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## Zia, Weinstein win Blue Ribbon Pairs

Zia Mahmood and Howard Weinstein, playing together for the first time in years, put together two solid final sessions to win the Blue Ribbon Pairs by more than two boards.

The runners-up were Eric Rodwell and Marty Seligman, followed by the 1996 Blue Ribbon champs, Bob Blanchard and Jim Krekorian.
"My secret," Zia joked after the game, "is to play with Jewish guys who have German-sounding names." Zia's regular partner, with whom he has had considerable success, is Michael Rosenberg. The globe-trotting Pakistani is a two-time ACBL Player of the Year.

Weinstein, who became a Grand Life Master at this tournament, said he and Zia played a few times


Victors in the Senior Knockouts were back, left to right, Arnie Fisher, Zeke Jabbour, Fred Hamilton and Chuck Said; front, Mike Levine, left, and Tom Sanders.

## Levine team wins Senior Knockout

The team captained by Mike Levine took a solid lead in the third quarter of the NABC Senior Knockout Team final, then coasted to victory over James Koley and company, 164-87. Playing with Levine were Zeke Jabbour, Fred Hamilton, Arnie Fisher, Tom Sanders and Chuck Said. On Koley's team were Gene Simpson, Gene Freed, Syd Levey and Simon Kantor.
"The aging of the ACBL has made this a really tough event," said Jabbour, who now has won this event four times in its five-year history. He has played a total of 26 matches and has won 25 times. He lost in last year's final, but won the previous three years. Fisher put the same thought a different way: "The good players are getting older. It's getting tougher and tougher."

Said, who has won three times, was the only defending champion. Sanders is another three-time winner. Fisher was a member of last year's runner-up team

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## Newcomers having a ball here

Rose and Howard Fink of Miami took up bridge in 1994, but they didn't go to a tournament until four months ago. They played only one day at the Fort Lauderdale regional in July, but they went home with a trophy, some masterpoints -- and a serious case of bridge fever.

The Finks are among the 800 or so players who have populated the Intermediate/Newcomer games at the Fall NABC. Lynn Berg, I/N chairman, said that except for Thanksgiving, the I/N games have averaged 100 tables a day since the NABC began.

The Finks have been among the I/N program's best -- and happiest -- customers.

They won three trophies on Tuesday alone, and they had four for the tournament through Thursday afternoon

Rose and Howard Fink display trophies they have won in the Intermediate/ Newcomer games at the Fall NABC.

"five or 10 years ago" but not since. They hooked up when Weinstein's regular partner, Steve Garner, wasn't available.

Weinstein and Garner have been hot lately, winning the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams last fall in St. Louis, placing fourth in the Cavendish this spring and winning a calcutta in a strong field in London this summer.

At the world championships in Lille, France, Weinstein, Garner, Sidney Lazard and Bart Bramley lost by 3 IMPs in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams to the Italian team which went on to win the event.

Weinstein is an options trader on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange. The Blue Ribbon was his sixth North American championship.

## Player of the Year chase down to six contenders

Paul Soloway held onto his lead in the 1998 Player of the Year race despite being nearly shut out in the Blue Ribbon Pairs, and he remains the betting favorite among the six contenders left in the contest as play begins today in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams.

Soloway is a new member of the Nick Nickell team, which has won four of the last five Spingold Knockout Teams in addition to posting three straight wins in the Reisinger from 1993 to 1995.

Meanwhile, the field of contenders has been narrowed to Soloway, David Berkowitz, Lew Stansby, Richard Schwartz, Geir Helgemo and Geoff Hampson.

The winner is the ACBL member who wins the most masterpoints in nationally rated events in a calendar year.

No player can win more than 200 masterpoints --
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## Cash prizes coming

Winners of the Thanksgiving Jackpot Pairs will be announced today after eligibility and cash awards for winners are determined. Each winning pair of the three strats will receive no less than $\$ 992$, second no less than \$744.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## Friday, Nov. 27

9:15 a.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Candace Fowler, Suit Transfers and Super Acceptance. Orlando Room. Fowler, Jacksonville FL, is a certified director, accredited teacher and Diamond Life Master. Her team won the top bracket of all three knockout events at the recent Bluegrass Regional in Lexington KY.
10:30 a.m. ITT meeting, Peabody Boardroom.
7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Jade Barrett, It's All in Your Head. Orlando Room. Barrett, Vancouver WA, is a full-time bridge professional, columnist and frequent speaker. A Diamond Life Master in the ACBL and the ABA, he has won more than 60 regional titles and several ABA national championships. A longtime supporter of Junior bridge, Barrett was coach of U.S. Junior Team II at the World Junior Bridge Championships in Hamilton ON in 1997. He was non-playing captain of the U.S. Junior team at the HERO International Youth Bridge Festival in s'Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, in January. Barrett will be working with Bobby Wolff to train the Junior Team selected to participate in the 1999 World Junior Team Championships.
11:30 p.m. Pizza, Coconuts, on the Recreational level.

## Saturday, Nov. 28

9:15 a.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Harry Falk, Eight over Eight. Orlando Room. Falk, Jupiter FL, is manager of the Bridge Center of Martin County and a certified director. He is an accredited teacher and a Two-Star Teacher (a recognition earned by teaching 100 students in each of two of the Club, Diamond, Heart or Spade Series courses).
7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Newcomer Speakers Program: Max Hardy, Overcalls. Orlando Room. Hardy, Las Vegas, is an Associate National Tournament Director, a bridge teacher and a professional player. His total of more than 10,000 masterpoints is tops among tournament directors and ACBL employees. Hardy, founding editor of Southern California Bridge News, is the author of eight books including Five Card Majors -Western Style.
11:30 p.m. Mini-desserts, Coconuts, on the Recreational level.

## Sunday, Nov. 29

2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fifty-cent hot dogs
Noon \& 7 p.m. Vugraph, Plaza International Ballroom.

## A convention backfires

Back in the Sixties Bill Passell invented a convention. After an opening bid of a minor by either partner or right-hand opponent, a leap to $4 \boldsymbol{*}$ showed a long, strong heart suit and a leap to $4 \star$ showed spades. Over the years Bill and his wife Marlene have found that this convention works very well. The idea is to have the preemptor's hand go down as dummy and keep partner's hand hidden -- almost always a good idea. Not many players in the United States have adopted it, but it is quite popular in Canada and Mexico. It is quite similar to Namyats.

Well, it came up in the second semifinal of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.


This time it didn't work. It put East on lead, and of course he had no problem finding the club lead. So the defense took the first two tricks and the Passells scored up 650. At every other table South was the declarer and no West found a club lead. With the $Q$ dropping doubleton, the South declarers took all 13 tricks for 710.

## What do you lead?

You hold:

- 1043
- J 54
- J 62
- Q 832
and you see this auction:


Clearly a lot of points are riding on your opening lead. What do you lead? See page 6 for answer.

Goodwill Message


Today's opponent may be tomorrow's partner -- a good reason to treat opponents and partner with respect and courtesy: the way you expect to be treated.

Aileen Osofsky
Chairman, Goodwill Committee

## Door prize winner

Charlotte Anderson was the winner of last night's door prize.

## Masters of the Moysian

## By Ray Lee

What does it take to win a North American championship? Certainly skill and judgment, but a little luck at the right time doesn't hurt either. Grant Baze and George Mittelman took advantage of all three on their way to winning the Open Board-A-Match Teams on Monday. In the final session, they steered their way to the right side of two nice 4-3 trump fits, each of them worth a winning board.

| Dlr: South <br> Vul: E-W |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\bullet \text { Q } 7$ |  |
|  |  | ¢Q 95 |  |
| -543 |  |  | 49 62 |
| Q ${ }^{5}$ |  |  | -8632 |
| - J 43 |  |  | -K 10 |
| \& 432 |  |  | \&K J 108 |
| A J 87 |  |  |  |
| - 7 |  |  |  |
| -9 865 |  |  |  |
| ¢ 76 |  |  |  |
| West | North | h East | South |
|  | Baze |  | Mittelman |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| 1NT (1) | Pass | Pass | 24 |

All Pass
(1) 11-14.

With a 5-4 hand, it could scarcely be right to sell out to 1NT, but Mittelman had a decision to make on exactly how to balance. In a new partnership, it wasn't clear to him exactly what a passed-hand double would mean, so it was definitely safer to bid one of his suits. But which? His decision to bid spades was probably influenced by the higher scoring potential of the major, not to mention the fact that he didn't want a diamond lead if the auction were to continue to an EastWest contract.

His choice was a happy one on this layout. West led the Q , but nothing mattered. With spades 3-3, no defense could garner more than four tricks, while declarer had the obvious nine for plus 140.

The second decision was more complex and occurred on a board that was played at only two tables in the entire event. A movement error resulted in a new board having to be substituted for Board 23. This was the replacement deal:

(1) Takeout of diamonds.
(2) Rescue.

Again, the new partnership was in uncharted waters. Baze puzzled for a while over the bid, but finally decided it could not be a slam try. Since in his view, 4 had not been forcing, it was impossible for Mittelman (who had shown little so far) to be offering more than a choice of games. Certainly Baze tabled the dummy in with the air of a man who is afraid the wheels had come off. Mittelman, for his part, having missed a chance at both 2 doubled and 3NT, was unwilling to play in 5 at board-a-match scoring. So there they were again.

West, understandably confused by the bidding, started the a lead not likely to strike fear into declarer's heart. The Q was continued, won by the king after a diamond discard from dummy. Now came a heart to the king and ace, and East made the reasonable switch to a low diamond. After all, if partner had a singleton he might have led it, so perhaps he had none? Winning the diamond, Mittelman drew trumps (having no difficulty finessing against the $\mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{J}$ after the auction) and claimed plus 450 .

Skill, judgment, and a little luck at the right time are fine commodities. But which order should those be in?

## Wonjoo thrives in tough times

Wonjoo Goldstein of Elkins Park PA was thrilled when she visited the Daily Bulletin office. She has been playing bridge only a few years, and now she was in the final of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.
"I always like to play with the big boys," she said. It's a lot more exciting and you learn a lot more.'

She was playing with her husband Steve -- and that brought up something that puzzles her. "Why do they say that husbands and wives shouldn't play bridge together? I love to play with my husband. I don't see why anybody should have any problem playing with their wife or husband."

Wonjoo loves the game. "There are so many wonderful people who play bridge. I have made so many good friends since I've been playing. It's really great."

Steve says Wonjoo thrives on tough competition. "We always do better in big tournaments than we do in club games. Wonjoo is thoroughly into the game. She reads a lot of books, and she especially enjoys Bill Root's books."
"I met William Root last night," Wonjoo said excitedly. "I introduced myself and told him how much I enjoy his books. He seemed pleased."

Wonjoo already is a national champion, but not in the ACBL. "We played in the Mixed Pairs at the ABA National in Philadelphia." said Steve, "but we didn't hang around for the scores. It seemed like a routine game -- maybe a little better than average. We saw Howard Piltch a couple of days later, and he told us we had won!"

Wonjoo found the killing opening lead on this hand from the first semifinal of the Blue Ribbon Pairs. It sank declarer's slam before he even got started.


That 4 NT by West was described as quantitative, so Wonjoo knew West had some diamonds -- and that's the suit that East opened. Looking at six diamonds, she decided the best bet was to find partner void in diamonds, so she led the 7 . Steve ruffed, returned a spade to Wonjoo's ace and got a second ruff for down two and 86 out of a possible 90 matchpoints.

## Totally frustrated

"I've got good news and bad news," said Sathya Bettadapura as he visited the Daily Bulletin office
"The good news is that my partner and I qualified for the final of the Blue Ribbon Pairs. The bad news is that we can't play in the final. Right at this moment my partner is flying home."

What happened? Nothing really. His partner had always intended to go home on Thursday. It never occurred to him he would qualify for the final, so he thought he was perfectly safe entering the event.

So Bettadapura had a Blue Ribbon qualification that he had to give to
 someone else.


Yesterday's issue featured several National Head Caddies working at the Fall NABC. These three, who were off last night, are the National Head Caddies from Canada: Bernice Gee of Regina SK, Ian Boyd of Calgary AB and Elaine Ware of Vernon BC.

## Crunch time

There's a saying in the military that when the going gets tough......etc. An analogous bridge saying might start off, "When the contract is too high....."

Larry Cohen, playing with David Berkowitz, found himself one level too high on this deal from the first final session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs. He got a little help on opening lead, but there was still a lot of work to do.

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Q 73
AK 102
Q 73
A 102
\& 972
\& H 1064
AK 976
ヤJ 65 -J 3
\& K 53

| West | North | East | South <br> Berkowitz |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Cohen |  | B |
| 1NT | $2 \uparrow(1)$ | Pass | $2)$ |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 3 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

(1) DONT: diamonds and a major.
(2) Pass or correct.

Game is usually not a target after an opponent opens a strong 1NT. Berkowitz raised when Cohen showed that his second suit was spades in case Cohen had extra values or a very shapely hand -- 5-5 in diamonds and spades was not out of the question.

East led a low club, taken in dummy. Cohen cashed the second high club and discarded a heart. He then played the 3 to his king and a low diamond to the jack in dummy. West won the ace and cashed a high heart, continuing with a heart to East's queen. Cohen ruffed the third round of hearts and played a low diamond, ruffing low in dummy. He then played a low spade, winning the queen when West played the 10 . This was the end position:

|  | \&5 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ---- |  |
|  | $\bullet Q 9$ |  |
| - ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | ¢J 8 |
| $\uparrow 10$ |  | - --- |
| --- |  | --- |
| ¢ J 10 |  | 20 |
|  | ¢K9 |  |
|  | --- |  |
|  | --- |  |
|  | 953 |  |

Cohen played the $Q$, East discarded the Q and Cohen pitched a club from dummy. West refused to ruff with the $\$$. When Cohen continued with the $\$ 9$, East ruffed in with the $\mathbf{d}$, Cohen overruffed with the king and West in turn overruffed with the ace. At that point, Cohen claimed. If West led a club, Cohen could ruff as East followed suit and win trick 13 with the good 9 . If West led a heart, Cohen could ruff, catching East in a coup of sorts. If East overruffed, dummy's 9 could overruff East and Cohen could ruff dummy's losing club at trick 13.

Making 140 was worth 35 out of 38 matchpoints.

## Stealth bomb

When you hold a singleton king behind declarer. . and you know declarer has the ace and mostly likely the queen. . . and you know declarer is going to work out that you must have the king. . . well, you figure it's only a matter of time before you're saying adios to his honor.

Not if you're Hugh Ross, who must have some special karma that attracts the bizarre to his table

Observe how Ross and Peter Nagy avoided the seemingly inevitable on this deal from the second semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

| Dlr: South <br> Vul: E-W |  | ¢K Q 84 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | -K8754 |  |
|  |  | -6 |  |
|  |  | \% Q 2 |  |
| ¢972 |  |  | 中A J 63 |
| - J 6 |  |  | PQ 2 |
| - 74 |  |  | -K Q 10932 |
| ¢J 10964 |  |  | ¢ K |
| \$105 |  |  |  |
| คA1093 |  |  |  |
| - 85 |  |  |  |
| ¢8753 |  |  |  |
| West | North | 1 East | South |
| Nagy |  | Ross |  |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| Pass | 17 | Dbl | $2 \vee$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | Redbl |
| 3\% | Pass | 3 | $3 \vee$ |
| Pass | 4 | All P |  |

Ross led the $\downarrow \mathrm{K}$ and was disappointed in a way when Nagy played the 4 (encouraging in their upsidedown carding methods). Ross figured that North, an expert player, would note the location of the A and, adding things up, arrive at the conclusion that there was little point in taking a club finesse which was doomed to failure.

Still, Ross had nothing better to do than continue diamonds, and the 10 went to the jack and ace, ruffed by declarer. Nagy, not expecting declarer to ruff, thought he won the trick, so he returned a low club, a lead out of turn.

The director was summoned and North chose to have the 4 remain as a major penalty card. Declarer then played the $\boldsymbol{\mathrm { K }}$ to Ross's ace, and required the lead of a club into his A-Q.

All of a sudden, Ross had an advantage. He figured declarer knew he had the $\%$, but between them, Nagy and Ross had inadvertently managed to conceal the fact that the honor was singleton.

Declarer cashed the Q and ruffed a spade and played a low club off dummy. Nagy followed with the J and North played the queen.Boom! There went the contract.

Ross ruffed and played a fourth round of spades, ruffed in dummy and overruffed. Nagy then cashed the 10 for plus 100 to East-West. The score was worth 85 out of 90 matchpoints.

## Active Ethics

Richard Laven and Linda Sundbye bid up to 4e doubled, and Sundbye claimed 10 tricks with five tricks to go. The opponents accepted her claim and moved on to the next table. But a few minutes later Sundbye came back and said she had made a false claim. "I started thinking about the hand, and there's no way I can take 10 tricks," she told her opponents. She went to the director, explained the situation and insisted that the score be changed to one down instead of four making.

## 99er Pairs premiers

One gold point is the prize for winners of today's two-session event for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints -- the National 99er Pairs. The rest of the points awarded will be red.

The event will be played at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Orlando Room. This is the third of three national events for newcomers -- the 49er Pairs was played at the Spring NABC in Reno and the 199er Pairs debuted at the Summer NABC in Chicago.

# Soloway sights sets sights on triple crown 

When the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams gets under way, Paul Soloway will have a chance to complete a sweep of all three major NABC teams events (Vanderbilt, Spingold and Reisinger) in the same calendar year -- a feat that has never been accomplished.

A few players have won the three events sequentially (Reisinger in the fall, Vanderbilt in the spring and Spingold in the summer, for example) but never in the same year.

Soloway and teammates Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair, Richard Schwartz, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby won the Vanderbilt at the Spring NABC in Reno.

With a new partner -- Bob Hamman -- and new teammates -- Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell -- Soloway won the Spingold at the Summer NABC in Chicago. (The Nickell team warmed up for the event by winning the International Team Trials in June. As U.S.I, they will represent the U.S. in the 2000 Bermuda Bowl.)

Soloway topped the 50,000-masterpoint mark in September and is the current leader among the Player of the Year competitors.

## The Reisinger

The event is contested for the Reisinger Trophy (the Chicago Trophy until 1965). It is a six-session open team-of-four event scored by board-a-match with two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions and two final sessions. It was contested as a four-session championship until 1966

The event began in 1929 as the North American Open Team Championship and the prize was the Chicago Trophy, donated by the Auction Bridge Club of Chicago. (In 1928, the open team competition was for the Harold S. Vanderbilt Cup.)

The Chicago Trophy was replaced in 1965 by the Reisinger Memorial Trophy, donated by the Greater


Curt Reisinger. New York Bridge Association in memory of Curt H. Reisinger.

Reisinger (1891-1964), of New York City, was a principal patron of contract bridge and the American Contract Bridge League in the early years of both.

Reisinger was a great-grandson of Anheuser and a grandson of Busch, co-founders of the brewery from which he inherited great wealth. That wealth enabled him to become a stalwart financial supporter of the game, as well as a noted philanthropist on a far larger scale.

In the years when there was often a struggle to meet the League's modest payroll, Reisinger was often called upon and never failed to help with a loan or an outright gift. His support made possible several early contract bridge tournaments, clubs and books.

Among the positions in which he served were director of the United States Bridge Association, presi-


1947 champs -- The only all-women's team to win the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams consisted (from left) Kay Rhodes, Sally Young, Paula Ribner and Jane Jaeger.
dent of the Greater New York Bridge Association and chairman of the ACBL. In 1953, Reisinger was named ACBL Honorary Member.

## Looking back

- The only all-women's team to win the Reisinger -- or any other major open team event -- was Sally Young, Jane Jaeger, Paula Ribner and Kay Rhodes. They tied in 1947 with John Crawford, Ted Lightner, George Rapee and Sam Stayman; and Robert Appleyard, Simon Rossant, Morris Berliant and M.A Lightman.

Young, Life Master \#17, was the first woman to earn Life Master rank. Among her successes were three additional wins in the Reisinger, seven wins in the Women's Teams, four wins in the Women's Pairs, five wins in the Mixed Teams and one win each in the Fall Open Pairs and Fall Mixed Pairs. She died in 1970.

Ribner and Jaeger, both now living in Florida, are Gold Life Masters who remain active players. Jaeger was a member of the winning squad in the Grand Na tional Teams in 1973, its inaugural year.

Jaeger and husband Lewis were the first married couple to attain Life Master rank -- \#74 and \#94, respectively -- and Lewis was a member of the winning Reisinger team in 1934. Together, they were second in the Vanderbilt in 1956.

Jaeger recalls that the 1947 Reisinger was "pretty close, as I remember. We were on pins and needles for a while."

Ribner remembers that the four "were all very good friends. We all played with each other."

Rhodes, a Silver Life Master who died in 1996, recalled in a 1995 interview that the three-way tie "had us all checking our scores, trying to find a win."

- Fifty-one years ago, at the Fall NABC in Hollywood FL, Edith Freilich became the 13th woman to

| $4-c$ |
| ---: |
|  |

Oswald Jacoby, center, was suffering from cancer when he was on the winning team in 1983. Left to right: Richard Pavlicek, Bill Root, Jacoby, Edgar Kaplan and Norman Kay.
win the Reisinger. Her teammates were Mitch Barnes, John Crawford and Al Roth

Freilich and Roth repeated their victory in 1952 This time their teammates were Harold Harkavy and Tobias Stone.

- The history of the Reisinger is dotted with back-to-back wins, but only the Nickell squad has the three -peat. The team of John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon and Sally Young won in 1937 and 1938 -- the same squad, plus B.J. Becker, also won in 1939.
- Oswald Jacoby won his first Reisinger in 1955, playing on a team with his son Jim -- the only fatherson combination to win the event.
- Jacoby's second Reisinger win came in 1983 when he was invited to join the team of Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Richard Pavlicek and Bill Root. Jacoby was battling cancer but he was a vital part of the team effort that won the Reisinger.

On this deal, Jacoby was plus 450 at his table while Pavlicek-Root scored plus 100 at the other table. Pavlicek doubled 4d and they beat the contract one trick.

Jacoby played 4 undoubled and made five without any warning about the trump suit.


All Pass
The opening diamond lead went to dummy's ace, and Jacoby played a heart to the king and ace. East thought it was a good idea to underlead his A. It wasn't.

Jacoby put up the K , then cashed the J to pitch his last club. Then he ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond, ruffed another club and ruffed another diamond.

Next he led the fourth heart from dummy and when his right-hand-opponent followed, he ruffed with the 9 , overruffed with the jack.

East led a trump (perforce) and Jacoby was down to the $\boldsymbol{\$} 8$ in his hand and the $\$ 10$ in dummy. He won the 10 and had a high crossruff with the ace and king, East futilely underruffing at the end.

- John Crawford holds the record for most Reisinger wins with 10 . His victories spanned four

| $5-\mathrm{a}$ |
| :---: |
|  |
|  |

This is the multi-national team that won in 1987. Left to right: Jaggy Shivdasani, India; Ron Smith, United States; Billy Cohen, Canada, and Zia, Pakistan.
decades: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1956 and 1961.

- Helen Sobel and Sally Young share the record for most Reisinger wins by women with four
- Sobel was the last woman to win the Reisinger her victory came in 1957.
- A multi-national team won in 1987. Team members included Zia of Pakistan, Jaggy Shivdasani of India, Billy Cohen of Canada and Ron Smith of the United States..

Said Zia: "The best thing about this was that we had a black (Smith), a Jew (Cohen), a Hindu (Shivdasani) and a Muslim (Zia) playing together. It is good to show how bridge can bring together people from such different backgrounds. It just shows a special magic about the game of bridge."

- A multi-national team won again in 1989. Zia was on the team which included Sam Lev, Israel; Michael Rosenberg, U.S. but formerly of Scotland; Chris Compton, U.S., and Mark Molson, Canada.
- Molson scored a rare double at the Fall NABC in Lancaster PA that year. He took top honors in the two premier events of the tournament -- the Reisinger and the Blue Ribbon Pairs.
- The record margin of victory in the Reisinger -10 full boards -- was set in 1966 by Kaplan, Kay, Robert Jordan and Arthur Robinson.
- Several ACBL presidents and members of the board of directors have won the Reisinger: Charles Solomon, Jeff Glick, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, Bobby Wolff, Lew Mathe, Peter Leventritt, John Gerber, Ira Corn, Don Oakie and Edgar Kaplan.
Winners:
1929 Max Cohen, Louis Haddad, Robert Halpin, Nils Webster
1930 William Barrett, James Carpenter, Ely Culbertson, Johnny Rau
1931 Elizabeth Banfield, Winfield Liggett, Frances Newman, George Unger
1932 B. Jay Becker, S. Garton Churchill, George Reith, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
1933 Charles Hall, Albert Steiner, Philip Steiner, Richard Wildberg
1934 Henry Dinkelspiel, Lewis Jaeger, Bernard Rabinowitz, Maurice Seiler
1935 Roland Buck, Joseph Cain, Lawrence Welch, Edson Wood
1936 Marge Anderson, Donald Farquharson, Mrs. J. A. Faulkner, Percy Sheardown
1937 John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young
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1939 B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, Charles Goren Charles Solomon, Sally Young
1940 Henry Feinberg, Jeff Glick, Maury Glick, Louis Newman
1941 Peter Leventritt, Simon Rossant, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagar
1942 B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, John Crawford

1943 B. Jay Becker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor Helen Sobel
1944 Lee Hazen, George Rapee, Sam Stayman, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
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1946 Mitch Barnes, John Crawford, Alvin Roth, Edith Seligman
1947 1-3. Paula Bacher, Jane Jaeger, Kay Rhodes, Sally Young; 1-3. John Crawford, Theodore Lightner, George Rapee, Sam Stayman; 1-3. Robert Appleyard, Morris Berliant, M. A. Lightman, Simon Rossant
1948 George Boeckh, Bruce Elliott, Agnes Gordon, Charlotte Sidway
1949 Lee Hazen, Larry Hirsch, Richard Kahn, Peter Leventritt, Jack Shore
1950 B. Jay Becker, Myron Field, Charles Goren, Sidney Silodor, Helen Sobel
1951 Corti Boland, Bruce Elliott, Micky Miller, Percy Sheardown
1952 Harold Harkavy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Tobias Stone
1953 B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sam Stayman
1954 B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee Sidney Silodor
1955 Ben Fain, George Heath, Paul Hodge, Jim Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby
1956 B. Jay Becker, John Crawford, George Rapee, Sidney Silodor
1957 Charles Goren, Harold Ogust, Bill Root, Howard Schenken, Helen Sobel
1958 Leonard Harmon, Ralph Hirschberg, Edgar Kaplan, Alfred Sheinwold, Ivar Stakgold
1959 Lew Mathe, Don Oakie, Meyer Schleifer, Edward Taylor
1960 Ollie Adams, William Hann, Sidney Lazard, Lew Mathe
1961 John Crawford, Norman Kay, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silodor, Tobias Stone
1962 1-2. Paul Allinger, Harold Guiver, Lew Mathe, Ron Von der Porten, Erik Paulsen, Edward Taylor; 1-2. Bob Hamman, Eddie Kantar, Don Krauss, Marshall Miles, Billy

Eisenberg
1963 Charles Goren, Peter Leventritt, Harold Ogust, Howard Schenken
1964 John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway
1965 Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence, Marshall Miles, Lew Stansby
1966 Robert Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson
1967 Robert Jordan, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Arthur Robinson, Bill Root, Alvin Roth
1968 Kyle Larsen, Erik Paulsen, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Howard Schenken
1969 Philip Feldsman, William Grieve, Ira Rubin, Gerald Westheimer
1970 1-2. Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Wolff; 1-2. Grant Baze, Anthony Dionisi, William Grieve, Harlow Lewis, Peter Pender, George Rapee
1971 William Grieve, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Don Krauss, Lew Mathe, George Rapee
1972 Lou Bluhm, Steve Goldberg, Steven Parker, Steve Robinson
1973 Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, Bud Reinhold, Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel
1974 Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin 1975 Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin 1976 Malcolm Brachman, Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway
1977 Jimmy Cayne, Alan Greenberg, Jim Jacoby, Kyle Larsen, Mike Lawrence
1978 Ira Corn, Fred Hamilton, Bob Hamman, Ira Rubin, Bobby Wolff
1979 1-2. Russ Arnold, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Bud Reinhold, Eric Rodwell; 1-2. Ira Corn, Fred Hamilton, Bob Hamman, Ira Rubin, Bobby Wolff
1980 Ron Andersen, Malcolm Brachman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence, Paul Soloway
1981 Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby
1982 Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
1983 Oswald Jacoby, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek
1984 1-4. Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay; 1-4. Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein, Allan Stauber, Mike Smolen; 1-4. Sam Stayman, Richard Reisig, George Tornay, Saul Bronstein; 1-4. Jim Robison, Jon Wittes, Ross Grabel, Stelio Touchtidis
1985 1-2. Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby; 1-2. George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen
1986 Steve Robinson, Chip Martel, Hugh Ross, Peter Boyd, Peter Pender, Lew Stansby
1987 Zia Mahmood, Jaggy Shivdsani, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith
1988 Jimmy Cayne, Bob Hamman, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Chuck Burger, Bobby Wolff
1989 Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Sam Lev, Chris Compton, Mark Molson
1990 Richard Pavlicek, Bill Root, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Brian Glubok
1991 Cliff Russell, Sam Lev, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Marty Bergen, Bjorn Fallenius
1992 Jimmy Cayne, Mike Passell, Mark Lair, Chuck Burger, Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco
1993 Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1994 Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1995 Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
1996 Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
1997 Bart Bramley, Howard Weinstein, Sidney Lazard Steve Garner

## 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. Before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, however, revisions may be made.

CASE FIVE
Subject: Unauthorized Information
Event: NABC Open BAM Teams, 22 Nov 98, Second Qualifying Session

| Board: 5 | Alan Watson |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dealer: North |  |
| Vul: N/S | K J 1097 |
|  | A J 876 |

- J 8

James Thomas

- 10986

Cheryl Petty
A K J 4

- 532
- 94

A 1042
Q 105

- Q975
to 3 doubled made four, plus 870 for N/S
Committee: Michael Huston (chair), Phil Brady, Doug Doub, Barbara Nudelman, Peggy Sutherlin


## CASE SIX

Subject: Tempo
Event: NABC Women's Pairs, 20 Nov 98, First Qualifying Session

Board: 24 Jan Assini
Dealer: West A9753
Vul: None 72

- A Q J 2
- J 2

Leigh Mathis Jan Omley
6 KJ 108
KJ10986 ヤAQ
-10 - K98753
-109874 5
Laurie Kranyak

- Q 42
- 543
- 64
* AK Q 63


Pass
(1) Break in tempo

The Facts: $4 \boldsymbol{4}$ went down one, minus 50 for N/S. The Director was called after the hand was over and was told that East had huddled, made faces, and asked questions about the auction before she passed 44. West, after the hand was over, stated something to the effect of "good thing your barred me, I would have bid 5®."

The Director allowed the table result to stand.
The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling and were the only players present at the hearing. N/S stated that West should be made to bid $5 \boldsymbol{2}$, permitting N/S to defend 5 .

The Committee Decision: The Committee decided that West's comment, after the play of the hand was completed, was not relevant to the result. West's comment suggested that she had made the "ethically correct" decision to not bid over partner's break in tempo. West was under the mistaken understanding that she was barred by her partner's break in tempo.

The Committee allowed the table result of 4 down one, plus 50 for $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$ to stand.

Committee: Bob Glasson (chair), Jeff Goldsmith, Michael Rahtjen, Ellen Siebert, Riggs Thayer

## Answer to lead problem

Problem on page 3
This was the full deal and bidding from a quarterfinal match in the NABC Senior Knockout Teams.

| Dlr: South | A A J |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vul: E-W | Q976 |
|  | AK 10 |



Often a double in such a sequence calls for the first suit bid by dummy, which in this case was hearts. Maybe the double called for an unusual lead. Certainly hearts was not the suit -- the opponents had a 5-3 fit announced in the bidding. East, Al Levy, had the opportunity to double diamonds, but didn't. And spades was the natural opening lead, so that wouldn't be unusual. So that leaves clubs.

On a club lead the contract would go down one -minus 200. The actual lead was a spade, so Arnie Fisher took all 13 tricks for plus 1600 . What a swing!

## Play begins today in NA Swiss Teams

The first qualifying session in the North American Swiss Teams will take place today, with the semifinals tomorrow and the final on Sunday.

Players will be vying for the Keohane Trophy, which was donated by Ethel Keohane in 1973 in memory of her husband, William H. Keohane, one of the leading New England bridge personalities.

The trophy was presented for the Open Individual Championship until it was re-designated in 1995 by the ACBL Board of Directors for the North American Swiss Teams.

The event has two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions and a two-session final with Victory Point scoring. Previous winners:

1977 Neil Chambers, Jim Donaldson, Bruce Ferguson, Clarence Goppert, John Schermer 1978 Barry Crane, Billy Cohen, Bob Kehoe, Mike Smolen, Charles Weed

1979 Hermine Baron, R. Jay Becker, Paul Ivaska, Jim Robison

1980 1-2. Steve Becker, Philip Cowan, Rich DeMartino, Judy Rich; 1-2. Dale Beers, William Epperson, Dave Furman, Dave Treitel

1981 Ron Bealle, Bob Etter, Ann Jacobson, Bob Thomson

1982 Gaylor Kasle, Garey Hayden, Garnet Snyder, Martha Beecher, David Ashley, Dave Treadwell

1983 Sylvia Summers, Harve Waken, Robert Radwin, Gene Simpson, Steve Sturm

1984 Grant Baze, Rhoda Walsh, Lea duPont, Benito Garozzo

1985
Jack Coleman, Rhoda Walsh, Jim Jacoby, Gaylor Kasle, Garey Hayden

1986 Marc Jacobus, Joey Silver, Jim McDonough, George Mittelman, Allan Graves

1987 Henry Bethe, Kitty Bethe, Alan Truscott, Dorothy Hayden Truscott

1988 John Zilic, David Siebert, Allan Siebert, Sylvia Summers, Paul Munafo

1989 Eugene Gardner, Kenneth Meyer, Ed Shapiro, Bruce Silverstein

1990
1-2. Larry Mori, Kitty Bethe, Juanita Chambers, Jim Robison; 1-2. George Rosenkranz, Miguel Reygadas, Gaylor Kasle, Garey Hayden, Roger Bates, John Grantham

1991 Keith Wilson, Gary Peterson, Dennis Hesthaven, Ralph Letizia, Benton Wheeler

1992 Lewis Kaplan, Boris Baran, Geoff Hampson, Mark Molson, Mark Stein

1993 Alan LeBendig, Tom Clarke, Joe Quinn, Shawn Womack

1994 Jack Coleman, Drew Cannell, Mark Molson, Boris Baran, Mark Stein

1995 Jack Coleman, Drew Cannell, Mark Molson, Boris Baran, Mark Stein

1996 Rita Rand, Gerald Caravelli, Arnie Fisher, Steve Garner, Richard Colker

1997
John Malley, Dan Colatosti, Bill Hunter, Shome Mukherjee

## Thanks, Jody

Much of the material you have been reading in the Daily Bulletins was prepared in Memphis prior to the tournament by Jody Latham, associate editor of The Bridge Bulletin.

## Section top prizes

Section top prizes will be available at the Peabody on the Convention level each day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## The shoe fits

Has anyone noticed that appeals are being heard in the Challenger Room? Interesting!


Tournament Director Mike Flader presents trophies to the Thursday afternoon winners in the Intermediate/Newcomer game -- Sharon and Lou Navin.

## Newcomers

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They're planning on staying through Sunday.
They even stayed up late Wednesday to play in the Zip Knockout, lasting for three rounds. Says Howard, a CPA, "I'm amazed."

Says Rose: "We're thrilled to pieces."
Once they were bitten by the tournament bug, the Finks went all out. Right after the Fort Lauderdale regional, they vacationed in Colorado. "We went to three sectionals in Colorado and the Puget Sound Regional in Seattle," Rose reports.

Rose says she has especially enjoyed the I/N games at the Fall NABC. "Everyone is so friendly -- and we've met so many people. We've seen some of the people here we met in Colorado."

Berg says everyone is pleased to have removed the "novice" from the I/N program.
"The players don't want to be called novices," Berg says. "Many of them have been playing bridge for many years. They are not novices, they are newcomers to duplicate or tournaments. We are simply identifying them as what they are."

She said the I/N program has received loads of support, including an 18-page glossary of bridge terms provided by the Fifth Chair Foundation and pamphlets and door prizes furnished by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies.

As usual, I/N program workers have made special efforts to assure that the newcomers enjoy themselves at the NABC.

It has certainly worked on the Navins, Lou and Sharon, who divide their time between Aspen CO and Naples FL.

Before she attended the NABC, Sharon said she was petrified at the prospect of playing at such a big tournament. "We thought we'd be eaten alive," she says. "I did not expect the nice, relaxed atmosphere."

Says Lou, who retired 10 years ago as vice president and chief financial officer for Honeywell in Minneapolis, "It couldn't be better."

Lou was excited Thursday afternoon because he and his wife had placed first overall with a near-60\% game -- "our biggest game ever."

Sharon says Lou is very friendly, always striving to make everyone at the table feel good. "He is the ambassador." Says Lou: "I think you should always try to find something nice to say."

As their names were called for coming in first and they were summoned to receive their trophies, Lou was beaming: "This is so much fun," he said. "It's like playing in Vegas -- we just hit the slots."

Another newcomer who has had an outstanding NABC is Donna Harrison of Holliday MO, north of the state capital of Columbia. She flew in Nov. 19 for a visit to her daughter, "But I told her she'd have to wait until the Saturday after Thanksgiving for the visit."

Harrison has played every day, and as of Thursday


Donna Harrison came all the way from Missouri to play in the Intermediate/Newcomer games.
afternoon had won the second-highest number of masterpoints in the I/N games.

Widowed seven years ago, Harrison tried other activities, golf and square dancing to name a couple, but they didn't hold her attention as duplicate has. She took up the game at a senior center in Columbia. She played her first duplicate game about a year ago. "I thought I knew how to play," she says, "but I didn't know tiddly. I'm a fast learner, though."

Berg says the newcomers are "excited beyond belief" at the chance for gold points in today's National 99 er Pairs.

Howard Fink no doubt sums up the feelings of most, if not all of the newcomers when he says: "Bridge is fantastic!"

## Check cashing

Check cashing and Bridge Bucks sales will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. outside the Atlantic Room on the Conference floor.

Personal photo identification is required for cash checking. The limit on checks is $\$ 250$.

Cash, checks and credit cards may be used to purchase Bridge Bucks.

## Player of the Year

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the payoff for first in the Reisinger -- in the nationally rated events left at this tournament, so any player more than 200 MPs behind Soloway has no chance. Additionally, three of the players within the point range -Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth and Nickell -- are Soloway's teammates in the Reisinger

Two others fewer than 200 MPs behind -- Larry Cohen and Chip Martel -- are teammates of contenders ranked higher and thus are eliminated.

Soloway earned only 1.53 masterpoints in six sessions in the Blue Ribbon, but his closest rival, David Berkowitz, could do no more than narrow the gap to 3.57 MPs. Berkowitz and Larry Cohen finished 12th in the Blue Ribbon.

Right behind Soloway and Berkowitz and very much in contention is Lew Stansby, only 38.86 masterpoints off the lead. All three are playing on different Reisinger teams.

Rodwell jumped from eighth to fourth in the annual contest after finishing second in the Blue Ribbon, but even a win in the event would not have been enough for Rodwell to pass Soloway -- the only way Rodwell had a chance to be the 1998 Player of the Year.

Here are the mostly updated standings -- some section awards may not be included -- to include the Life Master Open Pairs, the Open Board-a-Match Teams and the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

1. Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA 590.63
2. David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ 587.06
3. Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA 551.77
4. Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL 540.75
5. Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL 487.06
6. Richard Schwartz, Flushing NY 480.96
7. Geir Helgemo, Trondheim, Norway 463.18
8. Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL 453.38
9. Chip Martel, Davis CA 447.99
10. Geoff Hampson, Fenton MI 399.58
11. Nick Nickell, New York NY 391.81
12. Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA 388.81
13. Zia Mahmood, New York NY 388.78
14. Ron Smith, San Franciso CA 383.34
15. Eric Greco, Annandale VA 371.80

16 Bob Hamman, Dallas TX 365.42
17. Mark Lair, Canyon TX 359.00
18. Michael Whitman, San Francisco 357.28
19. Grant Baze, La Jolla CA
20. Mike Moss, New York NY 338.86

Previous winners of the Player of the Year award:

## 1990 Bob Hamman

1991 Zia Mahmood
1992 Jeff Meckstroth
1993 Bob Hamman
1994 Michael Rosenberg
1995 Fred Stewart and Steve Weinstein
1996 Zia Mahmood
1997 Bart Bramley

## Visiting Vancouver

Non-Canadian ACBL members planning to attend the 1999 Spring NABC in Vancouver BC are advised to take travel documents such as a valid passport or an original birth certificate (not a copy) and photo identification.
U.S. citizens are not usually required to present these documents when visiting Canada, but ACBL wishes to encourage its members to be prepared.

Please note that items such as a Social Security card, a state driver's license or even an expired passport should not be considered sufficient documentation.


## NABC SENIOR KNOCKOUT

34 Teams
82.141 Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL; Frederick Hamilton, Fresno CA; Arnold Fisher, Clementon NJ; Tom Sanders - Chuck Said, Nashville TN
61.612 James Koley, Omaha NE; Gene Simpson, Redlands CA; Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA; Syd Levey, Valley Village CA; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA
40.43 3/4 Donald Turner - Liane Turner, Kansas City MO; Natalie Hertz - Dan Hertz, Harrison NY; John Gustafson - Helen Gustafson, Des Moines IA
40.43 3/4 Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Alan Truscott, Riverdale NY; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ; Jim Hamilton, Wallingford CT; Trudi Nugit, Los Angeles CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA
17.77 5/8 James Murphy, Chesapeake VA; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA; Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast CA
17.77 5/8 Jack Coleman, San Francisco CA; Daniel Rotman, Aventura FL; Larry Cohen - Jack Blair, Las Vegas NV; Mike Shuman, Pasadena CA
17.77 5/8 Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH; David Sachs - Sue Sachs, Baltimore MD; Kenneth Badertscher - Martin Schiff Jr, Tucson AZ
17.77 5/8 Alvin Levy, Stony Brook NY; Gerald Levine, Brooklyn NY; Ruth Windwer - Arleen Lehman, Boca Raton FL

## Senior Knockout

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along with Jabbour and Levine. This was Levine's second victory. Fisher and Hamilton were winning their first Senior Knockout.

Said and Sanders have not played together for years, but they functioned just fine throughout. Sanders says he wasn't too strong at the start because he hasn't been playing much, but he gained momentum as the event progressed.

For Levine, Jabbour, Hamilton and Fisher, this is the second NABC title this year -- they also won the Senior Swiss Teams at the Summer Championships in Chicago. The other members of that team were P.O. Sundelin and Richie Reisig.

LEVINE won every quarter. They led by 11 after 16 boards and upped it to 23 at the halfway mark. That good third quarter increased the lead to 55 , and the final margin was 77.

Hamilton was sure he was going minus on Board 29 of the Senior Knockout Teams final. These were the North-South hands:

| Vul: Both | $\stackrel{\text { A Q J }}{ } 7$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - K 9 |
|  | -7654 |
|  | \& ${ }^{\text {O }} 10$ |
|  | - K 4 |
|  | $\checkmark 52$ |
|  | - A Q J 9 |
|  | - A986 |

This was the bidding:

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Freed | Fisher | Levey | Hamilton |
|  | Pass | $1 \boldsymbol{1}$ | 1 |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |


|  | Senior Knockout final |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Levine | 32 | 72 | 125 | 164 |
| Koley | 21 | 49 | 70 | 87 |

Gene Freed led a heart and of course Hamilton put up the king -- but Syd Levey produced the ace. Now it looked like a sure set -- it appeared that the defenders were poised to cash five (or more) heart tricks. Levey cashed the $\vee \mathrm{Q}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mathrm { J }}$, then shifted to the 10 . Suddenly Hamilton realized he had a chance.

What was East's distribution? Well, clearly he had three hearts. When Freed played the 3 on the club trick, it was clear he had another club -- Levey would have led the king if he had the K-Q-J-10. So Levey had only three clubs. If he had five spades, he would have opened 14, so he couldn't have more than four spades. Therefore he had to have three diamonds. Cashing out the spades wouldn't work for Hamilton-- he would be able to take only one diamond finesse -- and he needed two.

So he did what he had to do -- he led the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ and overtook it with the ace! He tried the diamond finesse, and it worked. So he went back to dummy with a spade, noting the 8 and 9 falling from West. He cashed the third spade -- and down came the 10 ! So he cashed the now good $\mathbf{~} 7$ and took another diamond finesse, picking up the suit. Hamilton had four spade tricks, four diamonds and a club -- he made 3NT!

## Baron Barclay Supplies

The Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies booth is open daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., 7:00 to $8: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and 1:30 p.m. to midnight. All the latest books, computer programs and gifts are available.

New books include Max Hardy's Major Suit Raises, Dorothy Truscott's revised Bid Better, Play Better, George Rosenkranz' Stairway to the Stars, and Bill Root's ABC's of Bridge.

All computer programs sell for $10 \%$ off. Quantity discounts of up to $25 \%$ are given on books. 1999 calendars are here, and so is the latest World Championship Book.

## B-Line hours

The B-Line (lobby level of the Peabody) has adjusted its hours to accommodate bridge players throughout the tournament. The revised hours:

Breakfast Menu 6:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Lunch Menu 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Dinner Menu
Menu
Late Night Menu 11:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m
Breakfast is available 24 hours a day.

## Attendance falls off

Attendance took a major dip on Thanksgiving Day, not at all uncommon at Fall NABCs. Only 366 tables were in play in the afternoon, with 381 in the evening. The table count to date is 9751.5 , which does not compare very favorably with the 1992 Orlando count of 11,405 at the same time.

## Handicap parking

Handicap parking at the Convention Center is complimentary. Those who need assistance from their cards should pull up in front of Hall F. A handicap tag must be displayed on the automobile's rear-view mirror and the handicapped person must be in the car.

## Junior coupons

Junior players ( 25 and younger) may compete for only $\$ 5$ per player per session -- with a Junior coupon for each player and session.

The coupons are available at the ACBL Information Desk, at the Intermediate-Newcomer selling station or from a member of the ACBL Education Department.

## WEDNESDAY MIDNITE ZIP KO - BLUE

14 Teams
3.641 John Mincher - Gerty Grotte, Miami FL; Bella Adler, Bay Harbor Isla FL; Soretta Saltzstein, Aventura FL
$\begin{array}{ll}2.73 & 2 \text { Paul Winston, New York City NY; Robert }\end{array}$ Lawrence, New York NY; Murline Kelly - Jean Bedingfield, St Augustine FL
1.80 3/4 Burrell Humphreys, Wayne NJ; Bruce Humphreys, Oakland NJ; Dale Thomas - David Spielmann, UK
$1.80 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Michael Jinks - Helen Jinks, Greenville SC; Scott Stearns, Clemson SC; Alan Goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN

## WEDNESDAY MIDNITE ZIP KO - GOLD

## 12 Teams

3.341 Michael Kitces, Great Falls VA; Kevin Bathurst, Newbury Park CA; G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA; Jeffrey Blond, Montreal PQ
2.512 John Anderson, Baton Rouge LA; Harley Bress, Raleigh NC; Todd Wolford, Aurora OH; Robert Lindsay, Troup TX; Andre Wojdelski, Burbank IL
$1.653 / 4 \quad$ Sam Katz, ; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Erin Anderson, Regina SK; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH
1.65 3/4 Howard Fink - Rose Fink, Aventura FL Donna Harrison, Holliday MO; D Cameron, Orlando FL

## MORNING KNOCKOUTS <br> Bracket 1

16 Teams
$39.87 \quad 1$
Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI; Howard Weiner - Judi Weiner, Bloomfield MI
29.902 Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; Mike Aliotta, Oklahoma City OK; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; William Wickham, Los Angeles CA
19.63 3/4 Harold Task - R Craig Hemphill, Jacksonville FL; Spike Lay, Ormond Beach FL; Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL; Brooks McNeely, Knoxville TN
19.63 3/4 Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Colin Revill, Burlington ON; H Wilton, Cincinnati OH; A Kevin Comins, Flint MI

## Bracket 2

## 16 Teams

$25.30 \quad 1$
Pete Robey, Buena Vista VA; Jean Cole, Houston TX; Shannon Lipscomb, Red Bank TN; Geoffrey Mallette, Christiansbrg VA
$18.98 \quad 2 \quad$ Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Jan Assini, Chagrin Falls OH; Peter Grover, Pittsburgh PA; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA
12.45 3/4 Robert Ramos, Davie FL; Jack Jones, Ft Lauderdale FL; Val Habicht - Cora Grabowski, Fort Lauderdale FL
12.45 3/4 Terry Currie, Houston TX; Donald Strickler, Boalsburg PA; George Nichols Jr, Columbia SC; Burnett Radosh, Lghthse Point FL

## Bracket 3

16 Teams
Lev Pinsky, Columbus OH; Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY; Sheryl McDonald, Las Vegas NV; Brian Meyer, Buffalo NY; Christopher Davis, Sparks NV; Toni Bales-Davis, Pickerington OH
12.422 Ginny Neuenschwander - Geo. Fred Williams III, Knoxville TN; Annamaria Pluhar - Aloise Busse, New Port Richey FL
$8.16 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ David Miller - Elton Lipnick, Houston TX; Margi Redden - Mike Redden, Portland OR
$8.163 / 4$ Kenneth Marcroft - Carole Marcroft, Dayton OH; Jerry Strack - Pam Strack, Indianapolis IN

## Bracket 4

10 Teams
$9.581 \quad$ W Barker, Walker LA; Hugh Metzger South Bend IN; Aubrey Fowler Jr, Saint Thomas VI; Daryl Fisher, New Orleans LA
7.192 Cromie Wilson, Seattle WA; Jean Monette, Ottawa ON; William Golush, Denville NJ; Ernest Suriani, Marion NC
4.72 3/4 Alan Steggles, Ravenna OH; Louella McAloose, Durham NC; Peg Clifford, Canton OH; Sarah Neptune, Massillon OH

## Bracket 5

10 Teams
$6.13 \quad 1$
Peter Dittner, Oak Ridge TN; Dorothy Ward, Orlando FL; Janet Ross, Winter Park FL; Carol Andreyev, Sanford FL
4.602 Mark Steele, Arlington TX; Mary Baxter, Rockville MD; David A Steel - Martica Clapp-Steel, Nassau, N.P.

## BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

Howard Weinstein, Chicago IL; Zia Mahmood, New York NY
1297.68
1215.42
1198.88
1171.30
1147.96
1145.09
143.47
1138.96
1138.17
1131.26
1126.87
1125.26
1121.84
1116.38
1113.10
1111.84
1108.38
1108.03
1097.25
1095.81
1092.77
1091.19
1089.59
1088.99
1087.78
1082.82
1067.91
1057.44
1051.39
1049.83
1049.40
1039.86
1039.10
1035.90
1032.67
1028.70
1025.66
1023.95
1010.69
1009.44
1009.43
1003.75
1003.24
1003.16
996.28

99450
985.42
985.09
984.06
971.49
967.97
965.65
961.45
960.39
957.91
957.00
952.34
948.14
946.14
944.22

## THURSDAY EVENING 20/50/100 PAIRS

# Stephen Marcus, Miami FL; Phil Aronson, Monroe WA <br> lias Lekakos - Evangelie Daskagianni, N Miami FL <br> Krzysztof Jarosz - Dorota Jarosz, Edwardsville IL <br> Charles Schulman - Edith Schulman, Casselberry FL <br> THURSDAY EVENING 200/300 PAIRS 

## THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Jim Robison, Las Vegas NV Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL 407.50 osie Mitchell, Decatur GA; Tarokh Taefi, Atlanta GA Marc Culberson - Andrea Culberson, Weston FL Dora Anderson - Lee Anderson, Ft Walton Bch FL 402.00 Thomas Carmichael, Iselin NJ; G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA Jack Blair - Larry Cohen, Las Vegas NV 78.25 J Lang, Virginia Bch VA; Jennifer Christman, Virginia Beach VA 378.25 Marcelo Camberos, Durham NC; Hector Camberos, Mexico Df 11700377.33 Mary Spooner - Patrick Spooner, Strongsville OH 377.33
370.50 Stephen Lippmann - Janet Lippmann, Hastings Hdsn NY
3.02 3/4 Larry King, Grass Valley CA; Ruth Goodpasture, Bourbonnais IL; Bernice Frederick, Chicago IL; Jack Hoskins, Indianapolis IN
3.02 3/4 Jim High - Arlene High - Roland Van Arsdale - Phyllis Van Arsdale, Melbourne FL

## DAYLIGHT KNOCKOUTS

## Bracket 1

12 Teams
Erin Anderson - Richard Anderson, Regina SK; David Horner, Carrollton TX; Barbara Nist, Bellevue WA; Dudley Brown, Grandview WA; Howard Piltch, Andover MA vs
Mary Gorkin - Bernard Gorkin, Liverpool NY; J Villman, Yorba Linda CA; John Blubaugh, Indianapolis IN

Leonard Ernst, Las Vegas NV; Hans Jacobs, Aurora ON; Debbie Bennett, Scarborough ON; George St Pierre, Columbus OH; Ulker Mutlu, Springfield OH
vs
John Malley, Pascoag RI; Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; Paul Kinney, Jamaica Plain MA

## Bracket 2

12 Teams
Willis Johnson - Ruth Johnson, Santa Rsa Bch FL; Bruce Miller - Katie Boardman, Athens GA

Barry Connors - Donald Riley - Edward Schwartz, Alexandria VA; Richard Zerilli, Springfield VA; Herman Louie Ming Louie, Fairfax VA

Larry Rich - Nancy Hetsko, Cumming GA; James Satterfield, Marietta GA; Phil Hook - William Burks III, Atlanta GA; Scott Peeples, Plano TX

James Barry, Twain Harte CA; Henry Caspar, Toronto ON Bruce Luttrell, Saratoga CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Austin TX; Max Limbocker, Louisville KY

## Bracket 3

11 Teams
Robert Bucher - Marjorie Bucher - Chester Bland - Bette Bland, Hilton Head SC

Terry O'Donnell - Lorraine O'Donnell, El Paso TX; William Bridges - Polly Bridges, Gautier MS

Joseph Corwell, Englewood FL; Dorothy Bloss, Aurora CO; Graham Thomas, Vancouver BC; Joanne Thomas, Key Largo FL

Lynne Newman, Dublin OH; Mark Bullimore - Judith Zimmerman - Randall Dougherty, Columbus OH

## WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY KNOCKOUTS

## Bracket 1

16 Teams
$44.471 \quad$ David Sachs - Sue Sachs, Baltimore MD; Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH; Gerald Caravelli, Des Plaines IL
33.352 Jim Sternberg, Jupiter FL; Richard Reisig, Delray Beach FL; Per Olov Sundelin, Stockholm 11620; Bernie Chazen, Tamarac FL; Russell Arnold, Miami FL; Allan Cokin, Palm Beach FL
21.89 3/4 Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; James Murphy, Chesapeake VA; David Adams, Kennesaw GA; William Wickham, Los Angeles CA; Leonard Ernst, Las Vegas NV; Robert White, Raleigh NC
21.89 3/4 Jo Morse, West Palm Beach FL; Lewis Richardson, Toronto ON; Martin Schiff Jr - Kenneth Badertscher, Tucson AZ
9.62 5/8 Janet Colchamiro - Mel Colchamiro Merrick NY; Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duanesburg NY

## Bracket 2

16 Teams
28.751 Roger Doughman - Michael Crawford San Diego CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Pasadena CA; David Milton, Herndon VA
21.562 Michael Mikyska - Catherine Podolsky Suzanne Trull, Los Angeles CA; Joe Rickman, Louisville TN; H Wilton, Cincinnati OH; Elaine Said, Nashville TN 14.15 3/4 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Linda Wong, Poughkeepsie NY; Denis Lesage, Longueuil PQ; Richard Lesage, Fredericton NB; Joe Grue, Minneapolis MN; Christopher Davis, Sparks NV
14.15 3/4 Dan Papineau, Atlanta GA; Jody Plummer, Duluth GA; Barbara Heller - Robert Heller Decatur GA; Nancy Hetsko - Larry Rich, Cumming GA

| Bracket 3 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 16 Teams |  |
| 19.32 | 1 |
| SC; Ed Word Jr, Monroe LA; Thomas Bandy, Kingsport |  |
| TN |  |
| 14.49 | 2 |$\quad$ Walter Rassbach - Nancy Rassbach, Betsey Cohen - Ralph Hessdorf, Coconut Creek FL

## Bracket 4

16 Teams
ott Stearns, Clemson SC; Alan
goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN; Johanna Blackwell - Reece Goldenberg, Oak Ridge
$9.772 \quad$ John Henry Berg - Joan Berg, Baton Rouge LA; Wilson Banta - Marilyn Banta, Sunshine LA 6.42 3/4 John Bogue, Milan TN; Judith Pyka Arthur Pyka - Robert Barde, Manchester CT
6.42 3/4 William Carlson Jr - Michael Morden, Saint Thomas VI; Byron Crittenden, Kingswood Surre Y; James Bochsler, Surry SM6.0QQ
2.82 5/8 James Mears - Elizabeth Ladd, Wayne PA; Barbara Miller, Bangor PA; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE

## Bracket 5

16 Teams
7.971 Neil Evangelista - Charles Dailey, Boca Raton FL; Frank Evangelista, Rockville MD; Hugh Metzger, South Bend IN
5.982 Jack McDonald - Ruth McDonald, Ormond Beach FL; Jeannie Braswell - Dolly Harper, Deland FL
3.92 3/4 Donald Brock - Helen Brock, Cuyahoga Falls OH; Bernie Dropcho, Baldwinsville NY; Sandra Dropcho, Camillus NY
3.92 3/4 Wayne Smith - Joyce Smith, Fort Pierce FL; Dale Smith - Bobbie Smith, Ft Walton Bch FL
$1.72 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ David Hall - Linda Hall, Miamisburg OH; Inez Schwartz, Syndey NS; Beverly Higgins, Bellevue WA

## 0-2000 KNOCKOUT TEAMS

31 Teams
27.031 Geoffrey Mallette, Christiansbrg VA; Jean Cole, Houston TX; Jerome Hurley, Mansfield OH; Chrisine Renner, Ashland OH
20.272 Jay Cohodes, Hollywood FL; Kim Hall Susan Fuller - Esther Litmanovic - Erez Hendelman, Miami FL; Frank Eiferman, Delray Beach FL
13.30 3/4 Linda Wiener - Joel Datloff - Stewart Dresch Jr, Vancouver WA; Barney Gorter, Portland OR
$13.30 \quad 3 / 4 \quad$ Kuang-Wei Chiang - Jue Wang, Allentown PA; R Okubo, Saint Paul MN; Judy Fiske, Buzzards Bay MA
$5.85 \quad 5 / 8 \quad$ Rachaelle Paschal - James Paschal, Reno NV; Yo Buehler, Williamsburg VA; Len Rickard, Knoxville TN
5.85 5/8 John Ledet - Denis Murphy - Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Spgs CO; Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA 5.85 5/8 Marshall Kerlin, Americus GA; Becky Yarbrough, Headland AL; Harold Barnes, Warm Springs GA; Robert Bielefeld, Columbus GA
$5.85 \quad$ 5/8 Max Limbocker, Louisville KY; Jene Marie Evans, Kingston Spgs TN; Bill Jessup, No Palm Beach FL; Nancy Gordon, Lexington KY

## Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL requires 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.

## Masterpoint disclaimer

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

Therefore, the masterpoint awards as shown are also subject to change.
16.16
1.16
4.7
5.6
4.
12.12
3.
2.8
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5.
3
3
4.
3
2
2
4.76
5.60
5.60
4.34
$\begin{array}{cc}12.12 & 16 \\ 3.78 & 17\end{array}$
3.80
2.81
9.09 $\square$ $\begin{array}{cll}1 & \text { Jiang Gu, Piscataway NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Chicago IL } & 369.00 \\ & \text { Alan Popkin - Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO } & 368.24 \\ & \text { James Barry, Twain Harte CA; Bruce Luttrell, Saratoga CA } & 367.18 \\ & \text { Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; Robert Gookin, Falls Church VA } & 366.50 \\ & \text { Slava Brodski, Millburn NJ; Sviatoslav Dyomin, New York NY } & 365.50 \\ & \text { David Treadwell, Wilmington DE; Craig Ganzer, Wyckoff NJ } & 365.00 \\ & \text { Joan Dziekanski - Robert Stayman, New York NY } & 364.42 \\ & \text { Leonard Snyder, Lacey WA; Richard Streeter, Milwaukee WI } & 362.50 \\ & \text { Richard Feldhoff - Pamela Feldhoff, Louisville KY } & 361.50 \\ & \text { Robert Trenary, Mendon MI; Philip Moss, Mattawan MI } & 358.50 \\ & \text { Peter Cleaves, Sarasota FL; Susan Gehring, San Diego CA } & 354.64 \\ 2 & \text { Corey Cole - Richard Aronson, Oakhurst CA } & 354.63 \\ & \text { James Gervais - Steve Bonner, Jacksonville FL } & 351.00 \\ 3 & \text { Lon Sunshine, Framingham MA; Ivanie Yeo, Brighton MA } & 347.50 \\ 4 & \text { Mike Isaacs - Robert Kane, London UK } & 331.50 \\ 5 & \text { Kevin Boles, Canton GA; Karl Kristiansen, Virginia Beach VA } & 326.00 \\ 6 & \text { R Cramer - Nell Jane Cramer, Davenport IA } & 325.00\end{array}$

THURSDAY EVE CONTINUOUS PAIRS
7.05
5.29
3.97
2.97
3.27
3.79
2.84
2.84
2.13
1.60
1.20
0.79
0.79

B
Larry Washington, Carmichael CA; Ashraf El Sadi, Union City CA 222.83
Raymond Knes, Seminole FL; Frank Aquila, Fairlawn OH 199.50
Brian Platnick - Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA 194.67
Walter Casper - Robert Varty, Grand Rapids MI
Jay Gibson, Plano TX; Annette McCarty, Richardson TX
Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON
George Zimmer, Thornhill ON; Bobby Alexander, Scottsdale AZ 176.50
Billie Sanford, Madisonville KY; John Schnoor, Altoona IA
Lois Fortunato - Vito Fortunato, Spring Hill FL
162.83
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Judy Felgar, Marion OH; Carl Frank Farley, Madison WI } & 161.00\end{array}$
Dale Smith - Bobbie Smith, Ft Walton Bch FL
Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE; Helen Moskowitz, New York NY
6/7 Ranald Davidson, Willowdale ON; Bill Krrtrs,

## TUESDAY-THURSDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

| 500 Players |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 13.97 | $1 / 2$ | Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA | $139.04 \%$ |
| 13.97 | $1 / 2$ | Jerry Gaer, Scottsdale AZ | $139.04 \%$ |
| 9.03 | $3 / 4$ | Woody Van Court, Memphis TN | $131.55 \%$ |
| 9.03 | $3 / 4$ | Ernest Stuber Jr, Germantown TN | $131.55 \%$ |
| 5.39 | 5 | Leo Weniger, Halifax NS | $128.47 \%$ |
| 7.03 | $6 / 7$ | Beverly Gardner, Southfield MI | $127.14 \%$ |
| 7.03 | $6 / 7$ | Thomas Gardner, Southfield MI | $127.14 \%$ |

26 Pairs
3.49
3.49
2.62
2.62
2.88
2.16
1.625
1.226
1.47

25 Pairs
2.95
2.21
1.66
1.48
1.48
1.49
$\begin{array}{ll}1.49 & 5 \\ 0.74 & 6\end{array}$
1.11
0.84
0.63

## BOSTON MORNING CONTINOUS PAIRS

nis Murphy - Toshiko Yingst, Colorado Spgs CO
164.45

Suanne Blair - Paul Blair, Morehead KY
61.45

Geoffrey Cross, Fernandina FL; Ronald Hart, Lexington KY 155.05
61.45

Nicholas Wagener, Ellenton FL; Rodney Severson, Orangeburg SC 154.23
Sharon Tyler - Paul Pierce, Readfield ME
154.23
153.05

N Norm Bhargava - Urmila Bhargava, Fort Wayne IN
152.86
151.86

THURSDAY AM 100/200 PAIRS

14 Pairs

| 14 Pairs |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | C |
| 1.79 | 1 |
| 1.34 | 2 |
| 1.01 | 3 |
| 0.76 | 4 |
| 0.57 | 5 |

0.74

60 Pairs
A
25.43

Alan Goodley - Mary Kay Goodley, Sacramento CA
167.20

Phil Aronson, Monroe WA; Stephen Marcus, Miami FL 164.83
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Fina Royo, Altamonte Spg FL; Sharon Hurd, Severn MD } & 160.16\end{array}$
Sheila Kaye - Bob Sommerhalder New York NY
Jd Catherine Gant - Harold Gant, Fort Worth TX Anthony D’Angelo, Pacific Plsds CA; Mimi Baker, Woodland Hills CA Chris Kindt, Middletown CT; Marianne Caldwell, Fernandina FL Norma Stegemiller - George Stegemiller, Stuart FL

## THURSDAY AM 20/50 PAIRS

Joy Nasso - Art Nasso, Boca Raton FL
72.50

Marvin Nicolaisen - Nina Nicolaisen, Titusville FL
Dorit Hammerling, Houphton MI; Laurent Fournier, Noyon FR 69.00
Joyce Howe, Clermont FL; Betty Pride, Wolfeboro NH 68.50
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Dorothy Whittier, Lecanto FL; Richard Frankel, Bloomfield MI } & 66.50\end{array}$
Louis Navin - Sharon Navin, Naples FL

## THURSDAY FAST OPEN PAIRS

$16.69 \quad 2 / 3 \quad$ Simon De Wys - Ricco Van Prooijen, Rotterdam NE
10.73 -
$\begin{array}{ll}10.73 \\ 8.05 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}6.03 & 6 \\ 4.53 & 7\end{array}$
$3.39 \quad 8$
2.83
5.39
3.54
3.54
2.27
$\begin{array}{ll}3.54 \\ 2.01 & 4\end{array}$
16.69 2/3 Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA; Sumner Steinfeldt, Washington DC Bob Bratcher, Vista CA; Janice Nakao, San Mateo CA
Michael Cassel II, Minneapolis MN; Barry Purrington, Saint Paul MN Dennis Blodgett - Walter Casper, Grand Rapids MI
Saeed Maghsoodloo, Auburn AL; Betty Parr, Pensacola FL
Margot Hennings - Donald Hennings, Falls Church VA
Rena Hetzer, Memphis TN; Charlotte Blaiss, Cordova TN
Chris Behrens, New York NY; Patrick Shaw, Olean NY
2/3 Craig Schallert, Kansas City MO; Paul Theroff, Kansas City KS
307.00 304.00 304.00
301.00 301.00
300.00 300.00 299.00 291.00 290.50 285.50

Sheldon Fein - Carol Fein, Sun City West AZ
James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC 280.50 James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC 280.00 Mike Graham, Ore City TX; Brandon Carpenter, Whitehouse TX


## Awkward choice

## By Barry Rigal

Some constructions of high cards pose an awkward problem for the field. When responder has a 10 or 11 count facing an opening bid of a major, going through a two over one is an overbid, and a forcing 1NT is an underbid. This deal from the first semifinal session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs poses just that problem: how to deal with the West hand facing a 14 call.


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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline A J & \& A 1097 \\
\hline - K Q J 106 & - 92 \\
\hline - Q 8 & - K 73 \\
\hline Q 2643 & * A \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Aフ
AJ952
- 82
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I opted to go through the forcing notrump route and rebid 2 over the 2 response. Alex Ornstein, my partner, raised to $3 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$, fortified by the knowledge that I had not made a weak jump response on the first round, and I had an easy raise to game.

4 on the lead of the J looks trivial, but although the lie of the opposing cards is fairly friendly, there are some precautions you should take, namely to cash the $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{K}$, and then lead the $\$ \mathrm{~K}$.

There is method in this madness. If clubs are 4-2, with North having the length, you want to ruff a club in dummy, and you need to cut the defensive communications in case the cards are as in the diagram but with North having the A . And you don't want to lead a diamond to the queen -- you want to keep entries to hand. When South wins the A and returns the suit, play one top trump from hand, ruff a club high, and cash the A before leading a second trump. When South wins, there are no defensive communications left. Declarer can draw trumps and claim the rest.

## Smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited on the Convention Level at the Peabody. You must go outside if you wish to smoke.

At the Convention Center, smoking is prohibited in all areas.

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NORTH-SOUTH
* Braithwaite - Malcolm Coutts, Guelph ON
heila Kaye - Bob Sommerhalder, New York NY
Anthony D'Angelo, Pacific PIsds CA; Mimi Baker, Woodland Hills CA
Lillian Johannessen - Tor Johannessen, N-1360 Nesbru
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NORTH-SOUTH
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NORTH-SOUTH
Moy Nasso - Art Nasso, Boca Raton FL
Marvin Nicolaisen - Nina Nicolaisen, Titusville FL

| SECTION PPP |  | EAST-WEST |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 152.70 | A | B |  |
| 1 | 1 |  | Alan Goodley - Mary Kay Goodley, Sacramento CA |


| 152.70 | 1 |  | Alan Goodley - Mary Kay Goodley, Sacramento CA <br> Phil Aronson, Monroe WA, Stephen Marcus, Miami FL |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 149.95 | 2 | 1 | Fina Royo, Altamonte Spg FL; Sharon Hurd, Severn MD |
| 149.35 | 3 |  | Find |
| 141.07 | 4 | 2 | Chris Kindt, Middletown CT; Marianne Caldwell, Fernandina FL |
| 132.99 | 5 | 3 | Norma Stegemiller - George Stegemiller, Stuart FL |

    SECTION OOO EAST-WEST
    \(\begin{array}{llll}\text { SECTION OOO } & & \text { EAST-WEST } \\ & \text { C } & \text { D } & \\ 72.50 & 1 & 1 & \text { Dorit Hammerling, Houphton MI; Laurent Fournier, Noyon FR }\end{array}\)
    \(\begin{array}{llll}72.50 & 1 & 1 & \text { Dorit Hammerling, Houphton MI; Laurent Fournier, Noy } \\ 70.50 & 2 & & \text { Joyce Howe, Clermont FL; Betty Pride, Wolfeboro NH } \\ 66.50 & 3 & & \text { Stosh Anderson - Claudia Anderse, }\end{array}\)
    \(\begin{array}{lll}70.50 & 2 & \text { Joyce Howe, Clermont FL; Betty Pride, Wolfebo } \\ 66.50 & 3 & \text { Stosh Anderson - Claudia Anderson, Kodiak AK }\end{array}\)
    THURSDAY AFTERNOON STRATIFIED 99ER PAIRS
NORTH-SOUTH
Liz Braithwaite, Guelph ON; Donna Harrison, Holliday MO
Joy Nasso - Art Nasso, Boca Raton FL
Randall Moore - Esa Moore, Winter Park FL
Frank Koo, Orlando FL; Raj Narang, Regina SK
Ilias Lekakos - Evangelie Daskagianni, N Miami FL

$\begin{array}{llllll}98.00 & 2 & 2 & 1 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Sharon Navin - Louis Navin, Naples FL } \\ \text { Einar Hordvik - Inger Hordvik, Nesbro NW }\end{array} & 100.50 \\ 91.50 & 3 & & & \text { Dorota Jarosz - Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL } & 94.50 \\ 89.00 & 4 & & & & 80.00\end{array}$
, Kaj Narang, Regina SK
77.00

## NORTH-SOUTH

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Stephen Marcus, Miami FL; Phil Aronson, Monroe WA Hias Lekakos - Evangelie Daskagianni, N Miami FL Charles Schulman - Edith Schulman, Casselberry FL
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THURSDAY AFTERNOON STRATIFIED 299ER PAIRS

| SECTION PPP |  |  | EAST-WEST |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 100.93 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Raymond Spalding, Atlanta GA; Stephen Marcus, Miami FL |  |
| 100.86 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Sally Milne, Richmond Hill ON; Margaret Burt, Newmarket ON |  |
| 92.00 | 3 | 3 |  | Dorit Hammerling, Houphton MI; Laurent Fournier, Noyon FR |  |

THURSDAY EVENING 20/50/100 PAIRS
SECTION OOO 20/50/100 PAIRS EAST-WEST

|  | C | D | E |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 111.50 | 1 | 1 |  | Krzysztof Jarosz - Dorota Jarosz, Edwardsville IL | 96.00 |  |
| 105.50 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Donna Harrison, Holliday MO; Raymond Dodson, Rockville MD | 90.00 |  |
| 93.50 | 3 |  |  | Sally Milne, Richmond Hill ON; Margaret Burt, Newmarket ON | 89.50 |  |
| 89.00 | $4 / 5$ |  |  | Jinnie Baker - Robert Baker, Naples FL | 87.00 |  |
|  | $4 / 5$ |  |  | Viola Vitale, Margate FL; Cele Borofsky, Coral Springs FL | 87.00 |  |

THURSDAY EVENING 200/300 PAIRS

## NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION PPP EAST-WEST

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C ( $0-500$ ). For Continuous Pairs and singlesession open events, strat breaks are A (750+), B (0-750).

Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, 9:00 a.m.
Event
Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams
Boston Morning Continuous/Side Pairs
Stratified Senior Pairs*
NATIONAL 99er PAIRS

| Session | Entry | Sold |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3rd | \$44 team | Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody |
| 2nd | $\$ 22$ pair | Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody |

Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, 10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m.

| $1-2$ | \$44 pair | Florida Room -- Peabody |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-2$ | \$48 pair | Orlando Room -- Peabody |
| single | $\$ 20$ pair | Orlando Room -- Peabody |

 (two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday)
1-2 Q $\$ 96$ team Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody
Stratified Open Pairs*
Bracketed KO Teams V

| (two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| \$44 pair Hall F - - Convention Center <br> $1-2$ $\$ 44$ team | Hall F -- Convention Center |
| (continues Saturday) |  |

Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, 8:00 p.m.

| Stratified Board-A-Match Teams* | single | $\$ 40$ team | Florida Room -- Peabody |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stratified 99er Pairs | single | s20 pair |  |
| stratified 299er Pairs | $\$ 20$ pair | Orlando Room -- Peabody |  |
|  |  | Friday, Nov. 27, 1998, Midnight |  |
|  |  | $\$ 40$ team | Orlando Room -- Peabody |
| Zip Stratified Swiss Teams* | single |  | Orlando Room -- Peabody |

## TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

*Unless otherwise indicated, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C ( $0-500$ ). Strati-Flighted Open events are: A (3000+/0-3000), B (750-1500), C (300-750), D (0-300). For Continuous Pairs and single-session open events, strat breaks are A (750+), B (0-750).
Event
Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams
Boston Morning Continuous/Side Pairs

Stratified Senior Pairs*
$199 \mathrm{er}, 99 \mathrm{er}, 49 \mathrm{er}, 0-20 \& 0-5$ Pairs

| Session | Entry | Sold |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Final | \$44 team | Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody |
| 3rd | \$22 pair | Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody |

Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, 10:00 a.m. \& 3:00 p.m.

| $1-2$ | $\$ 44$ pair | Florida Room -- Peabody |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| single | $\$ 20$ pair | Orlando Room -- Peabody |

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS
Bracketed KO Teams VI
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs*
Bracketed KO Teams V
Friday-Saturday Continuous/Side Pairs
Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, 1:00 p.m. \& 8:00 p.m.

| Friday-Saturday Continuous/Side Pairs | 3-4 | \$22 pair | Plaza Ballroom C -- Peabod |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, 8:00 p.m. |  |  |  |
| Stratified 199er Pairs | single | \$20 pair | Orlando Room -- Peabody |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams | single | \$40 team | Orlando Room -- Peabody |
| Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, Midnight |  |  |  |
| Zip KO Teams* | single | \$10 match | Orlando Room -- Peabody |

Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody
Plaza Ballroom -- Peabody
Hall F -- Convention Center
Hall F -- Convention Center
Hall F -- Convention Center Plaza Ballroom C -- Peabody

Orlando Room -- Peabody
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Orlando Room -- Peabody

