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Larry King discusses today's Prize Money Bridge game with Colleen Walker of Vancouver BC.

King keeps plugging to promote bridge

When it comes to promoting bridge, no one is more ambitious than Larry King, the driving force behind Prize Money Bridge, which kicks off three divisions of play starting today.

Fortunately, no one is more patient than King, who has slowly and steadily shepherded the prize money circuit toward his ultimate goal of a tour with a major sponsor and winnings of up to \$1 million a year for the top performers.

"We are really close to getting a major sponsor," says King, who has put several other business ventures on hold while he works on changing the public's perception of bridge.

For those who doubt it can be done, consider how, with the help of a major sponsor, King elevated the game of tennis from a country club sport with low popularity to a national rage.

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Wife kayoes hubby in Spingold upset

The team captained by Mike Kamil rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the No. 1-seeded Roy Welland squad in the Spingold Knockout Teams. Welland's wife, Christal Henner-Welland, plays on the Kamil team.

Kamil, the No. 16 seed, was down 27 IMPs at the halfway point, but closed to within 8 with a quarter to go. They won the last set 55-43 to advance to the round of eight. Kamil and Henner-Welland are playing with Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom of Sweden and Italians Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni.

Welland's all-star squad includes Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood-Michael Rosenberg and Polish experts Cezary Balicki-Adam Zmudzinski

Six of the eight teams still in the event have stars from overseas.

In another upset, the original No. 19 seed (Peter Schneider) came from 19 down with a quarter to go to oust the No. 3 seed (Richard Schwartz) 128-119.

The lowest seed still in contention is the original No. 28 (Warren Spector), who took the measure of Jim Mahaffey's No. 12 seed 164-105.

The semifinal and final rounds of the Spingold will be broadcast live on BridgeBase and e-bridge.

Narasimhan, Sprung reach Wagar final

The team captained by JoAnn Sprung had it when they needed it – they staged a powerful last-ditch rally to defeat the Valerie Westheimer team, 116-108. That puts Sprung into today's final against the squad captained by Hansa Narasimhan. Narasimhan led all the way against the Lynn Baker team, fending off a Baker rally to win 181-154.

Westheimer (Judi Radin, Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn, Stasha Cohen, Cheri Bjerkan) led by 5, 8 and 21 at the quarter marks. But Sprung (Kathleen Sulgrove, Pam Wittes, Renee Mancuso, Karen Allison, Peggy Sutherlin) piled up 54 IMPs over the final 16 boards while holding Westheimer to 25.

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They won the National 199er Pairs: Matthew Bresler and Steven Winer.

Grad students win 199er championship

Two young players who met at Brandeis University came from behind with a big second session to win the National 199er Pairs by nearly two boards.

The winners are Steven Winer of Melrose MA, a law student at Boston University. His partner is Matthew Bresler, a medical student at Rochester University. Besides the masterpoints and the prestige of winning, they also receive watches from the Gold Group, whose wares are on sale at the ACBL Product Store.

Second place went to Larry Goldstein of Harrison NY and David Katzman of Greenwich CT, who rallied from 20th place in the standings at the halfway point of the two-session event.

The 199er Pairs attracted 42 tables, the largest field ever in the event.

The winners, who were in third place with a session to go, met as undergraduates at Brandeis University. They lived in the same dorm in college

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East-West combo lead in IMP Pairs

Players from California and New Jersey were in the lead after the qualifying sessions of the Lebar IMP Pairs. The leaders are Bin Dai of Mountain View CA and Chi-Yen Lai of East Brunswick NJ.

They managed 114.1 IMPs, to 105.55 for Allan Stauber, Cross River NY, and Jonathan Green, Kingston NY. Right behind them were Andrew Rosenthal and David Moss of New York City.



Left to right, Ayako Amano, Olympiad npc Tadashi Yoshida and Miho Sekizawa

New York prices draw Japan players

The New York 2004 NABC is a prime destination for Japanese bridge players. It's a two-for-one deal – bridge and the city. What's more – it's relatively inexpensive.

New York inexpensive? Yes! Bridge players can stay at the Hilton for the bridge rate, which is much lower than the usual price for hotel rooms in this city. Bridge plus New York plus low room rates – what could be more enticing?

"That's why you see so many Japanese players here," said Miho Sekizawa, secretary of the Japan Contract Bridge League. "I've seen more than 20 of us here so far. We like to go to the American cities we find fascinating – New York, San Francisco, Orlando and Seattle, for instance. You'll see a lot of

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Eight-year-old can't wait to play bridge

Adam Kaplan loves to talk bridge. He's into finesses, 2/1, splinters and 1NT forcing. He has been playing bridge three years and can't get enough of the game.

Adam is eight years old.

He's in New York to play in the World Junior Individual Championship. He likes to talk about the "crazy computer hands" and discuss how he might have done better on this deal or that – and



what happened on a couple of interesting deals from the individual.

Adam learned bridge when he accompanied his parents on a cruise. When his dad, Todd, and his grandfather, Murray, started talking about the bridge they were playing at sea, Adam wanted to know more. He has been playing since.

The New Port Richey FL youngster has especially enjoyed the individual because of the regular change in partners. "Usually," Adam says,

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Friday, July 16
 All day. **Computer championships.** Concourse H.
 6-10 p.m. **Junior Banquet.** Concourse A.

Saturday, July 17
 All day. **Computer championships.** Concourse H.
 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 4:30-9 p.m. **Vugraph of Spingold semifinal.** Regent Room.

Sunday, July 18
 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. **Vugraph of Spingold final.** Regent Room.

BRIDGE TALKS

Friday, July 16
 9:15 a.m. **Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program:** Gail Greenberg, *Strategy of Following to Partner's Lead.* Regent Room.
 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program:** Allan Mazer, *I'd Rather Be Last!* Regent Room.

Saturday, July 17
 9:15 a.m. **Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program:** Jim Priebe, *Thinking on Defense.* Regent Room.
 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program:** Debbie Rosenberg, *3NT vs 5 of a Minor.* Regent Room.

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

Hospitality and beverage bars available nightly from 11 p.m. to midnight, 3rd Floor Promenade.

Friday, July 16
 11:15 p.m. – Bridge to Broadway – the second showing of the spectacular musical revue from the 1974 NABC that has been revised and updated for 2004. The show has been produced and directed by Augie Boehm. Free tickets are available at the Hospitality Desk. Trianon Ballroom.

DESK HOURS

Registration Desk 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Partnership Desk 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. 12 p.m.-1 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hospitality Desk 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	I/N Desk 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The ACBL emblem

During the NABC in Phoenix recently, a panhandler was annoying the smokers outside the hotel, hitting them up for change every time they stepped outside. Tournament Director Chris Patrias, wearing an ACBL shirt, walked up to the man, stared him in the eye and tapped his the ACBL emblem on his shirt. The panhandler looked at the emblem, looked at Chris's stern face, and quietly stole away.

Young cancer survivors need help

By Samantha Eisenstein

Almost five years ago I was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. In the middle of my senior year at Brandeis University, I was forced to withdraw from school to receive seven rounds of high-dose chemotherapy at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York City. I was declared in remission and I returned to Brandeis in January of 2001 to complete my senior year.

Three months later I was diagnosed with a secondary, pre-leukemic condition called Myelodysplastic Syndrome, and I underwent an allogeneic bone marrow transplant in August of 2001.

As the four-year anniversary of my last day of Ewing's treatment and the three-year anniversary of my transplant approach, I can honestly say I've never felt better.

When I finished treatment and was finally allowed to reclaim my independence, everyone kept saying that I could get "back to normal" and get on with my life. But as a 24-year-old woman who had already graduated from college, I was stuck in an in-between stage.

I had finished college but had not yet gotten a job. I had residual medical bills, the promise of new bills, and was almost too old to be covered by mother's health insurance. I was lucky – I found a job right away and I have excellent health coverage.

Meeting other adult survivors has opened my eyes to the fact that many are not as lucky. Our issues are age-specific and often ignored. No organization existed solely to financially assist young adult survivors with their transition to post-treatment life.

For this reason Bridget Ahearn (a fellow Brandeis alumna) and I have co-founded Surviving and Moving Forward: The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer. We have spent the past year creating an organization that will provide financial assistance to cancer survivors between the ages of 17 and 35.

In the past year our growth and success have far surpassed our expectations. We have formed relationships with many well-known cancer-related organizations.

Our website, www.thesamfund.org, has reached thousands of young adult survivors, caregivers, friends and families.

We have numerous tasks and projects slated for the coming year. All are crucial to our ability to distribute grants and scholarships, which is at the heart of The SAMFund's mission.

Currently Bridget is attending the University of California for graduate work in advanced practice oncology nursing. I am preparing to return to Brandeis for an MBA in Mission-Driven Management. For Bridget and me, what started out as an interest is becoming our career. What we need now is support.

Throughout the course of my treatment, my family and I were overwhelmed by the support that poured out from the bridge community. Your donations, cards, thoughts and prayers made many dark days brighter and were so truly appreciated.

We are writing now to ask for the same support for other young adults who are struggling with the financial challenges I was fortunate enough to avoid. These young adults have fought the hardest battle of their lives as they enter this new chapter of well-deserved independence.

The SAMFund wants to make sure that their

13,000 – here we come

It appears certain that New York 2004 will surpass the 13,000-table mark. The table count to date 10,222, and there are still three days to go.



An incredible duck – so farsighted!

By Alex Kolesnik

Seldom do you ever see a play such as the one that knocked us out of the Spingold.

Dlr: South ♠ A K J 6 5 2

Vul: None ♥ Q 7 6 3

♦ 7
 ♣ 7 6

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East won the opening diamond lead with the ace and played the ♣K. He switched back to diamonds, and declarer played the jack from dummy – which held! West, Shaya Levit of Israel, ducked!

At the other table the contract and early plays were the same, but West took the ♦Q and played one back. As a result, declarer was forced to cross his fingers and try the spade finesse. It worked and the suit broke, so he went down only one trick, winning six spades, a heart and a diamond.

Levit's incredible duck made the difference. Now I as declarer had the losing option of playing for the heart finesse. If the hearts were 3-2 with the king onside, I could take two spades, four hearts, two diamonds and a club for nine tricks. I wouldn't need to take the spade finesse.

So I led a spade to the ace and led the ♥Q, unblocking the jack so I could get back to dummy to cash my other top spade.

West won the ♥K and returned a diamond. I had to lose three diamonds, two clubs and a heart for down two. We lost 2 IMPs on this board, and that made the difference in the match. We lost by 1 IMP! Levit's amazing play won the match.

New Life Master

Mary Bladen of St. Petersburg FL dropped out of bridge for eight years, but she's back with renewed interest. She earned enough points in the Big Apple Knockouts to earn her gold card. Her partner was John Howard of Dobbs Ferry NY, and their teammates were Sellers McKee and James Kroc.

Laughter, the best medicine

By Mark Horton

Every once in a while a result is so silly you just have to laugh. This 'amuse bouche' occurred in the IMP pairs, and brought a smile to the faces of all four players.

Dlr: South ♠ 7 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ —
 ♦ A Q 9 7 4 2
 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Drury	Horton	Parizer	Helman
			1 ♣
Pass	1♦	4♣	All Pass!

I was fairly confident East-West were going to bid a lot in the majors, but rather than attempt to guess at which level to bid clubs I decided to go slowly, hoping to gauge things later on. A dangerous (maybe that should be dubious) policy to be sure, but look what happened.

When David Parizer jumped to 4♣ he reasoned he was showing both majors with better hearts, (4♦ would show better spades) but alas, Debbie Drury (what a great name for a bridge player) was on a different wavelength.

As you can see, clubs is not the best spot for East-West on this deal (they took no tricks), but with 5♣, or possibly 6♣ on for North-South, I speculated that it might not be such a bad board for East-West.

When David and I checked the scores at the end of the session it turned out North-South had gained 8 IMPs, which suggests several pairs had gone minus on our cards.

Chatting about the deals, David mentioned this one where he found an excellent lead:

Dlr: West ♠ A 10 5
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 10 7 6 3 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ A J 10 6

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

♠ 8
 ♥ Q 9 4
 ♦ Q J 6 5 3 2
 ♣ K 9 2

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

With all the side suits under control David found the excellent lead of a trump, and declarer was down before he started. To understand how good a lead that was consider this: when East led a spade at least one declarer won, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and played a heart. West won, forced declarer with a spade, won the next heart and forced declarer again. Declarer drew the last trump, and with East having discarded two clubs, played a club to the 9 for plus 650.

NY 2004 is truly an international event

Never have so many nations been represented at a North American tournament. Players from 40 countries have competed here so far. The previous record was 29 countries.

The Junior world events, especially the World Junior Individual, have had a major influence on this total.

- Here are the nations by area.
- North America – United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda.
 - South America – Argentina, Brazil, Netherlands Antilles, Venezuela.
 - Caribbean – Jamaica.
 - Baltic nations – Denmark, Norway, Sweden.
 - Western Europe – Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Scotland, Wales.
 - Eastern Europe – Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Serbia.
 - Oceania – Australia
 - Far East – Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand.
 - Middle East – India, Israel, Pakistan, Turkey
 - Africa – South Africa.

Voyage of Discovery

By Mark Horton

The ability to count and draw the right inference is one of the many cornerstones of good declarer play. This deal from one of the many pair games gave such an opportunity:

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

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

♠ A K J 9 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A 9 7 3
 ♣ J 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2NT was a game-forcing spade raise. Although North-South have no quick losers, it is clear that 12 tricks will depend on the disposition of the enemy trumps.

West led the ♣8, and declarer won with the ace and cashed a top spade. Now he set out on a voyage of discovery. He played a club to dummy and ruffed a club, then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing in hand. Then came the ♦A, a diamond to the king and a trump.

East followed with the 7, and declarer paused to take stock.

East had produced the ♣Q on the third round of the suit, suggesting clubs were 5-3. The ♦Q, if a true card, meant that suit was 4-2. Meanwhile, West had followed to three rounds of hearts. If declarer's calculations were correct, West's shape was 1-3-4-5, so with a fair degree of confidence he finessed the ♠J.

When West discarded declarer could draw the last trump and give up a diamond for plus 1430.



Shoulda stood in bed!

By Barry Rigal

Sometimes it doesn't pay to get up in the morning. On their way to a heavy loss in their Spingold match, Wafik Abdou (playing with Kenji Miyakuni of Japan) found himself in a normal but delicate 4♠ contract.

♠ J 5 3
 ♥ 10 6 4 2
 ♦ J 9 5 3
 ♣ A 7

♠ A 10 8 6 4
 ♥ A
 ♦ A K 7 2
 ♣ Q 9 4

His chances improved on a low club lead (third or fifth best) when he scored the ♣Q. Playing carefully he led a club back to the ace and a spade to the 8. He planned to duck one spade, win the next, cash the ♦A, ruff a club, and try to safety play diamonds one way or another for three tricks and the contract.

However, the first round of trumps brought good news and bad. The ♠8 held as LHO pitched a club! Since LHO now seemed to be 0-4-4-5, Wafik cashed the ♦A as East produced the 10. Then he ruffed a club and led a low diamond from dummy. East does best to ruff and lead a heart, but he pitched a heart. So Wafik won his ♦K, cashed the ♥A and led a spade to the jack and queen.

As he had foreseen, this was the ending:

♠ —
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ —

♠ — ♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ K J ♥ Q 9
 ♦ Q 10 ♦ —
 ♣ K ♣ —

♠ A 10 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ —

Declarer had collected seven of the first eight tricks, and East could do no better than lead a heart. Wafik ruffed and exited with a diamond. West could win his queen and give partner a ruff, but East was trump endplayed at trick 12 for the contract.

Contract made for plus 420 – losing 3 IMPs! His teammates got more active and doubled 3♠ – but at least they held the opponents to nine tricks for minus 530.

Israel Junior leads World Individual

Lotan Fisher of Israel shot into the lead during the third session of the World Junior Individual Championship yesterday. With 24 deals to go today, he is one percentage point ahead of Michal Nowosadzki of Poland. Gabby Feiler of Australia is third, followed by Michal Kopecky of Czech Republic.

Also in strong contention are two Americans – Matt Bernardina and Robert Glickman.

Players with a percentage of better than 55:

1. Lotan Fisher, Israel 59.67
2. Michal Nowosadzki, Poland 58.60
3. Gabby Feiler, Australia 58.02
4. Michal Kopecky, Czech Republic 57.96
5. Matthew Bernardina, USA 57.62
6. Robert Glickman, USA 57.48
7. Vassilis Vroustis, Greece 56.94
8. Jason Feldman, USA 6.56
9. Ozan Ildeniz Ucan, Turkey 56.46
10. Espen Lindqvist, Norway 56.39
11. Meike Wortel, Netherlands 55.53
12. Bogdan Vulcan, Romania 55.02

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Larry King

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King's effort with bridge began in the spring of 2001 with what was then called the Bridge Pro Tour. The name changed after last summer's NABC in Long Beach to Prize Money Bridge. In that first year, there were four events. In 2002, there were six prize-money games. The following year, the total had grown to 10, and this year there will be 23. King says there will be 30 games in 2005.

It was a mistake, King says, to dub his effort the Bridge Pro Tour, implying that only pros could participate. Now that it has a more egalitarian focus, more and more players are getting involved.

The games that start today will be in three divisions: Open, Stratified and 299er. If the open game reaches 50 tables, the top prize will be \$4000.

"We want to condition the ACBL membership that money is not the root of all evil," King says.

His ultimate goal, King says, is to have a professional tour with top prize money of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per weekly contest. In his vision, the most successful of the pros could earn up to \$1 million a year playing in the pro tour.

King recalls the transformation he oversaw in the tennis game when he got Phillip Morris to establish the Virginia Slims pro tennis tour. Phillip Morris, King says, spent \$10 million a year for 20 years promoting the women's tennis tour, and in that time made in the neighborhood of \$5 billion. Virginia Slims went from 89th in total sales to 15th by the time the association with women's tennis had ended.

The major offshoot of having a big-time sponsor, King says, is that the sponsor spends lots of money promoting the beneficiary of the sponsorship along with the product.

He recalls that when Virginia Slims signed on to sponsor the tennis tour, there were billboards, magazine ads, television spots — you name it — promoting tennis along with Virginia Slims. King sees the same thing happening for bridge.

All of that, he insists, could change the image of bridge and give it the kind of credibility those who love the game have cherished for a long time.

King agrees that his ultimate goal is a ways off, but he isn't discouraged by the apparent slow progress — or the negative comments about what he has going at present. "Those people are looking at what we have, not what we're trying to do," he says.

He believes that when the top bridge players are earning big bucks "on top of the table" — as opposed to payments from individuals — the public will take notice. "The top players make good money now," King says, "but not in a way that the public can understand."

King believes he will ultimately succeed because bridge is such a good game, and "we have a good story to tell."

He didn't expect everything to happen overnight, and he won't shy away from the task.

"It's just hard work," he says, "but I'm more optimistic than ever. I've learned that most people don't like opportunity because it comes disguised in work pants."

Wagar Teams

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Baker (Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Kay Schulle, Kerri Sanborn, Disa Eythorsdottir) scored 80 IMPs during the last 16 boards — more than the 74 they got in the first three quarters. But it was a case of too little too late — Narasimhan (Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Sue Picus, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby) had a 65-point lead with 16 boards to go.

Narasimhan and Sprung will play a 64-board final today. The final will be broadcast live on BridgeBase Today.

Trump tricks

By Barry Rigal

Our opponents played in 4♠ on the following deal, and we managed to take four trump tricks with our unimpressive North-South spade holding. I was North, Jeff Aker was South.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Dbl	1♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	2♥
			All Pass

No doubt a heart lead and continuation is best, but I led an unimaginative club and was surprised at dummy.

It seems that the best plan for declarer is to ruff a club low and play the ♠J. Instead, after winning the opening club lead with the ace, declarer cashed dummy's diamonds, then ruffed a club to cash the ♦A and pitch dummy's singleton heart.

Aker ruffed and returned a low heart, ruffed in dummy. Now came a club ruff high, a heart ruff, club ruff high and the ♦J, ruffed by Aker with the ♠9. This was the end position:

	♠ 8 2		
	♥ K		
	♦ —		
	♣ —		
♠ 5		♠ K Q	
♥ Q 7		♥ —	
♦ —		♦ —	
♣ —		♣ J	
	♠ A		
	♥ A J		
	♦ —		
	♣ —		

Aker played the ♥A, which declarer had to ruff in dummy. Now I could ruff a club with the ♠8 and play to partner's trump ace at the end for down one.

Japan

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Japanese players at the Fall Championships in Orlando."

Most of the Japanese visitors here are women. We wondered why.

"Men don't have enough free time to play in Japan," said Sekizawa. "Theoretically they work only five days a week, but just about everybody has to put in a lot of overtime. When they occasionally have a little free time, they prefer to spend it with their families. Most of the members in the JCBL are middle-aged women."

Just as in the ACBL, the JCBL is making a strong effort to add young people to the bridge fold. They have instituted a special promotional program, and the visitors here are watching closely to see how the ACBL and the World Bridge Federation are handling Juniors.

Sekizawa and her partner, Ayako Amano, were playing in the quarterfinals of the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams as this article was being written. They will represent Japan at the World Team Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey, this fall. This will be their second appearance in an Olympiad — they also competed for Japan in 2000 in Maastricht, the Netherlands. They advanced through the round-robin to the quarterfinals but were defeated by Germany. Their teammates in Turkey will be Shoko Fukuda, Kyoko Shimamura, Nobuko Setoguchi and Hiroko Ohta. Their non-playing captain, Tadashi Yoshida, is a competitor at this tournament.

Actually Ayako will be competing in her fourth world championship. On two occasions she played for Venezuela in the Venice Cup.

Sekizawa's interest in bridge skyrocketed when she was assigned as an assistant to the Daily Bulletin editor at the Bermuda Bowl championships in Yokohama, Japan, in 1991. She made many friends there and she was intrigued by the intense interest shown by the contestants. That was the year that Iceland surprised the world by winning the Bermuda Bowl. Now Japan wants to surprise the world by winning the Women's Olympiad.



Dr. Clarice Reid, vice president of the American Bridge Association, is flanked by the winners of Strat B of the ABA/ACBL Unity Stratified Open Pairs Thursday night. Tops in Strat B were Donald Steedman of Albany CA and Vicki Chang of Berkeley CA. Dr. Reid is from Bethesda MD.



There are no dog days in the Mid-Atlantic

End the summer in style and comfort, at two of the ACBL's biggest and best regionals of the entire year. Make reservations NOW — host hotels will sell out in advance of these 3,000-table tournaments.



HUNT VALLEY, MD, AUG. 16-22

Enjoy the picturesque countryside just a short drive from the attractions of Baltimore. Bridge rate of \$99 honored only until July 20 at the Marriott, 410-785-7000.

• Chair: Patricia Wilson, 410-825-7579, valleybridg@cs.com.

ATLANTA, GA, AUG. 31-SEPT. 6

The traditional Labor Day regional is in a mecca for dining and shopping. Great bridge rate of \$84 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 770-395-7700. Many other nearby accommodations.

• Chair: Jack Feagin, 404-252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net

Fliers on regional information table, visit www.mabcbridge.org

Adam

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“each partner has something different to say.”

Adam had a lot of fun with these two deals from the second session of the individual.

Dlr: North ♠ K Q J 5
 Vul: None ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A
 ♣ A Q J 9 7 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
		Adam	
	1♣	2NT	Pass
4♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Adam’s partner was, as he described him, “a very tall person from the Netherlands.” Adam is well acquainted with the unusual 2NT, which he trotted out to show the red suits over North’s 1♣. When his partner showed a great fit for diamonds, Adam pressed on to game. He was very excited to report that his partner wrapped up the doubled game for plus 550.

On the very next deal, Adam showed that he has good matchpoint instincts.

Dlr: East ♠ J 6 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ Q J 10 9 8 4
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ 2

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

♠ Q 8 7 2
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ K 10 9

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

South led a low heart to the 8 and Adam’s king. He cashed three top diamonds, happy to see the suit split 3-3, and took two more diamond tricks. He then played the top two spades, giving him eight tricks, with ♣A sitting in dummy for his game-going ninth trick. Not content with just making his game, Adam risked going down by playing a club to the queen. When it held, he had 10 tricks for plus 430 and a fine score.

Pre-Alert forms

If your partnership plays special overcalls, you must fill out a pre-Alert/disclosure form and make it available to your opponents when you play in events that allow Mid-Chart and Super-Chart conventions.

This applies to NABC+, regional or higher knockouts and Flight A Swiss games. Look for the light blue forms on the table where convention cards are available.

How to score 18 tricks on one deal

On this deal from the Sunday Swiss Teams, the team of Carole Weinstein, David Sokolow, Keith Garber and Maralyn Cohn won 18 tricks in spade contracts – 11 at one table and seven at the other.

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

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

♠ A J 10 8 7 2
 ♥ A J
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ A 3

Weinstein played 4♠. She won the opening club lead, played a spade to the king and finessed on the way back. After pulling the last trump, she led a diamond and West won the ace and led a club to partner’s queen. On the heart return, Weinstein rose with the ace, dropping the singleton king to wind up with 11 tricks.

At the other table Garber, East, and Cohn, West, defended 2♠ and beat it two tricks!

The ♣10 opening lead held the first trick and declarer won the second club. A trump to the 9 and queen was followed by a diamond to the ace. On the diamond return, dummy’s king was ruffed, and Garber led a heart, declarer finessing to lose to the singleton king. Garber alertly ruffed the ♦Q return to give Cohn a heart ruff. Altogether the defense took one club, one spade, one heart, one diamond, two diamond ruffs and one heart ruff. Down two.

199er Pairs

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and discovered that they both knew how to play bridge. That was about four years ago. They have played off and on since then, including online (OKbridge).

Their 66.29% game propelled them to victory. On a top of 11, their final score was 344.5 to 325 for the runners-up.

Winer and Bresler play Precision and are not shy in the bidding. This deal comes from the first session.

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Winerq		Bresler	
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
			All Pass

Using the rule of 15, many players would have passed with the East hand for fear of letting the opponents get into the bidding. Bresler liked his 5-5 hand, however, so he opened 2♥, which bought the contract.

South could have done much better to start with a club, getting a force going on the East hand, but he made the reasonable choice of the ♠10 for his opening thrust. Bresler took advantage by cashing three rounds of the suit to pitch his losing club. He started work on trumps at that point, but the defenders had lost the tempo and Bresler finished with 11 tricks for plus 200 and 10 of 11 matchpoints.

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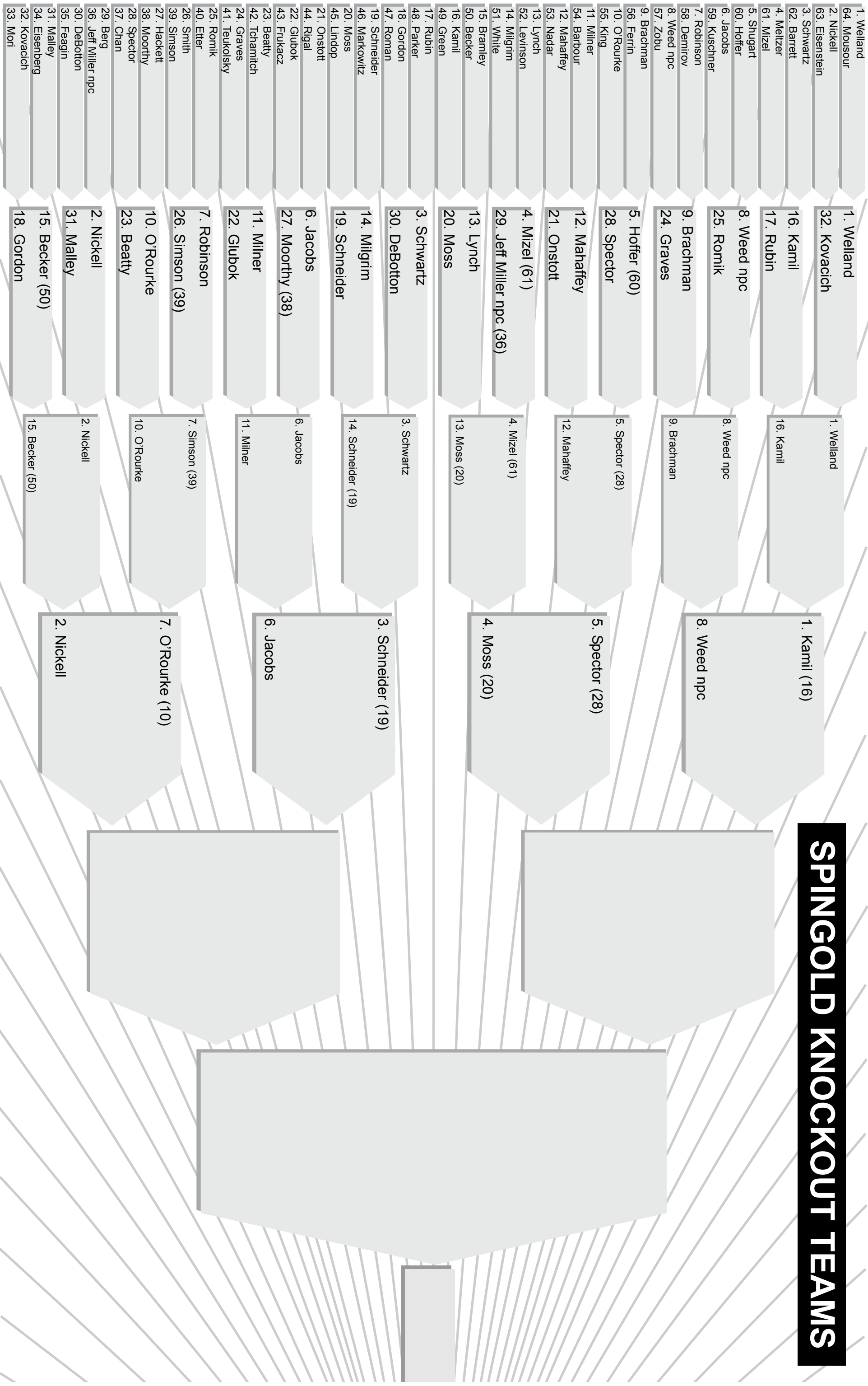


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SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS



WAGAR WOMEN'S KO TEAMS

Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Irina Levitina, Fair Lawn NJ; Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Susan Picus, New York NY; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA

vs

JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA; Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH; Pam Wittes, Venice CA; Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV; Peggy Sutherland, Dallas TX

60.00 3/4 Lynn Baker, Austin TX; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Beth Palmer, Silver Spring MD; Kay Schulle, Purchase NY; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL

60.00 3/4 Valerie Westheimer - Judi Radin, New York NY; Mildred Breed, Austin TX; Shawn Quinn, Richmond TX; Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL

38.57 5/8 Carlyn Steiner, Seattle WA; Marinesa Letizia, Las Vegas NV; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Randi Montin, Napa CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX

38.57 5/8 Lynne Tarnopol - Laurie Vogel - Jacqui Mitchell - Amalya Kears - Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ

38.57 5/8 Donna Compton - Joan Jackson - Petra Hamman, Dallas TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX; Peg Waller, Eden Prairie MN; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV

38.57 5/8 Ginny Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Candace Fowler Griffey, Daytona Beach FL; Kathy Baum, Germantown TN; Miho Sekizawa, Tokyo, Japan; Ayako Amano, Tokyo Japan

Wagar Teams results

Baker	15	65	74	154
Narasimhan	58	93	139	181
Sprung	21	43	62	116
Westheimer	26	55	83	108

MINI SPINGOLD II (0-1500) KO TEAMS

Mark Teaford, Kihei HI; Norton Rimer, La Jolla CA; Myron Rimer, New City NY; Ronald Resnick, Wailuku HI

vs

Doris Banks, Coram NY; Christine Woodring, Setauket NY; Paul Lenoble, Freeport NY; Lew Kroll, Plainview NY

29.52 3/4 David Rock - Helen Pawlowski, Westfield MA; Shirley Matthews, Lindale TX; Nicholas France, Spring Valley NY

29.52 3/4 Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Nancy Ferguson - Fred Stout, Greenbrae CA; David Bryant, San Francisco CA

13.28 5/8 David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; Gayle Cowart - George Cowart, Richardson TX

13.28 5/8 Emile Heredia - Terry Oleske - Laura Tolkow, New York NY; Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY

13.28 5/8 Sidney Kanter - Ron Nelken, Clifton NJ; Lee Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ; Bruce Rubin, Chestnut Ridge NY

13.28 5/8 Doug Couchman, Arlington TX; Joe Clark - Shaun Chooi, Dallas TX; Ian Friedland, Alameda CA

Spingold line scores

1. Welland	57	107	132	175
16. Kamil	48	80	124	179
9. Brachman	34	77	96	110
8. Weed npc	38	58	123	145
5. Spector	35	76	121	164
12. Mahaffey	44	56	71	105
13. Moss	57	106	125	155
4. Mizel	29	47	82	118
3. Schwartz	32	60	105	119
14. Schneider	10	34	86	128
11. Milner	29	68	92	105
6. Jacobs	42	63	124	171
7. Simson	34	67	107	135
10. O'Rourke	15	80	133	166
15. Becker	13	21	withdrew	
2. Nickell	54	106		

MINI SPINGOLD I (0-5000) KO TEAMS

Michael Cassel II, Roseville MN; Rodney Wilton, Albuquerque NM; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON

vs

Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN; Andrew De Sosa, Chatsworth CA; Bob Rebelein, Poughkeepsie NY; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON

Jacob Morgan - Eileen Cripps, Madison WI; Will Engel, Freeport IL; James Melville, Springfield IL

vs

Larry Mohr, Woodside CA; Hao Ge, Cleveland OH; Yi Liu, Madison WI; Alex Hong - Shi Yan, Delta BC

19.13 5/8 Robert Gordon - Peter Bisgeier, Northport NY; Simon Erlich, Forest Hills NY; Samuel Ehrlichman, Ithaca NY

19.13 5/8 Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY; Maris Zilant, North Miami FL; Nancy Kalow - Jane Dillenberg - Burton Lipsky, New York NY; Susan Fuller, Miami FL

19.13 5/8 Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA; Elliot Sternlicht - Alan Lechner, New York NY; Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ

19.13 5/8 Eric Hochman, Brooklyn NY; Joan Dziekanski - Jeff Bayone - Eric Mock, New York NY; Alvin Levy, Commack NY; Alan Goldman, Queens Vlg NY

8.50 9/16 Martin Hunter - Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Debra Hyatt, Denver CO

8.50 9/16 Jill Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; David Fleischer, Alexandria VA; Doug Handler, Berkeley CA; Gary Helman, Syosset NY

8.50 9/16 Thomas Simon, Yonkers NY; Richard Laufer, Hartsdale NY; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT; Richard Baumer, Holbrook NY

8.50 9/16 Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Tzung-Fang Guo, Los Angeles CA; Jeffrey Rothstein - Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Thompson Jin, Temple City CA

8.50 9/16 Anna Bromberg - Paul Klarreich - Steven Zlotnick - Ava Grubman, Brooklyn NY; Linda Frank - Linda Rothstein, New York NY

8.50 9/16 Tom Buttle - Adrienne Marriott, Toronto ON; Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Vinay Sarin, Thornhill ON

8.50 9/16 Stewart Cramer, Pittsford NY; Sally Hill, Webster NY; Howard Gordon, Rochester NY; Alex Kornel, Toronto ON

8.50 9/16 Mike Amos - Julian Wernick - Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England; Jon Downing, Solihill England

Convention card reminder

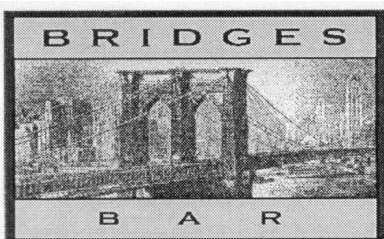
Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both partnership cards must be identical. Both must include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

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.

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vs

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Portola Valley CA; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Peter Fredin, Malmö Sweden; Magnus Lindkvist, Hoor Sweden; Giorgio Duboin, Turin Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Milan Italy

George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL

vs

Peter Schneider, La Canada CA; Grant Baze, San Diego CA; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt

James Cayne, New York NY; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Norway; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL; Tor Helness, Norway

vs

Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Fulvio Fantoni - Claudio Nunes, Rome Italy

Michael Moss - Jim Krekorian, New York NY; William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Paul Marston, Australia

vs

Warren Spector - Mark Feldman, New York NY; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Billy Cohen, Encino CA; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Vincent Demuy, Laval QC

50.00 9/16 Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland
50.00 9/16 Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL; David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Andrea Buratti, Genoa Italy; Massimo Lanzarotti, Voghera Italy

50.00 9/16 Malcolm Brachman, Dallas TX; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Eric Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA

50.00 9/16 Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; John Mohan, Las Vegas NV; Sam Lev, New York NY; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Jacek Pszczola - Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland

50.00 9/16 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Glenn Groethem, Melhus Norway

50.00 9/16 Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson, Columbus OH; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Jerry Clerkin, New Albany IN; Marc Zwerling - Mark Tolliver, Portland OR

50.00 9/16 Phillip Becker, Beachwood OH; Alan Watson, Lexington MA; David Becher, Swampscott MA; Niel Waletzky, Shaker Heights OH

50.00 9/16 Jack Mizel - Alexander Allfrey - Arthur Malinowski, London England; Andrew McIntosh, England

25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Kingston NY

25.00 17/32 Carolyn Lynch, Marblehead MA; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Stephen Landen, Rochester Hills MI; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH

25.00 17/32 Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Chris Willenken - Michael Polowan, New York NY; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland

25.00 17/32 Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Brad Moss - Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI

25.00 17/32 Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Winthrop Allegaert - Jaggy Shivdasani, New York NY; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Markland Molson, Hollywood FL

25.00 17/32 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Robison, Las Vegas NV; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Chris Compton, Dallas TX

25.00 17/32 Brian Glubok, New York NY; Michael Kopera, Brooklyn NY; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Fred Chang, Flushing NY

25.00 17/32 Steve Beatty, Bothell WA; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Kerry Smith, Milwaukee WI; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Mark Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ

25.00 17/32 Allan Graves, Victoria BC; Richard Coren, Hollywood FL; Lars Andersson, Bromma Sweden; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC

25.00 17/32 Pinhas Romik, Rehovot Israel; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Adrian Schwartz - Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Michael Ledeen, Chevy Chase MD; Sanda Enciu, Lauderhill

Israel

25.00 17/32 Janet De Botton - Gunnar Hallberg, London England; Nick Sandqvist, London England; John Holland, Stockport England; Jason Hackett - Justin Hackett, Manchester England

25.00 17/32 John Malley, Pascoag RI; Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA; Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY

25.00 17/32 Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Robert White, Raleigh NC; Kevin Bathurst, Columbia SC; Dan Gerstman - Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Thomas Carmichael, Marietta GA

25.00 17/32 Bernard Miller, Boca Raton FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL; David Yang, Chicago IL; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Hemant Lall, Plano TX; Allan Falk, Okemos MI

25.00 17/32 Kirubakara Moorthy, Chennai India; S Sundarram, Chennai Tamil Na India; P Sridhar, Chennai India; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India; Rajesh Dalal, Bombay India; G Venkatesh, Los Altos CA

25.00 17/32 Fred Hoffer, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Barry Piafsky - Allen Kahn, New York NY; Don Piafsky, Toronto ON; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY

Bridge Baron tops Computer qualifiers

Bridge Baron will play Micro Bridge and Wbridge5 will oppose Jack in today's semifinals in the Computer Championship. The final will take place tomorrow.

Bridge Baron finished first in the eight-team round-robin with 147 Victory Points, only two points ahead of Wbridge5. Jack was third with 138 and Micro Bridge had 131. The other finishers were Q-Plus Bridge 108, Blue Chip Bridge 63, Meadowlark Bridge 37 and Sabrina 3.

Silicon City

By Mark Horton

If you get tired of watching the humans making mistakes, then why not drop in on the World Computer Championships that are taking place on the lower ground floor of the Hilton.

I took the opportunity to see how the programs were performing during the round-robin stage. This deal shows that the computers can match perfect card play to aggressive bidding.

Dlr: West ♠ 9 8 4 3

Vul: Both ♥ J 9

♦ 10 9 7 6

♣ K 6 4

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

♠ K J 10 6 5 2

♥ 8 7

♦ J 5 3

♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
Q-Plus	Jack	Q-Plus	Jack
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

After starting with three maximums, - 25-2, 25-0 and 25-0 - Q-Plus faced the three-time defending champion Jack, which had already been upset by Microbridge and WBridge5.

After a spirited auction, South led a low spade, and in the twinkling of an eye declarer had finessed, drawn trumps, eliminated diamonds, cashed the ♠A for a club pitch, then cashed the ♣A, followed by a club. The defenders could not prevent plus 1430. If North goes up with the ♣K on the second round of the suit, he blots out his partner's second club honor and makes declarer's ♠10 good. If North ducks, South wins the club but has to give declarer a ruff-sluff and the club loser goes away.

It was a big swing because Jack stopped in game at the other table.

Jack recovered to tie the match, keeping both programs on course for the semifinals.

Turn 'em off

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THURSDAY ABA/ACBL OPEN PAIRS 2ND SESSION

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION OOO), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Bee Ward, Alfred Lewis, and Donna Casey.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION PPP), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Shelley Fishman, Laureine Greenbaum, and David Tanner.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION QQQ), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Peter Drezner, Chuck Wong, and Donald Steedman.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION RRR), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Jerry Miller, Gail Bell, and Ethan Stein.

THURSDAY/FRIDAY SIDE SERIES SECOND SESSION

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION TTT), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Robert Russell, Gene Simpson, and A Harrison.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION VVV), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Ellen Kanarek, Jack Bastian, and Kent Vandewater.

THURSDAY EVENING 49ER PAIRS

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION VV), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Mort Amstel, William Whitman, and Stan Frost.

THURSDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION XX), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Jeff Dater, Michael Varhalamas, and David Parshall.

THURSDAY SENIOR PAIRS FIRST SESSION

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION Q), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Irene Lippert, Anita Ritchin, and Gail Goggin.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION R), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Patricia Elms, David Chester, and Muriel Schantz.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION S), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Jack Bonney, Ursula Maini, and Donald Eisenberg.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION U), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Adele Birnbaum, Eleanor Novick, and Richard Fumanti.

NABC 199ER PAIRS 1st SESSION

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION QQ), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Ka Lun Tam, Stephen Kalstein, and Jim Canty.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION YY), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Linda Friedman, Colleen Walker, and Randi Adelman.

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION ZZ), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Kenneth Llacera, Jeff Dater, and Michael Varhalamas.

THURSDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

Table with columns for section (NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION WW), pair numbers (A, B, C), names, and scores. Includes names like Susan Reiter, Nathan Adler, and Edwin Brawn.

THURSDAY MORNING 49ER PAIRS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION VV, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-5 with names and scores.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME 1ST OF 4 SESSIONS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION SSS, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-6 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION TTT, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-6 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION UUU, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-6 with names and scores.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 49ER PAIRS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION VV, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-3 with names and scores.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION WW, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-4 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION XX, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-4 with names and scores.

NABC 199ER PAIRS 2ND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION QQ, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-6 with names and scores.

THURSDAY SENIOR PAIRS SECOND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION Q, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-7 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION R, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-7 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION S, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-7 with names and scores.

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION U, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-7 with names and scores.

IMP PAIRS FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH SECTION AA, EAST-WEST. Rows 1-6 with names and scores.

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

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*Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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

Event	Friday, July 16th, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Morning Bracketed KO Teams II	3rd	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams II <i>Continues Saturday morning.</i>	1-2	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Wednesday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Friday, July 16th, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs*	1-2	Rhineland, 2nd Floor	\$14	\$16
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Trianon, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Senior Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	Trianon, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$13
Friday, July 16th, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.				
Spingold KO Teams	Quarter-finals	Murray Hill, 2nd Floor	\$16.50	
Wagar Women's KO Teams	Finals	Midtown, 4th Floor	\$16.50	
0-5000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams	Semi-Finals	Murray Hill, 2nd Floor	\$15	
0-1500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams	Finals	Murray Hill, 2nd Floor	\$15	
Friday, July 16th, 1 p.m.				
World Junior Individual Championship	4	Beekman, 2nd Floor		
Friday, July 16th, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Lebhar IMP Pairs	1-2F	Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$16.50	
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Stratified Mixed Pairs*	1-2	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Bracketed KO Teams VI	3-4	TAmericas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Bracketed KO Teams VIII <i>Continues Saturday.</i>	1-2	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Bracketed Compact KO Teams II <i>(Finishes Friday evening)</i>	1-2	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Rhineland, 2nd Floor	\$14	\$16
BPT Prize Money Bridge \$14,000 New York Open Individual <i>(Two qualifying, one session final Saturday 9 a.m.)</i>	1-2	Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$100 for 3 sessions	
Friday, July 16th, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$13	\$15
Bracketed Compact KO Teams II	3-4	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series*	4th single session	Rhineland, 2nd Floor	\$14	\$16
BPT Prize Money New York Stratified Open <i>(One session qualifying, one session final Saturday 9 a.m.)</i>	Individual	Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$30 for 2 sessions	
BPT Prize Money New York 299er <i>(One session qualifying, one session final Saturday 9 a.m.)</i>	Individual	Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$20 for 2 sessions	
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$13
Friday, July 16th, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams*	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$12/Tm/Match	

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

*Unless otherwise indicated, Strati-Flighted Open and Strati-Flighted Senior events are divided: A/X (3000+, 0-3000) and play separate from B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500). Strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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Event	Saturday, July 17th, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Morning Bracketed KO Teams III	4th	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams II	3-4	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Wednesday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series*	4th single session	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
BPT Prize Money Individual Events	Final	TBA		
Saturday, July 17th, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs*	1-2	Rhineland, 2nd Floor	\$14	\$16
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Rhineland, 2nd Floor	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$13
Saturday, July 17th, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.				
Spingold KO Teams	Semi-Final	Midtown, 4th Floor	\$16.50	
0-5000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams	Final	Midtown, 4th Floor	\$15	
Saturday, July 17th, 1 & 4:30 p.m.				
NABC+ Fast Open Pairs <i>Two qualifying, two final sessions</i> <i>Note: Sunday Game Time for the NABC+ Fast Pairs Final has been advanced to 11:00 am.</i>	1-2Q	Murray Hill, 2nd Floor	\$16.50	
Saturday, July 17th, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams <i>Two qualifying, two final sessions</i>	1-2Q	Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$16.50	
USBF Junior Team Trials <i>Open to U.S. Juniors. Pre-registration required.</i>	1-2	TBA		
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs*				
Flight A/X	1-2	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Flight B/C/D	1-2	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Bracketed KO Teams VIII	3-4	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Bracketed KO Teams IX <i>Continues Sunday.</i>	1-2	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$14	\$16
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	1st single session	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Saturday, July 17th, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Americas I, 3rd Floor	\$13	\$15
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	2nd single session	Americas II, (up escalator from Americas I)	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$13	\$13
Saturday, July 17th, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams*	single	Regent, 2nd Floor	\$12/Tm/Match	