



Daily Bulletin

Honolulu, Hawaii

79th Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Meet Your TDs



Today, instead of introducing readers to a TD they might not know, the Daily Bulletin pays tribute to a tournament director who is retiring after this NABC.

It has been more than 25 years since Alice Kinningham first took the floor at a tournament with a law book in hand.

After the 2006 Fall NABC in Honolulu, the Aurora CO resident will retire – but not without regrets.

“I’m going to miss all of you a lot more than you will miss me,” she said as she neared the end of her final tournament.

Kinningham is retiring primarily to spend more time with her husband, Wayne, who has had three major heart surgeries. “We need to be together and do more together,” she said.

At NABCs, Kinningham works mostly with newcomers. “I love them,” she said. “I love the enthusiasm they bring to the game.”

Judy Cotterman, who is in charge of the Intermediate/Newcomer games at NABCs, is a fellow TD with a special appreciation for Kinningham’s dedication and skills.

“Alice has done a lot,” said Cotterman.

Kinningham said she could have pursued other careers but she chose directing, adding, “I did a great thing. It has been a great fun ride.”

Senior KO concludes today

Teams captained by Gene Freed and Amos Kaminski will play today to decide the Senior KO Teams championship.

Freed (James Tritt, Fred Hamilton, Paul Ivaska, Arnold Fisher and Tony Kasday) defeated the Bennett team yesterday 143 to 105 IMPs. Kaminsky (Melih Ozdil, Yeshayahu Levit, Pinhas Romik and George Mittelman) defeated the Colchamiro team 130-107.

See page 7 for linescores and rosters.

Italians leading Blue Ribbon

Fulvio Fantoni and Claudi Nunes, World Open Pairs winners in 2002 and part of the reigning Bermuda Bowl champion team from Italy, took the lead after two semifinal sessions of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, which ends today. They enter play with carryover score of 152.

Right behind them after four sessions of play are Kit Woolsey and Fred Stewart, followed in third place by Paul Soloway and Alan Sontag. Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell were in fourth place.

Old partnership renewed takes Mini-Blue Ribbon



Joe Houde (left) and Divakar Bhargava won the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Thirty years ago, Joe Houde and Divakar Bhargava were each other’s favorite partner. When they moved away from the San Francisco Bay area, they lost track of each other. Three years ago, Houde decided to try and find his old partner.

How did he do it? “I used the Internet to search for him,” said Houde.

The search paid off as the pair had four good sessions to take the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs. They stood in third place going into today’s final. In the afternoon, they had a 55.8% game that kept them in third place (counting carryover). Their 65.7 %

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What are you thankful for today?

It’s Thanksgiving Day, a rich, time-honored tradition among North Americans. On this special day, you might think that bridge players would be grateful for successful finesses or 3-2 trump splits. Not so.

A quick, informal survey of players revealed a wide variety of reasons why the participants in the Fall NABC are giving thanks today. Here are some of the reasons ACBL members are thankful.

“I am grateful for the many friends I have made through bridge.”

Sharon Fairchild, ACBL president-elect for 2007.



“There are so many things I’m thankful for. I’m thankful I can work with these kids who make my job happy and fun.”

Jackie Matthews, tournament director in charge of caddies at NABCs.



I’m thankful for my wonderful family and husband (Allan Falk). I’m thankful just to be happy.”

Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI

“I’m thankful for bridge. It has been a very satisfying pastime. I’m also thankful for Zero Tolerance. It has been a big plus for the game.”

Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA – new Grand Life Master.

“I’m thankful to be in Hawaii with our son, who is stationed here with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Last year he was in Iraq.”

Sue Kroning, Seaside OR.

“I’m thankful they turned down the fan in Section R.”

Robert Kroning, Sue’s husband.

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Zia encouraged by giving for Pakistan school project



A year ago at this time, Zia Mahmood was looking for ways to raise funds to build a school in an earthquake-ravaged area of his native Pakistan.

One of the ideas he had for fund raising was to sell raffle tickets for a game with him. The winner will be able to schedule a game with Zia next year at a time and place of mutual agreement.

While the raffle produced modest results, Zia said donations from individuals – especially Nick

Nickell – helped push the total raised to about \$130,000, about \$30,000 short of the goal.

Zia said many individuals gave between \$1000 and \$5000, but Nickell was the star giver. “Nick

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Goodwill message

I’d like your help. Please join me and other members of the Goodwill Committee in promoting the game we love.

Smile, it makes all the difference. This will produce better results for your side and a more enjoyable game for everyone.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

<p>11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 Vugraph of Reisinger Teams. <i>Location: Honolulu Suites</i></p>	<p>6 - 11:30 p.m. Vugraph of Reisinger Teams. <i>Location: Honolulu Suites</i></p>
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to go to these free expert lectures. They can be heard in the South Pacific Ballroom.

Thursday, Nov. 23
 12:45 p.m. Shannon Cappelletti Slam bidding
 7:15 P.m. Ellen Wallace The value of game tries:
 To go or not to go?

Friday, Nov. 24
 12:45 p.m. Lowell Andrews What might go wrong
 7:15 p.m. Dennis Scott The things that you have to know

Saturday, Nov. 25
 12:45 p.m. Jade Barrett The learning curve
 7:15 p.m. Jeff Roman So you've filled out a convention card

DAILY ENTERTAINMENT - CORAL LOUNGE

Thursday Food @ 11 p.m. Mini-Orange-Cranberry Cheesecake.

Na Leo Lani Chorus - Friday at 5:00 p.m.
 Na Leo Lani, meaning "heavenly voices" was founded in 1975. Currently the chorus is comprised of nearly 35 women of varying ages, ethnicities, occupations and backgrounds. Their repertoire includes traditional barbershop selections, as well as ballads, hymns, patriotic songs, contemporary tunes, jazz and Hawaiian music.
 Na Leo Lani Chorus is Hawaii's only chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of more than 30,000 women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performances.

De Shannon Higa Jazz Quintet - Friday at 11:15 p.m.
 Starting at the age of nine, DeShannon Higa quickly exhibited a talent for the trumpet. From the sixth grade all the way through college he sat in the

first chair, a position coveted by all other trumpet players. While still in junior high school, he won a Blue/Gold medal, the highest honor, for his performance of the technically challenging "Carnival of Venice." He played his first professional gig at the age of 15, the musical production of Peter Pan.

DeShannon's credits include playing with Al Jarreau, Diana Krall, Wayne Newton, the Temptations, Donny & Marie Osmond, Johnny Mathis, the Drifters, Wynton Marsalis, Burt Bacharach, Arturo Sandoval, Dionne Warwick, the original Elvis Presley band. He performed with Herlin Riley at the Lincoln Center.

Food @ 11 p.m. No host bar, Pizza and Beer.

The Honolulu Boy Choir - Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
 They are called the Young Ambassadors of music and culture.
Food @ 11 p.m. Mini-Turkey sandwich.

PLANNED GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Hospitality Committee has planned a number of group tours:
Thursday, Nov. 23
 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Hawaiian Style Turkey Feast (outdoors at Hale Koa Hotel). SOLD OUT.

Friday, Nov. 24
 8:15 a.m. Hilo Hattie Shopping Shuttle (Free)

9 a.m. Sea Life Park, where dolphins dance
 10:30 a.m. "Star" Hawaiian Cultural Deluxe luncheon cruise 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25
 9 a.m. The Queen's Walking Tour of Waikiki's Historic Trail (two hours, free)

Calling all new Life Masters

Rosemary Sontowski of Maple Ridge BC earned Life Master status in the Returning in January KO team game, Bracket 5. Her partner was Lorraine Brown also of Maple Ridge, and her teammates were Wendy Turk of Denver CO and Susan Wong of Monument CA.

June Wood of Encinitas CA made Bronze Life Master yesterday playing in the Monday-Wednesday Morning KO, Bracket 5. Her partner was her husband, Dan Carter. Teammates were Bruce Turner of Eureka CA, Bob Allard of Murfreesboro TN and Dick Ziock of Garberville CA. Dan Carter needs 1 masterpoint to become a Bronze Life Master.

Players who earn Life Master status here in Honolulu, please report in to the Daily Bulletin office located in Iolani Suite I, second floor of the Tapa Tower. Your hometown, name and hometown of partner or teammates, the event in which you earned your gold card and how many and what kind of points you needed should be included.

Volunteers needed

The ACBL and Bridgebase online will broadcast the finals of the Senior KO teams. Volunteers are needed for all segments. Play begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Sign up in Iolani I in the Tapa tower, second floor.

The ACBL and Bridgebase online will also broadcast the final two days of the Reisinger B-a-M teams. Volunteers are needed for all sessions Saturday and Sunday. Sign up in Iolani I in the Tapa tower, second floor, and get a front row seat to an exciting bridge event.

Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies ACBL Product Store

Be sure to visit the Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies display outside the Coral Ballroom in the conference center. Baron Barclay offers a 10% discount to ACBL members – and free shipping to U.S. addresses on all book orders.

NOTE: Baron Barclay's final day for selling books is Friday.

The ACBL Product Store is also in business in the same area, with clothing items and the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge.

Section tops

Prizes are given to players who top their section or win events. These can be picked up at the section top desk, manned by Dick Towne and his group of volunteers. The desk is open 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The prize desk is located outside the Coral Ballroom near the escalators to the IN area. Please wait until the day after you win as *The Daily Bulletin* is used to verify winners.

No calls, please

Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.



Post-game bar service

The bars in the Hilton Hawaiian Village usually close at 11:30 p.m. and have been reluctant to stay open later for post-game service. Tournament officials have negotiated with the hotel and they have agreed to keep the Tapa Bar open until 12:30 a.m. provided there is sufficient business, and with these two conditions: There will be no smoking in or around the bar, and no outside beverages will be brought into the bar. These conditions are mandated by Hawaii state laws. Tournament officials request your assistance in meeting them.

Shopping center shuttle

The shuttle to the Ala Moana Shopping Center run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. It departs from Tapa Tower at the Hilton Hawaiian Village bus loading area.



Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections.

The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Overcalls B how low can you go?

By Pat Harrington

An overcall can sometimes let you win a partscore battle. When you don't win the bidding, there are still two possible ways for you to gain. You may have made it difficult for the opponents to communicate and they could miss their best contract. Even when they reach the right contract, your overcall could get partner off to the best opening lead for your side. Okay, you get it – we like to overcall. But we don't want to take too many risks or mislead partner when we do overcall, so we need some ground rules on exactly what an overcall shows.

All overcalls – major and minor – show long suits of at least five cards. Yes, an expert might occasionally overcall a strong four-card suit, but I advise my new players not to because they abuse it. I've seen too many players treat a minor-suit overcall like a minor-suit opening bid. Overcalls show the suit bid. They do not ask partner to show a four-card major. Use a takeout double if you want partner to suggest a suit and can tolerate any suggestion partner might make.

The strength shown by an overcall depends on the level. Simple (non-jump) overcalls on the two level (a 1♠ opening followed by 2♥, for example) show a hand worth an opening bid. Modern bridge players are aggressive, and most players will make a one-level overcall on a fair amount less than an opening bid. You and your partner will have to decide your range. A common choice is 8-17 points. But some players will overcall with as few as six points and some 18-point hands should make a simple overcall. Let's look at a few examples and determine your style of overcalling. Your RHO opened 1♣

1. ♠AKJ97 ♥K4 ♦10974 ♣92
2. ♠AQ4 ♥AK10976 ♦Q5 ♣92
3. ♠QJ1095 ♥54 ♦A962 ♣92
4. ♠Q43 ♥J9762 ♦A7 ♣J62

With 1, overcall 1♠. No. 2 is a good 1♥ overcall. No. 3 is a fairly minimum 1♠ overcall. As for No. 4, pass is best. You have a poor suit and a minimum. An overcall is safer if you have a good suit or a good hand. You are not really anxious for a heart lead with that hand.

5. ♠AK ♥J9762 ♦AK76 ♣53
 You have a poor suit, but you have a good hand and your side might have the preponderance of high-card points. Get in there with 1♥.

As you see, one-level overcalls can vary a great deal in strength. Your partnership should have some agreements on how to advance an overcall. Give high priority to raising overcaller's suit. I suggest you raise to the two level with 6-10 points and at least three trumps.

To make sure that your light one-level overcalls do not backfire, advancer (overcaller's partner) must be careful about raising overcaller's suit with a good hand. Suppose your left-hand opponent opens 1♣, partner overcalls 1♠, and you hold one of these two hands:

- (a) ♠K62 ♥Q762 ♦K53 ♣A76
- (b) ♠AK62 ♥QJ62 ♦KJ ♣763

With hand (a), 3♠ is too high for you if partner holds No. 3. Opposite No. 3, hand (b) can tolerate the three level but nothing higher.

How can you manage to get a plus score when partner has a light overcall yet not miss your games when partner has a decent overcall? The solution is to use a cuebid response to show a limit raise or better of overcaller's suit. The opponents opened 1♣, so 2♣ is a cuebid, and that is what you bid. Partner will assume you have a limit raise and will act accordingly, signing off in 2♠ with hand 3. You will pass partner's 2♠ signoff holding hand (a) but will make another move toward game with hand (b) to show you actually have more than a limit raise. Partner will rebuff your second attempt with a weak overcall but will accept with a minimum opening hand.

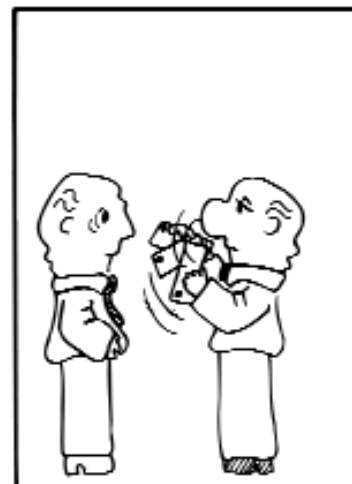
There are other adjustments to make. Overcaller's partner (the advancer) needs a five-card suit to change suits. Your partnership will have to decide if a change of suit is forcing. Many pairs treat new suits by advancer as non-forcing, which

makes those light one-level overcalls a bit safer. For safety, you will also want to strengthen advancer's notrump bids. Respond 1NT to an overcall with about 8-11 points; jump to 2NT with about 12-14 points.

If you can tolerate these adjustments in responding plus the uncertainty of not knowing how good partner's overcall is, consider broadening your range for one-level overcalls. You will be involved in more auctions and making a nuisance of yourself to the opponents. Most pairs can reach their best spot in an uncontested auction. You make it harder for them when you compete.



This cartoon is from Jude Goodwin's new book, "Go Ahead, Laugh", published by Master Point Press. The book is available from bridge suppliers and major bookstores.



Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: North	♠ 7 5		
Vul: E-W	♥ K 8 6 5 3		
	♦ J 4		
	♣ A J 9 4		
	♠ 6 4 2	♠ A	
	♥ 2	♥ Q 10 9 7 4	
	♦ 6 5 3 2	♦ A K 7	
	♣ K 10 8 7 6	♣ Q 5 3 2	
	♠ K Q J 10 9 8 3		
	♥ A J		
	♦ Q 10 9 8		
	♣ —		
West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	4♠

All Pass

Opening lead: ♥2.

Bidding commentary: Facing a passed hand, South should forget about slam and simply bid 4♠. South needs very little in partner's hand to make 4♠. A good partner will have what you need. If partner doesn't have it, it's partner's fault.

Lead commentary: They don't come any more obvious than this.

Play commentary: This deal exemplifies the type of overview declarer must take before playing to the first trick. Ostensibly, there are three losers, two diamonds and a spade. But the bidding and the opening lead must be considered as well. It is clear that the opening lead is a singleton. It is also clear than when East gets in with the ♠A, East can and will give partner a heart ruff. The ruff, along with the ♦AK, spells down one. However, declarer has a counter: Win the ♥K and discard the ♥A on the ♣A! Applause. Goodbye, heart ruff. Declarer winds up losing two diamonds and a spade.

When playing a

contract that looks relatively easy, be sure to ask yourself if anything can go wrong (Murphy's Law). If there is some danger, ask yourself if there is any way to overcome it. You have to do this kind of thinking early. Later may be too late!



Ginny and Luther Dearborn of Rancho Santa Fe CA flank Tournament Director Matt Smith, who was the celebrity speaker on Wednesday. There are free lectures in the South Pacific Ballroom at 12:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. daily. See schedule on page 2.

Mini Blue Winners

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game in the second final session allowed them to win by about one-half board.

Houde is a mortgage broker and insurance agent in St. Augustine FL. Ghargava is a nuclear engineer in Richmond VA. They play several times a year now. Their bidding system is "2/1 with lots of gadgets," according to Bhargava

In second place were John Klayman of Haymarket VA and Lawrence Lau of Westport CT. They scored 58.79% in the afternoon and 66.03% in the evening. This was slightly better than the winners, but the winners had more carryover from yesterday's play.

Klayman is a computer engineer who works on big mainframe computers creating network software. Lau is a retired banker. They used to play in college, and, like Houde and Bhargava, didn't play together for nearly 30 years. They began playing regularly again two years ago.

Yayoi French of Kirkland WA and Andrew Sherrill of Bellevue WA finished in third place more than two boards behind second.

Zia

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showed that he is as generous as he is successful at the bridge table," Zia said. "He is a world champion in both."

Also noteworthy, Zia said, was a donation of 10,000 pounds by the World Bridge Federation from the annual Charity Pairs. Zia said WBF President Jose Damiani has earmarked proceeds from the 2007 WBF Charity Pairs for the Pakistan school. ACBL clubs can participate in the Charity Pairs by contacting Anna Gudge at anna@ecats.co.uk. The games are scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 22-26, 2007.

Zia said it is hoped that construction can begin on the school toward the end of the year. He said he plans to visit Pakistan after the NABC to help select a site for the construction.

Meanwhile, the names of 15 raffle ticket purchasers have been selected at random. Names will be drawn before the end of the NABC for the game with Zia.

The names are Andy Avery, Giorgia Botta, Henri Barki, Peter Ventura, Martin Hirschman, Jim Glickman, D.Rankelford, Tommy Latham, Richard Riczman, Grenthe (no other information provided), Franco Gaspari, Jay Sloofman, John Kranyak and Barbara Boswell.

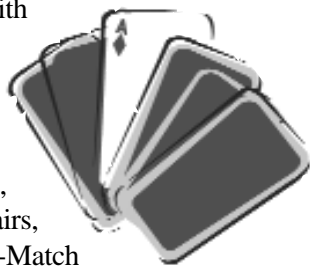
Entry fees

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 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.



McDevitt now a Grand Life Master



Pat McDevitt, two-time North American champion, is now a Grand Life Master, having surpassed 10,000 masterpoints as his squad has advanced in the Senior Knockout Teams. The five-

man team was playing the semifinal round on Wednesday.

McDevitt was born in Ireland but has lived in the U.S. for four decades. "I've been a Yank for 40 years," he says. He lives in Brookline MA, in the Boston area. A former consulting engineer, he now manages some real estate he owns.

A Grand Life Master is a player with 10,000 or more masterpoints and at least one North American championship. McDevitt was on the winning Senior KO team in 2000, and he and Steve Gladyszak won the six-session Life Master Pairs in 2005.

His regular partners are Lloyd Arvedon and Ron Newburg. He is playing with Richard DeMartino and Jeff Brod on the Senior KO team in Honolulu.

Hawaii for Dummies

"Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink." Well, luckily, there is plenty of drinkable water here (most areas don't even need to chlorinate it). But the supply is not infinite; and that bothers the planners.

The Hawaiian Islands are semi-submerged volcanic mountains. And volcanic rock is porous. As rain falls and seeps down underneath, it becomes available to our pipes and pumps.

Way down underground, the water lands on top of the water that seeps in from the ocean: salt water.

Salt water is heavier than fresh water, so the fresh water down there stays on top of the ocean water – and will continue to do so unless we start pumping too much out — like when our growing population and industry get too big and too thirsty. That's why our planners worry.

Here's a Hawaii tradition in verse

The Turkey Hula

*The turkey is free – time to celebrate!
Everyone stand and shout hooray!
Stand by your chair to learn the Turkey Hula
Everybody up – it's easy, just follow along:*

*Sway to the right – give an omi go back,
Now sway to the left – give an omi go back,
The waves roll in
And there is love in your heart
The turkey is free and so are we . . .*

*We plant the corn, we harvest the taro,
Pick bananas and mangos, too,
We roast a pig in an imu,
The happy turkey struts
Singing gooble, gobble, goo
Let's all sing with that free little bird –
A gooble, gooble goo!*

*Sway to the right – give an omi go back,
Sway to the left – give an omi go back,
With love in your heart for the turkey is free
Remember next year you can say,
I learned the Turkey Hula on Thanksgiving Day*

Aloha



NAP/GNT conditions of contest

The North American Pairs and Grand National Teams were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the districts in which they lived. They were to be "grass roots" events.

Over the past several years, implementation of this original intent has become increasingly difficult. This is especially true in the top flight of the GNT as expert partnerships are established over increasingly large geographical distances.

Partnerships in all flights were also affected mostly where districts abut one another.

In an effort to restore the integrity of the original intent to these two great events, the ACBL Board of Directors, after lengthy and extended deliberations over two years, has approved for implementation the following measures:

Effective July 1, 2006 for the GNT 2006/2007 event.

Effective April 1, 2007 for the NAP 2007/2008 event.

GNT: A member's principal physical residence as of Sept. 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage, if any.

NAP: A member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the club level, if any.

In order to ensure that each participant at the unit or district level understands that a participant is affirming his or her eligibility, entry forms for unit and district finals should include the following statement: "By entering this event, I hereby certify, subject to penalties provided in the Conditions of Contest for the event and the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that I am eligible to play in this event in this district."

It is expected that there will be virtually no exceptions to the residence requirements for participants in this event. A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member has a principal residence and from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member wishes to play.

Both District Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted. The player must begin this process by April 1 of the year prior to the National Final for the NAP and by July 1 of the year prior to the National Final for the GNT.

An ACBL Credentials Committee (CC), composed of ACBL Board members, has been established to clarify in which district a player is allowed to participate when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a unit final stage or later stage has been made, the CC may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the CC's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the district of principal residence, the CC shall automatically disqualify the member and his or her partner and teammates (if the event is the GNT).

When a member is disqualified by the CC, the CC may refer the matter to the ACBL President. Upon such referral, the ACBL President may make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

The ACBL recognizes that implementation of these measures may inconvenience some members who were granted exceptions for previous events. The general consensus, however, is that implementation and strict interpretation of these measures is necessary to restore the initial intention ("grass roots") and, therefore, integrity of application of the conditions of these events.

NABC Diary

Shawn and Joe's Excellent Adventure



If you encounter Shawn Quinn at this tournament and hear her speaking words that sound strange to you, don't be concerned. She's just practicing her Polish.

Shawn and husband Joe will soon be moving to Poland. In fact, he is already there on his new assignment from the Fluor Corporation, an engineering and construction firm.

The Quinns have sold their home in Richmond TX in the Houston area and Shawn will be leaving for Poland in mid-December. They will be living in Krakow.

Shawn is determined to be a good guest in her new country, so she has been listening to audio tapes in an attempt to develop at least a modest proficiency in Polish.

The Quinns plan to scope out the bridge club in their new home – they will be there two to three years, says Shawn – and plan a report for the ACBL Bridge Bulletin at some point next year.

Meanwhile, Shawn says she is looking forward to the new adventure. "I'm going to practice being a spoiled ex-patriot wife."

Partnership bridge

After the first board of a round in the Blue Ribbon Pairs, a woman's partner and an opponent began a lengthy discussion of the deal.

"Partner," said the woman, "please be quiet."

"Well," said partner, "he asked me a question."

The last word (from her): "Who do you want to make happy? Me or the opponent?"

Birthday, part 6

Goodwill Chair Aileen Osofsky was in the Daily Bulletin office the other night. She had been reading all the stuff about Chief TD Rick Beye and his birthday, and she couldn't help asking how old he was on the special day (last Saturday).

Rick responded in jest: "Seventy."

"Oh," said Osofsky, "that's nice."

When Beye appeared crestfallen at her ready acceptance of his statement, Osofsky compounded the affront by adding innocently, "Well, you *could* be."

Since that time, Rick has been contemplating throwing himself off his lanai.

On the subject of the birthday boy, here's more from Linda Granell:

"We all know that we like Rick, our famous birthday boy. But in Hawaii, to like Rick is redundant, as his name in Hawaiian is Like. Have some fun with Rick's name next year when you give him a card. Anagram Rick Beye and you'll get Icky Beer."

Don't call me Shirley

In the Daily Bulletin office on Wednesday, Marketing Director Linda Granell was making a point about events with a "mini" designation in front of them, such as the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Fall NABC.

According to Linda, who sends out press releases about NABC winners, it's tough to get newspaper editors to take an event seriously when it's called a "mini" something. Sharon Fairchild, soon to assume the role of ACBL President for 2007, was in the room, so Linda said, semi-facetiously, "Will you take care of that, Sharon?"

As it happened, TD Patty Johnson was standing nearby at the copying machine and, unaware that Linda was talking to Fairchild, responded, "Okay—if you don't call me Sharon."

Lost and found

Three lost items have been turned into the Daily Bulletin office. There is a cell phone, a camera, a pair of glasses and a ring. The room is located in the Iolani Suite II. The hotel also has a lost and found. Dial 54 and ask guest services to connect you.

Simpatico

By John Wignall

After a delayed flight from New Zealand, I arrived here on Sunday evening, and at breakfast the next day I met with Joan and Dan Morse. We were joined by a tall, handsome guy, a member of the Dallas mob and a friend of Dan and Bob Hamman. He was looking for a partner. And that is how I came to play with Norman Beck in the Ruth Tschumy Open Pairs.

For an absolutely new partnership we did well, finishing second, and if I had kept awake we might have done better. This was one of our better boards.

Dlr: South ♠ A Q 10 9 4 3 2
Vul: Both ♥ A 6
♦ Q J 10
♣ Q

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 3

♠ 8 7
♥ 9 3 2
♦ K 4
♣ A K 10 9 8 2

♠ K J
♥ K J 10 8
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ J 7 6

West North East South

Pass 1♠ 2♣ Pass Dbl

Pass 2♠ Pass Pass

3♣ 3♠ Pass 4♠

All Pass

Against the spade game, Norman started with the ♣K. With four clubs I would have raised right away, so the delayed raise almost certainly showed only three. So when I followed with the ♣3, it was suit preference, showing a high card in diamonds.

Norman quickly received the message, switching to the ♦K and another to my ace. I played a third round for Norman to ruff, putting the contract down one.

It is nice defenses like that, with someone you met the same day, that for me make this game so wonderful.

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.

Thankful

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"I'm thankful for my son, Jack, who at 26 is finally employed full time as a math teacher."

Linda Granell, ACBL's director of marketing.

"Everyone should be thankful for health, family and friends."

Rick Beye, ACBL's chief tournament director.



"I'm thankful for my two great girls, Christina, who is 15, and Michelle, who is 12. I am also thankful that I can make a living doing what I love."

Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA, full-time player.



"I'm thankful for my health, the greatest job on earth, good friends and gracious bridge players."

Charlie MacCracken, Memphis TN, national tournament director.

"I'm thankful my son isn't overseas anymore. He's with his wife's family in the U.S. this Thanksgiving. He served his time and came home safely."

Jodie Kimbrell, Spokane WA



"I'm thankful for my two grandsons. They are the light of my life."

Janet Daling, Seattle WA (at left)

"I'm thankful my son is coming home from Iraq in two weeks. He's been over there for one year. Let's all pray for peace."

Pat Levy, Houston TX

"I'm healthy, I live in Hawaii, and I have a lovely wife of 44 years and two loving sons."

Frank Kelly, Honolulu HI

"I'm thankful for lazy Sunday mornings with my coffee and crossword puzzles."

Jim Miller of the ACBL Headquarters staff.

"I'm from Canada and we had our Thanksgiving last month. I'm thankful for good health and that I can enjoy the wonderful game of bridge."

Brian Fraser, Victoria BC



"I was thinking today that I have the best life that there ever was."

Suzanne St. Thomas, Salem OR (at left)

"I'm thankful for life. I heard it said today that bridge is a celebration of life and there definitely is truth in that."

Kathy Bye, Vancouver BC

"I'm thankful for my wonderful wife and good friends."

Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA

Hawaii 1983: A look back

It has been 23 years since Hawaii hosted a North American Bridge Championship. In 1983, the Spring NABC took place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This is part three of a look back at well-played deals from that tournament.

Aggressive bidding pays off for winners

Jo Morse and Evelyn Levitt won the Women's Pairs. This deal is an example of how their aggressive bidding and excellent hand evaluation paid off.

Dir: East ♠ 10 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 10 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 3

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

♠ 2
 ♥ K J 5 2
 ♦ A K 8 2
 ♣ A Q J 4

<i>North</i> <i>Levitt</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Morse</i>
1NT	1♦
3♥	3♣
6♣	3♠
	Pass

Morse felt they had a fit in one of the minor suits because of Levitt's 1NT bid. After hearing the 3♥ bid, Morse made a slam try with 3♠, and Levitt leapt to the club slam. Although the combined point count for North-South is only 27, the contract was laydown.

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Morse and Levitt extracted the maximum from the following deal in the first final session of the Women's Pairs. Not only did they drive their opponents too high with their interference bidding, they also found a way to take a vital extra trick.

Dir: East ♠ A 4 3
 Vul: None ♥ K Q J 8 6
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

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

♠ Q J 9 5 2
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A K 7 3

<i>West</i> <i>Morse</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Levitt</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1♠
3♦	4♦	Dbl	4NT
5♦	Pass	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

North-South were unable to perform a scientific exploration for the best contract. North's pass over 5♦ showed one ace, so South went to slam. Levitt had no trouble doubling.

Morse led the ♦K, and Levitt overtook with the ace to return a club. Declarer won, led to the ♠A and continued a spade to East's king. But Levitt saw that her second trump trick would go by the boards if she defended woodenly. So she led a diamond, deliberately offering declarer a ruff-sluff. Declarer shed a club and ruffed in dummy, but now there was no trump to lead through Levitt to pick up her ♠10 8 7. So she took a second spade, and Morse still had to get a club trick. Down three doubled earned Morse-Levitt a clear top.

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Who's on first?

Those fancy doubles will get you every time, as East discovered on this deal.

Dir: West ♠ K 8 7 6 5 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 8 2
 ♦ -
 ♣ 10 7 6

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dbl	Redbl	(Dbl)2♠	3♥
Pass	4♦	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

Caught up in the doubling and redoubling, East decided to get into the act. His double of the redouble was ruled illegal, and the director was summoned. When the penalties had been applied, his partner was barred, he had to change his bid to a legal one, and his side was subject to lead penalties if they became defenders.

South politely asked West to lead a club and was pleased to see the ♣9 hit the table. It was covered with the 10, jack and queen and from that point, there was not a lot to the play to take 11 tricks.

Declarer crossruffed diamonds and spades for a bit and at one point passed the ♣6 successfully. He eventually drew trumps and gave up a couple of diamonds in the end to score plus 650 for 9 matchpoints out of 12.

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An unusual bid, but it paid off

Shirley Blum, after discovering that her side had a spade fit, bid a three-card suit — and when her partner raised, she passed! The deal came up in the first round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams.

Dir: North ♠ Q 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q 5 4
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ A J 8 4

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

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

<i>North</i> <i>Blum</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Levey</i>
1♣	1♠
2♠	3♥
4♥	Pass

Sid Levey raised spades the first time with three, then raised hearts the second time with four. Blum decided to stay with hearts because she could take a diamond ruff in the short hand.

Blum ruffed the second diamond and cashed her ♥A J. Then she led to the ♣A and drew the rest of the trumps. It was clear at this point that West had started with a lot of red cards, so she gave long thought to how to play the clubs. Finally she led the ♣J and let it ride. That gave her five clubs, four trumps and a diamond ruff — 10 tricks and her contract. Her teammates took a save against 4♠ and went down 500, so making 4♥ was worth 3 IMPs.

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Great contract, great lead, great switch

This deal came up in the final session of the Men's Pairs. Dave Berkowitz and Barry Crane found their best contract, and it seemed impregnable, given expert play. Berkowitz certainly is an expert — but he went down.

Dir: South ♠ A K J 9
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ A K Q 7

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

♠ 6 2
 ♥ K J 9 7 4 2
 ♦ Q 7 5 3
 ♣ 9

<i>North</i> <i>Crane</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Berkowitz</i>
5NT	3♥
Pass	6♥

Crane's 5NT Grand Slam Force was well conceived. If partner went to 7♥, Crane rated to be able to take 13 tricks and could correct to 7NT. Otherwise Berkowitz could play the small slam in hearts.

Bruce Ferguson, West, came up with a diabolical lead, based on the knowledge that almost all the high cards were going to show up on his left. He put the ♠10 on the table. Berkowitz took this with the ace and led a heart to the jack and another to the queen and ace. Now it was Mark Lair's turn to shine. He thought for about two minutes before leading . . . a club!

Now that communications for a squeeze were broken, Berkowitz was left with only two reasonable plays for his contract — the ♠Q onside or the ♠Q offside, in which case it could be picked up by a ruffing finesse. Can anyone blame him for placing the ♠Q with East? He tried the ruffing finesse and went down one.

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Why was Lair's club play so brilliant? Because declarer can make the hand irrespective of where the ♠Q is with a different lead. Many players would return a heart, leaving it up to declarer to fend for himself. But here's what would happen. Berkowitz would cash the ♦A and ♠K and ruff a spade. Then he would run his hearts. This would be the position as Berkowitz prepared to lead his last trump:

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

When declarer leads that last trump, Ferguson would have to hold on to the ♠Q, so he'd have to give up a club. Declarer could throw the ♠J from dummy, and East would feel the pinch. He would have to keep the ♦K, so would have to release a club. Now declarer could take four club tricks and score up his slam. Lair saw this coming and took the necessary step to put the kibosh on declarer.

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Seven feet of pure sweat

Roving reporter Freddy Sheinwold watched Bill Root sweat through seven feet in a closely fought Vanderbilt match. (*Editor's note: Root may not have been seven feet, but he was quite tall.*)

Dir: South	♠ A 6	♠ J 8 5 3
Vul: None	♥ 8 2	♥ Q 4 3
	♦ A K Q J 8 4 2	♦ 7 6 5
	♣ 8 4	♣ 7 3 2
♠ 10 4 2	♠ J 8 5 3	
♥ K 9 5	♥ Q 4 3	
♦ 10 9	♦ 7 6 5	
♣ A K Q 9 5	♣ 7 3 2	
	♠ K Q 9 7	
	♥ A J 10 7 6	
	♦ 3	
	♣ J 10 6	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Pavlicek</i>		<i>Root</i>
			1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Root opened the South hand and eventually felt sorry he had. Pavlicek's 4♦ was forcing after he cuebid 3♣ and Root had to keep going on the same doubtful values. He didn't think he could bid 5♦ on a singleton. 5♦ is cold without a finesse, but 4♥ was far more exciting.

West led the ♣K and then the ace and couldn't tell that it was right to lead a third club. He made the natural switch to spades, choosing the deuce as his lead. The 10 would have worked better.

Root played low from dummy and captured the jack with the king. Then he led a spade to dummy's ace and returned a heart to finesse the jack. West won with the king after long and painful thought, gladdening Root's heart since it was then obvious that North had the queen.

West returned a diamond and Root discarded his club on the second diamond, repeated the heart finesse, cashed the ♥A and eventually discovered that the ♠10 dropped.

If West leads another club at trick three, Root can ruff in dummy but cannot finesse hearts twice. Further, if West leads the ♠10 at trick three, Rood can win in dummy, but cannot finesse in spades and twice in hearts.

On the very next board, Root again got to a doubtful contract and pulled another Houdini:

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

North	South
<i>Pavlicek</i>	<i>Root</i>
1♦	2♥
Pass	

Root's jump to 2♥ was a weak jump shift. West led his singleton ♦3 and East took his top honors, West discarding the ♣8. He then led his ♦2 to give West a ruff. West shifted to the ♣K and Root took the ace and led the ♦Q to discard his other club. West ruffed again and led a club, which Root ruffed. Root advanced the ♥Q, covered by the king and ace as East discarded a diamond. Declarer then led another heart to the jack and took the spade finesse. Then he ruffed a club, just in case West had another one. Root then led his last trump, putting West in to lead away from the ♠K. The defense got three trumps and two diamonds, but Root picked up the marbles for making 2♥.

SENIOR KO TEAMS linescores:

#1 Bennett	18	42	89	105
#4 Freed	57	73	96	143
#3 Colchamiro	18	56	83	107
#2 Kaminski	31	53	84	130

SENIOR KO TEAMS - Final matchup:

Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA; James Tritt, Fresno CA; Fred Hamilton - Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV; Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Tony Kasday, Puyallup WA

vs

Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Melih Ozdil, Istanbul Turkey; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Pinhas Romik, Nes Zidna Israel; George Mittelman, Toronto ON

60.00 3/4 Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA
 60.00 3/4 Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Thomas Smith, Stamford CT; Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT
 38.57 5/8 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Mark Feldman, New York NY
 38.57 5/8 John Sutherland - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Jon Wittes, Palm Desert CA; Ross Grabel, Huntington Bh CA; Ira Chorush, Houston TX
 38.57 5/8 Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Fred Hoffer, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON
 38.57 5/8 Chuck Said, Nashville TN; John Potter, Panama City FL; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL

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Revealing auction

By Brian Senior

This deal comes from the first qualifying session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>		<i>Mizel</i>	
		1NT (1)	Pass
Pass	Dbl (2)	Pass	2♣ (3)
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♣	3♦	Dbl

All Pass

(1) 11-14.

(2) Constructive single-suited overcall.

(3) Pass or correct.

South made a typical matchpoint double, hoping for the magic plus 200.

North led the ♥8 to the 9, 10 and king, and declarer led a diamond to the 10 and ace. A club to the ace was followed by a second heart to dummy's ace. Declarer ruffed a club and led a diamond towards the queen. North won the ♦K and led a club, so declarer ruffed and led a diamond to the queen, leaving this position with South still to play:

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

South erred by throwing a spade. True, if he throws a heart, declarer can set up a heart trick, but that is only his eighth trick and he is one down. On the actual spade discard, it was easy for declarer to play the ♠A and another spade, ducking to the doubleton king and so making three spade tricks and nine in all for plus 670.

Though South's spade discard as an error, the contract is still cold even if he keeps all his spades. The auction - double showed a constructive overcall, remember - marks North with the ♠K, and he is surely 2=2=3=6. After drawing North's last trump, declarer leads a low spade off dummy, ducking to North's 10. He ruffs the club return and plays a spade to the king and ace, then finesses the ♠9 and has nine tricks.

And if we switch around the ♠8 and ♠10? Now North wins the ♠8 and had better return the king. If he instead plays a thoughtless club, South is squeezed and declarer is again home.

It's a Teddy!

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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 1

8 Tables
 18.78 1 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Ruman Nenov Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria
 14.09 2 Randy Corn, Mill Creek WA; Florine Atkins-Garber, Las Vegas NV; Yoko Nenohi, Kawasaki; Hiroko Sekiyama, Kanagawaken Japan

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 2

8 Tables
 14.70 1 Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kyung Kim, Alta Loma CA; Ravi Bhalla, Berkeley CA; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea; Michael Ventri, Fullerton CA
 11.03 2 Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Hao Ge, Cleveland OH; John Barth, Santa Cruz CA; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 3

8 Tables
 12.11 1 Jeffrey Brown, The Woodlands TX; Larry Denneau Jr, Honolulu HI; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Reiko Raese, Boulder CO
 9.08 2 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Suri Kukkapalli, Hyderabad 50007 India; Joseph Gedan, Honolulu HI

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 4

8 Tables
 9.63 1 Frank Kettner - Sophie Kettner, Calgary AB; Robert Abraham, Kahului HI; Jim Murphy, Paia HI
 7.22 2 Lu Anne Leonard - William Leonard, Rancho Mirage CA; Lee Millard, Los Angeles CA; Leonard Pennario, San Diego CA

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 5

7 Tables
 7.27 1 Bruce Turner, Eureka CA; Bob Allard, Murfreesboro TN; June Wood - Daniel Carter, Encinitas CA; Richard Ziock, Garberville CA
 5.45 2 Thomas Din, Rockville MD; Leslie Bakan, Powell River BC; Jane Frost - G Douglas Frost, White Bear Lake MN

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 6

6 Tables
 5.90 1 Scott Chupack - J C Chupack, Gurnee IL; Jill Petersen - Beverly Taft, Salt Lake City UT
 4.43 2 Celia Richardson - Ruth Tschumy - Ann (Nancy) Riely - Lillian Chinn, Honolulu HI

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING KO BRACKET 7

6 Tables
 4.84 1 Barry Abrahams - Julie Abrahams - Lois Evans, Tucson AZ; Anthony Evans, Lailua Kona HI
 3.63 2 Linda French, Denver CO; Dorcas Downs, Thomasville NC; Carol Clemenz - Fred Clemenz, Lexington SC

TUESDAY MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

15 Tables
 12.65 1 Makiko Sato, Tokyo 143-0027 Japan; Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo 168 Japan; Hidenori Narita, Abiko Japan; Eiji Ohtaka, Tokyo Japan
 9.49 2 John Russell, North Barrington IL; Barry Harper - Dan Mathieson, Regina SK; Michael Levy, Tucson AZ
 6.96 3 Jim Burt - Kathy Burt, Woodridge IL; Molly Tranovich, Ft Myers FL; John Kinst, Batavia IL
 5.69 4 Ann Lewis, Dallas TX; Barbara Linn - Shirley McKown - Connie White, Honolulu HI

TUESDAY MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables
 6.55 1 Maureen Bailey - E Jane Shouldice - R (Sally) Graboski - Lucy Miller, Calgary AB
 4.91 2 A Savage - Susan Savage, Sacramento CA; Susan Hankins - Dale Hankins, Bakersfield CA
 3.60 3 Louis Poisson, Tampa FL; T Poisson, Belle River ON; Myrna Laubach - Virginia Bail, Kailua HI
 2.95 4 Duane Feekin - Shirley Connors - Luke Han - Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI

TUESDAY COMPACT KO CONSOLATON BRACKET 1

7 Tables
 5.23 1 John Berry, Coventry RI; Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY; Elaine Knutson, Tiffin OH; Verda Gould, Minneapolis MN
 3.92 2 Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA; Mary Poplawski - Harry Nuckols, Vestal NY; Nancy Pickering, Penlllyn PA

TUESDAY COMPACT KO CONSOLATION BRACKET 2

7 Tables
 4.24 1 Courtney Keller, Basalt CO; Georgie Goyette, San Diego CA; Judy Maravolo-Foote, Red Hook NY; Susan Anderson, Salt Lake City UT
 3.18 2 Lester Kodama - Mitsuko Kodama, Mililani HI; Donald Jay, Honolulu HI; Patricia Montgomery, Honokaa HI
 2.33 3 Byrl Malmanger, Bella Vista AR; Bill Carson, Ltl Switzrlnnd NC; Allison White, Bakersville NC; Katherine Trubey, Spruce Pine NC

DICK LANKE MORNING KO BRACKET 1

6 Tables
 Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno CA; Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA
 vs
 Tom Ottley - James Lindemann - Norman Holthouse - Douglas H Scott, Anchorage AK

WEDNESDAY 9AM 50/100/300 PAIRS

12.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.11	1	1		Stephen Minne - Shannon Minne, Santa Barbara CA	66.63%
2.33	2			Frances Lorraine - Mary Allen, Honolulu HI	61.85%
1.75	3			Dianne Osterstock, San Pedro CA; Daphne Williams, Kihei HI	60.56%
1.31	4			Joan Fedor, Sun City West AZ; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	59.65%
0.98	5			Dawn Arnold - Irena Pickens, Fort Myers FL	58.55%
1.61	6	2		Dori Foster - Joe Foster, Atherton CA	56.21%
1.20		3		Arlene Rudek - Benny Mahlberg, Discovery Bay CA	56.08%
0.90		4		Kay Kerr, Victoria BC; Marlene Gottfried, University Pl WA	55.61%
1.47		5	1	Louise Nelson - Louis Nelson, Modesto CA	51.74%
1.10			2	Claire Young - Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA	51.33%
0.83			3	Bronwen Foks - Jack Foks, South Melbourne Australia	50.76%

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE SERIES FOURTH OF SIX

17.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.10	1			Jack Chao, Oceanside CA; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino CA	64.58%
3.19	2	1		Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	61.00%
2.52	3			Sabina Lim, Cerritos CA; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA	60.84%
1.76	4			Chuck Wong, Danville CA; Joe Freeman, Flower Mound TX	59.83%
1.30	5			Michaele Olesen, Scottsdale AZ; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN	59.31%
2.39	6	2		Sherman Cohen - Nancy Smith, Sun City West AZ	59.30%
2.43		3	1	Jack Patnode, Kula HI; Bruce Scott, San Jose CA	57.77%
1.35		4		George Charrier, West Chester OH; Jack Purdy, Broomfield CO	53.98%
1.82		5	2	Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA; William Nason, Groton MA	53.53%
0.94		6		Elizabeth Nagle, Wethersfield CT; Helma Strauss, Hartford CT	52.19%
1.37			3	Belton Allen, La Mesa CA; Peter Zari, Spring Valley CA	49.43%
1.03			4	Kazuo Takano - Ryo Matsubara, Tokyo Japan	49.13%

SHIZUE PALMER FAST PAIRS

12.0 Tables	A	B			
9.80	1			Bob Bratcher, Vista CA; Derald Keetch, Glenwood NM	60.87%
7.35	2			Jackie Dower - Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas NV	59.16%
5.51	3			Peg Cundiff - Dewy Cundiff, Las Vegas NV	56.86%
5.02	4	1		Richard Gross, Pearl City HI; Jeffrey Klemm, Mc Lean VA	54.87%
3.77	5/6	2		Dean Wangsvick, Daly City CA; Joanne Allen, San Francisco CA	54.02%
2.72	5/6			Gail Rust, Daytona Beach FL; Deborah Drury, Vero Beach FL	54.02%
2.82		3		Camile Hamel - Judi Roy, Nepean ON	53.42%
2.12		4		Mark Till - Randy Ekman, Dallas TX	51.08%
1.59		5		Dolores Vance, Huntsville AL; L Stuart Vance, Kailua Kona HI	49.26%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 10/20/50 PAIRS

7.0 Tables	A	B	C		
1.79	1			James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA	63.50%
1.34	2	1	1	Jonathan Carr - Millie Carr, Honolulu HI	62.00%
1.01	3	2	2	Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA; Jack Foks, South Melbourne Australia	61.83%
0.76	4	3		Doris Schoen, Halifax CD; Bob Allin, Honolulu HI	58.75%
0.57	5			Jack Sohl - Judy Sohl, Sacramento CA	53.92%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

22.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.52	1	1		Jim Pond, Simcoe ON; Marlene Gottfried, University Pl WA	65.77%
3.39	2			Irving Krulevitch - Susana Krulevitch, Los Altos CA	64.88%
2.54	3			Veda Mason, Richmond CA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	62.20%
2.80	4	2	1	Nora Schell - Mary Johnson, Winter Park FL	59.23%
2.10	5	3		Marie Germuska - Leonore Weston, Portland OR	56.85%
1.57	6	4		Barbara Whitman - William Whitman, Green Valley AZ	56.55%
1.61		5	2	Margaret Hedrick - Charel Ann Walker, Portland OR	56.25%
0.88		6/7		Charles Self - Mary Anne Self, Valencia CA	55.95%
1.04		6/7		Robert Kleinman - Madelaine Kleinman, Vail CO	55.95%
1.20			3	Helen McCourt - Chuck McCourt, Las Vegas NV	53.27%
0.90			4	Sharon Simiona, Waitakere City New Zealand; Patty Paulsen, Monterey CA	52.38%
0.77			5	David Thayer - Rena Thayer, Littleton CO	51.49%

KAREN LANKE SENIOR PAIRS

20.0 Tables	A	B	C		
8.40	1	1	1	Herb Wiltsek - Bobbi Wiltsek, San Francisco CA	60.42%
6.30	2			Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda	59.61%
4.73	3			Haruko Koshi, Tokyo 156-0051 Japan; Nakamura Yoshiyuki, Tokyo Japan	59.03%
3.54	4			Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Aileen Osofsky, Phoenix AZ	57.29%
2.66	5			Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Heajung Lee, Ku, Seoul South Korea	56.58%
2.25	6			Diana Holt, Palm Beach FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	55.90%
3.72		2		Peter Barthels - Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA	53.82%
2.79		3		Robert Kroning - Susan Kroning, Seaside OR	53.59%
2.49		4	2	Anita Bent - James Bent, Yorba Linda CA	52.78%
1.57		5		Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; James Easterling, Casselberry FL	52.66%
2.52		6	3	Philip White - Darlene White, San Clemente CA	52.04%
1.34			4	Judith Johnson, Ivins UT; Betty Witteried, St George UT	49.03%

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

32.0 Tables	A	B	C		
6.37	1			Thomas Weik, Reading PA; Sandra Gebhardt, Fleetwood PA	65.97%
4.85	2	1		Kent White - Sten Akerlund, Lincoln CA	65.74%
3.58	3			Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Bove Ercole, Roma Italy	65.51%
2.69	4			Virginia Krueger - Charles Woodruff, Burlington IA	65.05%
2.02	5			John Kamb - Wilma Kamb, Mount Vernon WA	62.27%
3.64	6	2	1	Wayne Kaneko - Barbara Simon, Honolulu HI	60.19%
2.73		3		Clara Sinrich - Edward Sinrich, Boynton Beach FL	58.10%
2.39		4	2	Carol Williams - Ann Swoish, Kailua HI	56.94%
1.59		5/6		Judy McCaffrey - John McCaffrey, Oceanside CA	55.32%
1.87		5/6		Sima Sadri, West Vancouver BC; Gail Heuchert, Vancouver BC	55.32%
1.79			3	Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI; William McKinley, Port Ludlow WA	54.40%
1.59			4	Luciana Haynes - Edith Johnson, Seattle WA	53.01%
1.11			5/6	Joseph Habeich, Portland OR; Georgie Goyette, San Diego CA	52.55%
1.11			5/6	Consortia Ravelo - Celso Ravelo, San Jose CA	52.55%

EDITH NEFF A/X SWISS TEAMS

43 Tables	A	X			
26.61	1			David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Ruman Nenov Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria	118.00
19.96	2			Joanne Minken-Levy, Los Angeles CA; Rhoda Walsh, Palm Desert CA; Jay Korobow, Levittown PA; Ellen Wallace, Chicago IL	96.00
14.97	3			Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Joe Freeman, Flower Mound TX; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN; James Gordon, S Burlington VT	94.00
9.83	4/5			Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV	89.00
9.83	4/5			Vicki Laycock, San Francisco CA; James O'Neil, Palo Alto CA; John Schoenbrun, Cupertino CA; Christopher Galbraith, Antioch CA	89.00
6.31	6			Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA; John Kinst, Batavia IL; Gerald La Flamme - Linda Cobham, Grnd-Bay-Wfld NB	88.00
4.15	7/8			James Rasmussen - Pamela Miller, Cambridge MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Nataly Goldin, Auburndale MA	87.00
4.15	7/8			Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT; Larry Bausher, Hamden CT; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY	87.00
2.96	9			Arnie Frankel, Laurel MD; Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	86.00
6.30	1			Patricia Hirsch - Leo Hoffman - Diane Romm, Boynton Beach FL; Sandra Levine, New York NY	84.00
4.14	2/3			Sachiho Ueda, New York NY; Aiko Mizuuchi, Tokyo Japan Japan; Eiko Nomura - Betty Tajiri, Tokyo Japan	80.00
4.14	2/3			Meredith Beck, Riverton NJ; Robert Glickman, Woodland Hills CA; Paul Bethe, New York NY; Jennifer Lin, Rockville MD	80.00
2.66	4			Robert Van Ekeren - E Gail Van Ekeren, Kapaa HI; James Green, Harrisburg PA; Barbara Garner, Hartsdale NY	73.00

EDITH NEFF B/C/D SWISS TEAMS

24 Tables	B	C	D		
10.04	1			Shoko Imai - Mari Mitani - Eriko Ito, Tokyo Japan; Takako Fujimoto, Tokyo 180 Japan	102.00
7.53	2			Joseph Murray, Maple Shade NJ; Ricki Rogers, Moorestown NJ; Randall Roberts, APO AP; Gloria Halstead, Alexandria VA	99.00
5.65	3			Barbara Bunnell - Ronald Bunnell, Phoenix AZ; Jamie Rubenstein, Scottsdale AZ; John Rothschild, Elkridge MD	95.00
4.24	4			Gregory Foltz - Dawn Foltz - Stella O'Neill - M Aranci, Fort Collins CO	92.00
3.18	5			Richard Dunn - Diane Ayukawa, Delta BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC; Greg Morse, Richmond BC	89.00
2.38	6			Edith Neff - Joseph Bussen, Kailua HI; Ron Frystak, Kaneohe HI; Sheila Nickerson, Belfast ME	81.00
4.96	1			Charles Williams, Port Angeles WA; C Kay Teal, Richland WA; Shawn Cantlin, Tracy CA; William Golush, Denville NJ	74.00
3.72	2			Marlene Powell, Burnaby BC; Myra Johnston, Vancouver BC; Karen Westerlund, Kirkland WA; Rosemarie Jesse, Redmond WA	70.00
3.18	3/4	1		Jean Luning - Virginia Bail - Myrna Laubach, Kailua HI; Pat Kallaus, Captain Cook HI	69.00
2.44	3/4			John Weinberg - Sarah Weinberg, Mercer Island WA; Ronald Dixon, Vancouver BC; David Cohen, New York NY	69.00

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE SERIES

125.00					
12.74	1/2			Tom Weik, Reading PA	131.69%
12.74	1/2			Sandra Gebhardt, Fleetwood PA	131.69%
8.04	3/4			Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY	129.11%
8.04	3/4			Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	129.11%
8.98	5/6			Mary Slick, Rio Vista CA	125.20%
8.98	5/6			Ralph Slick, Rio Vista CA	125.20%
5.28	7/8			Bove Ercole, Roma	124.98%
5.28	7/8			Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur	124.98%

Richard Lanke - Ernest Inada, Honolulu HI; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA; DaMaris Rorie, Columbia SC

vs

Nancy Draughn - Barbara Unkel, Lake Charles LA; Bernice Shahrabani, Deerfield Beach FL; Nobuko Matsubara, Tokyo Japan

DICK LANKE MORNING KO BRACKET 2**8 Tables**

James Andre - Lily Andre, Rockville MD; Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC; Lena Howard, Elkhart IN

vs

William Atteberry, Clearwater FL; Sherry Freese - Donald Freese, St Pete Beach FL; Leelyn Main, St Petersburg FL

Sandy Belfer, Paradise Valley AZ; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX; Shawn Cantlin, Tracy CA; William Golush, Denville NJ

vs

John Tolson, Bedford NS; Edward Hynes, Penobsquis NB; Marjorie Paynter - David Wandler, Port Williams NS

DICK LANKE MORNING KO BRACKET 3**8 Tables**

Barbara Bunnell - Ronald Bunnell, Phoenix AZ; Dave Appel, Denver CO; Stephen Osiecki, Honolulu HI

vs

Dorothy Case - Teresa Bombardier - Joyce Michaelson, Anchorage AK; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK

Janice Chelini, Santa Barbara CA; Jimmie Bernard - Ewalda Primig, Largo FL; June Lucas, Reno NV

vs

Karen Westerlund, Kirkland WA; Anne Coleman - Ray Coleman, Spanaway WA; Mary Miller, Redmond WA

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BRACKETED KO 1**16 Tables**

Ken Gee - Barry Harper, Regina SK; Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Michael Levy, Tucson AZ; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA

vs

Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein - Phillip Goatz - Cynthia Goatz, Las Vegas NV

Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Mark Feldman, New York NY; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

vs

Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount QC; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BRACKETED KO 2**14 Tables**

Sam Katz, Bloomington IL; Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Lynne Schaefer, Ellicott City MD; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV

vs

Emodi Gila, Kfar Shmaryhu Israel; Ronnie Barr, Tel Aviv Israel; Sonia Mark - Micha Mark, Kiryat Ono Israel; Ilan Herbst, Haifa Israel; Yadlin Doran, Petach-Tikva Israel

Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Sabina Lim, Cerritos CA; William Velick - Diane Velick, Laguna Beach CA

vs

Andrew Hoskins, Redmond WA; Chris Moore - Jennifer Chalfan, Bellevue WA; McKenzie Myers, Portland OR

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BRACKETED KO 3**15 Tables**

Claybourne Waldrop Jr, Arlington TX; Virginia Sherman, Dallas TX; Richard Morris - Katherine Morris, Portland OR

vs

Herbert Scibbe - Janice Scibbe, Brecksville OH; Constance Bogan, Strongsville OH; Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI

Henry Corwin - Dorothy Rowe, Sarasota FL; James Gardner, Sonoma CA; Bob Frank, Napa CA

vs

Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Robert Walters, White Rock BC; Judith Murray, Harwich Port MA; Florence Hackman, Chatham MA

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY BRACKETED KO 4**15 Tables**

Robert Reiley, Great Falls MT; Frederick Solomon, Irvine CA; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX; Keith McMahan, Auburn CA

vs

Dave Appel, Denver CO; Patricia Miller - Roger Miller, Centennial CO; Stephen Osiecki, Honolulu HI

Peter Tallman - Ellen Tallman, Longmont CO; Marla Silva, Dan Point CA; Warren Hoffnung, San Clemente CA

vs

Roy Booth - Connie Booth, Duncanville TX; Jane Ressa Chilson, Dallas PA; Barbara Eichelbarger, Kailua Kona HI

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 1**12 Tables**

36.80 1 Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Dano De Falco, 35030 Rubano (P) Italy; Charles Weed, Shreveport LA; Patricia Cayne - Jacqui Mitchell, New York NY

27.60 2 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

18.40 3/4 Brian Fraser - Anna Boivin - Chris Malcolm, Victoria BC; George Retek, Montreal QC; Leo Weniger, Halifax NS

18.40 3/4 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Barnett Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 2**12 Tables**

28.16 1 Terry Currie, Houston TX; Noe Mallari, San Diego CA; Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL
21.12 2 Chuck Wong - Jack Fulcher - Lisa Evans, Danville CA; Cheryl Haines, Redwood City CA
14.08 3/4 Kathy Hauck, Shoreline WA; Karol Monroe - Guy Monroe, Newport OR; Robert Longhi, Lahaina HI
14.08 3/4 John Beasy - Sandra Fox, Sackville NB; Mary Cotter - Michael Wood, Fredericton NB

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 3**12 Tables**

22.01 1 Zachary Brescoll - Kurt Brescoll - Janet Brescoll, Mansfield TX; Mike Marlin - Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY
16.51 2 Edwin Zwald Jr, Houston TX; Vern Schmidt, Katy TX; Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Arlie Lamb, San Mateo CA
11.01 3/4 Carol Thompson - Peter Ineson, Halifax NS; Zelda Zelikovitz - Leon Zelikovitz, Ottawa ON
11.01 3/4 David Kawashima - Shirley Teather, Vancouver BC; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; K F Tung, Hong Kong Hong Kong

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 4**16 Tables**

19.64 1 Norman Holthouse - Rita Holthouse - Winnie Duncan - Kathryn Centoni, Anchorage AK; Peggy Walters, White Rock BC
19.64 1 Cathy Stewart - Wayne Stewart - Gail Shotton - Doug Shotton, Thompson MB
14.73 2 Carla Skeen - Carolyn Skeen, Jefferson City TN; Sue Becker, Canton OH; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC
6.55 4/6 Lynne Tolson - John Tolson, Bedford NS; Edward Hynes, Penobsquis NB; Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton NB
6.55 4/6 Judith Harrington - Susan Mullin, Naples FL; Patricia Anderson, Melrose MA; Sheila Middleton, Milton MA
6.55 4/6 Clarence Dodd, Vancouver BC; Doreen Ransom - Colin Ransom, Furry Creek BC; Cathy Miller, Burnaby BC

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 5**16 Tables**

15.43 1 Margaret Eddleston - Bernard Eddleston, Hitchin Herts England; Bev Drill - Arnold Drill, Kaneohe HI
11.57 2 Wendy Turk, Denver CO; Lorraine Brown - Rosemary Sontowski, Maple Ridge BC; Susan Wong, Monument CO
7.72 3/4 James Paschal, Reno NV; Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV; Norma Saltzberg, Vancouver BC; Trudie Sinclair, Emeryville CA
7.72 3/4 John McCall - Diane McCall, Zephyr Cove NV; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA

RETURNING IN JANUARY BRACKET 6**16 Tables**

12.54 1 Scott Chupack - J C Chupack, Gurnee IL; June Bruno - Roy Bruno, Redmond WA
9.41 2 Clair Kretschmann, Livingston TX; Nancy Holt, Tempe AZ; Arleen Harvey - Jonathan Harvey, Tucson AZ
6.27 3/4 Linda French, Denver CO; Karen Gurwitz, Littleton CO; Gayle Tunnell - James Tunnell, San Francisco CA
6.27 3/4 Arne Garvander, Richfield MN; James Blach, Mountain View CA; Cecil Parsons - Bonnie Shea, Plano TX
2.82 5/8 Ann Marie Gramson - Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR; Marvin Wilson - Shauneen Wilson, Puyallup WA

Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents — and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty.

In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

HAWAII 2/1 TEACHERS PAIRS**50.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
23.45	1	1	1	Patricia Davidoff, Castlegar BC; Sharon Whitesel, Sandpoint ID	59.57%
17.59	2			Clayton Parker - Edith Parker, Surprise AZ	58.94%
13.19	3			Adriana Yanez, Mexico Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico	58.89%
9.89	4			Fred Buckman - Harriette Buckman, Lincolnwood IL	58.57%
7.42	5			Trudy Hurdle - John Hurdle, Richmond BC	58.25%
5.56	6			Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Michael Moss, New York NY	58.01%
4.73	7			Jerry Weinstein - Sue Weinstein, Las Vegas NV	57.93%
7.53	8	2		Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA; Elisabeth Szeps, Argentina	57.37%
5.65		3	2	John Johnson Jr, Honolulu HI; Susan Narita, Ch-8800 Thalwil Switzerland	56.54%
4.24		4		Jan Ter Weele, Falmouth ME; Raymond K Lo, Honolulu HI	55.45%
3.28		5		Janis Parker - Nick Parker, Delta BC	54.49%
2.64		6	3	Mark Pettit, Petrolia ON; Alan Leaver, Hilton Head SC	54.33%
2.37			4	Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; William Morton, Woodland Hills CA	51.12%
2.18			5	William Thorp, Dana Point CA; Dorothy Conway, Ottawa ON	50.72%

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME**32.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
6.37	1			Thomas Weik, Reading PA; Sandra Gebhardt, Fleetwood PA	65.72%
4.78	2	1		Cathy Miller, Burnaby BC; Clarence Dodd, Vancouver BC	64.39%
3.14	3/4			Bill Dimitt - Rosemary Dimitt, Banning CA	60.04%
3.14	3/4			Suzanne Berg - Thomas Loveday, Sequim WA	60.04%
1.70	5/7			Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Bove Ercole, Roma Italy	59.47%
1.55	5/7			Mary Slick - Ralph Slick, Rio Vista CA	59.47%
2.43	5/7			Michael Kutska, River Forest IL; Suzanne Dunaway, Oak Park IL	59.47%
3.53		2		Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI; Eileen Eastman, Sacramento CA	55.87%
2.64		3		Patricia Slack - Gerry Marchant, Calgary AB	55.68%
1.74		4/5		Cheryl Jackson, Kansas City MO; Jerry Essick, Kingman KS	55.49%
1.74		4/5		Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; James Easterling, Casselberry FL	55.49%
1.18		6/7		Marilyn Kay, Bradenton FL; Lillian Richmond, Huntington Bh CA	55.30%
1.18		6/7		Tomiko Nakai - Reiko Tomizawa, Tokyo Japan	55.30%
3.03			1	Walter Hoeger - Renate Hoeger, Nuernberg Germany	53.98%
2.27			2	Thomas Walker, Big Lake AK; Patty Michael, San Francisco CA	53.60%
1.70			3	Alice Young - Clarence Young, Honolulu HI	52.27%
1.31			4	David Wandler - Marjorie Paynter, Port Williams NS	50.95%
0.96			5	Taeko Nakajima, Yokohama Japan; Kazuko Okamoto, Yakahama Japan	50.38%
0.94			6	Byrl Malmanger - Pat Malmanger, Bella Vista AR	50.19%

MADAN SAVARA IMP PAIRS**30.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
6.07	1			Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA	59.00
4.55	2			Gary Soules - Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA	57.00
3.94	3	1		Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton NB	48.00
2.24	4/5			Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Annandale VA	45.00
2.24	4/5			Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lynn Jones, Timonium MD	45.00
2.96	6	2	1	Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA; William Nason, Groton MA	44.00
2.22		3		David Berent, Aventura FL; Shirley Gordon, Pembroke Pines FL	37.00
1.66		4		Molly Kerr - Jules Bue, Lynnwood WA	23.00
1.25		5		Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA	21.00
1.82		6	2	Louis Poisson, Tampa FL; T Poisson, Belle River ON	20.00
1.37			3	Cecil Parsons - Bonnie Shea, Plano TX	11.00
1.03			4	Peggy Gibson - Paul Gibson, Hilton Head Isl SC	5.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS**14 Tables**

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1	1	Teresa Jefferson - Sara Fasoldt, Seaside OR; Sue Boyle, Long Beach WA; Kay Penstone, Gearhart OR	61.00
2.54	2			Judith Mason - Glenn Mason - Muriel Stitt - Oded Stitt, Honolulu HI	59.00
1.91	3	2		Annette Sincock, Torrance CA; Kathryn Sutherland - Fred Sutherland, Surprise AZ; Bettyanne Houts, Long Beach CA	48.00
1.25	4/5			Linda French - Kathleen Zipp, Denver CO; Jane McAllister, Victoria BC; Karen Gurwitz, Littleton CO	44.00
1.42	4/5	3		Ted Thorsen, Mount Vernon WA; Adelina Wong-Chor, Vancouver BC; James Blach, Mountain View CA; Geraldine Christensen, Laporte TX	44.00
1.07		4		Robert Martin, Saratoga CA; Arne Garvander, Richfield MN; Daniel Rosenblatt, Winston Salem NC; Dorcas Downs, Thomasville NC	41.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS**11.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
2.97	1	1		Stephen Minne - Shannon Minne, Santa Barbara CA	65.02%
2.23	2	2	1	Morris Mitchem Jr, Columbia SC; Suzanne Crawford, San Diego CA	61.94%
1.67	3	3	2	Nancy Linn, Kailua HI; Rodica Elena Cailean, Santa Clara CA	61.78%
1.25	4			Robert Lumbert, Severn MD; Cecil Heftel, Honolulu HI	60.18%
0.94	5			Susan Savage - A Savage, Sacramento CA	55.48%
1.04	6			Dorothy Case, Anchorage AK; Olivine Hackett, Manchester England	54.97%
0.85		4		Richard Robbins, Pahoia HI; Jeanne Martin, Hilo HI	53.57%
0.89		5	3	Ursula Pappas, Eureka MT; Millie Marie Humphreys, Saint Joseph MO	53.17%
0.67			4	Luther Dearborn - Ginny Dearborn, Rancho Santa Fe CA	47.02%

MINI BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

52.0 Tables

60.00	1	Joe Houde, St Augustine FL; Divakar Bhargava, Richmond VA	1806.36
45.00	2	John Klayman, Haymarket VA; Lawrence Lau, Westport CT	1783.69
33.75	3	Yayoi French, Kirkland WA; Andrew Sherrill, Bellevue WA	1659.70
26.67	4	Don Friedman - Michael Levin, San Francisco CA	1655.80
24.00	5	Mark Teaford, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA	1648.01
21.82	6	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Yasuko Shrenzel, Kihei HI	1643.87
20.00	7	Mike Wilson, New Westminster BC; Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA	1618.40
18.46	8	Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC; Dianne Isfeld, Coquitlam BC	1610.75
17.14	9	Eric Mayefsky, Stanford CA; Steve Smolen, San Francisco CA	1601.05
19.78	10	Phyllis Harlan - Bill Harlan, Oklahoma City OK	1584.63
15.00	11	Winston Legge Jr - Jennie Legge, Pensacola FL	1575.80
14.12	12	Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA	1570.96
13.33	13	Lynne Newman - Randall Dougherty, San Diego CA	1565.51
12.63	14	Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Larry Gilbert, Union WA	1565.33
12.00	15	John Corey - David Fielder, San Francisco CA	1555.83
11.43	16	Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC	1550.87
10.91	17	V Everett Boyer, San Bruno CA; Fred Chasalow, Millbrae CA	1546.00
12.06	18	Oliver Hoffmann, Auckland 5 New Zealand; Ellen Crawford, Henderson NV	1543.78
10.00	19	Michael Mikyska - Catherine Podolsky, Los Angeles CA	1540.57
9.60	20	Debra Hyatt, Denver CO; Sally Lieberman, Carlsbad CA	1535.17
9.23	21	Herman Louie - Ming Louie, Henderson NV	1533.42
8.89	22	Jennifer Ballantyne - Stan Bodlak, Vancouver BC	1532.97
8.57	23	Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA	1532.81
8.70	24	Richard Bellerose - Kurt Pocsi, San Francisco CA	1530.60
8.00	25	Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON; Robert Hollow, Madoc ON	1527.81
7.74	26	Hiroki Yokoi, Chibaken 272-01 Japan; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA	1506.70
7.50	27	Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Wendy Dooley, Mississauga ON	1503.93
7.27	28	Andrea Hayman, New York NY; Flemming Clausen, Aalborg Denmark	1501.45
7.06	29	Elisabeth Waelchli, Zurich Switzerland; Madeleine Gerstel, Zollikon Switzerland	1498.14
9.16	30	Jimmy Pelham, North Baldwin NY; Walter Smith, West Sand Lake NY	1497.80
6.67	31	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI; Warren Fukushima, Pearl City HI	1493.12
6.49	32	Suresh Mahajan, Del Mar CA; Kenneth Lindsay, Laie HI	1482.94
6.32	33	James Pelletier, Fort Wayne IN; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN	1476.83
7.13	34	Edith De Shaw - Amy Deshaw, Seattle WA	1476.50
6.00	35	Daniel McGuire - Molly Hosford, Las Vegas NV	1469.47
6.39	36	Chris Champion, Colorado Spgs CO; Carol Stewart, Henderson NV	1468.53
5.71	37	Gerri Knilans - Hal Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA	1457.64
5.58	38	Doug Hansford - Donald Sache, Delta BC	1453.81
5.45	39	Stuart Goodgold, San Jose CA; Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA	1450.23
5.33	40	Margaret Cooling - Stephen Lent, Honolulu HI	1447.17
6.25	41	Tom McCrackin, Carpinteria CA; Kalon Kelley, Santa Barbara CA	1445.00
7.29	42	David Brower, Portland OR; Shawn Abernethy, Seattle WA	1437.51
5.00	43	Tony Miller - Diane Miller, Ridgecrest CA	1436.50
7.29	44	Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA; John Barth, Santa Cruz CA	1435.46
7.93	45	Sandra Rimstedt, Harlinge Sweden; Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping Sweden	1429.42
4.71	46	John Lien - Liz Stoneman, Surrey BC	1429.17
6.41	47	Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA; D. Lionel O'Young, Walnut CA	1425.26
4.53	48	Tom Ottley - Douglas H Scott, Anchorage AK	1422.60
4.49	49	Colleen Cody - Ruth Ann Alpert, Fountain Valley CA	1418.54

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

39.0 Tables – Qualifiers for the finals

			Carryover
1	Fulvio Fantoni - Claudio Nunes, Rome Italy	152.00	
2	Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY	134.57	
3	Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA	111.44	
4	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL	95.64	
5	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Grant Baze, San Diego CA	83.15	
6	Joe Grue - Brad Moss, New York NY	83.10	
7	Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	71.08	
8	Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Kevin Bathurst, New York NY	68.95	
9	Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH	65.87	
10	Chip Martel, Davis CA; Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY	63.71	
11	Paul Hackett, Manchester England; John Armstrong, Derbyshire De6 England	61.86	
12	Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	60.37	
13	Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Zia Mahmood, New York NY	52.01	
14	Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	50.16	
15	Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	49.61	
16	Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA; Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA	45.95	
17	Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL	45.55	
18	Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA	44.56	
19	JoAnna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA	44.47	
20	Winthrop Allegaert - Jaggy Shivdasani, New York NY	43.81	
21	Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt	43.79	
22	Cecilia Rimstedt, Harplinge 3104 Sweden; Sara Sivelind, Ludvika Sweden	43.63	
23	Ross Rainwater - Jackie Jarigese, Vancouver WA	41.02	
24	Mike Dorn Wiss, White Rock BC; Dan Romm, Seattle WA	40.14	
25	Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	39.15	
26	John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	37.41	
27	William Muir, Kansas City MO; Jess Stuart, West Chester PA	35.58	
28	Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL	34.75	
29	Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Chris Moll, Jefferson City TN	33.64	
30	Lilo Poplilov - Matilda Poplilov, Tel Aviv Israel	33.21	
31	Andreas Babsch - Martin Schifko, Vienna Austria	33.06	
32	Jim Krekorian, New York NY; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV	32.21	
33	Martin Andresen, Norway; Jon-Egil Furunes, Oslo Norway	31.17	

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The rocky road to Templeogue*By Sabine Auken*

Twelve stars from Europe battling it out against 12 stars from the United States. Every match a point. No prize money at stake, only honor, pride and a prestigious trophy. You may be thinking Ryder Cup and you might be right. But this is a bridge column, not a golf column. So you should be thinking Buffett Cup.

Based on the same ideas as the Ryder Cup, the inaugural Buffett Cup took place in September this year during the days leading up to the golfing event at the same destination, Dublin in Ireland. Daniela and I were honored and very proud to be a member of the European team, and like everyone else on both teams we were determined to give our best. Our Irish hosts had done everything in their power (if not even more) to create the best possible conditions and give all the stars their due shine.

A group of volunteers had worked hard for months to renovate Templeogue, the home of the Irish Bridge Association, where the event was to be staged. The result was no less than breathtaking. Never have I seen a place more suited and prepared with such attention to detail to stage a bridge event. Nothing had been left to chance, and everything was done very professionally throughout. For the occasion the organizers had even set up two trailers in the backyard, one for each team, to use as their home base, compare scores, relax between matches, get refreshments and so on. Only the respective team members were allowed in there, nobody else. And to top it off there were even set up flower boxes with pretty and colourful flowers on the roofs of the trailers. Did I say attention to detail?

A bit inconveniently, however, both teams stayed at a hotel at the other end of town for the duration of the event. And a daily tee-time of 10 a.m. seemed to bode ill regarding the sleep department and time spent in rush-hour traffic. No problem for the Irish organizers. As though it was the smallest problem in the world, they had arranged for a police escort for the bus transporting us all to the playing site. Every morning, five policemen on motorbikes accompanied our bus and blazed a trail through Dublin rush-hour traffic, waving all the cars to the roadside and making everybody wonder who the important people inside that bus were.

The form of scoring was novel for bridge. We would be playing first pairs, then teams and finally an individual competition. The captains of the two teams (Paul Hackett for Europe and Donna Compton for the U.S.) decided which of their pairs would play together as teams. Every European pair, team and player was matched with an American counterpart in the respective events.

Counterparts would never meet one another at the table. Rather they would always sit in the same direction at a different table trying to outscore their respective counterparts on as many boards as possible. Scoring was simple point-a-board. The pair, team or player winning most boards in a match would score a certain number of "championship points" for their "team" (Europe or U.S.) in the overall standings, with the number of championship points at stake depending on the form of competition (pairs, teams or individual). Okay, it was designed to be rather simple, but turned out to be rather complicated. Next time this will certainly be changed.

After the pairs competition the score was level. After the teams competition, Europe had

taken the lead, we were up by 9. Everybody was looking forward to the individual competition with anticipation. The consensus was that the Americans would have an edge because of greater familiarity with the methods they were using. The European players generally play vastly different systems and methods and might have more problems being on the same wavelength. At least that was what the Americans were hoping for. And they were proven right, in the end the Americans prevailed by 23 championship points.

But there were no real losers. In terms of publicity and the promotion of bridge, the inaugural Buffett Cup was a huge success. And we were all happy to have contributed to it in various ways, no doubt some of us by keeping the spectators entertained and amused with strange-looking plays, convincing them they could have done much better themselves at home in their local club.

Here is some of the action. I picked up this hand as South:

♠K Q 9 8 4 ♥A 10 9 2 ♦K 2 ♣8 5

We had reached the individual phase, and after four rounds, Europe's lead had shrunk to 1. In the fifth round, I was playing with Geir Helgemo against Jill Levin and Bob Hamman. How would you have bid my hand? Nobody was vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	?

Should I pass or go on to 4♥? Unfamiliarity with my partner's style played a big role here. I didn't quite know how much to expect from him for his raise to 3♥. It looked to me like we were likely to lose three tricks in the minors. Hamman's bidding seemed to indicate an adverse major-suit split, which would be bound to complicate the play of the hand, even if we had all the high cards in the majors. So I talked myself into passing. Jill Levin led the ♣2, and Geir put down his beautiful dummy, a bit too beautiful to make me feel happy about my pessimistic decision.

This is what I saw:

♠ A 10
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ Q 7 4 3

♠ K Q 9 8 4
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ 8 5

I played low from dummy awaiting further developments. Hamman won the ♣K, cashed the ♦A and continued with a low diamond to my king, Jill Levin showing a doubleton. How should I go about the play of this hand?

The form of scoring had played a not unimportant role in various choices of action throughout the entire event so far, and this deal was no exception. Making 3♥ didn't seem to pose any great problems. If the table were comparing with had reached 4♥, overtricks wouldn't matter at all. But if they also had stopped in the heart partial, my line of play and the resulting number of tricks would be decisive. Taking this into consideration, it had to be right to go for the maximum number of tricks. The only question that remained was how.

The play to the first tricks indicated that Hamman held a 6-4 distribution in the minors, leaving him with only three cards in the majors. If hearts broke 5-0, it would be impossible to win 10 tricks. With a void in spades, Hamman probably would have played a higher diamond at trick three to ask for a spade ruff. So I discarded those two possibilities from my thoughts.

Why had Jill led a club from her three-card

34	Valentin Kovachev, Sofia Bulgaria; David Kendrick, Royston Herts England	30.83
35	Dan Morse, Houston TX; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON	27.37
36	Steve Clark, Carlsbad CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	26.83
37	James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL	23.46
38	Chip Chapin - S Kan, Honolulu HI	22.37
39	Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC	22.19
40	Brian Hingerty, Knoxville TN; Nancy Pickering, Penllyn PA	21.82
41	Bradley Bart, Burnaby BC; Chris Diamond, Winnipeg MB	21.13
42	Sartaj Hans, Bondi Nsw Australia; Anthony Nunn, Artarmon Nsw Australia	20.95
43	Phil Schaefer - Nell Schaefer, Los Angeles CA	20.56
44	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY	20.08
45	Elena Prahin - Michael Prahin, Irvington NY	19.83
46	Paul Marston, Australia 1360 Australia; Mike Prescott, Sydney Australia	18.33
47	Sheila Ekeblad, Providence RI; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV	18.26
48	Josh Sher, Woodland Hls CA; Marc Umeno, Seattle WA	16.92
49	Miriam Varenne, Monaco; Migry Zur Campanile, Las Vegas NV	16.44
50	Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL	15.62
51	Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA; Rob Crawford, Henderson NV	14.54
52	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Don Campbell, Saskatoon SK	12.96
53	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV	12.94
54	John Kranyak, New York NY; Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH	12.75
55	Susan Yates, Victor NY; Daniel Boye, Syracuse NY	12.72
56	Jenny Ryman, Thornhill ON; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY	12.31
57	Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN	11.89
58	Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	11.02
59	James Glickman, Woodland Hills CA; Marc Glickman, San Francisco CA	10.94
60	Eiji Ohtaka, Tokyo Japan; Hidenori Narita, Abiko Japan	10.87
61	Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Robert Morris, Houston TX	7.79
62	Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	7.69
63	Mark Bennett - Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI	6.57
64	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico	6.54
65	Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands; Alon Apteker, Johannesburg South Africa	6.07
66	Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA	6.05
67	William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Per Olof Sundelin, Stockholm Sweden	5.71
68	George Klemic, Bensenville IL; Diana Miller, Las Vegas NV	4.72
69	Maria Rahelt, Copenhagen Denmark; Gitte Hecht-Johansen, London England	4.24
70	Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Andrew Robson, Santa Cruz CA	3.37
71	Cathy Strauch - Riggs Thayer Jr, San Diego CA	2.90
72	John Morris, Atlanta GA; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	1.78
73/74	Zoltan Nagy, Woodville West Australia; Robert Richman, Double Bay 2028 Australia	1.57
73/74	Kieran Dyke, Glebe Nsw Australia; David Wiltshire, Paddington N Australia	1.57
75	Peter David Gill, Dulwich Hill Australia; Paul Gosney, Sydney Australia	1.24
76	Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles CA	0.89
77	Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA; Mike Develin, Berkeley CA	0.85
78	William Schreiber, Van Nuys CA; John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo CA	0.00

suit instead of a diamond from her doubleton? Most likely she was looking at a four-card trump holding with a possible trump trick and had decided to play for a forcing game rather than a ruff with what might turn out to be a natural trump trick.

So far, so good. If my assumptions were right, Hamman had a doubleton spade and a singleton heart, making it odds on that both major-suit jacks would be on my left. If Jill's trump holding also included all the intermediates, *i.e.* J 8 7 5 or J 8 7 3, the timing of the play would be very delicate. In order to make 10 tricks I would have to take a first-round finesse against the jack in either one of the majors. (If Hamman held the singleton ♥8 or ♥7, there would be other successful but more involved lines.)

It seemed right and clearly it would be more exciting, so at trick four I played a spade to the 10. Hamman won the jack – of course!

The full deal:

Dlr: East	♠ A 10	♠ J 7
Vul: None	♥ K Q 6 4	♥ 7
	♦ J 9 6	♦ A Q 10 8 7 3
	♣ Q 7 4 3	♣ A K 10 9
♠ 6 5 3 2	♠ K Q 9 8 4	
♥ J 8 5 3	♥ A 10 9 2	
♦ 5 4	♦ K 2	
♣ J 6 2	♣ 8 5	

Because of the implications of the choice of opening lead, the assumption of four hearts to the jack on my left is more conclusive than four to the jack in spades. So I should have started by running the ♥10 at trick four instead. Then it would no

longer have been necessary to finesse in spades. By just playing spades from the top before continuing to draw trumps, I would have been able to both handle the doubleton jack on my right and four to the jack on my left, ruffing the fourth round of spades in dummy if necessary.

As it was, Hamman could have beaten even 3♥ now by cashing his high club and then continuing with a diamond. But as the opening club lead could have been from four to the jack, he immediately continued with the ♦Q.

I desperately wanted to avoid the embarrassment of going down in 3♥ at this point. Clearly, I had to discard my club loser now on the diamond. I ruffed the next diamond with the ♥2 in my hand, which would be imperative in case Jill's heart holding was J 8 7 5 or J 8 7 3. Jill did well not overruffing but discarding a club instead, but it didn't matter. I could take the marked finesse against her trump jack and then just keep playing spades, finishing with nine tricks. "Well done," Hamman said, nodding appreciatively. Somehow losing the board didn't hurt quite as much any more.

What a great event this was!

**Get ready for
the 2007 Spring
NABC in St. Louis,
March 8 - 18, 2007**

HAWAII 2/I TEACHERS PAIRS WEDNESDAY EVENING - SECOND SESSION

Table with columns for North-South and East-West pairings, including names, scores, and session numbers.

NORTH-SOUTH

Table listing pairings for the North-South section, including names, scores, and session numbers.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE GAME - SIXTH OF SIX SESSIONS

SECTION L

SECTION M

SECTION N

SECTION O

SECTION P

SECTION Q

SECTION R

SECTION S

SECTION T

SECTION U

MADAN SAVARA IMP PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

SECTION R

SECTION S

SECTION T

SECTION U

WEDNESDAY EVENING 50/100/300 - ONLY SESSION

SECTION GGG

Table listing pairings for the Wednesday Evening 50/100/300 session, including names, scores, and session numbers.

MINI BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - SECOND FINAL SESSION

SECTIONS AA BB CC DD

EAST-WEST

Table listing pairings for the Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs session, including names, scores, and session numbers.

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - SECOND SEMIFINAL SESSION

SECTIONS FF GG HH II JJ

EAST-WEST

Table listing pairings for the Blue Ribbon Pairs session, including names, scores, and session numbers.

SHIZUE PALMER FAST PAIRS - MORNING SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION R, EAST-WEST, A, B, scores, and names.

KAREN LANKE SENIOR PAIRS WED 9AM - FIRST OF TWO SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION M, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

SHIZUE PALMER FAST PAIRS - AFTERNOON SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION R, EAST-WEST, A, B, scores, and names.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 10/20/50 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION DDD, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION EEE, EAST-WEST, SECTION GGG, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

KAREN LANKE SENIOR PAIRS - SECOND SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION M, EAST-WEST, SECTION N, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME - FIFTH OF SIX SESSIONS

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION K, EAST-WEST, SECTION L, EAST-WEST, SECTION O, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

HAWAII 2/1 TEACHER OPEN PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION P, EAST-WEST, SECTION Q, EAST-WEST, SECTION S, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY SIDE SERIES - FOURTH OF SIX - WEDNESDAY 9AM SESSION

Table with columns for NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION P, EAST-WEST, A, B, C, scores, and names.

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Thanksgiving Day and Jim Bishop Memorial Day

Thursday, November 23, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Dick Lanke Wednesday-Friday Morning Bracketed Knockout Teams	2nd	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday-Friday Morning Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	1st single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$17.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$14.50

Thursday, November 23, 9 a.m. & Noon

Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Thursday, November 23, 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Thursday, November 23, 1:30 p.m.

Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>Continues at 8 p.m.</i>	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	2nd single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50

Thursday, November 24, 1:30 & 8 p.m.

Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs	1-2 F	Tapa Ballroom	\$18	—
Senior Knockout Teams	Round 5	Sea Pearl Rooms	\$18	—
Hansa Narasimhan Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams 3-4		Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, November 23, 8 p.m.

Evening Stratified Open Pairs*	2nd of 2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Johnnie Sue Dayton Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50

Note: Entry for the **Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams** required by 8 p.m. Thursday.

*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

**Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

Making a difference

There are many people who make a difference in this game we enjoy. This section of your Daily Bulletin recognizes individuals who have contributed time, talent and other resources for positive change. Although space constraints limit what can be communicated about each person's contributions, we are sure that you will agree that each individual has made a lasting impact on this wonderful activity called bridge

In Memory of Jim Bishop Day

Jim Bishop's family and friends are taking this opportunity to recognize the many contributions Jim made to Hawaii bridge. Jim served for many years as president, treasurer and a member of the board of the Hawaiian Contract Bridge Units

Association that sponsors the Hawaii Regional. He is remembered for his integrity, unselfishness and non-judgmental character. Jim had a strong passion for bridge. He was a Diamond Life Master with more than 5000 Masterpoints.

Hansa Narasimhan

Hansa's team won the 1989 Women's National Teams in India. After this accomplishment she moved to the United States and took an extended break from the bridge table. She has recently resumed playing at the national level and has two North American titles and one runner-up title since 2004. Her team represented the U.S. in the 2005 World Championships in Portugal, where the team finished a respectable fourth place. In 2006, the

team competed in the World Championships in Verona, Italy, and brought home a silver medal.

Johnnie Sue Dayton

Although Johnnie Sue Dayton was born in Texas, her heart has been in Hawaii since she moved here in 1971. Her interest in bridge began in Hawaii in the early Nineties. She is currently a resident of Lubbock TX, but she enjoys four months each year in Honolulu. She has many friends she continues to enjoy as bridge partners. She wanted to help sponsor the NABC to show her support for the Hawaii Unit and hopes that Hawaii can host another NABC in the future.

Hamman leading in Player of Year race

Bob Hamman, the first ACBL Player of the Year, was the leader in the 2006 race at the start of the Fall NABC in Hawaii. His total of 559.59 platinum masterpoints put him just ahead of Bjorn Fallenius, who had 552.14 at the start of the tournament.

The Player of the Year race goes to the person who earns the most platinum masterpoints, available only in NABC+ events, during the calendar year.

Hamman won the first POY award in 1990, and he repeated in 1993. Zia Mahmood holds the record for the most POY wins – four.

The following are the top 25 players in the

Player of the Year standings before the NABC started. The list will be updated after the Blue Ribbon Pairs concludes today.			
1.	Bob Hamman Dallas TX	559.59	12. Lew Stansby Castro Valley CA 339.89
2.	Bjorn Fallenius New York NY	552.14	13. Roy Welland New York NY 337.14
3.	Eric Rodwell Clearwater Beach FL	493.13	14. Zhao Jie Tianin, China 337.09
4.	Jeff Meckstroth Tampa FL	477.81	15. Fu Zhong Beijing, China 337.09
5.	Paul Soloway Mill Creek WA	477.24	16. Richard Freeman Atlanta GA 331.02
6.	Bart Bramley Dallas TX	361.47	17. Nick Nickell New York NY 331.02
7.	Alfredo Versace Rome, Italy	352.50	18. Cezary Balicki Wroclaw, Poland 330.00
8.	Fred Chang Flushing NY	347.50	19. Adam Zmudzinski Katowice, Poland 330.00
9.	Robert Levin Bronx NY	343.16	20. Judi Radin New York NY 328.25
10.	Richard Schwartz East Elmhurst NY	342.75	21. Chip Martel Davis CA 324.85
11.	Ralph Katz Hinsdale IL	342.33	22. Ron Smith San Francisco CA 324.19
			23. Steve Weinstein Andes NY 319.89
			24. Walid Elahmady Cairo, Egypt 312.54
			25. Kit Woolsey Kensington CA 306.97