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Gitelman is 2005 Honorary Member



"If you're not careful, bridge could ruin your life." That's the warning that Ted Horning gave Fred Gitelman many years ago. Gitelman ignored that advice, and now he is the 2005 Honorary ACBL Member of the Year.

Gitelman is special. His bridge programs have made a major difference for hundreds of thousands of bridge players. He has been active in promoting Junior bridge. He is a talented writer. He has served on many important bridge committees. He has coached some of America's international teams. And he's a fine bridge player as well – he placed second in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl, for example.

But this article isn't about Gitelman's accomplishments. It's about Fred – the real Fred.

Most bridge players have heard that Gitelman plays bridge with Bill Gates of Microsoft fame. How did that ever come about?

Surprisingly it started with Warren Buffett, the internationally famous financial guru.

One day Gitelman got a phone call from someone who said, "I really like your software.

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Italy's Lauria now No. 1 in the world

Lorenzo Lauria of Italy has taken over the No. 1 position in the World Bridge Federation as a result of his remarkable series of performances in major European and world competition. He also has been very successful at North American championships.

He displaced Bob Hamman, who was the top player in the world in WBF rankings for 20 years.

Lauria was a member of the victorious Italian team at the World Team Olympiad in Istanbul earlier this month. That victory was the one that moved him ahead of Hamman.

He has won two World Team Olympiads (2000 and 2004) and two Rosenblum Teams (1998 and 2002). Add to that four triumphs in the European Team Championships (1979, 1995, 1997 and 2002) three consecutive wins in the European Bridge League Challenge Cup (2002 to 2004) and a win in the International Olympic Committee Grand Prix in 1999. Strangely enough, he has never won a Bermuda Bowl, although he has three seconds (1979, 1983 and 2003).

His international career first blossomed in 1979 in the Bermuda Bowl in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His partner was the incomparable Giorgio Belladonna. The Americans were well ahead going into the final 16-board segment, but Lauria and Belladonna had a superb final set. They were sure they had overcome the Americans' lead, but they missed by 5 IMPs. Belladonna was so disappointed that he cried as he rode the elevator away from the playing area.

Lauria once again is here for the North American Championships. He has become a regular at NABCs.

Ames holds on, wins Senior KO Match

The squad captained by Carolyn Lynch almost did it. Going into the final 16 boards of their Senior Knockout Teams match they trailed by 65 IMPs. They pummeled the Tony Ames team, 67-4, over the final segment, but that wasn't enough – Ames advanced, 143-141. Playing with Ames are John Koch, Rod Beery and Mary Egan.

The Marc Low team was trailing by 4 IMPs going into the last segment, but they came back to eke out a 148-141 victory over the David Blum team. Also on the Low team are Sandra Low, Norman Coombs and Bruce Parent.

The teams captained by George Rosenkranz

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Wendy Wheeler and John Chapman

Playing here makes his birthday happy

When Wendy Wheeler and John Chapman arrived in Orlando for the Fall NABC, the bridge lessons they had just completed were still fresh in their minds. They had about half a masterpoint each.

In the three days they spent in Orlando, the married couple, who live in Little Rock AR, played in eight sessions in the newcomer games, more than quadrupling their masterpoints totals.

They left their first bridge tournament with a conviction that taking up the game was a very good decision. "We have had a blast," says Wheeler.

The two, married a year in August, met on the job. They both work for Alltel Communications, a wireless company.

They got their introduction to bridge when they went to a family get-together in Las Vegas, where a bridge tournament was going on. Wheeler's sister,

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Lights, camera. . .

In the next couple of days, you will be seeing television cameras around the hotel. The Canadian Television Network is developing a documentary about some of Canada's brightest bridge players. Director Andy Pedersen and cinematographer Mike Nolan will be shooting in and around the hotel through the weekend, especially during the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. If you have any questions, contact Andy in room 41501.

Thanksgiving note

Noon today is the deadline for you to purchase tickets for the Thanksgiving Day buffet. For details, see page 2.

Closing in on 10,000

The attendance for Orlando 2004 rose to 9523 yesterday. The total will pass 10,000 sometime this afternoon.

Greco, Hampson lead Blue Ribbon

Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson, runners-up in the Blue Ribbon Pairs last year, took a narrow lead into the second day of play in the event, which concludes on Thanksgiving Day.

Greco and Hampson, already established as one of ACBL's top pairs, held a lead of slightly more

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS



Larry Cohen speaks to newcomers during one of the lectures in the Celebrity Speakers program. See page 2 for details on other talks.

Newcomer Masterpoint Leaders

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| 1 17.56 Gary Cox, Georgetown TX | 6 15.09 Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL |
| 2 17.56 Kay Cox, Georgetown TX | 7 14.04 Margaret De Young, Incline Village NV |
| 3 16.13 Vern Vanderpol, Pasadena CA | 8 14.04 Howard De Young, Incline Village NV |
| 4 16.13 Erin Gove, Los Gatos CA | 9 13.46 Barbara Morgan, Park Ridge IL |
| 5 15.09 Todd Kaplan, New Port Richey FL | 10 13.46 Fred Johnston, Chicago IL |

Honor your partner

By Mark Horton

Consider your partner to be a friend. Treat your partner well, even (especially) if you are playing together for the first time. Always offer your partner a drink — tea or coffee is a good starting point. This will lead to a relaxed atmosphere, enabling you both to play your best. By the way, always be a pleasant and courteous opponent.

Tolerate errors. Never go on about partner's mistakes — just forget about them and move on to the next deal. You may be able to make a constructive comment at the end of the session. Your partner will surely show you the same consideration.

Be encouraging. Always be prepared to support your partner — "well played" always goes down well and a "thank you" for the dummy does not go amiss. In one of my partnerships, if dummy was exactly what was needed, "mille grazie" would let partner in on the good news!

Keep a straight face. Never make the mistake of pulling a face or raising an eyebrow. Apart from hurting your partner's feelings, being deadpan does not let your opponents know that something may have gone wrong.

Win or lose, always stay calm at the end of the session and thank partner for the game. This is especially important if things have not gone so well. In my most successful international partnership, the first time we played together was absolutely hopeless but we stuck with it.

Coping with disaster: The best way to cope with the inevitable disasters is to laugh them off. This tends to disconcert even the best opponents who are used to seeing their opponents argue.

Conventions: Stick to the ones you both feel comfortable with. A player trying to remember some convention he is not familiar with will make errors in other departments.

I recently played in a tournament in the

Thinking Bridge #6

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: South ♠ 6 5 4
 Vul: Both ♥ 9 5
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A J 8 6 5

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

♠ A K Q 9 8
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J 8 5
 ♣ Q 9 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

North leads the ♠4 and you (South) win your ♠Q. Plan your defense.

West cannot make 4♥ — he must lose two spades and two clubs. In my classes, however, I have seen this

Netherlands with a strange partner. We would have won but for a couple of expensive mistakes when I forgot a couple of things because we were playing some conventions I was not familiar with.

Who's the boss? In most partnerships, one player tends to be regarded as the boss. If you are the stronger player, go out of your way to make life easy for your partner: make easy-to-understand bids, leads and signals. Don't land your partner in a tough contract — well, not on purpose.

Have fun! You are both out to enjoy yourselves. If your partner leaves the table feeling happy, you have done your job. Of course you want to win but that objective should not mean spoiling the game for your partner or the opponents.

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contract made time and time again.

You probably can imagine what happens: South, oblivious to the way partner has played his spades (low-high, indicating at least three), plays a third top spade. West ruffs and that's the end of the story. West's losing clubs are discarded on the top diamonds.

Just so this never happens to you, here's a hint: pay close attention to the size of the spot card partner leads. If his second card is higher than the first, partner must have at least one more card in the suit.

If his second card is lower than the first card, however, partner is leading from a doubleton. Notice how this comes into play here. Partner leads the ♠4 and the next spade he plays — the ♠5 — is higher than the first.

Translation: partner has another spade and declarer is out. That in itself is not a reason to play a third spade. Indeed, on other layouts it might well be the killing defense.

Not, however, on this layout. Given the vulnerability plus the ♥K in dummy, declarer surely has a solid trump suit — and those diamonds in dummy look positively scary.

What you must do is shift to a low club at trick three. Whichever club declarer plays, your side will take two club tricks. Down one and on to the next deal.

Point to remember: When leading partner's unsupported suit, lead low from three or four low cards so you can play a higher card the second time to show length. With a doubleton, play high-low.

If you have supported, lead the 8 from 8-6-3 or 8-6-3-2 to deny an honor. Partner knows you don't have a doubleton, so this time your job is to tell partner you don't have an honor. If you have an honor, lead low.

With the A-x-x in partner's suit, supported or not, lead the ace against a suit contract but lead a low card against notrump.

**Table Talk Bridge Cartoons
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Table with 4 columns (Rank, Name, Location, Score) listing participants and their scores in the first section.

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

Main table of Blue Ribbon Pairs First Qualifying Session results, including sections J-M, N-O, Q-R, and S, listing names, locations, and scores.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Table of Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Pairs and Tuesday Morning Session results, listing names, locations, and scores.

Cape Fear Regional — February 21-27 Wilmington, NC. Get an early taste of springtime... Hilton Riverside (910) 763-5900... Tournament chairs: David Klein (910) 763-4079... Fliers on Information Table... A Mid-Atlantic regional: See www.mabcbridge.org

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

*Unless otherwise noted, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750). For Strati-Flighted events, A/X are 3000+/0-3000 and play in their own game; B (1000-2000), C (500-1000) and D (0-500) play in their own game.

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

Event	Wednesday, November 24, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Tuesday-Wednesday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams III	3-4	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Monday-Wednesday Morning Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Wednesday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
Wednesday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$13
Wednesday, November 24, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.				
Senior KO Teams	4th	Grand Ballroom IX	\$16.50	
Wednesday, November 24, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs	1-2SF	Crystal Ballroom J	\$16.50	
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Crystal Ballroom H	\$14	\$16
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams*				
Flight A/X	1-2	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Flight B/C/D	1-2	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO Teams IV	3-4	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed KO Teams V	1-2	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Joanne & Sam Behr Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	5th single session	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
<i>Joanna and Sam Behr were the 1992 co-chairmen of the Orlando NABC. Harriett Lake and friends are recognizing them.</i>				
Wednesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.				
Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club				
Stratified IMP Pairs*	single	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$13	\$15
<i>Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club is a three-star club famous for the loyalty and participation of its nationally ranked players. Today some of the players are responsible for player services.</i>				
Bubba Morris Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	single	Palms Ballroom	\$13	\$15
<i>Bubba Morris is John Morris's best friend. He never complains about being kenneled when John goes off to a tournament. He happily greets John and John's other best friend, Harriet Eaton, when the tournament is over. Both Harriet and John have memberships in the Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club as well as several other clubs.</i>				
Both events open to Swiss non-qualifiers and new entrants.				
Joanne & Sam Behr Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series	6th single session	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
<i>Joanna and Sam Behr were the 1992 co-chairmen of the Orlando NABC. Harriett Lake and friends are recognizing them.</i>				
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15
Lynn Berg 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15
Lynn Berg 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$13
<i>Lynn Berg is a member of the Deland Bridge Club and is being honored by her friends for her contributions to the club and as a tournament director for the district. Today some of the Deland players are responsible for player services.</i>				
Wednesday, November 24, 11:30 p.m.				
Stratified Zip Swiss Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15

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

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS*Thanksgiving Day*

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

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

Event	Thursday, November 25, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
	Session	Sold		
Morning Bracketed KO Teams	4th	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Friday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams IV	1-2	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series*	1st single session	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m. & 1p.m.				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$13	\$13
Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.				
Senior KO Teams	5th	Grand Ballroom IX	\$16.50	
Thursday, November 25, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs	1-2F	Crystal Ballroom H	\$16.50	
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Crystal Ballroom J	\$14	\$16
Stratified Mixed Pairs*	1-2	Crystal Ballroom J	\$14	\$16
Thursday Compact KO Teams	1-2	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Continues at 7:30 p.m.				
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed KO Teams	V 3-4	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	1st single session	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Palms Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Thursday Compact KO Teams	3-4	Palms Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Grand Ballroom VIII	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$13
Thursday, November 25, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams	single	Crystal Ballroom G	\$13	\$15

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