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Nickell, Meltzer, Shugart latest Spingold casualties

Big wood fell in yesterday's Spingold action. The #2 seed of Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway was upended by the #15 (originally #18) seed of Lou Ann O'Rourke, Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Mike Cappelletti, Peter Fredin and Magnus Lindkvist, 140-136. Nickell jumped out to 29-IMP lead after the first quarter, and was still leading at the half, 85-62. O'Rourke rallied in the third set to trail by only 10 IMPs, then outscored Nickell in the fourth quarter, 47-33, to advance to the quarterfinal round.

The #6 seed, and defending Bermuda Bowl champions, of Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel, Lew Stansby and Chip Martel was ousted by the four-handed team of Mike Moss, Martin Shifko, Allan Graves and Brian Maksymetz, 148-135.

The international #5 seed — Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester and Boye Brogeland — lost by a single IMP to the Swedish squad of Claus Christiansen, Magnus Eriksson, Lars Munlsgaard and Ulf Nilsson. The final score: Christiansen, 137-Shugart, 136.

The top-seeded Jacobs team survived a scare by
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Vugraph shows start tonight

The last half of the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams final will be featured on vugraph tonight starting at 8 p.m. on the mezzanine level of the Cotillion Ballroom.

Once again Chris Compton, ACBL chief commentator, will be the master of ceremonies. He will be assisted by Debbie Rosenberg, Shawn Quinn, George Jacobs and Jo Morse among others.

Two more vugraph shows are coming up. The second half of tomorrow's Spingold semifinals will be shown. On Sunday the final of the Spingold will be featured.

Virginians ahead in National IMP Pairs

Hailong Ao of Herndon VA and Yi Zhong of South Riding VA led by more than 14 points after the qualifying sessions of the National IMP Pairs. Their score of 106.20 put them well ahead of runners-up Randy and Kay Joyce of Raleigh NC, who had 91.98. In third place were Brian Glubok of New York City and Sheila Ekeblad of Providence RI with 89.08.

The field was huge — 13 sections. A total of 182 pairs qualified for today's two-session final.

Note that the scores are much smaller than they were a year ago. Pairs still are IMPed against every other pair in their field, but the method of figuring scores has changed. The difference is that the IMP total now is divided by the total number of comparisons. The total score for each pair is stored in the computer so that there are no round-off errors.

Attendance to date

11,432.5 tables



Carey Snider, left, and Kathy Whidden

Snider and Whidden win director awards

Carey Snider and Kathy Whidden, both of Atlanta, were honored by their fellow tournament directors here. Snider was presented the Tom Weeks Award, given annually to the tournament director who makes a professional appearance and shows the most improvement. The Fred Friendly Award, given annually to the TD who offers the best customer service with a smile, went to Whidden.

Snider got into the directing game back in 1974 when Betty Perkins asked her if she wanted to help. Snider said "no" but later changed her mind. She started working tournaments in the late Eighties and became a full-time member of the ACBL staff in 1994.

Her husband Bill was very surprised that she has stayed with bridge so long. He asked her why, and she told him it's because of the unique folks she meets in the bridge world — the players and her fellow TDs. She credits National Tournament Director Millard

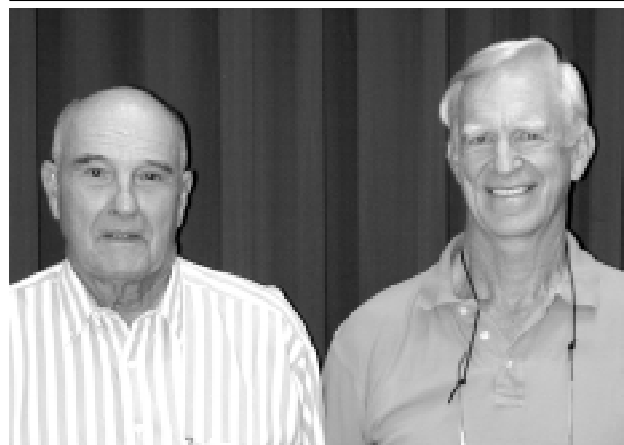
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Wei-Sender battles Bjerkan in Wagar final

The #1 and #2 seeds in the Wagar Women's Knockouts will meet in today's final round. Top-seeded Wei-Sender (npc Kent Massie, Kathie Wei-Sender, Betty Ann Kennedy, Jill Levin, Sue Picus, Janice Seamon-Molson and Tobi Sokolow) will take on second seed Bjerkan (Cheri Bjerkan, Stasha Cohen, Pam Wittes, Renee Mancuso, Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas).

In the semifinal round, Wei-Sender held off a third-quarter rally by the squad of Lynn Baker, Debbie Rosenberg, Kerri Sanborn, Karen McCallum, Veronique Bessis and Catherine D'Ovidio. After leading 88-44 at the half, Wei-Sender saw the Baker team

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Winners of the National 199er Pairs: Calvin Cobb and Chip King.

Local pairs top National 199ers

Calvin Cobb of Chevy Chase MD and Chip King of Bethesda MD posted a score of 342 matchpoints to win the National 199er Pairs. The event — open to players with fewer than 200 masterpoints — was the largest in the history of the contest, attracting 52 tables.

Cobb, an attorney with the local firm of Steptoe and Johnson, and King, a retired businessman with IBM, have played infrequently together, but King asked Cobb to play for a reason.

"He needed the gold points," said Cobb — a long-time duplicate player — of his partner, who has played for four years. The pair picked up 19.18 gold for the win.

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Attention Juniors!

United States Junior Bridge Championship (Junior Team Trials)

Game time: 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Registration deadline: 8 p.m. today.

Register with Charlotte Blaiss in the Taft Room (mezzanine level).

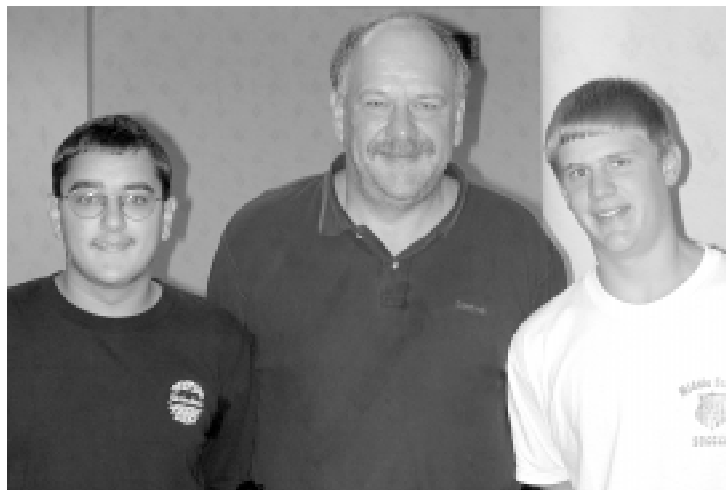
The two top finishers will represent the United States in the World Youth Team Championships next summer. The event probably will take place in Beijing, China, but final arrangements have not yet been made.

2 set of brothers join for Junior Trials

For the second time this week, two brothers became Life Masters playing on a team with their father. This time the brother combination was Jeremy Fournier, 15 years old, and Jared, 17. Their dad, who is an ACBL teacher, is Bob Fournier. They live in Knoxville TN. Their teammates were Evan Markowitz and Gennifer Binder of New York City.

The brothers who got their gold cards earlier this week are Michael and John Rice. The two sets of brothers met each other at the Raleigh Regional and they decided to sign up together as a team for the Junior Teams Trials. They will be play-

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The Fourniers: Jared, Bob and Jeremy.

NATIONAL IMP PAIRS FIRST SESSION

Table listing National Imp Pairs First Session with columns for North-South, Section U, East-West, and scores. Includes names and locations for various participants.

EASTERN INFORMATICS OPEN PAIRS 1ST SESSION

Table listing Eastern Informatics Open Pairs 1st Session with columns for North-South, Section CC, East-West, and scores. Includes names and locations for various participants.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Table listing Thursday-Friday Side Game Thursday Afternoon Session with columns for North-South, Section HH, East-West, and scores. Includes names and locations for various participants.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

Table with columns A, B, C, SECTION EEE, and EAST-WEST. Includes names and scores for the 299er pairs session.

NATIONAL 199ER PAIRS 1ST SESSION

Table with columns A, B, C, SECTION CCC, SECTION DDD, SECTION MM, SECTION NN, and EAST-WEST. Includes names and scores for the national 199er pairs session.

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

Table with columns A, B, C, SECTION KKK, SECTION QQQ, SECTION RRR, and EAST-WEST. Includes names and scores for the Thursday morning side game.

THURSDAY MORNING 100/200/300 PAIRS

Table with columns A, B, C, SECTION AAA, SECTION BBB, and EAST-WEST. Includes names and scores for the Thursday morning 100/200/300 pairs session.

TUESDAY SENIOR PAIRS 2ND SESSION

(The disc with these results was misplaced temporarily, so the results were not available until today.)

Table with columns A, B, C, SECTION TT, SECTION UU, SECTION VV, SECTION WW, SECTION PP, SECTION QQ, SECTION SS, and EAST-WEST. Includes names and scores for the Tuesday senior pairs 2nd session.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Military Appreciation Day

*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	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Friday, July 26, 9 a.m.				
Morning Bracketed KO Teams III	3 rd	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams II <i>Continues Saturday</i>	1-2	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Star Spangled (Wed.-Sat.) Morning Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
Friday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.				
Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 4-6)	\$13	\$14
Friday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall B-South	\$13	\$14
Senior Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	Ex Hall B-South	\$13	\$14
Friday, July 26, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KO TEAMS	1-2QF	Ballroom, Salon 1	\$15.50	\$16.50
WAGAR WOMEN'S KO TEAMS	1-2F	8200 Corridor Rms	\$15.50	\$16.50
0-5000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams	1-2SF	Virginia Suite	\$14	\$15
0-1500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams <i>(all four KOs events using screens; 8 p.m evening start)</i>	1-2SF	Virginia Suite	\$14	\$15
IMP PAIRS	1-2F	Ballroom, Salon 2	\$15.50	\$16.50
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
Stratified Mixed Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
Bracketed KO Teams VII	3-4	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Bracketed KO Teams VIII <i>(Continues Saturday)</i>	1-2	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Red, White & Blue (Thurs.-Fri.) Side Game Series*	3 rd single session	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$12
Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Ex Hall C	\$12	\$13
Red, White & Blue (Thurs.-Fri.) Side Game Series*	4 th single session	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$12
Friday, July 26, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip KO Teams*	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Caddy Appreciation Day

*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).

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Saturday, July 27, 9 a.m.				
Morning Bracketed KO Teams III	4 th	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams II	3-4	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Star Spangled (Wed.-Sat.) Morning Side Game Series*	4th single session	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
Saturday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Stratified Daylight Open Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall B-South	\$13	\$14
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Ex Hall B-South	\$13	\$14
Saturday, July 27, 1 & 4:30 p.m.				
NABC+ FAST OPEN PAIRS <i>Two qualifying, two final sessions</i>	1-2Q	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 4-6)	\$15.50	\$16.50
Saturday, July 27, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
SPINGOLD KO TEAMS	1-2SF	8200 Corridor Rms	\$15.50	\$16.50
0-5000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams	1-2F	TBA	\$14	\$15
0-1500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams <i>(all three KOs events using screens; 8 p.m evening start)</i>	1-2F	TBA	\$14	\$15
MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS <i>Two qualifying, two final sessions</i>	1-2Q	Ballroom, Salon 2	\$15.50	\$16.50
Junior Team Trials	RR	Ballroom, Salon 1	\$13	\$14
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs*				
Flight A (unlimited, no X strat) <i>Qualifying with barometer final</i>	1-2	Maryland Room	\$13	\$14
Rainbow Cooler Strats B/C/D	1-2	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
Bracketed KO Teams VIII	3-4	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Bracketed KO Teams IX <i>(Continues Sunday)</i>	1-2	Ex Hall C	\$13	\$14
Capital (Saturday-Sunday) Side Game Series*	1 st single session	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$12
Saturday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Ex Hall C	\$12	\$13
Capital (Saturday-Sunday) Side Game Series*	2 nd single session	Ex Hall A	\$13	\$14
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$12
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
0-300 Bracketed Pairs/BAM Teams <i>Computer-assigned teammates</i>	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13
Saturday, July 27, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Swiss Teams*	single	Ex Hall B-North (Rms 1-3)	\$12	\$13