	1	1	Annebelle Cohen - Arnold Cohen, Chestnut Hill MA	42.48%					
	2		Marlene Nussbaum, Boston MA; Susan Jacobs, Newton MA	41.67%					

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

New Hampshire Day

Friday, November 28, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Other
Cape Cod Canal Thursday-Friday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Ocean State Wednesday-Friday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	3rd	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Granite State Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single session	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, November 28, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50	

Friday, November 28, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

National 99er Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$16.50	—	
Lake Winnisquam Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Bretton Woods Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, November 28, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
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Friday, November 28, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 Q	Westin Essex Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$18	—	
<i>Two qualifying, two semifinal, two final sessions. Entry required by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27.</i>					
BILL KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Westin America Ballroom, 4th Floor	\$18	—	
<i>Two qualifying, two semifinal, two final sessions</i>					
Loon Mountain Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
2000+; 0-2000					
Lilac Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	
300-750; 0-300. Gold points!					
Franconia Notch Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, November 28, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50	

Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.

Simon Arena Region Stratified Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50	
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th single session		\$15.50	\$17.50	
Pawtuckaway Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50	
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50	

Friday, November 28, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$12/team/match		
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*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Cape Cod Day

Thursday, November 27, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Cape Cod Canal Thursday-Friday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Ocean State Wednesday-Friday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	2nd	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Goodwill Committee Monday-Thursday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	4th	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	1st single session	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, November 27, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Thursday, November 27, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Provincetown Monument Stratified Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom F, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Thursday, November 27, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Old Silver Beach Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Thursday, November 27, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	1st single session	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Thursday, November 27, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

EDGAR KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS	1-2 F	Westin America Ballroom, 4th Floor	\$18	—
Nauset Light Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Myles Walsh Stratified Mixed Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Narragansett Bay Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
National Seashore Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	1-4	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, November 27, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Thursday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.

Helene Lombardo Stratified Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Edwin and Ruth Brooks Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Thursday, November 27, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$12/team/match	
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Note: Pre-registration for the **REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS** required by 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Nov. 27 Cape Cod Day

Cape Cod is well-known to travelers as the most famous beach region in all of New England, offering spectacular ocean settings with views of wide dune fields and sandy bluffs. Add to this the charm of numerous harbors, quaint villages and forests with the smell of the sea, and you'll understand the unique lure of this beautiful tourist location.

Besides its sandy beaches, Cape Cod is rich in history and offers a variety of activities to please visitors of all ages. The upper cape bridges serve as the entry way to this elbow-shaped peninsula located in the eastern most portion of Massachusetts. Early American history abounds here with towns founded in the early days of American history. Mid-cape highlights include a natural history museum of Cape

Cod, ferry service to the nearby vacation islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, whale watch excursions, and Hyannis Harbor tours where you might see Basking sharks, ocean sun fish, dolphins, porpoises and more. Glass-blowing and shaping at the glass factory is both educational and entertaining. Heading down cape toward Provincetown, you'll pass the National Seashore and the location of the Marconi early experimental radio transmission station that successfully sent radio signals to Europe for the first time. Provincetown is past the picturesque dunes at Truro and offers a variety of shops that highlight the local arts. The 250 foot tall Pilgrim Tower located there is



built on a hill and can be seen from about 15 miles away. Whale watching tours and fishing trips are available from the wharves here to enjoy the bounties of the Atlantic Ocean.

Whether you're looking for colonial history or modern activities, Cape Cod provides a spectrum of entertainment and educational endeavors. Restaurants of all type abound and are famous for their exceptional seafood cuisine.

Whether you want to explore America's early heritage, laze on the warm, sandy beaches, shop in the many unique little stores, or commune with nature on the many beautiful nature and bike trails, Cape Cod provides that special getaway with something for all to enjoy.