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Bridge players' bracketology

By Karen Walker

It's that time of year, when bridge players turn their attention to bracket matchups in two of their favorite sporting events – the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams and the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

It's not surprising that so many bridge players are also fans of athletic sports, but basketball seems to be a special passion. Some players are filling out bracket sheets right now, hoping to win cash prizes in their office pools. This weekend, they'll be sprinting down to the hotel bar between bridge rounds to check scores on TV.

Among the most ardent fans is **Fred Hamilton**, a graduate of Michigan State University. Fred grew up in East Lansing MI, where his father, an MSU professor, moonlighted as a ticket-taker at the basketball arena. Fred was just eight years old when his dad began sneaking him into the stands, and he's been a diehard fan ever since.

Fred believes his Spartans are talented enough to beat any team in the tournament, but were plagued by inconsistency during the regular season.

"I'd love to see them in the Final Four," said Fred, "but my best guess is they lose in the Elite Eight."

Fred sees many parallels between bridge and basketball. "Both require skill, but luck is a big factor, too," said Fred. "Some days, even your good, open shots – and your best bridge decisions – keep missing the target and bouncing the opponents' way. Other days, the shots go in, the contracts make and you feel like nothing bad can happen."

Tournament director **Rick Beye** of Memphis TN is an admitted basketball junkie. He arranged his NABC directing schedule to provide maximum time for TV viewing when the first-round games begin

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Fred Hamilton

Strul goes down in Vanderbilt upset

The team captained by Aubrey Strul, seeded No. 3, fell behind in the opening quarter of their Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match against the French team led by Franck Multon and were dispatched 144-92.

Multon's teammates are Pierre Zimmerman, Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volcker and Lionel Sebbane. Strul played with Mike Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby.

Most of the rest of the matches ran true to form. The top-seeded Nick Nickell team, who had to rally from 67 down at the half to advance on Monday, made sure there was no drama in Tuesday's action as they stretched an 18-IMP halftime lead over Dan Morse and company to 68 after three quarters on the way to a 155-96 win.

The closest match of the day involved the No. 5 seed, captained by Ron Rubin, who had to rally in the fourth set to defeat Uday Ivatury 123-122.

League of nations

In the round of 32 in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, 61 of the 176 players – slightly more than one-third – are top-class foreign internationals from 12 countries. France and the Netherlands have the most players at 10 each.

Here are the numbers from other countries: Sweden, 8; Italy, 7; China, 6; Norway, Poland and Russia, 4 each; Japan, England, Israel and Egypt, 2 each.

Sure and it was a great Tuesday at the NABC



Michael McNamara of White Plains NY sported just the right sweatshirt for St. Patrick's Day, and Ann Mahoney Grill of Breckenridge CO enjoyed showing off her shamrock hat.

Down 67 IMPs? No problem for the Nickell team

By Phillip Alder

How do you come back from 67 IMPs down with 32 boards to play?

Ask the team that has made more remarkable comebacks than any other: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell and Bob Hamman, along with the sixth team member, first Bobby Wolff, then Paul Soloway and now Zia Mahmood. They use controlled aggression. You cannot afford to give away 13-IMP swings. You must try to pitch a shutout and attempt to push the opponents into errors.

To see how this works, you could have watched the second half of the Round of 64 of the

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Kibitzers surround the table where the Nickell team and the Kleinplatz team faced off in the Vanderbilt Monday night.

Canadian pair leads Mixed

Michael Yuen, of Vancouver BC, and K Fung, of Edmonton AB, lead the 130 pairs who qualified for today's final in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. Their carryover is 189.30, nearly three boards. The pair scored 64.19% in the first qualifying session and followed with 60.88% in the evening.

Sylvia Caley, of Montreal, and Simon Kantor, of Agawam MA, are close behind the leaders with 187.71. Last year's winners, Gail Greenberg and Jeffrey Hand, lie in third with 168.28.

The winners will have their names inscribed on the Rockwell Trophy. It was donated by Helen Rockwell in 1946.

Goodwill Message

Have you said "thank you" to a caddy during this NABC? The caddies pick up slips each round during pair games and move boards during team games — despite players' best efforts to hide the slips and the boards.

A word of thanks will brighten their day — and yours, too.

Aileen Osofsky
Chairman, Goodwill Committee



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Wednesday, March 18
 4:30 - 7 pm **Junior Lounge.** Juniors who attend mentoring/coaching lessons on Bridge Base Online or any Juniors under 26 are invited to come and meet Lynn Deas, Valerie Westheimer and others. BBO mentors are invited, too. *Meeting Room 327.*

Thursday, March 19
 10 am - Noon **Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge meeting.** *Meeting Room 326.*

Friday, March 20
 11:30 pm - 2 am **Women's Team Trials meeting.** *Meeting Room 331.*

Saturday, March 21
 10:30 am - Noon **Understanding Changes in the Laws seminar.** Club managers and directors are invited to join ACBL National Director Rick Beye and the ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A question-and-answer session will be included. *Meeting Room 344.*

Sunday, March 22
 11 am - 5:30 pm **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*
 8 pm til **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to hear these free expert lectures in Houston.

Wednesday, March 18
 12:15 pm Kitty Cooper *Opening Leads — Spoil Declarer's Plan*
 6:45 pm Barry Harper *Hand Evaluation and Revaluation*

Thursday, March 19
 12:15 pm John Zilic *The Missing Diamond!*
 6:45 pm Ellen Kent *Director — Why Call?*

Friday, March 20
 12:15 pm David Berkowitz *Partnerships*
 6:45 pm G S Jade Barrett *The Learning Curve*

Saturday, March 21
 12:15 pm Mildred Breed *Tales of Beijing!*
 6:45 pm Jeff Roman *The Difference between Pairs and Teams*

LATE NIGHT/ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment will be provided in Lanier Ballroom J at 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18
 Dance to High Resolution

Thursday, March 19
 Karaoke

Food will be served nightly in the Lanier Ballroom pre-function area at 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18
 BBQ sandwiched and chips

Thursday, March 19
 Nachos

Counting

By Henry Bethe

My partner, Allen Tan, of Singapore, demonstrated the value of counting on this board:

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

West	North	East	South
	Bethe		Tan
Pass	1♣	3♦	Dbl
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6NT

Over East's 3♦ overcall, Allen decided not to lose the possible spade fit and tried a negative double rather than 3NT. This gave me a serious problem: I was too strong for 4♣ and my clubs were not good enough for five. So, I decided to try the 4-3 heart fit. Allen bid Key Card Blackwood, and when I showed three he tried 6NT.

West dutifully led his diamond, and after some thought East won and shifted to the ♠Q. Before tackling clubs, Allen decided to get more information. He won the ♠A in dummy, and took the (almost) certain diamond finesse. West showed out. East has seven of them. He cashed the ♠K. East followed with the 10, then showed out when he cashed the jack. Allen next cashed three hearts, both opponents following.

So now he knew twelve of East's cards: seven diamonds, two spades and three hearts. He cashed the ♣A; East followed. All 13. He led the ♣J, and finessed into the known void.

Plus 990 was worth 22.5 on a 25 top.

NABC Insider

Yesterday, the Insider was reminded that the ACBL gives employee performance reviews around the first of April each year. He was reminded of this when the Supreme C. came down from the 42nd floor executive suite to observe the Insider in action. Since the S.C. didn't come down until 1:30 p.m. as the Insider was heading off to lunch, he didn't see much. Because we may not see him again before he flies off to some tropical locale, the Insider is not expecting much positive in his review. So far, the input has been that the Insider's notes have been inaccurate, exaggerated and often completely made up. (The very reasons many of our fans read our musings each day.) As an example, the S.C. noted that the Hollywood Squares game (named by the Insider as the headline act of this NABC) was surpassed in entertainment value by the S.C.'s performance at Karaoke night at the House of Blues. Further evaluation has focused on the Insider's inability to spell Gatlinburg and the missing Ask Me sign. Add to that the fact that the Insider first praised the Ask Me Girl, and then sent her back to Memphis, and the S.C. is not happy.

But, the Insider will continue unfazed. Today, take special note of the Tournament Services Crew. If you have ever attended an NABC before you know that these are the people that get here early, unload the truck, set up the offices and bridge play rooms, keep things on track and, at the end, pack it all up and send it back to Memphis. They work long, hard hours and seldom complain — at least not in public. Plus, for eight days in a row, they have been able to coordinate their wardrobes and all wear the same color shirt each day. They had to break the traditional order yesterday in order to wear their green shirts so who knows if they'll be color-matched today. (Probably not, and the S.C. will hear about it!) If you see Martin, Brian, David or Ken let them know you appreciate their efforts — or show them that you do by closing up the bid boxes, folding the table and bringing it all down to the loading dock on Sunday night.

The Insider will be making Vanderbilt and NCAA predictions in tomorrow's Insider space - be sure to tune in then.

ACBL restaurant shuttle

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily

Shuttle Route 1: This bus will circle every 10 minutes. There will be two buses on this route.

Stop 1: Stopping in front of House of Blues on Caroline St. Houston Pavilions-following restaurants located here:

- House of Blues
- McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant
- Guadalajara del Centro
- Josephine's Ristorante
- Stop 2:** Stopping on Lamar St. next to Massa's Seafood Grill
- Massa's Seafood Grill.
- Strip House

Shuttle Route 2: This bus will circle every 20 minutes. There will be four buses on this route.

Stop 1: Stopping on Texas Ave next to Hard Rock Café.

Bayou Place-following restaurants located here:

- Hard Rock Café
- Mingalone Italian Bar and Grill
- Slick Willie's

Stop 2: Stopping at Sambuca's on the corner of Travis and Texas.

Main Street-following restaurants located here:

- Azuma Sushi and Robata Bar
- Cabo
- Café Express
- Chipotle
- Flying Saucer Draught Emporium
- Frank's Pizza
- Sambuca's Jazz Café
- Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar
- Yatra Brasserie
- Zula

Pick up and drop off located at the Hilton Americas EAST ENTRANCE.

Buses will pick up where you were dropped off at the restaurant locations.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Dear New Players:

By Marti Ronemus

Isn't it great to be out of the gloom-and-doom world for a while? I know when I'm at an NABC, the only newspaper I see is this one...and it's plenty! Who needs to know more?



Everything will be waiting for us when we get home, so this is an island of peace. Sort of.

Today, however, I'm going to drag in a little of what we are all escaping. Whatever your political persuasion, it's hard to deny that we all, as individuals and a nation, have been spending money we didn't have.

Does this have anything to do with bridge? It sure does! I see new players spending money they don't have all the time. Let's talk about some of the ways you do this. The big one is this:

Not recognizing the importance of limit bids. Even though bridge is, in my humble opinion, as much an art form as a science, it still involves the ability to add. Once one of you has made a bid that shows a point count, it is (usually) up to the other partner to Do The Math and place the contract. Let me give an example from Real Life. I was playing with a beginner, and I held this hand:

♠5 4 ♥Q 10 6 ♦8 4 3 ♣K Q J 8 6.

Nothing special, right? Pard opened 1♥. I analyzed my options: As nice as my clubs are, I can't buy a new suit at the two level. That costs 10 and I only have 9 (8 HCP plus 1 for the fifth club). I could bid 1NT, but while that would show my point count and fairly balanced hand, it would deny holding a heart fit. So I choose the sensible, budget-conscious 2♥. That bid says it all...6-9 points and a fit with pard's suit.

Please write this down somewhere: *The rebid of an old suit at the 2-level shows a minimum hand.* I rebid an old suit at the two level and

partner now knows my point count. Simple, right? Minimum for responder is 6-9 or 10 (12-14 or 15 for opener).

Next thing I see is her 3♥. Wow.

Now write this down also: *the rebid of an old suit at the three level promises an intermediate hand.* (By the way, we are talking auctions where the opponents are silent.)

She has just shown me 16-18 points (intermediate for opener. Intermediate for responder is 10-12). Her bid is invitational and says the same thing all invitational bids say: "If you are at the top of your range, take us to the next bonus level."

Well, now I'm on the hook. When I bid 2♥, I thought it was her problem. Now that she has limited her hand, I'm the one with the problem. Well, let's do the math.

My 9, plus her 16 means we have at least 25 points, and as high as 27. I've got two honors in our suit, and some nice tricks in my clubs. Sounds like game to me, right? I'm at the top of my range, so I take us to the next bonus level and bid 4♥.

Turns out she only had 14 solid points (which by an optimist could be stretched to 15) but wanted me to know she "had extra."

Extra *what?! Had she Done The Math* when I showed 6-9, she would have known we didn't have game. When I mentioned that 15 plus a max of 9 is only 24, which isn't game (usually), her reply was that we weren't vulnerable.



That cracking sound you hear is me banging my head on the wall.

So, let's talk budgets. Repeat after me, out loud: The rebid of an old suit at the two level promises a minimum hand. The rebid of an old suit at the three level promises an intermediate hand. If you can get a solid grasp on these two principles, you will go a long way toward balancing your budgets. And we each have to do what we can to help our nation in crisis.

That's my story and I'm stickin' to it. Let me know how you're doing and what you're doing to help your bridge economy. mronemus@comcast.net.

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

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

♠ 4 3
♥ A K Q J
♦ J 10 5 2
♣ K 9 8

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♠Q.

Bidding commentary: Playing support doubles, North's raise to 2♥ shows four hearts. A double of 1♠ would show three hearts. Not playing support doubles, a single raise (as many play) can show three or four hearts. In any case, South, with a double fit (an upgrade), has a clear cut 4♥ bid.

Lead commentary: Suits headed by the Q-J-9 are normally strong leads. East signals

encouragement with the ♠8, the highest equal, at trick one.

Play commentary: The North-South hands have mirror (identical) distribution. Mirror distributions lead to strip and endplay strategies.

Declarer wins the ♠A, draws trumps, strips diamonds from the opponents' hands and exits with a spade, hoping for something good to happen in clubs.

Defensive commentary: After declarer strips the hand and exits a spade, East wins the ♠K and has a lot of information. Partner has shown out on third round of each red suit and needs five spades for the overcall.

Translation: South has exactly three clubs, and three club tricks are needed to defeat the contract.

Furthermore, East can lead clubs only once. East must project West to have the A-Q-J-x and lead the ♣10. This lead prevents South from ducking the trick into West, forcing a club lead from the ace.



Intermediate-Newcomer Director Judy Cotterman presents a special shirt to Larry Cohen, celebrity speaker. Cohen will not be attending NABCs regularly and yesterday was his final lesson for the IN section. "Larry has been doing this three times a year for about 10 years," said Cotterman. "He is something special." Cohen says he loves to teach and will still do that. Cohen says he will be concentrating more on giving lessons on cruises and writing.

Nickell

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Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, when Nickell was 67 down to Morrie Kleinplatz, Mark Leonard, Wojciech Kurkowski and Roger Lord.

The second half started well at Meckwell's table.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Leonard	Meckstroth	Kleinplatz
	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠ (1)	3NT	Pass	4♠
Dbl (2)	4NT	Pass	5♥
Dbl	All Pass		

- (1) His weakest raise.
(2) "I have weak spades."

West	North	East	South
Lord	Hamman	Kurkowski	Zia
	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♦ (1)	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

(1) Promising some points because they use lebensohl.

It was surprising to see both South players double with a spade void. Did they really want to have to bid five hearts after 1♠ - Dbl - 4♠ - Pass; Pass-? Overcalling two hearts, then doubling some number of spades would have given a good description.

Kleinplatz should have settled for four hearts, which would have shown a good hand given his initial double. But he was thinking about a slam despite the spade duplication.

Rodwell was happy to double five hearts.

At the other table, it was surprising that East opened two spades with three first-round controls, and the auction timed better for Zia.

The play started similarly: spade to the king, ace and ruff; heart ace; heart seven to West's jack; spade to dummy's queen, club discarded. Now, though, South played a club from the board and East erred by rushing in with his ace. Now Zia could hold his losses to three hearts and one club for down one. As Zia said, "It's embarrassing to make a slam try, then to go down in game."

Plus 800 and minus 50 gave Nickell 13 IMPs.

This was the next deal:

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Leonard	Meckstroth	Kleinplatz
		1NT (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3♣ (3)	Pass
3♥ (4)	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦ (5)	Pass	4♥ (6)	Pass
5♦ (7)	Pass	5♥ (8)	Pass
5♠ (9)	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- (1) 14-16 points.
(2) Puppet Stayman (asking about five-card

majors).

(3) No five-card major.

(4) Four spades and fewer than four hearts.

(5) Exactly five diamonds (with 4=6 he would have started with simple Stayman).

(6) Roman Key Card Blackwood for diamonds.

(7) Two key cards and the diamond queen.

(8) Asking for side-suit kings

(9) Theoretically denying one, but West was not interested in a grand slam.

West	North	East	South
Lord	Hamman	Kurkowski	Zia
		1♣ (1)	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠ (2)	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) 1NT would have shown 10-14 points.

(2) Artificial game-force.

3NT made with three overtricks. South led a low spade, declarer ducked a heart, then caught South in a three-suit squeeze.

Six diamonds is slightly against the odds, but it is fine when you are well down in a match.

North led the club jack, South taking the trick with his king and shifting to the heart jack.

Rodwell won on the board, drew three rounds of trumps, unblocked his club queen, played a heart to dummy, and took the club ace, South and West discarding spades to give this position:

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

Where was the spade queen? Given the 6-2 club break, the odds favored South. So West ruffed a heart in his hand and cashed his last trump, unblocking dummy's spade jack in case North had started with the singleton ten. This squeezed South in the majors. He threw a spade, of course, so Rodwell took the last trick with his spade nine.

Minus 690 and plus 1370 gave Nickell 12 IMPs.

The auctions were strange on the next deal.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Leonard	Meckstroth	Kleinplatz
			1♠
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣ (1)	2♦	Pass	Pass
2NT	3♦	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Stayman/range inquiry.

West	North	East	South
Lord	Hamman	Kurkowski	Zia
			Pass
1NT (1)	3♦	Dbl (2)	All Pass

(1) 10-14 points.

(2) Penalty.

Why would South open one spade on a 9-count, especially when well ahead in the match? And why would North pass when ace-doubleton

of diamonds and two aces in partner's hand probably makes 3NT laydown? Meckstroth made 10 tricks in 3NT.

Against three diamonds doubled, East led the club ace, then shifted accurately to the heart queen. But Hamman guessed trumps correctly to escape for down two, losing one spade, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

Plus 430 and minus 300 gave Nickell 4 IMPs.

Board 46 was worth 3 IMPs to Nickell, but it could have been more. Lord was in four spades on a 4-3 fit that ran into a 5-1 break and went down three. Rodwell was in five clubs on a 6-2 fit. The defenders could have immediately cashed three heart tricks, but had a signaling accident and took only two of them. Now Rodwell could have made the contract. He had to guess who had the club queen with A-10-8-6-3-2 opposite K-J. He played over to the king and ran the jack on the way back, losing to the doubleton queen.

But the session was not all Nickell. This was the final deal of the set:

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Leonard	Meckstroth	Kleinplatz
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
1NT (1)	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) A good heart raise.

West	North	East	South
Lord	Hamman	Kurkowski	Zia
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦ (1)
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Game-forcing checkback.

Against Zia, Lord led the diamond ten. Declarer took the trick with his king and returned a diamond, West rising with his ace and shifting to the heart seven. South, perhaps thinking that West must have had all unappealing leads to select the diamond ten, ducked. East produced the king and led back a heart. Zia had to lose two spade tricks, and another went with the bath water for down two.

Against Kleinplatz, Rodwell led a heart. Declarer rose with dummy's ace and played the diamond queen around to West's ace. Back came a heart, ruffed by South. The diamond king was followed by a diamond ruff, a heart ruff, another diamond ruffed with the spade eight, and dummy's two top clubs. This brought West down to his four trumps. He had to ruff the next club play from the board and concede two trump tricks to declarer for his contract. Nicely done!

Plus 100 and plus 420 gave Kleinplatz 11 IMPs. They were still ahead by 35 IMPs with 16 boards to play, but the bookies made it about a 50-50 affair.

The leaders changed seats.

Zia produced a typical piece of magic on the fourth board. But first, you have this hand in fourth position with both sides vulnerable:

♠ A Q 6 5	♥ A 9 7 2	♦ 6 4 2	♣ A Q
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It goes 1♦ - Pass - 1♥ to you. What would you do? (In case this influences your decision, at one table opener was known to have at least two diamonds, at the other at least four.)

The choices are pass, double, one spade and one notrump. We can quickly reject pass and

double. That leaves the overcall that shows some values, but lacks a fifth spade, and the intervention that describes the hand-type and strength well, but suffers from a diamond flaw.

Zia, whose opponent had shown four-plus diamonds, bid one notrump and was raised to three. West led the heart ten. This was what Zia could see. What would you have done in his position?

♠ K 8
♥ J 8
♦ Q 8
♣ J 10 8 6 4 3 2

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ A 9 7 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
<i>Kleinplatz</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At the other table, Lord, whose opponent had shown two-plus diamonds, overcalled one spade. This was the full auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kurkowski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lord</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♦	All Pass

It is surprising that North did not bid two (or three) clubs over one notrump, especially with his spade tolerance.

This was the full layout:

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

Against two diamonds, North led the spade king and continued his second spade, South taking two tricks in the suit while North discarded the heart eight. South cashed his heart ace, gave his partner a ruff, won the next trick with his club ace, and played another heart. Rodwell got this right, ruffing high and cashing his other top trump to escape for down one.

The first trick at Zia's table contained the ten, jack, queen and ace of hearts. Now Zia led his club queen: five, two, seven (upside down). Judging that West had started with king-third, declarer brazenly played a low diamond toward dummy and scored the trick with the queen! And now the contract was unbeatable. Zia called for the heart eight, which was allowed to hold.

Declarer cashed dummy's spade king, played a spade to his ace, and continued with the heart nine. East won with his king and played a diamond, but after West took three winners in the suit, South had the last three tricks with the club ace, spade queen and heart seven. Zia had taken three spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

Minus 100 and plus 600 gave Nickell 11 IMPs.

Then came:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kurkowski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lord</i>
2♦ (2)	Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass
3♦ (4)	Pass	2NT (3)	Pass
4♦ (6)	Pass	4♣ (5)	Pass
4NT (8)	Pass	4♠ (7)	Pass
5♠ (10)	Pass	5♥ (9)	Pass
		7♣	All Pass
	(1) Strong club.		
	(2) Balanced 8-10.		
	(3) Stayman.		
	(4) Four spades and fewer than four hearts.		
	(5) Natural.		
	(6) Roman Key Card Blackwood in clubs.		
	(7) Four key cards.		
	(8) Asking for the club queen.		
	(9) Showing the trump queen and one side-suit king.		
	(10) Where is your king?		

West	North	East	South
<i>Kleinplatz</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♠ (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣ (2)	Pass	3♦ (3)	Pass
3♥ (4)	Pass	4♣ (5)	Pass
4♥ (6)	Pass	6NT	All Pass
	(1) Usually one ace and one king.		
	(2) Puppet Stayman.		
	(3) No five-card major.		
	(4) Four spades and fewer than four hearts.		
	(5) Intended as natural but read as a control-bid in support of spades.		
	(6) Transfer to four spades.		

Meckwell had a smooth auction. When Rodwell could ask for the king, Meckstroth decided he had sufficient for the grand. Seven clubs, as you can see, was laydown.

The other auction went off the rails when Leonard inexplicably rebid two notrump instead of three clubs. He had easily enough to rebid three clubs then, if necessary, continue with four hearts over three notrump. After all, he could count ten top tricks. Of course, partner would have raised three clubs to four, and East could have leapt majestically to seven.

Note that seven notrump can be defeated only by a diamond lead from either side. Zia led the club ten, and declarer took all 13 tricks. Plus 1440 and minus 1020 gave Nickell 9 IMPs.

Two boards later:

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kurkowski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lord</i>
Pass	3NT	Dbf	3♣
All Pass			4♣

West	North	East	South
<i>Kleinplatz</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	Dbf	5♣
			All Pass

What strange happenings at both tables. Lord opened three clubs with a super-strong hand, then wouldn't sit for three notrump doubled, which was unbeatable. (Yes, maybe Rodwell would have run to a major via four clubs, and four hearts could have escaped for down one if declarer guessed well.)

Four clubs made five, of course.

Zia threw caution to the wind with his five-club opening and bought one of the best dummies

in history. Minus 150 and plus 750 gave Nickell 12 IMPs.

The icing was this deal:

Dlr: West	♠ Q J 7		
Vul: N-S	♥ A 10 9 2		
	♦ 8 4		
	♣ K 10 5 3		
♠ 10 9 3		♠ K 8 6 5 4 2	
♥ 7 6		♥ Q 4 3	
♦ A Q J 6 5 3		♦ 10 9 7	
♣ 7 4		♣ 2	
	♠ A		
	♥ K J 8 5		
	♦ K 2		
	♣ A Q J 9 8 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kurkowski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Lord</i>
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Kleinplatz</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♦	Pass	3♦	3NT
All Pass			

Lord let Meckstroth get away with robbery when he did not double three notrump. And the defense dropped a trick, letting declarer escape for down seven.

Zia could not double three diamonds (four diamonds anyone?) with only one spade. Also, East's defensive raise suggested that North would have some useful cards. So Zia overcalled three notrump.

West thought at great length over his lead, wondering if a diamond would concede the ninth trick. But perhaps remembering the earlier board when Zia had three low diamonds, West led the diamond queen.

Declarer won and ran his clubs. He then cashed his spade ace and played a heart to dummy's ace. With nine tricks in the bag, Zia ran dummy's heart nine and took 12 tricks: one spade, four hearts, one diamond and six clubs.

Minus 350 and plus 690 gave Nickell another 8 IMPs.

When the arithmetic was done, Nickell had won the last session by 71 IMPs to 25 and had taken the match by 11 IMPs, 183-172.

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TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE



71 Tables
 Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY;
 Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth,
 Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob
 Hamman, Dallas TX

vs

Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan,
 Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50
 Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands;
 Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands;
 Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon,
 Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria -
 Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma
 Italy

vs

Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden; Martin De
 Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Johan Sylvan, 114 42
 Stockhol Sweden; Marten Gustawsson, Stockholm
 Sweden

Roy Welland, New York NY; Norberto Bocchi,
 Barcelona Spain; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard
 Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks
 CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA

vs

Ze Jun Zhuang, Shanghai 200125 People's Republic
 of China; Wei Min Wang, Shanghai People's
 Republic of China; Jian Ming Dai - Lixin Yang,
 Beijing People's Republic of China

Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell Ekeblad, Providence
 RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Matt Granovetter,
 Cincinnati OH; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou
 Netherlands; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands

vs

John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick,
 Evanston IL; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff

Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad
 Moss, Mill Valley CA

Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Walid
 Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt; Robert Levin,
 Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY

vs

Seymon Deutsch, Laredo TX; John Kranyak, Bay
 Village OH; Win Allegaert - Jaggy Shivdasani, New
 York NY; Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Kenneth
 Schutze, Austin TX

Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San
 Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD;
 Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim
 Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

vs

John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo
 NY; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Feldman,
 Hoboken NJ

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

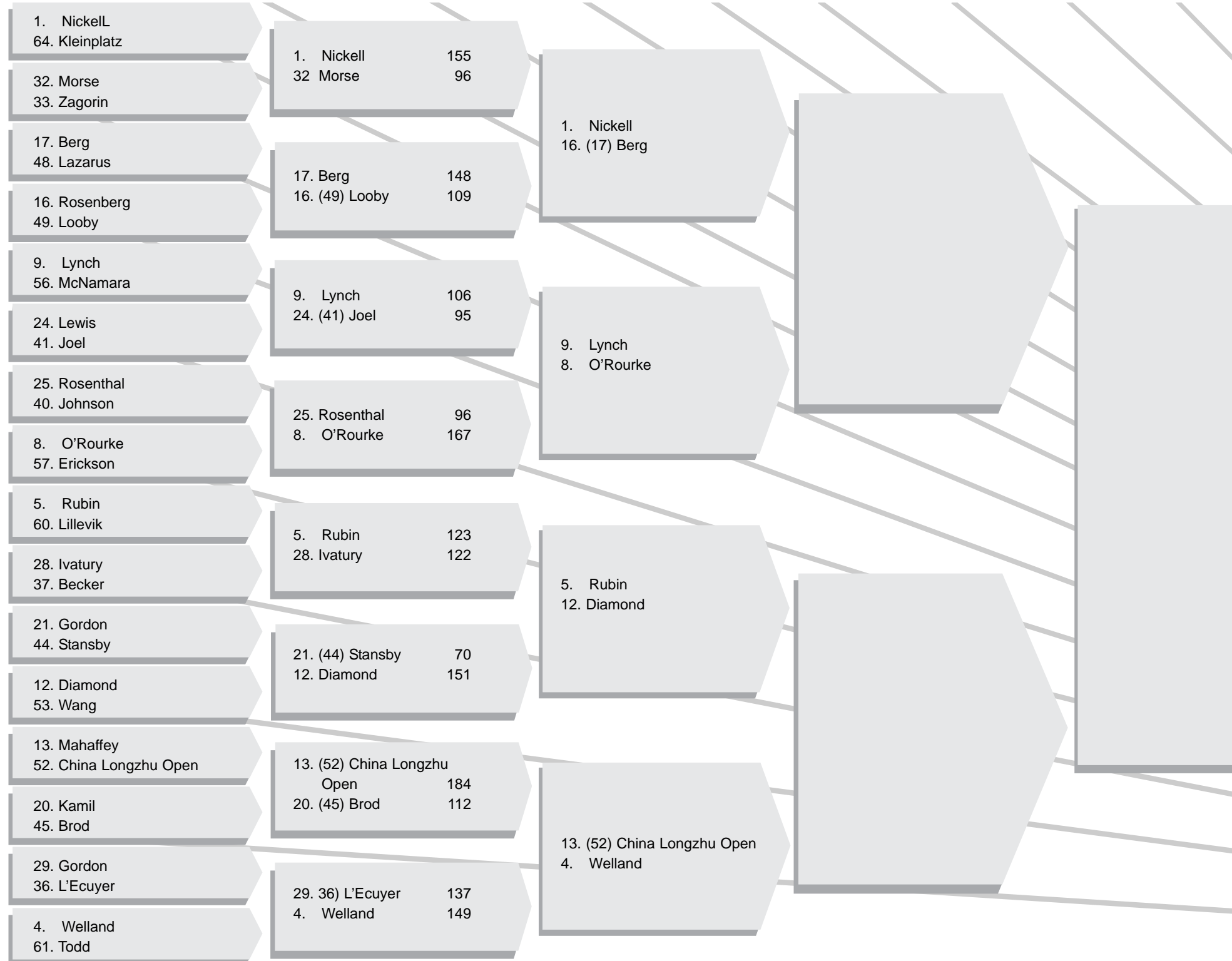
vs

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

Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Reese Milner, Los
 Angeles CA; Sam Lev, New York NY; Gary Cohler,
 Miami FL; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland;
 Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland

vs

Franck Multon, Nice France; Pierre Zimmerman,
 Geneva C Switzerland; Thomas Bessis, Paris
 750 France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulins
 France; Lionel Sebbane, Clichy France



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25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Doug Doub, W Hartford CT

25.00 17/32 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

25.00 17/32 Andrew Rosenthal - Brian Glubok - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Tom Townsend, London W9 1st England; David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL

25.00 17/32 Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert, Singer Island FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Williamsville NY; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba 44 Israel

25.00 17/32 Marc Bompis, Bourg La Reine France; Albert Faigenbaum - Dominique Pilon - Jean Quantin, Paris France

25.00 17/32 Uday Ivatury - Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands; Vincent Ramondt, Alphen Aan Den Netherlands; Berry Westra, Krmibn Rrn Den Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Dan Morse - John Zilic, Houston TX; Ira Hessel - Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX; Nagy Kamel, Plano TX

25.00 17/32 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID; Johan Upmark, 115 58 Stockho Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Stockholm Sweden; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Bengt-G Ran Olofsson, Ume Sweden

25.00 17/32 Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL; Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 21 Japan

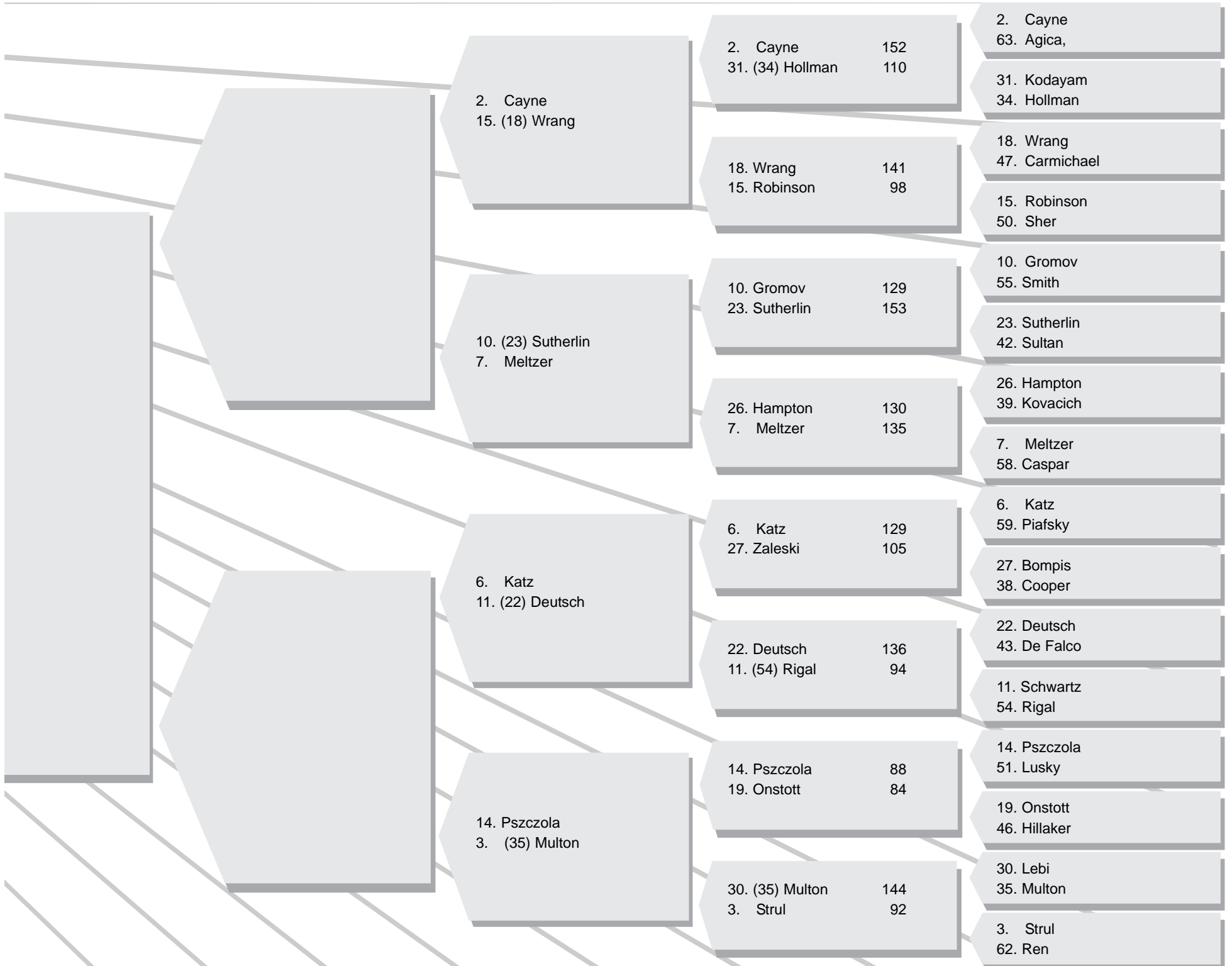
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25.00 17/32 JoAnna Stansby, Dublin CA; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Allan Falk, Okemos MI; Peter Friedland, Cupertino CA; Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL

25.00 17/32 Geoffrey Brod, Naples FL; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT; Stephen Earl, Avon CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

25.00 17/32 Jim Looby, Burbank CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA; Ed Ulman - Ed Freeman - Craig Huston, Portland OR; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA

25.00 17/32 Barry Rigal - Shane Blanchard - Robert Blanchard, New York NY; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY



Making something out of nothing

Charles Goren used to say you need 25 or 26 high-card points to make 3NT. Maybe Goren hadn't seen board No. 7 from the second qualifying session of the Silodor Open Pairs.

Dlr: South ♠ A J 7 5 4 2

Vul: East-West ♥ J

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

♠ K Q 6 3
♥ A Q 8 6 3
♦ 4
♣ K 10 8

♠ 10 8
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 9 6 4

♠ 9
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ A Q 5 2

West	North <i>Krekorian</i>	East	South <i>Casen</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After Casen's 1NT rebid, his partner, Jim Krekorian, raised to 3NT. He liked his ♥J as a pusher. West led the ♥6 and the jack held the trick. Casen could count four diamonds, one spade, one heart and one club for seven tricks. Based on the bidding, the club finesse was likely to fail.

It was awkward for Casen to come to his hand, so he tried the effect of leading the ♠2 from the dummy at trick two. East followed with the 8 and declarer's 9 forced the queen. West could see that if he defended passively, South could set up the spade suit with one more loser, so he did the best he could by playing his partner for the ♥10, and leading a second round of the suit.

Casen won the ♥K and played four rounds of diamonds, and West came under pressure. He safely discarded a club and a spade, but what to play on the fourth round? He discarded the ♥8.

Reading the position, Casen played ♠A and another. West cashed his two good hearts, but then had to lead a club from his king into South's ♣A Q for declarer's ninth trick.

The board was worth 23 matchpoints on a 25 top and was important to allow Casen and Krekorian to qualify for the finals.

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Need ruffs? Lead trumps!

By Krzysztof Jassem

How often does it happen that you lead a trump only to be rewarded by three trump tricks later in the play?

This is exactly what happened to Linda Lewis in her final match in the bracketed knockouts against team Berg.

♠ K Q 9 6 3 2

♥ J 10

♦ A K 5 2

♣ 3

♠ —

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ 10 9 6 4 3

♣ 10 8 7 2

♠ J 10 8 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ Q 8 7

♣ K Q J

♠ A

♥ A Q 8 7 5 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 6 5 4

After a relay action she learnt that dummy would appear with a 6-2-4-1 shape, so, on lead against four hearts, she cleverly decided to underlead her king of hearts to prevent dummy from scoring ruffs.

Declarer took the trick with the ten and tried to unblock spades.

First ruff!

Now Linda attacked dummy's entries with a diamond. Declarer took the trick, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, cashed the other top diamond and in the position below played a top spade to get rid of the penultimate club.

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ —

♦ 5 2

♣ —

♠ —

♥ K 9

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 10 8

♠ 10 8 7 5 4

♥ —

♦ Q

♣ J

♠ —

♥ A Q 8 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 6

Second ruff!

Now came a club to partner's jack and the spade return promoted the setting third trump trick – the king of hearts!

(There was a winning line – see our comment at the end of the article. Editor)

At the other table the bidding did not indicate a heart lead.

♠ K Q 9 6 3 2

♥ J 10

♦ A K 5 2

♣ 3

♠ —

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ 10 9 6 4 3

♣ 10 8 7 2

♠ J 10 8 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ Q 8 7

♣ K Q J

♠ A

♥ A Q 8 7 5 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 6 5 4

West <i>Berg</i>	North <i>Jassem</i>	East <i>Mohan</i>	South <i>Martens</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦ (1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Fourth-suit forcing.

(1) Fourth-suit forcing.

Look what happened when Berg naturally led a diamond:

Martens took the opening lead in dummy, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club and tried to get back to hand with the ace of spades.

Berg ruffed and played a trump.

Here came the key moment for the declarer. Martens overtook his jack with the queen and played the ace of hearts and another heart in this position:

♠ K Q 9 6

♥ —

♦ A 5 2

♣ —

♠ —

♥ K

♦ 9 6 4 3

♣ 10 8

♠ J 10 8 7

♥ —

♦ Q 8

♣ J

♠ —

♥ 8 7 5 3

♦ —

♣ 9 6 5

The defenders had to prevent declarer from getting to dummy. Seeing this, John Mohan unblocked clubs by discarding the jack on the king of hearts. Had his partner possessed the ♣10 9 this would have set the contract. As it was, Martens could claim his contract at that moment.

What would have happened if Martens had let the trump jack take the trick?

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ —

♦ A 5 2

♣ —

♠ —

♥ K 9

♦ 9 6 4 3

♣ 10 8

♠ J 10 8 7

♥ —

♦ Q 8

♣ J

♠ —

♥ A Q 8 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 6 5

West ruffs a spade honor and is left with a stiff heart king. She plays a club to partner, who promotes the king of hearts for the setting trick.

(As it happens, declarer could still get home after failing to overtake the jack of hearts by cashing the ace of diamonds, ruffing a diamond and exiting with a club. East has to win and play a spade and declarer disposes of his last club while West ruffs, declarer's trumps taking the remaining four tricks. Editor)

Mission Impossible

By Mark Horton

Mission: Impossible began as an American television series that chronicles the missions of a team of secret American government agents known as the Impossible Missions Force (IMF) – not to be confused with the International Monetary Fund. The leader of the team, other than in the first season, was Jim Phelps, most often played by Peter Graves. Each episode began with the classic line, "Good morning Mr. Phelps, your mission, should you decide to accept it..."

On this deal, declarer's mission looked truly impossible:

Dlr: North

♠ A K 9

Vul: E-W

♥ K Q 8 6 3

♦ —

♣ A Q 9 7 6

♠ 10 8 6 4 3

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 10

♣ K 5 4 3

♠ Q J 2

♥ A J 5 4

♦ 9 5 4

♣ J 10 2

♠ 7 5

♥ 2

♦ A K Q J 8 7 6 3 2

♣ 8

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT (1)
Pass	5♥ (2)	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

(1) Blackwood.

(2) Two aces.

With no suit agreed, it's a sound idea to use a bid of 4NT as old fashioned Blackwood.

When North only turned up with two, South took the risk that North would not be void in diamonds and went for the matchpoint top.

Unlucky or stupid?

While you are deciding, perhaps I should mention that East decided to lead a "safe" diamond.



European Championships open to all comers in 2009

A fourth edition of the European Open Bridge Championships is scheduled for Sanremo, Italy, June 12-27 next year. Sanremo is a resort community on the Italian Riviera not far from Monaco.

The European championships were first opened to all players in 2003, in Menton, France, not far from the Sanremo venue. Two other tournaments – in Tenerife, Canary Islands, and Antalya, Turkey – attracted many stars from around the world.

The tournament will be run on a typical European schedule: Most events are played in a longer, single session starting about 10:30 a.m., leaving evenings free for dining and other activities. All events are transnational and there are no restrictions on the number of entries per national bridge organization.

The scheduled events are Mixed Teams; Mixed Pairs; Open, Women's and Senior Teams, and Open, Women's and Senior Pairs, with cash prizes for overall finishers. Players entering four events receive a 25% discount on the entry fees.

The hotels, including one five-star and two four-star properties, will offer a special bridge rate for tournament participants.

The Palafiore Convention Center, a converted flower market, is a modern facility that is fully air conditioned, as are the host hotels.

Sanremo is a half hour's drive from Monaco, where one of the world's most famous casinos is located. Also within easy driving distance is Genova (Genoa), and Milano is relatively close.

For more information, including registration, you can e-mail eb1@federbridge.it.

Bracketology

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later this week.

A graduate of Southeast Missouri State, Rick is also a fan of Memphis and St. Louis University. His tournament picks: "I like Memphis, Missouri, Duke and North Carolina, but only if Ty Lawson is healthy," said Rick. "Possible upsets could be engineered by Butler and Cleveland State."

Those could be viewed as "professional" picks, as Rick is a former winner of Wimpy's March Madness pool, run by bridge player Jim Diebel of Chicago. Now in its 24th year, the online pool draws more than 300 participants, including many bridge players and several broadcast celebrities (Brent Musburger is a regular). You can fill out your brackets and enter at <http://wimpy.biz>

Other basketball fans here at the Houston NABC offered different predictions. Here's a quick rundown of the teams they like to follow during the regular season and their best guesses about the eventual winner of the NCAA championship:

Billy Cohen, Los Angeles CA.

Top picks: "I'm going with Pittsburgh to win it all. I also like Memphis, Purdue and Oklahoma."

Alma Mater: "I was at Memphis State (the former name of the University of Memphis) long enough to have a cup of coffee – and at Tennessee for maybe a beer or two."

Steve Weinstein, Andes NY.

Top picks: "I think Duke, North Carolina and Connecticut have good chances, and I'll be happy if any of those teams is the winner."

Alma Mater: State University of New York (New Paltz).

I usually root for: "Not my alma mater, which rates a D minus for its basketball program. My favorite team is Duke because I think Coach K. is the best coach on the planet."

Kimmel Jones, Euless TX.

Top picks: "North Carolina or Memphis to win, with Purdue as my Dark Horse Special."

Alma Mater: University of Illinois

I usually root for: "My son and my money go to Texas."

Paul & Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD.

Top picks: "This is an especially tough year for guessing winners, but we'll narrow it down to Memphis, Connecticut, Oklahoma or North Carolina."



Alma Maters: University of South Dakota (Paul) and University of New Mexico (Linda).

We usually root for: South Dakota Coyotes.

We like for an upset: Virginia Commonwealth.

Gary Cohler, Miami FL.

Top picks: "Louisville, or any of several other teams from conferences that aren't the Big Ten."

Alma Mater: Miami of Ohio.

I usually root for: "Non-Big Ten teams."

Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX.

Top picks: "I think this is the most unusual year ever in college basketball because there are no truly dominant teams. The national champion could be a three, four or even a five seed."

Alma Mater: Southern Illinois University (SIU).

I usually root for: "SIU Salukis and the Illinois Fighting Illini . . . in their good years."

Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC

Top pick: North Carolina.

Alma Mater: East Carolina University.

I usually root for: Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) teams.

David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL.

Top picks: "My son, who is a senior at Wake Forest, would be very disappointed in me if I didn't pick them to win."

Alma Mater: State University of New York (Stoneybrook) and Long Island University.

Mark Lair, Canyon TX.

Top picks: "Louisville, Pittsburgh and Connecticut. And I'd better throw in Arizona, just to make my friend Garey Hayden happy."

Alma Mater: Vietnam.

I usually root for: Louisville Cardinals.

Chester Johnson, Chicago IL.

Top picks: North Carolina and Duke.

Alma Mater: Tennessee State.

I usually root for: "I always like to see my state school, Illinois, do well, but I'm also a fan of North Carolina and Duke."

Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA.

Top picks: North Carolina.

Alma Mater: North Carolina State.

I usually root for: "NC State, but when they're having an off year – and this is one of them – I become a fan of their arch rival, North Carolina."

Mike Flader, tournament director from Egan MN.

Top picks: "I like Memphis a lot. Second choice is Connecticut."

Alma Mater: University of Minnesota.

I usually root for: "I'm crazy about my Minnesota Golden Gophers, and used to see every game when I worked as manager of Williams Arena in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, I don't think they'll get past the first round of this year's tournament."

Lots more than Gatlinburg

There's still time to make your reservations for April 13-19 at Gatlinburg, Tenn., the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains. These Mid-Atlantic regionals follow, all offering our usual fare: Bracketed knockouts galore, hospitality to the max, and a real bridge bargain – \$10 per gold point session.

• **Richmond, VA, on May 19-25.** There are several Memorial Day regionals, and this will be the ACBL's largest. Excellent site convenient by air or interstate. Holiday Inn Koger Center (804) 379-3800. Co-chair: Jacki Shuman (804) 307-4304, richmondregional@aol.com

• **Greenville, SC, on June 8-14.** The Heritage Regional is at one of the Mid-Atlantic's nicest venues, with loads of shops and restaurants a short walk away in a revitalized downtown. Hyatt Regency (864) 235-1234. Co-chair: Jim Villanueva (864) 322-6153, jaimpevillanueva@aol.com

• **Hunt Valley, MD, on Aug. 17-23.** The countryside outside of Baltimore lures one of the year's largest contingents of East Coast bridge players. Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn (410) 785-7000. Tournament chair: Patricia Wilson (410) 825-7579, valleybridg@cs.com

• **Atlanta, GA, on Sept. 1-7.** Always the league's largest Labor Day regional, last year with a record 3,467 tables. Book early to enjoy one of our classiest properties, the Crowne Plaza Ravinia (770) 395-7700. Tournament chair: Jack Feagin (404) 252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

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NABC Diary

That's service

A guest at the Hilton Americas made the following contribution anonymously: "For several days, my hotel maid failed to replenish my drinking glasses, so I left a note and a small gratuity asking for 'Glasses, please.' When I arrived at my room last night, I found my drinking glasses completely replenished – along with a pair of 1.50 reading glasses."

Tattle tale

A father and son were playing in the 299er game at the Spring NABC. At one point, the son led a card that was going to win the trick, but Dad ruffed it. Afterwards, the son had a word or two for Dad. "When we get home," he said, "I'm going to tell Mom."

Perspective

In the Silodor Open Pairs, Dave Berkowitz took an anti-field position in declining to open a weak 2♥ in second seat despite a robust holding in the suit. As it happened, his strong heart holding was well positioned over dummy's Q 6 3. When the final contract became 3NT by Berkowitz's left-hand opponent, Larry Cohen started the defensive attack with the ♣Q. Despite the fact that Berkowitz and Cohen got a top on the board, Cohen was chagrined at his partner's decision to pass a hand just about everyone else was sure to open. "How did you feel," he asked, "when I led a club (instead of a heart)?"

Said Berkowitz, "Well, I was happy it was a high one."

Elementary, Mike

There were many Grant Baze stories told at the tribute to the late bridge star Friday night. Here's one Mike Passell didn't have time to relate.

Years ago, Passell and Baze were playing in the Blue Ribbon Pairs against Kit Woolsey and John Lowenthal. On one of the boards, Woolsey and Lowenthal bid to 7NT. Passell had seven clubs to the K-J but wasn't keen to lead from that holding against a grand slam.

As play progressed, Baze had to discard the ♣A to maintain a guard in some other suit – and it turned out that the opponents' assets in clubs consisted of a singleton queen opposite a void.

The grand slam was duly defeated, and in the post mortem, Baze said calmly, "I tell my students to lead fourth from their longest and strongest suits."

What flavor?

Mark Horton and Rick Beye were walking along in the hotel the other day and talking about life. "We're like fine wine," one of them commented, "getting better with age." Gary Blaiss, overhearing the conversation, had an opinion: "I'd say you're more like vinegar." Perhaps, countered Horton, "but if so, we're balsamic."

MONDAY/TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET I

16 Teams

16.89 1 Al Cupps - Judy Cupps, Houston TX; Edie Dockray - John Dockray, Villanova PA
 11.82 2 Claudette Roush - Billie Shotwell - June Ardoin - Elsie Reid, Houston TX
 6.76 3/4 Yas Takeda - Chizuko Yang, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Eiko Ukai, Kohoku-Ku, Yoko Japan
 6.76 3/4 Joyce Gore, Missouri City TX; Dan O'Malley, Katy TX; Muriel Gilmour - Walter Arnold, Houston TX

MONDAY/TUESDAY SENIOR KO BRACKET II

12 Teams

7.85 1 Susan McMahan - Betty Kyle Moore - Susan Skiles - Shannon Jones, Houston TX; Carolyn Humphreys, Anchorage AK
 5.50 2 Carolyn Campbell - Susan Belding - Britt Siem, Houston TX; Lotte Optekamp, Spring TX
 3.14 3/4 Gerry Earnest - Mary Felton - Jan Delery, Montgomery TX; Barbara Finch, Houston TX
 3.14 3/4 Darlene Gilmore - Carol Katz, La Grange TX; William Caplan, Columbus TX; Carol Helms, Schulenburg TX



Let's have fun. Ellen Greenfield dressed up as the ace of hearts and Eric Snow as the ace of spades. They are joined by Co-chair Betty Starzec and astronaut Greg Johnson. Thanks to Barbara Nance for the photo.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORN SIDE SERIES 4

28.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.76	1			Visanji Gala, Germantown TN; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	69.13%
4.85	2	1		Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL	67.61%
3.24	3			Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA	65.91%
3.64	4	2	1	Norma Lampkin - Janice Walker, Montgomery TX	62.31%
2.73	5	3	2	Melvin Rueppel - John Krueger, Estes Park CO	62.12%
2.05	6	4		William Bob Case - Verdie White, Hot Springs AR	61.93%
1.87		5		Matthew Duffy, Edina MN; Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN	54.17%
2.05		6	3	Laura Jones - Millard Jones, Lake Charles LA	53.41%
1.54			4	Kay Lynch - Dee Els, Georgetown TX	51.89%
1.12			5/6	Clarissa Dowdy - C. Jane Lacy, Houston TX	50.38%
1.12			5/6	Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White, Mercer Island WA	50.38%

TUESDAY AM 299ER PAIRS

17.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.82	1			Clairlee Hirsch, The Woodlands TX; Pamela Elsner, Avon CO	61.55%
3.19	2	1	1	June Bradford, Houston TX; Vesna Jurick, US	61.17%
2.39	3	2	2	Bobbie Benson - Melinda Simmen, Houston TX	60.04%
1.79	4	3		Richard Tracey, Bluffton SC; Ross Siemms, Hilton Head SC	59.85%
1.21	5			Philip Wilner, Tulsa OK; Harold Thill, Broken Arrow OK	59.28%
1.35	6	4		H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	57.58%
1.20		5	3	Bette Magee - Margot Cater, Houston TX	56.63%
0.96		6		Janice Vernia - Robert Vernia, Carmel IN	55.49%
0.90			4	Attice Smith, Houston TX; Emmett Stacy, Spring TX	55.30%
0.68			5	Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX; Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX	55.11%

TUESDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.65	1	1		Lewis Gaman, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	66.96%
10.24	2	2		Bill Ream, Burlison TX; Joe Siqueira, Virginia Beach VA	59.97%
7.68	3			Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland	59.38%
5.76	4			Susan Bowles, Va Beach VA; Robert Hendricks, Virginia Beach VA	55.51%
4.55	5			Marilyn Mac Donald - Bill Mac Donald, Corpus Christi TX	54.46%
3.90	6			Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE	54.02%
3.41	7	3		Gail McIntyre, Stirling ON; Loretta Green, Dodd City TX	51.19%
3.03	8			Nancy Mitchell, Fleming Island FL; R Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL	51.04%
2.24		4		Jerry Miller, Silver Spring MD; Robert Lass, Skokie IL	50.45%
1.98		5		Beverly Walz - Albert Walz, North East PA	50.00%

JO DENE BOND 5 - 49ER PRS

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.31	1	1	1	Sally Thomas - Robert C Thomas, Houston TX	71.36%
1.73	2	2	2	Tabatha Holley - K Austin Holley, Pasadena TX	64.05%
1.30	3			Melinda Simmen - Bobbie Benson, Houston TX	58.23%
0.97	4	3	3	William Harris Jr - Carolyn Harris, Houston TX	58.18%
0.73	5	4	4	Dale Miller - Ann Trammell, Houston TX	57.27%
0.81	6	5		James Bettis - Anita Bettis, Bellaire TX	54.32%

CAROLYNE FOX SENIOR PAIRS

36.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.88	1	1		Patricia Updegraff, Saginaw MI; Faye Vincent, The Woodlands TX	62.73%
9.66	2			Allen Hawkins Jr - Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL	60.65%
7.25	3			Shekhar Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	59.95%
6.73	4	2	1	W Koperna, Livingston TX; Joseph Volanski, Spring TX	59.84%
4.29	5			William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	59.49%
3.68	6			James Gormong - Jane Ann Gormong, Terre Haute IN	59.14%
5.05	7	3		Barbara Porter - Parnell Porter, Bluffton SC	58.33%
2.86	8			Rose Black - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	56.94%
2.58	9			Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX; Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX	56.83%
3.78	10	4		Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Ruth Zowader, Madison NJ	56.37%
2.99		5		Gabriel Perry, Houston TX; Kay Humphries, Bellaire TX	55.56%
2.56		6		Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL	54.40%
2.58		7		Marie Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Joe Handler, Toronto ON	53.82%
1.99		8		Tom Kaufmann, Pine Brook NJ; Martin Lesh, Montville NJ	53.70%
3.71			2	Helene Baskir - Bathsheba Perry, Houston TX	51.27%
2.78			3	Janet Smith - Barbara Langendorf, Kingwood TX	50.93%
2.09			4	Jim McCormick - Larry Pinsonneault, Houston TX	50.58%
1.65			5	Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY	50.23%
1.41			6	Gail Gillespie - Willie Jo Schaefer, Houston TX	49.88%

TOURNAMENT APPEALS

In order to keep the bridge public informed of appeals results in a timely fashion, the NABC Daily Bulletin staff publishes write-ups. Every effort is made to ensure that these reports are accurate and complete. However, before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook revisions may be made.



APPEAL CASE 3

Event: Silodor Open Pairs
Session: Second Final

Kent Mignocchi

Board #25 ♠ K J 5 3 2
Vul: E-W ♥ 10 5
Dir: North ♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ A 7

P. Drew Cannell
♠ 8 6
♥ K Q J 8
♦ A K 10 3
♣ K 5 4

Dennis Kasle
♠ A Q 10 7 4
♥ 4 3
♦ J 9 6
♣ 10 6 2

Alison Wilson

♠ 9
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ 8 7
♣ Q J 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♦ (1)	2♥	Pass (2)
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- (1) Diamonds and an unspecified major.
- (2) Question: What is 2♥? Answer: Natural.

Facts: North led the ♠2 against 3NT. Declarer made 10 tricks for a score of East-West plus 630.

The director was called after the opening lead and again after play was completed. Before the opening lead there was discussion about the 2♥ bid. East said it was a transfer. West said it

became obvious, later in the auction, that 2♥ was a transfer.

Director's Ruling: The director ruled that the answer to the question about 2♥ was unauthorized information for East. The UI demonstrably suggested to East that the contract should not be placed in hearts. The director judged that 4♠ over 3♥ or 3NT was a logical alternative. The result was adjusted to 4♠, therefore, by East, down two, and a score of East-West minus 200 and North-South plus 200. This was in accordance with Laws 12 and 16.

The Appeal: East-West appealed and South was the only player who did not attend the hearing. East provided system notes showing that without interference, the 3♥ would indicate a doubleton heart along with spade support. East argued that his hand didn't merit anything other than signing off in 3♠. When asked why he passed 3NT, he mentioned the possibility of ♥K x or ♥A Q doubleton.

The Decision: The director reported polling five experts with three of five stating they would bid 4♠ over 3♥, but that they had been told that 3♥ showed heart values with spade support. The consensus of the committee was that with 3♥ showing a doubleton, the odds didn't favor committing to game. It was agreed, however, that a substantial fraction of players of the caliber of the appellants would seriously consider bidding 4♠ (or 4♦ or 4♥ to make West declarer), and that some would bid it. There was unanimous agreement, therefore, to uphold the director's adjustment of 4♠ by East down two, East-West minus 200 and North-South plus 200, per Laws 12 and 16.

The appeal was found to have merit.

DIC: Henry Cukoff.

Committee members: Mark Feldman (chair), Lynn Deas, Danny Sprung, Patty Tucker and Bob White.

Upon further review . . .

By Barry Rigal

Dir: North ♠ 10 8 6 4
Vul: NS ♥ J 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ 10 6 4 3

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

♠ J 9 3
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K J 2

It sometimes takes me a while to work around to the finer points of an analysis, especially when it involves a contract not reached at our table.

On this deal – Board 21 from the first final session of the Silodor Open Pairs – our East-West opponents were both lucky and unlucky. They reached 4♠ after a bidding accident and were fortunate to find the trump suit breaking 4-3.

Although 6♦ can be brought home, the field contract was 3NT, which was supposed to make only ten tricks. The 4♠ contract at our table handled for 11 winners, and the unlucky aspect for our opponents was that they received only 27 out of 77 matchpoints for .plus 650.

So, let's revisit the defense when West is declarer in the more common 3NT contract. North's best lead is a low club (the second-highest ♣6 is fatal) to the ♣K and ♣A. Declarer now works on diamonds. North wins the third diamond lead and leads another club to partner's jack. Declarer ducks this, and now what?

South's best defense is a shift to spades, but if he makes the normal exit of his third club, declarer wins his ♣Q and pitches a spade from dummy. Now comes the critical moment. If North is 2-4-3-4, declarer must cash his ♦J and then three rounds of spades, which will produce a simple club-heart squeeze.

Far more elegant – after all, who plays for a simple squeeze if he can play for a double squeeze? – is to cash the ♦J then the two top hearts. This produces the following ending:

♠ 10 8 6 (4)
♥ —
♦ —
♣ 10

♠ 7 ♠ A K Q 5
♥ 8 7 ♥ —
♦ — ♦ —
♣ 8 ♣ —

♠ J 9 3 (4)
♥ Q
♦ —
♣ —

On this line, it doesn't matter which defender has the spade length. With North guarding clubs and South forced to keep his high heart, neither can keep a fourth spade, so declarer .scores up 11 tricks.

Mark Gordon, playing with Pratap Rajadhyaksha, defended 3NT as South. Pratap led a club to the king and ace. Three rounds of diamonds put Pratap on lead again, and he continued with a low club. When West ducked the ♣J slowly, Gordon shifted to the ♠J to break up the squeeze. Well done!

New Life Master

Susie Gershon of Leawood KS is ACBL's newest Life Master. She needed 0.25 gold points and won 1.01 playing in the Esta Van Zandt Memorial Bracketed KO Teams. Her teammates were Carol Marks and Bonnie Buchbinder of Overland Park KS and Norma Harper of Kansas City MO.

If you make Life Master or achieve a New LM rank during this tournament, don't forget to tell the Daily Bulletin about it in Room 339

JO DENE BOND 4 - 299ER PRS

27.0 Tables					
A	B	C			
5.23	1	1	1	Ann Wales - Barbara Webber, Houston TX	63.83%
3.43	2/3	2/3	2	Bette Magee - Margot Cater, Houston TX	61.93%
3.43	2/3	2/3		Robert Leedom - Jacqueline Leedom, Glenwood MD	61.93%
2.21	4	4	3	Gaylene Jewell - Helen Hollis, Houston TX	60.80%
1.65	5	5	4	Patricia Howard - Barbara Bogan, Houston TX	60.23%
1.24	6	6		Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth, Georgetown TX	60.04%
0.90			5	Jean Moritz - Mary Jennings, Houston TX	58.33%
0.68			6	Maureen Viaclovsky, Friendswood TX; Robert Foote, La Porte TX	55.68%

TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES 6

28.0 Tables					
A	B	C			
5.76	1			Emily Leake - Brenda Baker, Tyler TX	60.58%
4.32	2			Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL	59.78%
4.85	3	1		Roger Marlatt - Barbara Babbitt, Houston TX	59.62%
3.59	4/5	2/3	1/2	Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan, Kingwood TX	59.29%
3.59	4/5	2/3	1/2	Mary Felton - Jan Delery, Montgomery TX	59.29%
2.24	6	4		Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI; Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN	58.33%
1.53	5			Tom Beardsley, Richmond KY; John Wang, Beltsville MD	57.37%
2.31	6	3		Tybie Becker - Beatrice Aron, Long Beach CA	56.25%
1.52		4/5		Ashok Shingavi - Karur Krishnan, Houston TX	54.17%
1.52		4/5		Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA	54.17%
0.97		6		Judith Arbus, Toronto ON; Donald Jackson, Kerrville TX	53.69%

TUESDAY EVENING 300/200/100 PAIRS

17.0 Tables					
A	B	C			
3.82	1	1	1	Usha Mehra - Laxmi Mehra, Houston TX	64.38%
2.87	2			David Martin, Kansas City MO; Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA	61.17%
2.30	3	2		Steven Brown - Francene Bertram, Wichita KS	61.16%
1.72	4	3		Robert Leedom - Jacqueline Leedom, Glenwood MD	58.68%
1.29	5	4		Edna Kelly - Anne Davis, Houston TX	56.42%
1.34	6			Timothy Ploch, Houston TX; Andy Pellet, Hot Springs AR	56.06%
1.12		5		Colleen Bicket, Edmond OK; Betty McCauley, Oklahoma City OK	55.70%
0.80		6		Stephen Apodaca - James Smock, Santa Fe NM	55.11%
1.61			2	Robert Ziegler - Bill Chamberlain, Houston TX	54.19%
1.20			3	Jean Pittman, East Ellijay GA; Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO	54.15%
0.90			4	O Bunn - Patricia Bunn, Cypress TX	52.48%
0.89			5	Barbara Chappell - Richard Chappell, Houston TX	52.46%

MONDAY MIDNITE KOS**10 Tables**

3.03 1 G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL
 2.12 2 Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Andrew Garnett - Tammy Pepper - Chris Moll, Raleigh NC
 1.21 3/4 Joseph Anderson - Peter Peca - Lorraine O'Donnell - Terry O'Donnell, El Paso TX

MONDAY MIDNITE ZIP - BRACKET Q**10 Tables**

3.03 1 Joe Black - Dianne Decker - Beverly Geurin, Austin TX; Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC
 2.12 2 Calvin Konner, Bethesda MD; Jose Porres, Rockville MD; Gloria Wilson - Sandra Harris, Austin TX
 1.21 3/4 J'Neane Huey, Fort Worth TX; Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; Neal Perlman, San Angelo TX; J Bagwell, Paris TX
 1.21 3/4 Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA; Lewis Gamerman, Brookline MA

DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET I**9 Tables**

G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico
 vs
 Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing 401147 People's Republic of China; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Weidong Pei, Brea CA; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA

Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL; William Turner, Houston TX; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA

vs

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

DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET II**14 Tables**

Bee Hallett - Dave Anthony - Keith White, Fort Myers FL; Miles Thomson, Cape Coral FL

vs

Luca Dona, Englewood NJ; Neal McKinney, Vienna VA; Carl Nelson - Abigail Nichols, Washington DC

Madhusudan Patel - Ashok Shingavi - Karur Krishnan, Houston TX; Phil Brown, San Antonio TX

vs

Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; John Cox, Kellogg ID; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara CA

DAVID HADDEN MORNING KO BRACKET III**9 Tables**

Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS; Maureen Donovan, Halifax NS; Janet Corkum, Dartmouth NS; Linda Shaw, Geneva IL

vs

Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed, Potomac MD; Beth Wisinski, Washington DC; Kay Miller, US

Marguerite Town - Beth Fuller, Baton Rouge LA; Marilyn Elston, Aledo TX; Judy Phillips, Fort Worth TX

vs

Cherry Schwarz - Rosalie Schwarz - Suzanne Musgrove - Penny McAdams, Houston TX

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET I**15 Teams**

Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Barry Harper, Regina SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL

vs

Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Stephen Landen, Ellicott City MD; Chuck Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY

Wen Fei Wang - Yi Qian Liu, Shanghai People's Republic of China; Sun Ming, Beijing P.R. 10 People's Republic of China; Ru Yan - Yong Ling Dong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Hong Li Wang, People's Republic of China

vs

Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; Jerry Clerkin - Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET II**16 Teams**

Allen Tan, Makati Philippines; Varis Carey, Fort Collins CO; David Caprera, Denver CO; Henry Bethé, Ithaca NY

vs

Justine Cushing - Susan Jackowitz, New York NY; Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY; Ali Koray Selcuk, Istanbul Turkey

Bob Todd - Douglas Fisher - Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg MB; Karl Gohl, Oakbank MB

vs

Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Martin Graf, Chevy Chase MD; Mark Shaw, Hanover PA

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET III**16 Teams**

Linda Harrison, Calgary AB; Hao Ge, Bay Village OH; Hui Lin Zhu, Chongqing 401147 People's Republic of China; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Nongyu Li, Sunnyvale CA; Weidong Pei, Brea CA

vs

Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Patricia Wright, Charlotte NC; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Eureka CA

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS QUALIFIERS

65.0 Tables

		Carryover
1	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; K Fung, Edmonton AB	189.30
2	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	187.71
3	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	168.28
4	Robert Kent, Marina Di Rey CA; Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	155.54
5	Daniela von Arnim, Hockenh Germany; Tommy Garvey, Essex England	151.88
6	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	148.85
7	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	141.82
8	Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; David Bakhshi, London England	136.89
9	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	131.04
10	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	123.36
11	Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI	121.66
12	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	114.59
13	Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lynn Jones, Timonium MD	112.03
14	Don Kern, Bay Minette AL; Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	109.47
15	Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	108.01
16	Hugh Hillaker - Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX	107.55
17	Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX	106.91
18/19	Shelly Dunietz, New York NY; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA	104.72
18/19	Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC	104.72
20	Kathy Schenk - Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	103.99
21	Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	103.62
22	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	103.13
23	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	99.23
24	Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA	98.87
25	Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Philip Hiestand, Irvine CA	97.41
26	Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL; Coley McGinnis, Nashville TN	95.58
27	Thomas Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA	94.48
28	Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA	93.38
29	Kathy Baum - Jay Baum, Germantown TN	93.02
30	Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	92.62
31	Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Vincent Grande Jr, Jupiter FL	92.29
32	Puddin Barnes, Brenham TX; J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner TX	91.86
33	Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	90.09
34	Melody Euler, Temple TX; James Thurtell, Dallas TX	87.53
35	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC	86.56
36	Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO	85.98
37	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA	85.70
38	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	84.98
39	Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	84.24
40	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Janis Rush, Austin TX	83.37
41	Debra Hyatt, Edgewater CO; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	80.22
42	Toby Bassett, Lafayette LA; K Boagni Jr, Opelousas LA	80.11
43	William Riley - Nancy Riley, Silver Lake OH	78.27
44	Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	77.85
45	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA	76.93
46	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA	75.37
47	Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX	75.10
48	Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA	74.98
49	Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart, West Chester PA	74.37
50	Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	73.88
51	Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO	72.91
52	Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	72.54
53	Gary Macgregor - Heather Cutting, Portola Valley CA	72.18
54/55	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks CA	71.08
54/55	Melvin Marcus - Yiji Starr, Waltham MA	71.08
56	James La Fountain, Temple TX; Pam LaShelle, Round Rock TX	67.06
57/58	Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO	65.60
57/58	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Anton Tsympkin, Sharon MA	65.60
59	B Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA	65.23
60	Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY	62.80
61	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA	62.67
62	Molly O'Neill, Ft Lauderdale FL; Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	61.94
63	Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE	61.58
64	Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Gary King, Houston TX	60.84
65	Anita Cokins, Austin TX; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista TX	56.46
66/67	Judy Nassar - Tony Ames, Minnetonka MN	55.00
66/67	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI	55.00
68	Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA	53.66
69	Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton CO	51.34
70	Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	50.97
71	Judith Zimmerman, Columbus OH; John Stubbe Jr, Dublin OH	50.24
72	Irma Schulman, New York NY; Robert Donathan, Austin TX	49.51
73	Abe Jakob, Ft Lauderdale FL; Nancy Motes, Kennesaw GA	47.81
74	Eileen Smith - James McCommons, Dallas TX	47.68
75	Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL	45.49
76	Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL	44.76
77/78	Pat Levy, Houston TX; Oren Moore, Missouri City TX	44.39
77/78	Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Margo Sinclair, New York NY	44.39
79	Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH; Cindy Bernstein, Matthews NC	44.03
80	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, Spring TX	43.66
81	Dave McClintock, Bluffton SC; Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	43.17
82/83	Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA	42.56
82/83	Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Charles Gill, St Petersburg FL	42.56
84	Sylwia McNamara - Michael McNamara, White Plains NY	40.74
85	Judith Bloomer - George Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	40.25
86	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Bridgett Pitt, Media PA	39.72
87	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland	39.27
88/89	Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL	38.18
88/89	Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Robert Morris, Houston TX	38.18
90	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA	36.84

91	Gigi Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	36.35
92/93	Linda Green - Sam Whitten, Scottsdale AZ	35.62
92/93	Linda Spangler, Duncanville TX; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX	35.62
94	David Yang, Chicago IL; Pinpin Deng, Hackettstown NJ	35.20
95	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Willem Van Fijck, Rotterdam Netherlands	34.52
96	Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ	34.16
97/98	Mike Miller, Temple TX; Karen Snyder, Spicewood TX	32.69
97/98	Ruth-Anne Mazer - Allan Mazer, Towson MD	32.69
99	David Wakeman - Rita Wakeman, Irvine CA	32.33
100	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY	31.96
101	Robert Heitzman Jr - Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY	31.60
102	Brian Trent - Linda Trent, Fullerton CA	30.50
103/104	Lauren Block, Manhasset NY; Howard Friedman, Great Neck NY	30.13
103/104	B Marshall, San Luis Potosi Mexico; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	30.13
105	James Senter - Gale Senter, San Clemente CA	29.53
106/107	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	29.04
106/107	Stephannie Russo, New York NY; Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH	29.04
108	Mary Orock - Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	28.67
109/110	Patty Hinze, San Antonio TX; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV	28.31
109/110	Marilou Powell, Round Rock TX; Louis Sachar, Austin TX	28.31
111	Neil Chambers - Donna Chambers, Schenectady NY	26.56
112	Mike Albert, Omaha NE; Karen Verdirame, Bennington NE	25.75
113	Malle Andrade, New York NY; Jonathan Levine, Jackson Heights NY	25.38
114	Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina	25.02
115	Gerrie Owen - Leonard Schaeen, Dallas TX	24.41
116	Ann Brinker Schwall - Vinh Tran, Houston TX	21.57
117	Marion Gebhardt, Richardson TX; Jolie Hess, Houston TX	20.96
118	Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA; Roshen Hadulla, Santa Clarita CA	20.26
119	P Caplan - Catherine Caplan, N Versailles PA	16.24
120	Scott Levine - Judi Radin, New York NY	15.66
121	Diane Henson - Larry Henson, Minnetonka MN	15.37
122	Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO	14.78
123	Donna Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL	13.45
124	Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA	11.77
125	McKenzie Myers, Portland OR; Meg Myers, Charlottesville VA	10.52
126	Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO	10.03
127	Steven Reuschlein, Middleton WI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI	9.66
128	David Siebert - Somers Collins, Little Rock AR	1.73
129	Cookie Hoberman, Omaha NE; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL	0.56
130	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA	0.00

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.

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.

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: Silodor Open Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$20 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$18 for nonmembers.

All other events are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$17 for nonmembers.

(Note: There is no entry fee for any flight of the North American Pairs, but participants are still required to be paidup members.)

Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

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

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

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



James Stevens - Sandra Stevens, Katy TX; Robert Curl, Houston TX; Betsy Dubose, Bellaire TX; David Curl, Fort Worth TX; Thomas Schmalz, Galveston TX

vs

Edward Rais - Tom Ottley, Anchorage AK; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Martha Hawley, Carmel Valley CA

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET IV

16 Teams

Lisa Sommer - Charles Sommer - Chuck Gillis - Charles Markowitz, Houston TX

vs

Patti English - Cliff Pleatman - Randall Rubinstein, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH

Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring TX; Art McHaffie - Joy McHaffie, Santa Fe NM

vs

John Monroe Jr - Judy Fernald - Sue Kimbrell - Millicent Wear, Houston TX

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET V

16 Teams

Kathy Swaine - Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA; Glenn Eddy, Whittier CA

vs

Joe Black - Dean Truair - Ellen Meyer - Peggy Geiler, Austin TX

Eugene Fisher - Adrienne Fisher, Potomac MD; Karen Zuckerberg - Edward Zuckerberg, Dobbs Ferry NY

vs

Richard Grady, Albuquerque NM; Karla Riddick, Conroe TX; Barbara Atkins, The Woodlands TX; Mary Anne Woessner, Montgomery TX

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET VI

16 Teams

Janelle Frusha, Conroe TX; Mavis Warren - Terry Sucher - Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX

vs

Lue Waddle - Adele Hudgins - Carolyn Schendle - Nancy Harralson, Dallas TX

Jim Harp - Kenneth Dingler - Mary McGinnis - Vi Ganeles, Dallas TX

vs

Edwin Zwald Jr - Joseph Wald, Houston TX; Nandlal Khatri, Sugar Land TX; Ann Ankrum, Cypress TX

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET VII

15 Teams

Robert Reiley - Susan Reiley, Great Falls MT; Yayoun Zee - Antonio Vila, Aurora CO

vs

Debbi Myers - Kay Olness, Billings MT; Malou Flato, Austin TX; James Brown, Georgetown TX

Cissy Stutes - Liz Herpin - Laura Jones - Millard Jones, Lake Charles LA

vs

Michael Arthur - Elizabeth Arthur, Pearl River LA; Carol Perrin, Baton Rouge LA; Kimi Lambert, Biloxi MS

ESTA VAN ZANDT KO BK VIII

16 Teams

Melanie Dunn - Brian Stevens - Ulla Skovdal - Mary Stevens, Montgomery TX

vs

Harold Fellerman - Bonnie Fellerman, Maple Grove MN; Gilbert Hogenson - Bobbi Hogenson, Mission TX

Diane Beardsley, The Woodlands TX; Nancy Carlin, Spring TX; Gloria Pollard, Matthews NC; Sue Semple, Venice FL

vs

Peter Hanson - Judy Brown, Houston TX; Mary Thatcher, The Woodlands TX; Helen Watts, Spring TX

ESAT VAN ZANDT KO BRACKET IX

16 Teams

Carol Marks - Bonnie Buchbinder, Overland Park KS; Susie Gershon, Leawood KS; Norma Harper, Kansas City MO

vs

Susan Johnson - Terry Sherman, Rapid City SD; Heather Shane, Mc Kinney TX; Barbara Taylor, Richardson TX

Thomas Wulfers, Seabrook TX; Bobbie Moutz, El Lago TX; Myrna Dorman, League City TX; Sylvia Thomas, Alvin TX

vs

Louise O'Brien - Marj Frederiksen, Dallas TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX; Billie Dalton, Garland TX

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.

Matt Granovetter has achieved the rank of Grand Life Master. This rank requires more than 10,000 masterpoints and a win in an NABC+ event or certain achievements in international play. Granovetter, of Cincinnati OH, is a multiple NABC winner. He has written several bridge books. He is a monthly contributor to the *Bridge Bulletin*.



Trouble with trumps

By Mark Horton

With a combined trump holding of Q108 opposite A32 you would not expect the defenders to score five trump tricks every day of the week, but see what happened on this deal from the Rockwell Mixed Pairs:

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

West	North	East	South
Lewis		Jassem	
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

With honours in both short suits I don't care for North's 1NT at all – for the umpteenth time 5-4-2-2 is not a notrump distribution.

However, on this occasion, opening one diamond would not necessarily have worked out any better.

East led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and tried to cash his top clubs. East ruffed and played another diamond, which declarer ruffed on the table to play a heart to the eight, jack and ace.

East now played the ten of diamonds ruffed by declarer and overruffed by West who played another club.

Declarer discarded a diamond and East ruffed and played the jack of diamonds, ruffed and overruffed. The ace and king of spades gave the defenders two more tricks for two down.

Plus 100 was worth a significant share of the matchpoints.

There are two points to notice.

Declarer could have saved a trick by discarding one of dummy's spades on the third or fourth round of diamonds, but after he failed to do so the first time, East can ensure two down by playing a low spade after the second club ruff.

Declarer has already turned up with seven points in clubs, four in diamonds and one in hearts, so he should have 3-5 more. When they are the ♠Q and the ♥K the low spade switch gives declarer no opportunity to discard a diamond.

Even if North has the king of spades and the ♥Q J, this defence will result in one down.

TUESDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS

64 Tables	A	B	C	
10.96	1			Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Robert White, Raleigh NC; Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, Leawood KS 108.00
9.10	2	1	1	Pamela Elsner, Avon CO; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Fort Worth TX; Pamela Gladysz, Ft Worth TX; Clairlee Hirsch, The Woodlands TX 98.00
6.17	3			Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA; Paul Wright Jr, Mount Pleasant SC; Alberto Feilhaber, Irvine CA; Frances Doss, Hot Springs Vlg AR 90.00
4.62	4			Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Kimmel Jones, Euless TX; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX 88.00
6.83	5	2	2	Joy Hardy - Candyce Gregston, San Angelo TX; Mary Overbey - Margaret Yeh, Pls Vrds Est CA 85.00
3.95	6/8	3/5		Barbara Grantham - Mary Ann Polk - Edith Reed - Wanda Meyer, Houston TX 84.00
3.95	6/8	3/5	3	Barbara Courtright - Irene Baker - Claudia Parr - Diane Konick, Houston TX 84.00
3.95	6/8	3/5		Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; Edwina Corn, Hurst TX; Judy Corey Edmiston - George Roach, Dallas TX 84.00
1.66		6/8		Lorraine O'Donnell, El Paso TX; Terrence Rice, San Antonio TX; Rosalee Gardner - Judy Stanfield, Salt Lake City UT 81.00
1.66		6/8		Nancy Stanton, Frisco TX; Jane Turner - W Turner, College Station TX; Beth Coker, Bryan TX 81.00
2.50		6/8	4	Armand Shapiro - Lynn Shapiro - Hallie Eads, Houston TX; Susan Key, Dallas TX 81.00
1.87			5	Carol Wilson - Bette Liebgold, Houston TX; Verlyn Stahlecker - Ralph Shaw, San Antonio TX 79.00
1.40			6	Diane Washabaugh, Aledo TX; Jean Helmers, Stephenville TX; Kathy Coleman - Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth TX 78.00

TUESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables	A	B	C	
2.83	1	1	1	Keith Anderson - Mary Anderson, Rochester MN; Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC; William Taylor, Mooresville NC 99.00
2.12	2			Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix - Ann Grill - George Grill, Breckenridge CO 74.00
1.72	3	2		Mary Janak, Webster TX; Johnell McKee, Friendswood TX; Marilyn Hughes, La Porte TX; Donald Dixon, Houston TX 71.00
1.19	4			James Prim III, South Pines NC; Donna Simmons, Southern Pines NC; Lois Sherwood - John Sherwood, Norton NB 70.00
1.29		3		Malgorzata Rowicka - Andrzej Kudlicki, Tiki Island TX; Fred Dyle, Huntington Bch CA; Sue Bailey, Stockport United Kingdom 69.00

TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES 6

24.0 Tables	A	B	C	
5.16	1	1	1	Scott Nelson, Encinitas CA; Grant Sutton, Lawrence KS 66.44%
3.87	2	2	2	Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA 63.89%
2.90	3	3		Jennifer Breihan - James Breihan, Houston TX 62.27%
2.18	4			Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL 62.04%
1.63	5			Peggy Craig - Robert Craig, El Paso TX 59.49%
2.05	6			Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Deborah Reichman, Algodones NM 59.26%
1.66		4		Robert Abrams, Atlanta GA; Michael Abrams, Pasadena CA 56.02%
1.70		5	3	Lamya Agelidis, Franklin TN; Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN 55.32%
1.28		6	4	Tybie Becker - Beatrice Aron, Long Beach CA 53.01%
1.24			5	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA 52.78%
1.18			6	Patricia Bowles, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN 52.31%

BARBARA BABBITT STRATIFIED OPEN

48.0 Tables	A	B	C	
25.57	1			Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE 68.49%
19.18	2			Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD 63.94%
14.38	3			Mary Gorkin, Hallandale Bch FL; Vishnampet Vaidhyathan, Aventura FL 61.74%
10.79	4			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN 60.58%
8.52	5			Gregory Nowak - Wojciech Kurkowski, Las Vegas NV 60.47%
10.63	6	1		Joe Nance, Bryan TX; Jeffrey Brown, Highlands Ranch CO 60.34%
6.39	7			David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI 59.80%
5.68	8			Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI 59.05%
5.11	9			Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ; Patty Holmes, Las Vegas NV 58.65%
4.65	10			Allan Smith, Peterborough ON; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON 58.49%
4.26	11			Paul Janicki - Richard Chan, Markham ON 57.77%
4.55	12			Rick Norton Jr, Oceanside CA; Gary Oleson, Houston TX 57.54%
3.65	13			Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA 57.53%
4.55	14			Howard Tureff, Plano TX; Bob Scallan, Dallas TX 57.48%
7.97	15	2		Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC 57.21%
3.01	16			Joe Choate, League City TX; Edith Reid, Houston TX 56.97%
2.88	17			Betty Marggraf, Muskego WI; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI 56.73%
5.98		3		Daniel Jackson, Spring TX; William Lindner, Conroe TX 55.30%
4.48		4		Joan Crowell - Norma Murray, Menard TX 54.17%
3.54		5		Robert Johnston, Scarborough ON; Walter Lauckner, Mission TX 53.23%
3.04		6		Donald White - Clif Capen, Baytown TX 52.92%
2.66		7		Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL; Kris Digre, Conroe TX 51.50%
2.76		8		James Hardwick, Irving TX; Janet Kerrigan, Ankeny IA 51.28%
4.70			1	Richard Hill - Alice Hill, Haslett MI 49.01%
3.53			2	Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ; Bob Joyce, Abilene TX 48.95%
2.64			3	Jo Graves - Billie Graves, Austin TX 46.57%
1.98			4	Scott Wansbrough, Dallas TX; Margaret Cann, Sydney NS 46.47%
1.57			5	Mike Harbers - Peggy Harbers, Franklin TN 46.35%

Bridge Lexicorn

By William J. Jones

Want to be up to date on all the latest bridge terminology? Better go somewhere else. It won't happen here. The following is a lexicon of straight and mangled bridge terms, all rather thoroughly misinterpreted.

Finemesse: Bridge tactic used by Laurel and Hardy.

Weak Jump Overalls: heavy, bulky jeans.

No Trump: keeping Donald out of the game.

Unusual No Trump: keeping Donald out of his usual game.

Trump Control: monitoring Donald's deals.

Strayman: indefinite bidding over No Trump.

Grand Slam Farce: bidding seven with no Ace of trumps.

Blackmood: your partner has just used the Grand Slam Farce.

Short Club: to use on partner when in Blackmood.

Void: inside of that partner's head.

Singleton: 2000 pounds.

Doubleton: 4000 pounds.

Limit raise: pay increase below cost of living.

Limit rise: easy on the yeast.

Duplicate bride: bigamy.

Duplicate Bridge: game played out at the landfill.

Rubber Bridge: game played at the massage parlor.

Part(ly) Bridge: but mostly gab.

Swiss Teams: Alps climbing competition.

Cue bid: Minnesota Fats on eBay.

Insufficient bid: no new cue stick for Fats.

Alert: wow, partner noticed your jump shift!

Splinter: old wooden chair risk.

Attitude signal: partner's frown or groan.

Better minor: kid on good behavior.

Flat board: Duh. Aren't all boards flat?

High board: long way down to the pool.

Bottom board: used in hazing.

Double Dummy: both partners clueless.

Loser on loser play: both partners clueless.

Weak Two: both partners clueless.

Dummy play: butchering a hand as declarer.

Dummy Reversal: make partner turn his back and not watch the above.

Dummy Reversal: Mortimer Snerd subbing for Charlie McCarthy.

Bergen raises: Edgar's reward for his dummy handling.

100 Honors: packed trophy room.

150 Honors: really packed trophy room.

Game: bidders' and hunters' target.

Hand evaluation: manicure prep.

Hand evaluation: palmistry.

Gerber convention: meeting of baby food execs.

Hold up play: armed robbers hit the Bridge club.

IMP Pairs: both partners given to shenanigans.

Inspection of tricks: keeping an eye on the IMPs shenanigans.

Honor tricks: encourage IMP antics.

Jump shift: faulty transmission.

Key card: gets you into hotel room.

Double: clone.

Negative double: cynical clone.

Lightner double: Theodore Lightner clone.

Lightning double: hairtrigger challenge to opponent's bid.

RedDouble: Russian opponent challenges your bid.

Stakeout Double: two cops watching the entrance.

Takeout Double: large order of Chinese.

Long suit: is there a tailor in the house?

Strong suit: straitjacket.

Major suit: uniform with oak leaf.

Change of suit: after spilled drink.

Side suit: spare clothes in case of above.

Suit preference: what'll I wear today?

Follow suit: shadow a lawyer.

Modified Ogust: Auctober.

Scissors coup: cutting the cards.

Squeeze play: making orange juice.

End play: recess is over, kids!

Tenace: anyone?

Texas transfer: moving to the Lone Star state.

Touching cards: hands that make you cry.

Asking for Aces: nightly prayer for better hands.

Vulnerable: easy mark in money game.

Favorable vulnerability: real easy mark!

Bath coup: coming clean.

Claim: thar's gold in them thar cards!

Demand bid: remind sleepyhead it's his/her call.

Shuffle: sleepyhead leaving the Bridge table.

Drive out: get yourself to the Bridge game.

Falsecard: using a Joker for card eaten by dog.

Oneround force: keep battered boxer in the ring.

Leaping Michaels: bunch of gymnasts named Mike.

Restricted choice: paltry partner pool.

Retain the lead: keep the pencil sharp.

Guarded King: castle security.

Law of Toto tricks: rules Dorothy used to train her dog.

The author lives in Syracuse NY. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Utica College 1954 and a master's degree in math from Syracuse University. He founded Designer Software in 1991 to create software for fabric and surface pattern design.

The Bridge Lexicorn is part of his collection of bridge papers that can be found at www.wjjonbridge.com.

World Transnational Open Teams

Even if you didn't qualify in a team trials, you can play in the world championships scheduled this year for Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week of the tournament, which runs from Aug. 29 to Sept. 12. The Transnational teams will begin on Monday, Sept. 7. The format will be Swiss teams, 10-board matches for 15 qualifying rounds. The knockout phase, starting with quarterfinals, will begin Thursday, Sept. 10. The event will conclude on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Players in good standing with their national bridge organizations are eligible to participate. There are no country quotas, and teams may be made up of players from any countries.

Registration will be open through the start of the tournament, subject to availability. Players eliminated from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or Senior Teams will be eligible to play in the TNOT.

Entries may be sent to The World Bridge Federation, 40, rue François 1er, 75008 Paris – France. You may also e-mail cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com.

Sao Paulo is one of the most populous cities in the world with more than 17 million inhabitants. There are more than 70 shopping malls, 12,000 restaurants featuring cuisines from around the world. There are also many cultural attractions.

The tournament will take place at the Transamerica Hotel, a five-star property located near the most important business, shopping and gourmet eating areas of the city. The hotel has free Internet access (wifi and intranet) and offers, together with very comfortable and well equipped rooms: two restaurants, a bar, tennis courts, soccer field, three-hole golf course, jogging lane, fitness center, heated pool, dry sauna and steam rooms, pool tables, etc.

For information about reservations, visit the hotel's web site: www.transamerica.com.br.

Electronic devices banned in national events



The ACBL Board of Directors approved a comprehensive ban on electronic devices for all national level events, but not to regional or Intermediate Newcomer contests:

Electronic devices, excluding health related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, cellular phones and minicomputers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session.

These restrictions shall apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, recorders and kibitzers and shall apply throughout any actual playing session or segment.

A violation of this policy shall result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense shall result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team.

Kibitzers violating this policy shall be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

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Tours and entertainment

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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.

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS E F G	EAST-WEST		
1	Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; David Bakhshi, London England	68.67%	1	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	63.31%
2	Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Tommy Garvey, Essex Cm145ww England	67.71%	2	Kathy Baum - Jay Baum, Germantown TN	60.12%
3	Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC	64.57%	3	Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Margo Sinclair, New York NY	58.35%
4	Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	62.04%	4	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Steve Clements, Laguna Mavel CA	57.95%
5	Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	60.17%	5	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	57.79%
6	Debra Hyatt, Edgewater CO; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	58.65%	6	Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Philip Duterme, Bellaire TX	56.43%
7	Melody Euler, Temple TX; James Thurtell, Dallas TX	58.45%	7	Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA	55.26%
8	Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	57.34%	8	Jessica Pfafsky, New York NY; Bob Drijver, Tilburg Netherlands	55.01%
9	Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton CO	56.43%	9/10	Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA	54.91%
10	Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart, West Chester PA	55.92%	9/10	Thomas Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA	54.91%
11	Gigi Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	54.76%	11	Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH; Cindy Bernstein, Matthews NC	54.86%
12	Don Kern, Bay Minette AL; Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	54.66%	12/13	Mary Savko, Tequesta FL; Brian Gunnell, St Augustine FL	53.24%
13	Marielle Brentnall - Jerry Cohen, Winnipeg MB	54.61%	12/13	Venktrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	53.24%
14	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	54.35%	14	Marilyn Loesberg, Rancho Mirage CA; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	52.48%
15	Judith Zimmerman, Columbus OH; John Stubbe Jr, Dublin OH	54.15%	15	Stephanie Russo, New York NY; Marshall Lewis, Cleveland Hgts OH	52.23%
16	B Marshall, San Luis Potosi Mexico; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio TX	52.48%	16	Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO	52.18%
17	Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL	52.18%	17	Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier, Scottsdale AZ	52.13%
18	Robert Heitzman Jr - Helen Raleigh, Suffern NY	52.07%	18/19	Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA	52.07%
		18/19	Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Vincent Grande Jr, Jupiter FL	52.07%	
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS H J K	EAST-WEST		
1	Shelly Dunitz, New York NY; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA	65.89%	1	B Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA	61.89%
2	Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	61.23%	2	Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	59.31%
3	Dennis Ryan - Barbara Tyssdahl, Menomonee WI	59.62%	3	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	58.40%
4	Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	59.56%	4	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA; Anton Tsyppkin, Sharon MA	58.35%
5	Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO	58.45%	5	Gary Macgregor - Heather Cutting, Portola Valley CA	57.54%
6	David Wakeman - Rita Wakeman, Irvine CA	58.25%	6/7	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, Spring TX	56.83%
7	Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Philip Hiestand, Irvine CA	57.64%	6/7	Melvin Marcus - Yiji Starr, Waltham MA	56.83%
8	Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Gary King, Houston TX	55.47%	8	Ruth-Anne Mazer - Allan Mazer, Towson MD	56.78%
9	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks CA	55.06%	9	Joan Jackson - Norman Beck, Dallas TX	55.06%
10	Pat Levy, Houston TX; Oren Moore, Missouri City TX	54.71%	10	Linda Epstein, Delray Beach FL; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA	55.01%
11	Kathy Schenk - Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	54.35%	11	James La Fountain, Temple TX; Pam LaSelle, Round Rock TX	54.76%
12	Steven Reuschlein, Middleton WI; Eileen Cripps, Madison WI	54.25%	12	Alfried Bocker, Duesseldorf Germany; Gabi Schneider, Duesseldorf Germany	54.35%
13	Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX	54.10%	13	Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX	53.59%
14	Sylvia McNamara - Michael McNamara, White Plains NY	53.09%	14	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY	53.09%
15	Alice Brown, Midlothian VA; En Xie, Saint Louis MO	52.33%	15	Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE	52.18%
16	Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Willem Van Fijck, Rotterdam Netherlands	52.02%	16	Sharon Jabbar, Boca Raton FL; James Gordon, S Burlington VT	51.97%
17/18	Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO	51.16%	17	Irma Schulman, New York NY; Robert Donathan, Austin TX	51.82%
17/18	Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	51.16%	18	Linda Hughes, Edmond OK; Eric Sieg, Oklahoma City OK	51.77%
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS A B D	EAST-WEST		
1	Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA; Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	66.19%	1	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	64.63%
2	Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	63.61%	2	Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lynn Jones, Timonium MD	62.80%
3	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; K Fung, Edmonton AB	60.88%	3	Puddin Barnes, Brenham TX; J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner TX	60.84%
4	Hugh Hillaker - Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX	60.53%	4	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	60.03%
5	William Riley - Nancy Riley, Silver Lake OH	57.44%	5	Toby Bassett, Lafayette LA; K Boagni Jr, Opelousas LA	59.09%
6	Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO	56.28%	6	Joan Lane - Joseph Lane, Blairsville GA	58.70%
7	Dave McClintock, Bluffton SC; Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA	56.17%	7	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	58.44%
8/9	Gerrie Owen - Leonard Schaan, Dallas TX	56.12%	8	Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; John Brady, Jacksonville FL	58.12%
8/9	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC	56.12%	9	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA; Bridgett Pitt, Media PA	55.65%
10	Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI	55.62%	10	Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY	55.46%
11	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA	55.41%	11	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Janis Rush, Austin TX	54.84%
12	Gen Geiger - Chris Niemann, Sarasota FL	55.01%	12	Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL	54.68%
13	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	54.96%	13	Billie Mitchell, Ruidoso NM; Gary Sawyer, Alto NM	54.61%
14	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA	54.25%	14	Donna Rodwell, Clearwater Beh FL; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL	54.37%
15	Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	53.49%	15	Linda Spangler, Duncanville TX; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth TX	54.35%
16	Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	51.97%	16	Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Millard Nachtwey, Silver Spring MD	53.80%
17	Marion Gebhardt, Richardson TX; Jolie Hess, Houston TX	51.77%	17	Scott Levine - Judi Radin, New York NY	53.80%
18	Jane Matcha - Robert Matcha, Sugar Land TX	51.67%	18	Charles Pecarro, Falls Church VA; Carole Grob, Alexandria VA	52.55%
19	Judith Bloomer - George Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	51.57%	19	David Yang, Chicago IL; Pinpin Deng, Hackettstown NJ	51.61%

TUESDAY EVENING 300/200/100 PAIRS - ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION O	EAST-WEST				
1	Steven Brown - Francene Bertram, Wichita KS	61.16%	1	1	Usha Mehra - Laxmi Mehra, Houston TX	64.38%	
2	Timothy Ploch, Houston TX; Andy Pellet, Hot Springs AR	56.06%	2	1	David Martin, Kansas City MO; Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA	61.17%	
3	Colleen Bicket, Edmond OK; Betty McCauley, Oklahoma City OK	55.70%	3	2	Robert Leedom - Jacqueline Leedom, Glenwood MD	58.68%	
4	Stephen Apodaca - James Smock, Santa Fe NM	55.11%	4	3	Edna Kelly - Anne Davis, Houston TX	56.42%	
5	Robert Ziegler - Bill Chamberlain, Houston TX	54.19%	5	5	Leah McCarthy, Mc Kinney TX; Jackie Hertweck, Edmond OK	54.70%	
6	Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth, Georgetown TX	54.00%	6	4	2	Jean Pittman, East Ellijay GA; Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO	54.15%
7	Barbara Chappell - Richard Chappell, Houston TX	52.46%	7	5	3	O Bunn - Patricia Bunn, Cypress TX	52.48%
	Peggy Clough, Cypress TX; Betty Ryan, Tomball TX	52.29%					

TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES 6 - 2 OF 6 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION YY	EAST-WEST				
1	Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA	63.89%	1	1	Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Deborah Reichman, Algodones NM	59.26%	
2	Peggy Craig - Robert Craig, El Paso TX	59.49%	2	2	Peter Gray, Ketchum ID; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ	57.87%	
3	Betty Mariett, Port Aransas TX; Phyllis Mehrens, Leander TX	53.94%	3	3	Sandy Kucha, Rancho Santa Fe CA; Paul Foster, Vista CA	56.25%	
4/5	Gladys Collier, East Hampton NY; Adele Dusenbury, Stony Brook NY	53.01%	4	1	Robert Abrams, Atlanta GA; Michael Abrams, Pasadena CA	56.02%	
4/5	Tybie Becker - Beatrice Aron, Long Beach CA	53.01%	5	2	1	Susan Seitz - Michael Smith, Des Moines IA	52.78%
	Marvin Raines, Fort Washington MD; Michael Fagan, Houston TX	51.16%	3	2	2	Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Robert Lass, Skokie IL	49.31%
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION ZZ	EAST-WEST				
1	Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL	62.04%	1	1	1	Scott Nelson, Encinitas CA; Grant Sutton, Lawrence KS	66.44%
2	Brenda Baker - Emily Leake, Tyler TX	58.10%	2	2	2	Jennifer Breihan - James Breihan, Houston TX	62.27%
3	Paul White, Edmond OK; Ed Howard, Lawrence KS	56.25%	3	3	3	Shaleen Baze - Susan Davis, Marietta GA	57.87%
4	Lamy Agelidis, Franklin TN; Joseph Lebeau, Smyrna TN	55.32%	4	4	4	John Langer, Santa Clarita CA; Michael Strong, Winfield IL	54.86%
5	Patricia Bowles, Hot Spgs Vlg AR; Carol Aiton, Rockwood TN	52.31%	5/6	3/4	3/4	Lucia Hilton - Brenda Truitt, Santa Fe NM	51.85%
	Jason Daming, Austin TX; Greg Giem, Houston TX	50.23%	5/6	3/4	2	Janet Corkum, Dartmouth NS; Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS	51.85%

BARBARA BABBITT STRATIFIED OPEN - 2 OF 2 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION UU	EAST-WEST				
1	Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD	66.67%	1	1	Joan Crowell - Norma Murray, Menard TX	59.13%	
2	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	66.03%	2	2	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI	58.49%	
3	Joe Choate, League City TX; Edith Reid, Houston TX	60.74%	3	3	Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	57.69%	
4	Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID; Henriette Mufich, Coeur D Alene ID	60.58%	4	2	Joe Nance, Bryan TX; Jeffrey Brown, Highlands Ranch CO	55.45%	
5	Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA; Danijel Zenko, New York NY	56.57%	5	5	Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL	54.17%	
6	James Hardwick, Irving TX; Janet Kerrigan, Ankeny IA	52.88%	6	6	Karl Hicks, Dominion NS; Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA	53.21%	
2	Betty Bryan - Dolores Schwartz, Pittsford NY	50.48%	3	3	Sarah Flanagan - Barbara Kordisch, Lake Charles LA	52.72%	
3	Cathy Taylor - Mary Mardis, Hudson OH	47.60%			1	Dolores Joyce - Walter Joyce, Parrish FL	47.44%
4	Linda Scibienski, Grand Junction CO; Martha De Cou, Corpus Christi TX	46.47%					
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION VV	EAST-WEST				
1	Howard Tureff, Plano TX; Bob Scallan, Dallas TX	59.19%	1	1	Mary Gorkin, Hallandale Bch FL; Vishnampet Vaidhyanathan, Aventura FL	64.83%	
2/3	Betty Marggraf, Muskego WI; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI	58.01%	2	2	Paul Janicki - Richard Chan, Markham ON	61.21%	
2/3	Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ; Patty Holmes, Las Vegas NV	58.01%	3	3	Jeanne Marie Child, Spring TX; Julie Halperin, Conroe TX	61.16%	
4	Stewart Angel, Wake Village TX; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale TX	57.60%	4	4	Barry Pfafsky, New York NY; Don Pfafsky, Toronto ON	55.54%	
5/6	Stephen Bruce, Austin TX; George Pisk, Manchaca TX	54.46%	5	1	Nancy Tiner - Ann Van Volkenburgh, Lake Jackson TX	51.71%	
5/6	Sandra Clark - Betty Freedman, Houston TX	54.46%	6	6	Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Larry Mori, Clearwater FL	51.44%	
	Marie Ashton, Portland OR; Jill Flader, Saint Paul MN	52.30%	2	1	Richard Hill - Alice Hill, Haslett MI	51.23%	
2	Mary Drew, Spring TX; Kay Rice, Montgomery TX	50.23%	3	3	Daniel Jackson, Spring TX; William Lindner, Conroe TX	48.10%	
3	Eleanor Patton - Bobby Patton, Lawrence KS	47.89%	4	4	Bill Land - Daniel Renault, Houston TX	46.15%	
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION WW	EAST-WEST				
1	Rick Norton Jr, Oceanside CA; Gary Oleson, Houston TX	57.08%	1	1	Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE	67.11%	
2	Yuangdong Ren, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	55.13%	2	2	David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	66.56%	
3	Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico; Adriana Yanez, Mexico Mexico	54.89%	3	1	Jeremy Dilbeck - Elizabeth Ghrist, Houston TX	53.90%	
4	Victoria Ornowski - Connie Robichaux, Katy TX	53.43%	4	2	Gordon Tanner - Grace Tanner, Bakersfield CA	52.56%	
5	Gregory Nowak - Wojciech Kurkowski, Las Vegas NV	51.71%	5	5	John Schwartz, Plano TX; Phillip Grothous, San Antonio TX	52.40%	
6	Betty Starzec - Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land TX	51.48%	6	6	Suzanne Siebert, Little Rock AR; Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI	52.29%	
	Louise Clark - Steve Clark, Glencoe IL	50.80%	3	3	Donald White - Cliff Capen, Baytown TX	52.00%	
4	James Spurlin, Wiscasset ME; Greg Stander, San Diego CA	50.72%	1	1	Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ; Bob Joyce, Abilene TX	45.01%	
	Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY; Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany	49.11%					

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 4 - TUESDAY MORNING 2 OF 3 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION WW	EAST-WEST				
1	Visanji Gala, Germantown TN; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	69.13%	1	1	Gary Brown, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA	65.91%	
2	Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL	67.61%	2	1	William Bob Case - Verdine White, Hot Springs AR	61.93%	
3	Norma Lampkin - Janice Walker, Montgomery TX	62.31%	3	3	Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL	61.17%	
4	Mike Fierman, Encino CA; Richard Sternlieb, Milwaukee WI	53.79%	4	4	Thomas Grabowski - Marie Grabowski, Hockessin DE	55.11%	
5	Terry Richardson, Austin TX; Kenneth Smith, Hialeah FL	52.08%	5	2	Shirley Eide, Bakersfield CA; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA	51.14%	
6	Henry Sokol, Milwaukee WI; George Kaiser, Tequesta FL	50.38%	6	3	1	Denise Shade, Dallas TX; Gloria Spero, Highland Park IL	49.81%
	Daniel Jackson, Houston TX; Mark Sherman, Oceanside CA	49.62%	4	2	2	Terry Sucher - Thomas Hamilton, Montgomery TX	47.54%
	Billie Dalton, Garland TX; Betty Bartula, Richardson TX	44.51%	3	3	3	Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA	45.27%
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION XX	EAST-WEST				
1	Frances Doss, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Allison Howard, Cookeville TN	58.52%	1	1	1	Melvin Rueppel - John Krueger, Estes Park CO	62.12%
2	Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	58.33%	2	2	2	Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA	58.71%
3	La Quitta Talbot, Keller TX; Herbert Fallin Jr, Alexandria VA	55.49%	3	2	2	Laura Jones - Millard Jones, Lake Charles LA	53.41%
4	Matthew Duffy, Edina MN; Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN	54.17%	4	4	4	Shirley Salvo, Kiawah Island SC; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC	52.08%
5	Doris Ham - Monica Mitchell, Hot Springs AR	53.03%	5/6	3/4	3/4	Cookie Arneson - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO	51.89%
6	Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; John Herrmann, Chattanooga TN	50.57%	5/6	3/4	3	Kay Lynch - Dee Els, Georgetown TX	51.89%
	Clarissa Dowdy - C. Jane Lacy, Houston TX	50.38%					
	Tim White - Renae Gunstone-White, Mercer Island WA	50.38%					

TUESDAY AM 299ER PAIRS TUESDAY AM 1 OF 1 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION ZZ	EAST-WEST				
1	June Bradford, Houston TX; Vesna Jurick, US	61.17%	1	1	Clairlee Hirsch, The Woodlands TX; Pamela Elsner, Avon CO	61.55%	
2	Bobbie Benson - Melinda Simmen, Houston TX	60.04%	2	1	Richard Tracey, Bluffton SC; Ross Siemms, Hilton Head SC	59.85%	
3	Janice Vernia - Robert Vernia, Carmel IN	55.49%	3	3	Philip Wilner, Tulsa OK; Harold Thill, Broken Arrow OK	59.28%	
4	Attice Smith, Houston TX; Emmett Stacy, Spring TX	55.30%	4	2	2	H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	57.58%
5/7	Anne Knott - Patsy Howell, Houston TX	55.11%	5	3	1	Bette Magee - Margot Catter, Houston TX	56.63%
5/7	Kathleen McCool, Castle Rock CO; Jane Hendrix, Breckenridge CO	55.11%	6	4	2	Phyllis Ogden - Gloria Melton, Houston TX	52.84%
5/7	Trudi Lamendola, Waco TX; Pauline Mitchell, Houston TX	55.11%	7	5	5	Jabeen Farooki - Michael McKown, Sugar Land TX	50.76%
6	Alan Broddon - Suzanne Broddon, Saint Louis MO	53.98%			3	Bonnie Boyd, Houston TX; Maureen Vialovsky, Friendswood TX	49.81%

TUESDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS - FIRST SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION QQ	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1		Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland	64.58%	1	1	Lewis Gamaner, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	71.13%
2	1	Bill Ream, Burlison TX; Joe Siqueira, Virginia Beach VA	56.85%	2		Peter Filandro - Marie Filandro, Wilmington DE	56.55%
3	2	Gail McIntyre, Stirling ON; Loretta Green, Dodd City TX	56.25%	3		Nancy Mitchell, Fleming Island FL; R Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL	55.95%
4/5		Marilyn Mac Donald - Bill Mac Donald, Corpus Christi TX	51.49%	4	2	Richard Packard, Nokomis FL; Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN	52.08%
4/5		Susan Bowles, Va Beach VA; Robert Hendricks, Virginia Beach VA	51.49%		3	James Tanner, Highland CA; Millie Garrison, Riverside CA	48.81%
	3	P East - Deborah East, Winchester KY	48.51%		1	Joseph Anderson - Peter Peca, El Paso TX	48.21%
	1	Beverly Walz - Albert Walz, North East PA	45.83%				

CAROLYNE FOX SENIOR PAIRSS - 10:00 A.M. SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION U	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1		Shekhar Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	57.87%	1	1	W Koperna, Livingston TX; Joseph Volanski, Spring TX	59.95%
2	1	Nelson Brown, Jr - Dana Brown, Houston TX	56.71%	2		Allen Hawkins Jr - Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL	59.26%
3		Rose Black - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	55.09%	3		James Gormong - Jane Ann Gormong, Terre Haute IN	57.41%
4	2	Gail Gillespie - Willie Jo Schaefer, Houston TX	52.31%	4	2	James Morgan - Thelma Morgan, Cypress TX	53.70%
5	3	Cula Burch - Bernie Lange, Wichita Falls TX	52.08%	5	3	Laverne Grimes, Casper WY; Betty Peterson, N Richlnd Hls TX	51.85%
4/5		John Linden - Ida Lewis, Houston TX	51.16%		4	Fred Dyle - Layne Onufer, Huntington Bch CA	51.62%
4/5	2	Gail Pirodsky - Lloyd Hankinson, Sarasota FL	51.16%				
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION V	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	Charles Michalski - Bill Gervais, Cypress TX	63.66%	1		William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	60.88%
2		Barbara Sartorius, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Sharon Hait, Livingston NJ	58.10%	2		Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX; Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX	59.72%
3	2	Tom Kaufmann, Pine Brook NJ; Martin Lesh, Montville NJ	56.48%	3	1	Gilbert Brigham, Issaquah WA; Richard Davidson, Pasadena TX	51.39%
4		Edmund Cappel - Mary Freet, Thibodaux LA	55.79%	4	2	John Christopher - Dorothy Christopher, Milford MI	50.69%
5	3	Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Michael Lattyak, Westchester IL	52.55%	5/6		Carol Stewart, Henderson NV; Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV	50.46%
	2	Jim McCormick - Larry Pinsonneault, Houston TX	50.69%	5/6	3	Bobbie Sanchez - Susan Stone, Kingwood TX	50.46%
				4		Marie Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Joe Handler, Toronto ON	49.77%
					2	Earl Landrum - Sally Landrum, Marion IN	47.45%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION W	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	Gabriel Perry, Houston TX; Kay Humphries, Bellaire TX	57.87%	1	1	Patricia Updegraff, Saginaw MI; Faye Vincent, The Woodlands TX	66.67%
2	2	Janet Smith - Barbara Langendorf, Kingwood TX	54.17%	2	2	Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Ruth Zowader, Madison NJ	56.02%
3	3	Virginia Jones, Naples FL; Eliza D' Ambrosio, Bonita Springs FL	53.01%	3	3	Barbara Porter - Parnell Porter, Bluffton SC	53.47%
4	4	Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY	52.78%	4	4	John Shealy - Lillian Shealy, Colorado Spgs CO	53.01%
5		Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL	52.55%	5	2	Carole Jones, Mars PA; Nancy Lacktman, Venice FL	50.46%

TUESDAY STRATIFIED FAST PAIRS - SECOND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION QQ	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	Bill Ream, Burlison TX; Joe Siqueira, Virginia Beach VA	63.10%	1	1	Lewis Gamaner, Brookline MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	62.80%
2		Susan Bowles, Va Beach VA; Robert Hendricks, Virginia Beach VA	59.52%	2		Marilyn Mac Donald - Bill Mac Donald, Corpus Christi TX	57.44%
3	2	Lamar Marutani, Vallejo CA; Daniel McGuire, Las Vegas NV	55.95%	3	2	Jerry Miller, Silver Spring MD; Robert Lass, Skokie IL	56.85%
4	3	Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Bill Page, Jacksonville Bh FL	50.60%	4/5	3	Beverly Walz - Albert Walz, North East PA	54.17%
				4/5	1	Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland	54.17%

JO DENE BOND 5 49ER PAIRS - TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION N	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	Sally Thomas - Robert C Thomas, Houston TX	71.36%	1	1	Tabatha Holley - K Austin Holley, Pasadena TX	64.05%
2	2	James Bettis - Anita Bettis, Bellaire TX	54.32%	2		Melinda Simmen - Bobbie Benson, Houston TX	58.23%
3		Rosalie Schwarz - Cherry Schwarz, Houston TX	52.45%	3	2	William Harris Jr - Carolyn Harris, Houston TX	58.18%
4	3	Ned Earle - Judith Earle, Houston TX	52.32%	4	3	Dale Miller - Ann Trammell, Houston TX	57.27%
5		Norma Callender, Houston TX; Elizabeth Gompels, Newton MA	51.14%	5		Robert Mainord, Nederland TX; W Colene Watley, Beaumont TX	51.82%

JO DENE BOND 4 299ER PAIRS - TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	James Prim III, South Pines NC; Donna Simmons, Southern Pines NC	57.39%	1	1	Ann Wales - Barbara Webber, Houston TX	63.83%
2		Anne Knott - Patsy Howell, Houston TX	56.63%	2	2	Bette Magee - Margot Cater, Houston TX	61.93%
3	2	Suzanne Broddon - Alan Broddon, Saint Louis MO	54.55%	3	3	Jean Moritz - Mary Jennings, Houston TX	58.33%
4		Nell Nichols - Marilyn Haver, Birmingham AL	53.98%	4	4	Maureen Viaclovsky, Friendswood TX; Robert Foote, La Porte TX	55.68%
5		Don Greer, Ft Worth TX; Claire Ridgley, Tehachapi CA	53.24%	5		Evelyn James, Houston TX; Virginia Cunningham, Bellaire TX	53.79%
6	3	H Ray Atchley - Jerry Bigner, Shreveport LA	52.65%	6	5	Suzanne Musgrove - Penny McAdams, Houston TX	53.22%
	4	Sue Bailey, Stockport United Kingdom; Mary Knopf, Anchorage AK	51.33%				
	1	Dori Roskin, Chicago IL; Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land TX	50.57%				
	2	Bill Chamberlain - Robert Ziegler, Houston TX	48.67%				
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1	1	Gaylene Jewell - Helen Hollis, Houston TX	60.80%	1	1	Robert Leedom - Jacqueline Leedom, Glenwood MD	61.93%
2	2	Patricia Howard - Barbara Bogan, Houston TX	60.23%	2		Bill Orth - Ruth Orth, Sugarloaf PA	57.95%
3	3	Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth, Georgetown TX	60.04%	3		Timothy Ploch, Houston TX; Andy Pellet, Hot Springs AR	57.01%
4		Donald Dixon, Houston TX; Marilyn Hughes, La Porte TX	54.73%	4	2	James Smock - Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM	56.63%
5	4	Dan Maclemore - Sue Fiaccone, Oklahoma City OK	53.41%	5	3	Joan Maxwell, Davidson NC; William Taylor, Mooresville NC	54.55%
				4	2	Donald Boyd - Bonnie Boyd, Houston TX	51.52%

CAROLYNE FOX SENIOR PAIRS - TUESDAY AFTERNOON - 2 OF 2 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION U	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1		James Gormong - Jane Ann Gormong, Terre Haute IN	60.88%	1		Richard Wilson - Rose Calvin, Houston TX	60.65%	
2	1	W Koperna, Livingston TX; Joseph Volanski, Spring TX	59.72%	2	1	Patricia Updegraff, Saginaw MI; Faye Vincent, The Woodlands TX	58.80%	
3	2	Audley Karrasch - Phyllis Timko, Houston TX	54.63%	3		Jacqui Mitchell - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	57.64%	
4		Carol Joy Spiegel, Palm Beach FL; Muriel Wasserman, Pikesville MD	53.24%	4	2	William Jenkins, Amarillo TX; David Russell, Houston TX	56.71%	
5	3	Laverne Grimes, Casper WY; Betty Peterson, N Richlnd Hls TX	53.01%	5	3	Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Claire Krukenberg, Charleston IL	56.25%	
	2	Sammie Mills, So Padre Is TX; Joan Reid, Goodland KS	50.00%		4	Carole Jones, Mars PA; Nancy Lacktman, Venice FL	48.61%	
					2/3	Janet Smith - Barbara Langendorf, Kingwood TX	47.69%	
					2/3	Emily Rankin - Jon Rankin, Nichols NY	47.69%	
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION V	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1	Marie Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Joe Handler, Toronto ON	57.87%	1/2		Shekhar Sengupta, Marlborough MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA	62.04%	
2	2	Margaret Jones, Breckenridge CO; Eleanor Gimon, Greenwich CT	57.64%	1/2		Allen Hawkins Jr - Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL	62.04%	
3	3	Gilbert Brigham, Issaquah WA; Richard Davidson, Pasadena TX	54.63%	3/4		Rose Black - Peggy Craig, El Paso TX	58.80%	
4		Bill Gemas, Huntsville TX; Aletha Cahill-Wolf, The Woodlands TX	53.94%	3/4	1	Leora Nowitz, Bellaire TX; Barbara Gadea, Houston TX	58.80%	
5		Edmund Cappel - Mary Freet, Thibodaux LA	53.01%	5	2	Nelson Brown, Jr - Dana Brown, Houston TX	50.00%	
	4	Aruna Sane - Elizabeth Vondy, Sugar Land TX	52.31%		3	Shary Watson, Corsicana TX; Sandra Carton, Billings MT	49.54%	
	2	Darnell Blume - Janet Blume, Ramsey MN	49.77%		4	Gail Pirodsky - Lloyd Hankinson, Sarasota FL	48.38%	
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION W	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1	Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Alan Cummings, Los Altos CA	68.75%	1		William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	58.10%	
2	2	Barbara Porter - Parnell Porter, Bluffton SC	63.19%	2		Carol Stewart, Henderson NV; Paul Ivaska, Las Vegas NV	56.48%	
3	3	Susan E G Slusky, Highland Park NJ; Ruth Zowader, Madison NJ	56.71%	3	1	Mildred Artman, Canfield OH; D Smith, Pampa TX	54.40%	
4	4	Helene Baskir - Bathsbea Perry, Houston TX	54.40%	4	2	John Christopher - Dorothy Christopher, Milford MI	52.08%	
5		Gabriel Perry, Houston TX; Kay Humphries, Bellaire TX	53.24%	5/7	3/5	1/3	Jim McCormick - Larry Pinsonneault, Houston TX	50.46%
	2	Nancy Daly - Gretel Suhl, New York NY	52.55%	5/7	3/5	1/3	Jane Goldring, New Orleans LA; Leanne Lotridge, Houston TX	50.46%
				5/7	3/5	1/3	Ruth Ottenweller - Ruth Singletary, Lake Charles LA	50.46%

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS - FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS E F G	EAST-WEST			
1		Sylvia Caley, Montreal QC; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	62.80%	1		Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD; Chester Johnson, Chicago IL	60.78%
2		Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Vincent Grande Jr, Jupiter FL	59.56%	2		Ralda St Pierre - John Erickson, Houston TX	60.53%
3		Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA	59.51%	3		David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Jill Woodridge, Buffalo NY	60.37%
4		Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow MA	59.21%	4		Don Kern, Bay Minette AL; Jean Talbot, Metairie LA	59.36%
5		Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX	57.39%	5		Linda Green - Sam Whitten, Scottsdale AZ	58.35%
6		Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA	57.29%	6		Judy Nassar - Tony Ames, Minnetonka MN	58.10%
7		Thomas Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA	57.03%	7		Judy Schwarz - Phil Schwarz, Lakeville MN	55.26%
8		Craig Robinson - Elaine Landow, Lansdale PA	56.88%	8		Susi Ross - Harry Ross, Winter Spgs FL	55.16%
9		Mike Miller, Temple TX; Karen Snyder, Spicewood TX	55.52%	9		Harriet Eaton Morris, Miami FL; John Morris, Atlanta GA	54.25%
10		Patty Hinze, San Antonio TX; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV	54.25%	10		Brenda Solovitz, Houston TX; Jack Stone, Sugar Land TX	54.20%
11		Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Robert Morris, Houston TX	53.59%	11		Maurice De La Salle - Susan Culham, Edmonton AB	53.80%
12		Mark Teaford, Seal Beach CA; Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI	53.39%	12		Thomas Weik, Reading PA; Sandra Gebhardt, The Villages FL	53.09%
13		Brian Trent - Linda Trent, Fullerton CA	53.24%	13		Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	53.64%
14/15		P Caplan - Catherine Caplan, N Versailles PA	52.99%	14		Joseph Kivel - Marilyn Kivel, Newport Coast CA	53.44%
14/15		Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN; Sharon Anderson, Eagan MN	52.99%	15		Jess Stuart - Lois Stuart, West Chester PA	53.24%
16		Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	52.63%	16		Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahm Smith, Brandon FL	52.88%
17		Mike Albert, Omaha NE; Karen Verdrame, Bennington NE	51.77%	17		Melody Euler, Temple TX; James Thurtell, Dallas TX	52.53%
18		Kathy Baum - Jay Baum, Germantown TN	51.62%	18		Jim Reiman, Mansfield OH; A Beth Reid, Louisville KY	52.23%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS H J K	EAST-WEST			
1		Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa AL; Coley McGinnis, Nashville TN	60.53%	1		Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX	59.56%
2		Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH	59.26%	2		Kathy Schenk - Markland Jones, Phoenix AZ	58.91%
3		Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO	58.20%	3		Marilou Powell, Round Rock TX; Louis Sachar, Austin TX	57.39%
4		Beverly Gardner, Farmington Hls MI; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI	57.64%	4		Cal Newlin Jr - Flo Newlin, Aurora CO	56.78%
5		Molly O'Neill, Ft Lauderdale FL; Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	56.58%	5		Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX	55.67%
6		Anita Cokins, Austin TX; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista TX	56.07%	6		Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA; Roshen Hadulla, Santa Clarita CA	55.16%
7		Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA	55.52%	7		Natalie Hertz - Dan Hertz, Harrison NY	54.81%
8		Mary Orock - Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	55.31%	8		Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo CA; Phillip Hiestand, Irvine CA	54.71%
9/10		Lauren Block, Manhasset NY; Howard Friedman, Great Neck NY	55.21%	9		Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL	54.66%
9/10		Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish, Omaha NE	55.21%	10		Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	54.61%
11		Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Charles Gill, St Petersburg FL	54.45%	11		Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks CA	53.64%
12		Eileen Smith - James McCommons, Dallas TX	54.15%	12		Malle Andrade, New York NY; Jonathan Levine, Jackson Heights NY	53.34%
13		Irma Schulman, New York NY; Robert Donathan, Austin TX	53.90%	13/14		Walter Pease, Anchorage AK; Jennifer Ballantyne, Vancouver BC	52.88%
14		Robert Irani, San Clemente CA; Berneice Anglea, Pasadena CA	53.64%	13/14		Phil Schaefer - Nell Schaefer, Los Angeles CA	52.88%
15		Ilene Greene, Dallas TX; B Paul Hirsch, Garland TX	53.49%	15		Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	51.97%
16		James La Fountain, Temple TX; Pam LaShelle, Round Rock TX	53.39%	16		Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Gary King, Houston TX	51.82%
17		G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Janet Macchi, Stuart FL	52.58%	17		Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	51.77%
18		Melvin Marcus - Yiji Starr, Waltham MA	51.87%	18		Georgiana Gates, Houston TX; Willem Van Fijck, Rotterdam Netherlands	51.62%

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS A B D		EAST-WEST	
1	Neil Chambers - Donna Chambers, Schenectady NY	62.58%	1	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; K Fung, Edmonton AB	64.19%
2	Joseph Stokes, Chicago IL; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	61.03%	2	Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI	60.09%
3	Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA; Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA	60.21%	3	Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland	59.62%
4	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	58.18%	4	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA	59.51%
5	Gail Greenberg - Jeff Hand, New York NY	57.53%	5	Diane Graese, Las Vegas NV; Martin Caley, Montreal QC	58.47%
6	James Senter - Gale Senter, San Clemente CA	56.34%	6	Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN	57.12%
7	Leonard Helman - Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM	55.93%	7	Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	56.15%
8	Abe Jakob, Ft Lauderdale FL; Nancy Motes, Kennesaw GA	55.63%	8	Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; John Brady, Jacksonville FL	55.11%
9	Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	55.62%	9	Steve Scott - Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ	54.86%
10	Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Janis Rush, Austin TX	55.57%	10	Andy Avery, Jamaica VT; Cecily Kohler, Washington DC	54.72%
11	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA	55.05%	11	Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA; Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO	54.49%
12	Ronald Felton, New York NY; Judith Weisman, Englewood NJ	54.79%	12	Nancy Joe, Austin TX; Christoph Eick, Houston TX	54.20%
13	David Siebert - Somers Collins, Little Rock AR	54.29%	13	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA	53.91%
14	Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA; Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	54.20%	14	Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory, Los Angeles CA	53.69%
15	Janet Daling, Peoria AZ; Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA	54.10%	15	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA	53.59%
16	Diane Henson - Larry Henson, Minnetonka MN	53.30%	16	Hugh Hillaker - Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie TX	53.23%
17	Judith Bloomer - George Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	52.87%	17	Catherine Gay, Kalamazoo MI; William Northrop, Schoolcraft MI	53.12%
18	John Mincher, Hallandale FL; Merle Stetsler, Honolulu HI	52.72%	18	Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Lisa Burton, Houston TX	53.10%
19	Alan Wienman, Morton IL; Elaine Said, Nashville TN	52.33%	19	John Derald - Jan Derald, Western Springs IL	52.85%

BARBARA BABBITT STRATIFIED OPEN - TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1 OF 2 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION UU		EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1	Daniel Jackson, Spring TX; William Lindner, Conroe TX	62.50%	1	Gregory Nowak - Wojciech Kurkowski, Las Vegas NV	69.23%	
2		Mary Gorkin, Hallandale Bch FL; Vishnampet Vaidhyananathan, Aventura FL	58.65%	2	Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD	61.22%	
3		Barry Pfafsky, New York NY; Don Pfafsky, Toronto ON	56.57%	3	Gregory Lester - Sherry Withers, Houston TX	57.05%	
4		Paul Janicki - Richard Chan, Markham ON	54.33%	4	Marina Mann, Gonzales TX; Robbie Borchers, New Braunfels TX	53.85%	
5	2	Steven Johnson, Houston TX; Charles Lawson, Huntsville TX	54.17%	5	Joe Choate, League City TX; Edith Reid, Houston TX	53.21%	
6		Kay Johnson - Clif Rice, Houston TX	52.40%	6	Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA; Danijel Zenko, New York NY	50.96%	
	3	Bill Land - Daniel Renault, Houston TX	51.92%		2	Virginia Leavy, West Newton MA; Rachel Hillman, Madison WI	49.84%
	4	1	49.52%		3	James Hardwick, Irving TX; Janet Kerrigan, Ankeny IA	49.68%
					1	Carol Black, Grapevine TX; Cynthia Bohnenblust, Euless TX	49.20%
						EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1		Monica Angus, West Vancouver BC; Ana Blum, Tortuguitas C P Argentina	59.29%	1	Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Pierre Flatowicz, Omaha NE	69.87%	
2		Nada Sundermeyer - Clay Sundermeyer, Bellevue WA	57.85%	2	Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ; Patty Holmes, Las Vegas NV	59.29%	
3		Howard Tureff, Plano TX; Bob Scallan, Dallas TX	55.77%	3	1	Robert Johnston, Scarborough ON; Walter Lauckner, Mission TX	58.65%
4	1	Donald White - Clif Capen, Baytown TX	53.85%	4	Betty Marggraf, Muskego WI; Sun-O Ho, Brookfield WI	55.45%	
5	2	Jerry Barker, Newport News VA; Dale Fiebelkorn, Norfolk VA	53.37%	5	Sandra Clark - Betty Freedman, Houston TX	55.29%	
6		David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	53.04%	6	Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID; Henriette Mufich, Coeur D Alene ID	52.24%	
	3/4	1/2	52.88%		2	Ann Crumpler, Corpus Christi TX; Patricia Jackson, Kerrville TX	50.96%
	3/4	1/2	52.88%		3	David Glandorf, Houston TX; James Frick, Friendswood TX	45.03%
					1	Eleanor Patton - Bobby Patton, Lawrence KS	42.63%
						EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1		Allan Smith, Peterborough ON; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON	64.42%	1	Joe Nance, Bryan TX; Jeffrey Brown, Highlands Ranch CO	65.22%	
2		Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	63.46%	2	1	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI	59.62%
3		Karl Hicks, Dominion NS; Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA	59.46%	3	Rick Norton Jr, Oceanside CA; Gary Oleson, Houston TX	58.01%	
4	1	Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	59.29%	4	Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK; Barbara Whittlesey, Edmond OK	54.33%	
5		Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA; Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL	52.56%	5	William Malesevich, Mayville WI; Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI	53.37%	
6		Jerry Fleming, Los Alamos NM; Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA	49.68%	6	2	Lawrence Wolfson, Schaumburg IL; Kris Digre, Conroe TX	53.21%
	2	1	49.52%		3	Louise Clark - Steve Clark, Glencoe IL	51.12%
	3		49.20%		4	James Spurlin, Wiscasset ME; Greg Stander, San Diego CA	49.68%
	4		48.88%		1	Scott Wansbrough, Dallas TX; Margaret Cann, Sydney NS	44.71%

TUESDAY-THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE SERIES 6 - TUESDAY AFTERNOON - 1 OF 6 SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION YY		EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1	1	Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI; Douglas Ogren, St Paul MN	58.33%	1	Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Jenny Wolpert, Singer Island FL	59.78%			
2	2	1	56.25%	2	1	Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan, Kingwood TX	59.29%		
3		Selim Benardete, New York NY; Chris Moll, Raleigh NC	55.93%	3	Ernesto Muzzio, Buenos Aires Argentina; Ricardo Angeleri, Mar Del Plata Argentina	55.77%			
4/5	3/4	2/3	52.88%	4	2	Dave Anthony, Fort Myers FL; Donald Eton, Hamilton OH	54.65%		
4/5	3/4	2/3	52.88%	5/6	3/4	2	Matthew Duffy, Edina MN; Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN	54.17%	
6		Orpha Gips - Robert Stout, Austin TX	52.56%	5/6	3/4	3	Ashok Shingavi - Karur Krishnan, Houston TX	54.17%	
						3	Judith Arbus, Toronto ON; Donald Jackson, Kerrville TX	53.69%	
							EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1		Emily Leake - Brenda Baker, Tyler TX	60.58%	1	1	1	Mary Felton - Jan Delery, Montgomery TX	59.29%	
2	1	Roger Marlatt - Barbara Babbitt, Houston TX	59.62%	2	2	2	Kevin Dybvig, Birmingham AL; Emily Harrell, Shoal Creek AL	55.93%	
3	2	Tom Beardsley, Richmond KY; John Wang, Beltsville MD	57.37%	3	3	2	Myrtis Pauling - Jason Holliday, Baton Rouge LA	54.17%	
4		Joyce Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT	53.53%	4	4	3	Mary Overbey - Margaret Yeh, Pls Vrds Est CA	52.40%	
5	3	Gerry Earnest, Montgomery TX; Barbara Finch, Houston TX	52.08%	5			Grace Jeklin, Surrey BC; Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	52.24%	
6	4	Carolyn Opdyke, Boise ID; Bonnie Jung, Birmingham AL	51.92%	6	4		Heather Elliott - Stuart Rachels, Tuscaloosa AL	52.08%	
	5	1	48.56%						
	2	2	48.24%						
	3	3	47.44%						

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Thursday, March 19, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Max Levit & Ariel Leibovitz Morning Side Game <i>Part of the Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series</i>	1st single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Ed Hoffing Memorial Wednesday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
David Hadden Memorial Monday-Thursday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	4th	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$15

Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Grady Watkins Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336	\$16	\$18
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Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL	\$16	\$18
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Thursday, March 19, 1 p.m.

David Miller Side Game <i>Part of the Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series</i>	5th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Betty Starzec 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
Betty Starzec 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15

Thursday, March 19, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Lebhar IMP Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
Whitehead Women's Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
Bean Red Ribbon Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.</i>	1-2 Q	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$17	
Pat McCoy Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 335	\$16	\$18
Dena Bruce Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Donna Compton Appreciation Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18

Thursday, March 19, 1 & 8 p.m.

Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 5	3rd Floor Room 343 & 346	\$20	
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Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

One-session Stratified IMP Pairs <i>Open to Swiss dropouts and new entries</i>	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	6th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15

Thursday, March 19, 11:30 p.m.

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

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Walgreens Day

Wednesday, March 18, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Ed Hoffing Memorial Wednesday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	1st	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
David Hadden Memorial Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$15

Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Stratified Fast Pairs	1-2	3rd Floor Room 336 & 337	\$16	\$18
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Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Dorothy Schoolfield Memorial Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	4th Floor Ballroom JKL	\$16	\$18
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Wednesday, March 18, 1 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	3rd single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15

Wednesday, March 18, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Rockwell Mixed Pairs	1-2 F	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
Linda & August Plate Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Margo P. Geddie, CIMA Compact KO Teams	1-4	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
Esta Van Zandt Memorial Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	3rd Floor Room 335	\$16	\$18

Wednesday, March 18, 1 & 8 p.m.

Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 4	4th Floor Ballroom A-F	\$20	
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Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series	4th single session	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$16	\$18
One-session Stratified Swiss Teams	single	2nd Floor Ballroom	\$15	\$17
299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$17
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$15	\$15

Wednesday, March 18, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single	4th Floor Ballroom GHI	\$12/team/match	
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WALGREENS DAY

Many thanks to Walgreens Drug Stores for their support. They have furnished the table gift for today and the hard candy you'll find at the various desks in the foyer.

Thanks so much to Robert and Stephen Reichek for making storage available to us for all the things that help to make the tournament enjoyable for everyone.

Much thanks to Virginia Zilic and Target for the doorprizes.

GUS AND LINDA PLATE MEMORIAL STRATIFIED PAIRS

Gus began his bridge career in West Texas and moved to Houston in the late sixties. We began playing bridge soon after he arrived. Both of us could be charitably characterized as beginners.

One of my earliest memories of Gus is when we attended an out-of-town sectional. This was a big thing for me and we had a fairly decent game going then had a few bad boards. Gus said, "With these bad boards I don't think we can win the event." I had never had a partner who thought we had a chance to actually win an event - my goal was not to embarrass myself and perhaps win a few masterpoints. It was a defining moment for me.

Gus was married to Linda for 29 years and he often said that she was the better player, and if he had stayed home with their son and she had played as much as he did, she would really have been a star.

Gus was very successful at the sectional and regional level, especially in partnership with John Zilic. He wasn't terribly interested in leaving his beloved Texas to go to NABCs - and I'm sorry we didn't get a chance to play in many of them. He was an extremely pleasant partner and opponent. I remember often having to go out and find him between rounds because he was outside smoking and visiting with his many bridge friends.

Submitted by Georgiana Gates

DOROTHY SCHOOLFIELD MEMORIAL STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

Dorothy Schoolfield died at age 89 in mid January of this year. She played her last game of bridge mid-December. She was a Silver Life Master, having earned many of her points in "the old days." She loved bridge

and played several times a week. She started playing duplicate when she and her husband moved to Temple TX, and continued when she moved to McKinney, and then to Dallas. She loved to win, especially the times when the contract was not there. She asked her daughter, Susan Doty, to hold her memorial service on a Wednesday just so her regular partners would not have to miss playing a game. She will be missed in the bridge community especially by her regular partners.



ESTA VAN ZANDT MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO CONT

Esta passed away on Apr. 19, 2008. She was born Jan. 5, 1925, in Calcutta, India. She came to the United States in 1946 after marrying a young Air Force navigator, Kenneth Van Zandt.

Esta was an avid bridge player and was the first female in Houston to achieve the title of Grand Life Master - the highest rank in the ACBL. She was ranked among the lifetime top master point holders of the ACBL and was selected as a team member to compete in Shanghai, China's, first international tournament.

Her many friends and family greatly miss her.

ED HOFFING MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO

Edgar Hoffing passed away on Mar, 8th, 2008. He was 84 years old.

Born in Chicago, he received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois. Moving on to the Univ. of Southern California he received his doctorate. After an illustrious career with M.W. Kellogg, he retired as V.P. of Latin American sales.

Being the consummate bridge player, his contributions to the bridge world are many. In 1990, he volunteered and gave bridge lessons at Spring Branch Community Center. After two years of teaching, he wrote a booklet for beginners titled, "Competitive Bidding." At the same time he directed a non-sanctioned game once a week.

Being the visionary he was, in 1992 he founded the ACBL sanctioned duplicate games at the community center, directing twice a week. This affected hundreds of bridge players and the games grew to other

community centers. Many new players were added to the Houston membership. Again, volunteering his time at the community center, he taught advanced players the system of Max Hardy's "Two Over One Game Force."

In August 2007, he achieved the rank of Gold Life Master. Edgar is survived by Judith Hoffing, his wife of 26 years, son Glen, and four beautiful grandchildren.

MARGO P. GEDDIE, CIMA, COMPACT KO

Margo has been in wealth management with Smith Barney, Inc. for 16 years. She manages, along with her partner, Ashley T. Randt, Financial Advisor, around 200 client relationships with \$100 million in investment assets. Together, they provide retirement planning and asset allocation services for high-net-worth families. Margo is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Endowment Foundation, a sustaining member of the Junior League of Houston and President of the Serra Club of Houston. She is also a member of Investment Management Consultants Association, the Financial Planning Association and the Association of Professional Investment Consultants. She recently passed the Certified Financial Planners examination.

DAVID HADDEN MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO

"Cast a cold eye on life, on death. Horseman, pass by." - W. B. Yeats

In Memory of David Hadden

David Hadden passed away Sep. 29, 2006, after a lengthy battle against cancer. Dave is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mariann M. Hadden.

Dave was a devoted husband, true patriot and an expert player who won the national Men's Pairs at the 1973 Spring NABC with Jack Kennedy. Dave always aided Unit 172 when help was needed. He was a Board member, treasurer, Winning Finesse (Unit 172 newsletter) editor and Unit 172 webpage administrator. He was the recipient of the Texas star Award in 2005.

Always a gentleman at the table, Dave possessed exceptional ability to take in all information before adopting a line of play. We will always cherish that single delicately raised eyebrow, the only noticeable movement, when the unusual took place. He always preferred a witty quip to criticism at the table. God bless old friend.