



# Daily Bulletin

## Jacobs team wins Reisinger in tight finish



Reisinger winners: Alfredo Versace, George Jacobs, Lorenzo Lauria, Ralph Katz, Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin

In an extremely tight finish, the team captained by George Jacobs emerged the victor in the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams. Less than a board separated the top three teams. Richard Finberg's team was slightly more than half a board behind, and the squad captained by npc Lou Ann O'Rourke was only a quarter of a board further back.

The victors are an international team – four world champion Italian players played with Jacobs and his long-time partner Ralph Katz. Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin all were members of the Italian team that won the World Team Olympiad in Maastricht, the Netherlands, earlier this year. The full team made a good run in the Spingold this year before losing out in the semifinals.

"We had two misunderstandings today – otherwise we had a nice card," said Katz. "It's great playing with the Italians – they played great, they're a lot of fun, and they're nice guys. When they make a mistake, they're the first ones to point it out. They'd be the perfect teammates if they could speak English a little better."

"We weren't very good in the afternoon," said Duboin. "We did a lot of good things at night – but so did our opponents. We pushed a lot of boards that I

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## Three couples take NA Swiss by 1 VP

The team captained by Mel Colchamiro won their last match by 11 IMPs and claimed victory – by a margin of 1 Victory Point – in the North American Swiss Teams.

This is the same team that finished second in the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams at the Summer NABC in Anaheim – Mel Colchamiro, Janet Colchamiro, Steve Bloom, Betty Bloom, Kitty Munson Cooper and Steven Cooper.

It may be the first North American victory for three married couples and it was definitely the first North American victory for the Colchamiro and Steve Cooper. The Blooms have a previous win in the Master Mixed Teams. Kitty Munson Cooper won the Venice in Perth in 1989. This was her seventh North American championship, her third win in this event and "now I've won it with both husbands. All I have to do now is win it with my son."

The Colchamiro and Blooms reached the quarterfinal round of the 2000 Spingold, the best showing by two married couples in recent years.



Winners of the North American Swiss Teams: Steven Cooper, Kitty Munson Cooper, Mel Colchamiro, Janet Colchamiro, Betty Bloom and Steve Bloom.



Runners-up in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Mike Cappelletti, Gary Cohler, Richard Finberg, Mark Lair and Jerry Goldfein



Second in the North American Swiss Teams: Benito Garozzo, Lea Dupont, Steve Levinson and Barnet Shenkin.

## View from Abroad

by Mark Horton, Great Britain

Long-time Bulletin Editor Henry Francis asked me to offer my thoughts on major ACBL events, including some contrasting thoughts between here and the rest of the world.

You could probably turn the answer into a series, but luckily Henry won't have the time or the space.

Let's begin by talking about the standard of play. Its sheer size gives America more expert players than any other country, and in that context the domination of the game by Nick Nickell's team is remarkable. Other countries, notably Italy and France, have players who are consistent winners, but the opposition does not go down quite such a long way.

If you add the arrival of the almost countless stars from Europe, you will realize at once that in the major events, the standard of play will usually be very high. However, if you go and watch the stars in action, you may sometimes discover that Bob Hamman's remark on the way to winning the Bermuda Bowl in Beijing in 1995 becomes relevant – "The best play badly, and the rest are awful!"

If you take part in a major event in Europe, you will be competing for cash prizes – sometimes quite significant ones. The big tournaments always attract top class players, but just as in Birmingham, those who are addicted to bridge will heavily outnumber them.

European events are frequently sponsored, and that enables the organizers to use some of the money to invite players and support them financially. It's not as good as the PGA tour yet, "but giant oaks from little acorns grow."

However, apart from the major invitational events, such as the Cap Gemini played annually in The Netherlands, players from the USA are conspicuous by their absence.

Why, you may ask, is all the traveling in one direction? How come so many stars from other countries now attend ACBL events? Are they in search of masterpoints? Or maybe the excellent competition? In reality, almost all of them have sponsors who are paying their expenses.

In terms of organization, there is little to distinguish one event from another, although American events use fewer preduplicated boards. In Europe, more attention is given to speeding up the slow players, and you are not allowed to leave the table during play, except for the obvious reasons.

Apart from one "angry young man" who would probably be twice as good as he thinks he is if he was half as good as he really is, I didn't see any bad behavior at or away from the table. That contrasts favorably with my experiences elsewhere, especially in England.

I find it disturbing that there are so few youngsters taking part in bridge events everywhere. In France, Italy and Poland they have exceptionally good schools programs that are working wonders, and other countries are beginning to develop them. Bridge is a tremendous social activity for the older generation, but champions come almost exclusively from the ranks of those who start playing young. So it was a rare pleasure to see two very young boys playing against us in a knockout match yesterday afternoon.

## Reisinger

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though we'd win. We had to fight hard to win."

Katz and Jacobs started playing together five years ago, and the partnership has steadily grown stronger. They represented the United States in the World Team Olympiad this year and their team finished in third place.

Finberg and his teammates were in the battle all the way. One more board their way and the Reisinger Trophy would have been theirs. Playing with Finberg were Mark Lair, Gary Cohler, Mike Cappelletti and Jerry Goldfein. The same is true of O'Rourke's team – Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Roger Bates and Ron Smith.

## REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH FINAL STANDINGS

10 Teams	
225.00	1 George Jacobs, Burr Ridge IL; Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome, Italy; Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin, Turin, Italy 33.07
168.75	2 Richard Finberg, Pittsburgh PA; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Gary Cohler, Highland Park IL; Mike Cappelletti, Red Bank TN; Jerry Goldfein, Lincolnwood IL 32.43
126.56	3 Lou Ann O'Rourke, N P C; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA 32.18
103.85	4 Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Petrunin, Russia - Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski, Poland 31.77
96.43	5 James Cayne, N P C; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL; Robert Levin, Windermere FL; Steve Weinstein, Glen Ridge NJ; Mike Passell, Plano TX 30.82
90.00	6 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Kingston NY; Steve Garner, Northfield IL; Howard Weinstein, St Charles IL 29.43
84.38	7 Rose Meltzer - Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA 28.93
79.41	8 Kathie Wei-Sender, Nashville TN; Janice Seamon-Molson, Miami FL; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Juanita Chambers, Walpole MA; Jill Levin, Bronx NY 22.52
75.00	9 Bill Pettis - Beth Palmer - Bill Cole, Silver Spring MD; Mark Shaw, Laurel MD 21.00
71.05	10 Walter Schafer Jr, Bloomingdale IL; Royce McCray, Caddo Mills TX; David Lehman, Glenview IL; Dick Melson, Chicago IL 18.93

## NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

18 Teams	
160.00	1 Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duanesburg NY; Steven Cooper - Kitty Munson Cooper, Albuquerque NM 125.03
120.00	2 Steve Levinson - Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Benito Garozzo - Lea Dupont, Palm Beach FL 124.00
90.00	3 Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Jim Robison - Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA 110.84
73.85	4 Andy Stark, Hamilton ON; John Duquette, Oshawa ON; Douglas Heron, Ottawa ON; Bob Gwirtzman, Brooklyn NY 108.34
68.57	5 Gerhard Schiesser, Kitzbuhel, Austria; Sascher Wernle - Arno Lindermann - Bernel Saurer, Austria; Andreas Babsch - Martin Schifko, Vienna, Austria 104.60
64.00	6 Richard Gabriel - Claude Vogel - Ellen Gabriel, Chicago IL; Larry Bass, Deerfield Beach FL; Cindy Marshall, Knoxville TN; Joseph Machotka, Glenview IL 99.93
60.00	7 Mike Levine - Zeke Jabbar, Boca Raton FL; Jerry Clerkin, North Vernon IN; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Randall Pettit, Marietta GA; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR 98.27
56.47	8 Edith Rosenkranz - Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City; Robert Morris, Las Vegas NV; Erik Saelensminde, Bergen, Norway; Boye Brogeland, Fyllingsdalen, Norway 95.33
53.33	9 Shawn Quinn - Joe Quinn, Katy TX; Sidney Brownstein, Santa Monica CA; William Wickham - Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles CA; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA 92.10
50.53	10 Don Probst - Yi Zhong, Fairfax VA; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA; Ruoyu Fan, Richmond VA 90.26
48.00	11 Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, San Bernardino CA; Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA; William Hunter, Reading MA; John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ 87.99
45.71	12 James Welch, Ketchum ID; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Boise ID 85.10
43.64	13 Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Bill Cook Jr, Madison MS; Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Beach Gardens FL 82.75
41.74	14 Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, West Bloomfield MI; Susan Parnes - Gordon Parnes, Flint MI 76.00
40.00	15 John Zilic, Houston TX; Sylvia Summers, Pasadena CA; Thomas Peters - Carolyn Peters, Grapeland TX 73.16
38.40	16 Alan Truscott, Riverdale NY; Dorothy Truscott, Bronx NY; Jill Mellstrom, Brotby, Sweden; Kathrine Stensrud, Haninge, Sweden; Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA 68.82
36.92	17 Richard Katz, N Versailles PA; Jay Apfelbaum, Pittsburgh PA; Larry Cohen, Las Vegas NV; Bipin Patel, Orinda CA 63.82
35.56	18 Duncan Phillips - Joy Phillips, Toronto ON; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Gregory Arbour, Vancouver BC; Diane Lazarus - Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD 41.29

## Zia appears to be Player of Year

Unofficially Zia is the 2000 Player of the Year. He failed to qualify for the Reisinger final, but the lead he held going into the event apparently held up. Lew Stansby and Robert Levin made a strong run, but it wasn't powerful enough.

Our unofficial figures show Zia with 688.60 platinum points, almost 22 points ahead of Stansby, who has 666.79. Levin's final count was 632.23. Jeff Meckstroth, who also did not qualify for the Reisinger final, had 610.77. The top woman in the standings was Rose Meltzer – her seventh-place finish in the Reisinger put her over 600 – 603.51.

Meltzer's regular 2000 partner, Peter Weichsel, had 591.77, and Kyle Larsen, a member of her team, totaled 584.90. Michael Cappelletti Jr. moved far up in the standings with his second place in the Reisinger – he wound up with 582.01. Another member of the Meltzer team, Chip Martel, was next with 576.96.

# Paralysis doesn't hold Griffin back

Woody Griffin of Charlotte NC, who was completely paralyzed 14 years ago and who is still paralyzed on his right side, went to his first tournament – the Gatlinburg regional last spring. Playing with Jim Murphy of Chesapeake VA, he won FOUR events and 62 gold points! So far this year he has won more than 400 points, including eight victories and 16 second-place finishes.

Griffin is still confined to a wheelchair, and he has some problems handling the cards and the bidding boxes. But that's a lot better than hospitalization for a year and five years of intense rehab.

His attitude is good, according to Murphy. "When I tell him something he did wrong, he just says, 'It won't happen again, Jim.'" Griffin looks at bridge as something he can enjoy doing for the rest of his life.

Griffin's high point at this tournament was opposing Benite Garozzo in a knockout match. "I was too dumb to be scared," he said, "and we beat the great Garozzo!"



Jim Murphy and Woody Griffin

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

149 Players

6.37	1/2	Rose Marie Cleveland, Houston TX	117.77%
6.37	1/2	Ed Allen, Sarasota FL	117.77%
3.59	3/4	Bette Politziner, Huntsville AL	116.37%
3.59	3/4	Irwin Politziner, Huntsville AL	116.37%
3.74	5/6	Roger Nortman, Leonia NJ	114.84%
3.74	5/6	Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN	114.84%

## SUNDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

18 Pairs

	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1	1	Deb Phillips, N Little Rock AR; Pennell Somsen, New York NY	99.50
2.22	2			Alan Goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN; Scott Stearns, Clemson SC	98.50
1.62	3			Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN; Roger Nortman, Leonia NJ	97.50
1.59	4	2	2	Sherry Fusco - Ernie Fusco, Niceville FL	95.00
1.55	5			James Jacobs - Carole Chapman, Las Vegas NV	94.50
1.19		3		Judith Bailey, Pell City AL; Larry Stefnik, Barrie ON	87.50

## 2ND SUNDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

20 Teams

12.25	1	Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara CA; Stephen Goldstein, Elkins Park PA; John Rengstorff, New York NY	193.00
9.19	2	Marc Culberson - Andrea Culberson, Weston FL; Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI	162.00
6.03	3/4	Ellen Siebert, Fort Lauderdale FL; Magnus Lindkuist, Hoor; Michael Moss, New York NY; Magnus Melander, Stockholm; Nichlas Eliazohn, Sundsvall; Jeffrey Hand, Satellite Beach FL	147.00
6.03	3/4	Steve Beatty, Destrehan LA; Doug Levene - Ralph Levene - Jim Foster, Birmingham AL; Marshall Miles, Redlands CA; Stephen Swearingen, Arlington VA	147.00
3.88	5	Jaggy Shivdasani - Chris Willenken - Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Drew Casen, Boca Raton FL; Michael Rosenberg, Wykagyl NY; Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY	143.00
2.91	6	Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; William Esberg, Long Branch NJ; Jay Korobow, Princeton NJ; Robert Ryder, Caldwell NJ; Richard De Martino, Riverside CT; Martin De Bruin, Northfield NJ	139.00

## 2ND SUNDAY B/C SWISS TEAMS

33 Teams

	B	C	
12.19	1		Deanna Goh, Peterborough ON; Silvana Bellini, St Petersburg FL; Mark Zeitler, Davenport IA; Wonjoo Goldstein, Elkins Park PA
9.14	2		Peter Aldenderfer - Charles Aldenderfer, Indianapolis IN; Nancy Zakim, Kentfield CA; John Glick, Hope IN
6.86	3		Jim Dobbyn - Barbara Kay, Anniston AL; Bill Peabody Jr - Joanne Rierson, Birmingham AL
5.14	4		Larry Kurtz, Alabaster AL; Kristina Oliver - Bruce Oliver Jr - Pat Yakubovic, Birmingham AL
3.38	5/6		James Ridley III, Knoxville TN; Dale Soik, Murphy NC; Gary Watson, Montgomery AL; Jeralyn Taylor, Wetumpka AL
3.38	5/6		Everette Carroll - Lucy Carroll, Franklin TN; Anne Erwin - Robert Erwin Jr, Nashville TN
4.78	1		William Franke - Jean Franke, Norcross GA; Jim Eastham, Atlanta GA; Edward Foran, Marietta GA
3.59	2		Keith White, Marietta GA; Joan Carlton, Atlanta GA; Lamar Daniel, Montgomery AL; Julie Samples, Hoover AL
2.69	3		Al Raudenbush, Franklin TN; Lawrence Hays, Brentwood TN; Evelyn Clark - Christine Clark, Antioch TN
2.02	4		Carole Chapman, Las Vegas NV; Donna Rice, Traverse City MI; Dale Poszgai - Roni Brazell, Ponte Vedra FL

## Going to Kansas City KO Teams

### Bracket 1 16 Teams

32.97	1	Mary Gorkin - Bernard Gorkin, Liverpool NY; Elvera Levine, Charlotte NC; Martin Caley, Montreal PQ
24.73	2	Patricia Tucker - Kevin Collins - Art Mathews - Jack Feagin Jr, Atlanta GA
16.49	3/4	Michael Shuster, Reno NV; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal PQ; Jeffrey Blond, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Jeff Aker - Barry Rigal, New York NY
16.49	3/4	Louise Freed - Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA; Samuel Marks, Dunwoody GA; Derrell Childs, Garland TX

### Bracket 2 16 Teams

26.22	1	Owen Lynch - Jeff Johnson, Huntsville AL; Dot Blue - Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN
19.67	2	Henry Caspar - Tom Buttle, Toronto ON; James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON
13.11	3/4	Richard Kiepfer, Boerne TX; Jim Mahorner, Tallahassee FL; Louallen Leach, ; Jack Leach, Cedar Park TX
13.11	3/4	Joseph Odom - Nancy Odom, Sealy TX; Ann Brinker Schwall - Stephen Schwall, Houston TX

### Bracket 3 15 Teams

19.87	1	Paul Linxwiler - Brian Crossley, Memphis TN; Todd Wolford, Aurora OH; Harley Bress, Germantown TN
14.90	2	C Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; David Birnbaum, Pegrarn TN; Sriram Narasimhan - Richard Roiseman, Nashville TN; Vijay Devadass, Lawrenceville GA
9.94	3/4	Charles Anderson, Madison WI; Chuck Ellison, Conyers GA; Robert Cramer - Nell Jane Cramer, Davenport IA
9.94	3/4	Allan Mazer - Ruth-Anne Mazer, Towson MD; Elizabeth Dressler - Hjalmar Beijl, Cleveland OH

### Bracket 4 10 Teams

12.34	1	Audrey Rogers, Cary NC; Michael Ventura - John Markey II, Raleigh NC; Lance Shull, Winston Salem NC
9.26	2	Lee Stimson - Luanne Russell, Alexander City AL; Susan Stockham - Mary Conaway, Birmingham AL
6.17	3/4	Jeremy Fournier - Robert Fournier - Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN; Paul Anderberg, Crossville TN
6.17	3/4	Rory Powers - Philip Friedman, Plantation FL; Charles Lin, ; Clara Pyles, Shawnee Mission KS

### Bracket 5 10 Teams

9.20	1	Harry Lauderdale, Birmingham AL; Margaret Hubbard, Hoover AL; Norman Rocco, Sun City Center FL; Bob Fogle Jr, Boston MA
6.90	2	B.R. Winstead Jr - Billie Winstead - F. Thomas Craig, Birmingham AL; Ardis Weems, Cropwell AL
4.60	3/4	Sam Cox - Carolyn Cox, Clemson SC; Charles Bauknight - Bill Bauknight, Anderson SC
4.60	3/4	James Mendelsohn - Kevin Dybvig, Birmingham AL; Roger Dybvig - Jean Walsh, Dayton OH

## 2nd Saturday Zip KO Teams

14 Teams			
3.64	1	Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal PQ; Patricia Baril - Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi PQ; Jeffrey Blond, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Janet Dunbar, Calgary AB	
2.73	2	Carla Skeen - Chris Moll, Metairie LA; Patrick Hambrick, New Orleans LA; Karl Miller, Tampa FL	
1.82	3/4	Keith White, Marietta GA; Joan Carlton, Atlanta GA; Jim Dick, Springfield VA; Linda Lloyd, Woodbridge VA	
1.82	3/4	Tom Shannon, Toronto ON; Rob Kischuk, Scarborough ON; Curtis Loftis, Birmingham AL; Larry Rich, Cumming GA; Thomas Carmichael, Iselin NJ	

### SUNDAY MORNING 300/200 TEAMS

4 Teams	A	B		
1.96	1	1	George Butcher, Carrollton GA; Steve Meadows, Luthersville GA; Barbara Danos - Gail Coker, Douglasville GA	48.00

### SUNDAY MORNING 300/200/100 PAIRS

9 Pairs	A	B	C	
2.10	1	1	1	Harry L Pendergrass - James C. Kennemer, Birmingham AL 40.56
1.58	2			John Eskew, Flowery Branch GA; Beverly Adams, Buford GA 39.44
1.18	3			Robert Thomas, Fairfield AL; William Thornton, Birmingham AL 39.22
1.35	4	2	2	Patrick Squire, Clanton AL; Simon Erskine, Birmingham AL 38.29
1.01		3	3	Eileen Aronovitch - Martin Aronovitch, New Orleans LA 37.13

### SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAMES SERIES

10 Pairs				
2.33	1			Shannon Cappelletti, Red Bank TN; Carol Lively, Ormond Beach FL 65.16
1.71	2			Irwin Politziner - Bette Politziner, Huntsville AL 57.61
1.28	3			Richard Rouco, Birmingham AL; Elizabeth Crenshaw, Glenn Dale MD 52.17
0.96	4			Daniel Levin, Chicago IL; Hank Youngerman, Reading PA 48.96

### SUNDAY STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS FLIGHTS A AND X

33 Teams	A	X		
26.23	1			George Rosenkranz, Mexico City; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Sam Lev, New York NY; John Mohan, Christiansted VI; Piotr Gawrys - Jacek Pizciola, Warsaw, Poland 186.00
19.67	2			Marshall Kuschner - Candace Boughner, Reston VA; Barbara Heller - Robert Heller, Decatur GA; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD 140.00
14.75	3	1		Davis Peters, Canton GA; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Max Limbocker, Louisville KY; Joan Braender, Newnan GA 138.00
11.07	4			Jack Coleman, San Francisco CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Ira Chorush, Houston TX; Bart Bramley, Chicago IL; Sidney Lazard, New Orleans LA; Bobby Wolff, Fort Worth TX 137.00
8.30	5			Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Larry Sealy - Paul Munafa, Huntsville AL 132.00
5.45	6/7			Michael Whitman, San Francisco CA; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Geoff Hampson, Okemos MI; Grant Baze, La Jolla CA 129.00
5.45	6/7			Russell Ekeblad - Sheila Ekeblad, Boca Raton FL; Markland Molson, Miami FL; Allan Cokin, Palm Beach FL 129.00
3.50	8			Lindsay Pearlman, Trumbull CT; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON 127.00
2.91	9			Edward Wojewoda, Antelope CA; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Leszek Rabiega, Salt Lake City UT; Krystian Rudo, New York NY; Srikanth Kodayam, San Leandro CA 125.00
4.49	2			Geoffrey Mallette, Christiansburg VA; Alan Goldenberg, Oak Ridge TN; Scott Stearns, Clemson SC; Ed Word Jr, Monroe LA 91.00
3.37	3			Kenton Hayes Jr - Leonard Schmidt Jr - Betty Mattison, Louisville KY; Mike Sloan, Jeffersonville IN 90.00
2.53	4			Yifan Yang, Princeton NJ; Michael Kuhnle, Fishers IN; Robert Lyon, Indianapolis IN; Jiun-Ming Chen, West Lafayette IN 87.00

### STRATIFIED SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

15 Teams	A	B		
7.00	1			Mary Green - Roy Green, Carlisle MA; Ethel Birnbach - Hank Mullaney, Portland OR; Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA 175.00
5.25	2			Steve Lawrence, Athens TX; George Kirkwood, Lindale TX; Tom Brown, Duncan OK; Richard Holmes, Wichita KS; Bruce Cobb, Denver CO 151.00
3.61	3/4	1		John Giles - M Giles, Carbondale IL; Lin Chen - J Chen, Murphysboro IL 124.00
3.45	3/4			Michael Kassay, Sarasota FL; Balint Papp, Port Orange FL; Barbara McCallon - Bill McCallon, St Augustine FL 124.00
2.71	5	2		Charles Wright Jr, Winnetka IL; Bobbie Hill - Charlotte Rueschenberg, Birmingham AL; Marie Jo Desbrandes, Baton Rouge LA 122.00

### STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

36 Pairs	A	B		
10.15	1			William Cunningham, Tucker GA; Bill Eason, Collierville TN 331.95
7.61	2			James Griffin - Patricia Griffin, Austin TX 319.87
5.71	3			Andrew Gaffner, Decatur GA; Bob Simkins, Headland AL 305.32
4.28	4			Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY 302.00
3.21	5			Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Winthrop Allegaert, New York NY 298.55
2.41	6			Jim Stogner, Atlanta GA; Arnold Hawkins, Jonesboro GA 289.68
4.25		1		Richard Mantz II - Carol Warren, Montgomery AL 282.50
3.35		2		Marilyn Roney - Carolyn Nathan, Huntsville AL 279.50
2.39		3		Dennis Goldston, Colorado Springs CO; Charlie Anderson, Louisville CO 260.68
1.79		4		Nancy Borden, La Quinta CA; David Beal, Birmingham MI 239.32

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON 300/100/20 PAIRS

18 Pairs	A	B	C	
2.66	1			Deb Phillips, N Little Rock AR; Pennell Somsen, New York NY 101.50
2.00	2			Miriam Mosley, Newnan GA; Dorothea Baker, Tucker GA 100.00
1.98	3	1	1	Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL; Alex Phillips, N Little Rock AR 96.50
1.49	4	2		Steve Meadows, Luthersville GA; George Butcher, Carrollton GA 94.00
1.11	5	3		Beverly Belling - Barbara Stewart, Birmingham AL 93.50
0.84		4		Elliott Moore, Vestavia Hills AL; Brian Jones, Birmingham AL 91.50
0.67		5		Mary Cohron - Ann Perry, Trussville AL 91.00
0.86			2/3	Betty Regan - Patsy Porter, Birmingham AL 90.00
0.86			2/3	Maynard Hacker, Birmingham AL; Philip Lanzarotta, Pelham AL 90.00

## Birmingham attendance

Attendance took a dip over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, but the final count for Birmingham 2000 still was more than reasonable – 8214.5 tables.

## Oh for an eight spot

By Mark Horton, Great Britain

Bridge is full of what might have beens. Take this example from the last Swiss Teams contest.

Dir: South ♠ 10 7 4  
 Vul: Both ♥ J 6 5  
 ♦ K 10 9 7 5 4  
 ♣ 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	7♣

All Pass

Would you as West be tempted to lead the ♥A?

If you do, declarer ruffs and plays off all the trumps. When the last one hits the table, this will be the position:

♠ 4  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ K 10 9 7  
 ♣ —

♠ Q 9 6                      ♠ J 8 5  
 ♥ —                         ♥ K  
 ♦ Q J 2                     ♦ 8 4  
 ♣ —                         ♣ —

♠ A K 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A 3  
 ♣ 2

You will have to discard a spade, and when dummy parts with a diamond, your partner can also discard one of those. However, two rounds of diamonds will now squeeze East in the majors.

If West trusts South and leads a trump, the fate of the contract depends on the location of the eight of spades! If you interchange those two cards between East and South, the contract cannot be defeated!

I'll leave you to work out why as you travel home!

### Jacobs likely winner of Herman Trophy

It was a close battle between partners for the Herman Trophy, given to the player who earns the most points in the Fall North American Championships. The victor apparently is George Jacobs who added 225 points to his total by winning the Reisinger Teams. He placed well in two other North American events to earn a total of 368.25 points.

His regular partner, Ralph Katz, of course got 225 in the Reisinger as well. He placed in three other North American events, but two of his finishers were low, so his total came to 350.31 points.

### New Life Master

FRANCES ACTON of Birmingham finished third in the Strat C Senior Pairs on Friday, and that gave her enough points to go over the top. Her partner was Jimmie Massengill.

### A good week for Goh

Deanne Goh of Petersborough ON, a regional master (100-200 points) had a great tournament – she won 64.90 gold points which put her slightly over 200. She won the BC Swiss yesterday and came in second in two knockouts.