World champs! Venice Cup winners: Sue Picus, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Kathie Wei-Sender, Betty Ann Kennedy and Jill Levin show their gold medals as the trophy is raised on high.

Fisher passes 15,000

Arnie Fisher, who passed the 15,000 mark in masterpoints at this tournament, learned to play bridge in Austria. He was a Fulbright Scholarship student at the University of Vienna in 1959, and he used to visit the local coffeehouses. Bridge was the big game at these gathering spots, and Fisher just naturally joined in. He remembers that he was playing with a Pole, an Italian and a Frenchman in his first game in Austria.

Kaplan leads NA Swiss

The team captained by Peggy Kaplan (Dick Bruno, Hideki Takano and Tadashi Teramoto) racked up 121 Victory Points (out of a possible 160) to lead 48 qualifiers into today’s semi-final round of the William Keohane North American Swiss Teams.

One hundred six teams entered the six-session event which ends with Sunday’s two-session final. There is a two-way tie for second place. Jeff Schuett, Xiaodong Shi, Jiang Gu, Barry Harper, Brenda Jacobus and Cameron Doner have 114 VPs, as do Larry Mori, Ed Schulte, Joseph Godefrin and Kenji Miyakuni.

Only 2 VPs back at 112 VPs are two teams tied at 112 VPs. They are Bruce Reeve, Michael Huston, Corinne Kirkham and Jim Kirkham — and James Marsh Sternberg, Allan Cokin, Linda Epstein, Dan Gerstman and Robert Lipsitz.

Defenders bounced from Reisinger

The defending champions in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams — the team that won the United States Bridge Championship last summer and won bronze in the Bermuda Bowl earlier this month — are no longer in the event.

Two-thirds of the teams entered this year’s Reisinger and the field has already been reduced to 20 teams. The leading qualifier is the team captained by George Jacobs (Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace-Lorenzo Lauria and Norberto Bocchi-Giorgio Duboin). Their score is 33.50. Only a half-board back at 33.00 is the team of Jo Morse-Haig Tchamitch and Stasha Cohen-Joanna Stansby. There is a two-way tie for third. Blair Seidler, Kevin Wilson, Seth Cohen and Richard Gertner have 31.00, as do Malcolm Brachman, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson.

Fisher reaches 15,000

Dan Morse, a man who wears many bridge hats — player, administrator, non-playing captain — reached the 15,000-masterpoint milestone when his team won the Senior Knockout Teams here Thursday night.

Morse, District 16 (most of Texas and Mexico) representative to the ACBL Board of Directors, and partner Bobby Wolff are playing some of their best bridge these days, say observers. Morse and Wolff Rosenberg ahead for Player of Year

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Norbert Kremer

Norbert Kremer of Schenectady NY died of colon cancer yesterday in a Houston hospital. He was 62.

“Bridge was his life,” said Lynn Deas, one of his regular partners over the years. “Bridge was everything to him.”

The end came very fast. The cancer was diagnosed only a month ago.

He leaves his wife Brooke and two children, Hopper, 11, and Zepher, 7.

A group of friends is setting up an educational foundation for the children. Friends are asked to make a contribution to the fund instead of sending
The hand counted out perfectly so the top spades dropped the queen for the slam. While it was fortuitous that the ♥A10 fell, the slam always came down to finding a key queen holding nine pieces. It’s always best to delay a two-way guess as long as possible.

**USWBC set for May 2004**

The United States Women’s Bridge Championship to determine who will represent the U.S. in the next World Women’s Olympiad Teams is scheduled for Raleigh NC over Memorial Day weekend (May 2004).

Check the USWB web site (www.uswbc.org) or the ACBL web site (www.acbl.org) for the exact dates and conditions of contest. You can also determine what qualifying points your team has earned. If you haven’t earned points, your team can still play.

The cycle for earning points (Fall 2002 and Spring, Summer and Fall 2003) has ended.

The championships will be held in conjunction with the Raleigh regional. The room rate is only $68 and the Mid-Atlantic Conference and Raleigh are famous for their hospitality.
The road to winning the LM Women’s Pairs

Lynn Baker and Kerri Sanborn won the Life Master Women’s Pairs earlier this week and they credit their victory to a little luck, combined with good card reading and partnership defense.

Dlr: East   ♠ 7
Vul: N-S   ♥ K 9 8 5 4
       ♦ A K Q 2
       ♣ A 10 6

♠ A K 10 3
♥ Q 13
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 9 4

A Q 6 5
7 6 2
10 8 5
♣ K J 5 3

West North East South
Sanborn Baker Pass Pass
1♥ 1♥ 1♠
2♣ (1) 3♠ (2) 3♣ Pass
Pass Dbl Pass Pass

(1) Four-card spade support.
(2) Game try.

East led a low spade to West’s king and a low diamond came back. Sanborn won her ace and led a low heart, won by East’s 10. East returned the ♣ and Sanborn ruffed. She cashed the ♥, and returned a heart to her jack and the last trump, and crossed to dummy’s ♦. John Sutherlin had to have either the ♣ or the ♦.

Accordingly, Sanborn led another low heart and East’s ace went on air. East led another spade and Sanborn ruffed. She cashed the ♠, drawing the last trump, and crossed to dummy’s ♣. Now she led a low club and finessed with her ♠. When he offside, there was no way home.

A few rounds later:

Dlr: North   ♣ 8 4 2
Vul: E-W   ♥ 7 5
       ♦ J 7 4
       ♣ A J 10 9 2

♠ Q 7
♥ K 6 3
♦ K 10 9 2
♣ K 7 5 4

A Q 10 6 5 3
♥ Q 10 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ 6 3

West North East South
Sanborn Baker Pass Pass
1♥ 1♥ 1♠
2♣ Dbl Pass Pass
3♥ Pass Pass

Baker led the ♣ and Sanborn played her 9, forcing declarer’s queen. Declarer led a heart to dummy’s king and returned a heart to her jack and Baker’s queen.

Now Baker played “thoughtful defense, partnership defense,” said Sanborn.

Baker cashed the ♠ and the ♥ before continuing with the ♣. Sanborn won her ♠ 10 and, knowing there were no outside tricks available, continued with a club which promoted Baker’s ♥ 10 to the setting trick. Plus 100 was worth most of the matchpoints.

Few and far between

By Barry Rigal

Looking for the bright spots when you’ve been eliminated from a qualifying event can be like the proverbial search for the needle in a haystack – hence the title. The good boards were indeed few and far between.

Here are my teammates, JoAnna Stansby (North) and Sharon Osberg (South), at work.

Dlr: East   ♦ 9 2
Vul: E-W   ♥ A K 8 7 5
       ♦ A Q J 10 2
       ♠ K 8
       ♥ 9 6 3 2
       ♦ J
       ♥ A Q 10 8 6
       ♦ 4

♠ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ Q 10
7 4 2
♣ 8 7 3

West North East South
Sanborn Baker Pass Pass
1♥ 1♠
2♣ Pass Pass
3♥ All Pass

I guess most players with the West cards settled for an invitation to game at their second turn. There is a case for not consulting partner since they will always misevaluate heart length or shortness.

Indeed, ♦ does look very good, does it not? Well, read on.

Sharon led a third/thrift ♢ and JoAnna won the ♣. She knew declarer was likely to be 4-4 in the minors. South’s failure to bid spades and the absence of a support double or any action over 3 ♠ made the 4-1-4-4 hand type the most likely. So JoAnna found the trump shift at trick two.

Declarer won in dummy to lead a heart – and JoAnna ducked. That let Sharon in to play a second trump.

Declarer now needed the club finesse and something favorable in the majors. With the ♣ offshore, there was no way home.

Logical reasoning

John Mohan had a tough decision to make on this deal, but he came up with the correct answer.

Board 9   ♣ A Q
Dlr: North   ♥ Q 18 7 5
Vul: E-W   ♣ 7 6
       ♦ A Q J 4

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

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ Q
♣ K 10 8 7 6

West North East South
Sutherlin Tornay Baker Barfus
1♥ Pass Pass
2♥ All Pass
Pass Pass

George Tornay leaped to the heart game – he didn’t want to give any information to the opposition. Maybe he could induce a club lead. It worked – East led his singleton club. He won with dummy’s 10 and led a trump. John Sutherlin climbed with the ace and led the ♣ in tempo.

Mohan thought for a long time. Did the ♣ mean Sutherlin’s other entry was in spades? Sutherlin had to have either the ♣ or the ♦.

After considerable thought, Mohan decided to base his guess on the bidding. North had jumped to game and, Mohan already knew the defense had two aces. Would Tornay jump to game with only one ace? Not too likely. So Tornay was more likely to have the ♣ than the ♦.

Mohan underlined his ♣ and was gratified when Sutherlin won with the king. Sutherlin of course led another club and Mohan ruffed for the setting trick.

Taking all you can

Buddy Hanby and Sally Wheeler found a nice defense to defeat 4♠ three tricks on this deal from the second semi-final session of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: South   ♣ —
Vul: E-W   ♥ Q J 5 4
       ♦ A J 6 5 4
       ♥ J 10 7 4

♠ J 6 4
♥ K 10
♦ A 8 7 3 2
♣ K 9

Q 9 8 6 2
A K 3

A K Q 10 9 7 5
♥ 9 6
10 3 2
♣ 5

West North East South
Sanborn Baker Barfus
Pass Pass Pass
Pass Pass

Hanby (West) led the ♣ K 4, 8, 2. He continued with the ♦, won with dummy’s ace as Wheeler (East) followed with the ♦.

(Notice that if Hanby carelessly leads a low diamond at trick two, declarer can win his ♠ 10, draw trumps and run the rest of the diamonds for 11 tricks and plus 450.)

Declarer led a low club and Wheeler won her king. She led a low heart to Hanby’s king. Hanby returned a diamond and Wheeler ruffed.

Now she cashed the ♣ and returned a heart, promoting Hanby’s ♣ for the third undertrick. That was worth 21.5 out of a possible 25 matchpoints.

It’s time to make your plans for RENO!
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. However, before they are published in the NABC Appeals Casebook, revisions may be made.

Case 2

Event: Life Master Women’s Pairs, first final session
Bd: 11
Peggy Satherlin
Vul: None
♣ 3
♥ 7
♦ J
♣ Q J 8 7 5
Deanna Goh
Cynthia Colin
♣ 2
♥ K J 9 8 6 4 2
♦ 10 7
◆ Q 10 9 4
♣ A 8 5 3
♦ K 6 4
Karen Allison
♣ K Q J 7
♥ A 6 3
♦ J 9 6
♣ 10 3
West
North
East
South
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Case 3

Event: Life Master Paris, first qualifying session
Bd: 10
Dlr: East
Vul: Both
♣ Q 6 5 4
◆ K 7
♥ 10 6
West
North
East
South
Pass
3NT (2)
♣ 2
♥ 9 4 3
◆ Q 6 5 3
♣ A K 9 4 3
West
North
East
South
Pass
3NT
All Pass
(1) Not a balanced hand
(2) Splinter
The Facts: 3NT made five, +660 for E/W. The Director was called after the round had finished, but before the players had moved. The opening lead was the ♠ A, won by the king and at trick two the ♦ J was led and passed successfully when South failed to cover. South insisted that his play was correct because East could not hold two clubs and be unbalanced.
Thus, given the explanation he received he had no chance to get the defense right since he did not think 5-4-2-2 distribution was unbalanced. The Director ruled that West’s explanation that 1 ♠ was not a balanced hand was accurate since 5-4-2-2 distribution can be classified as either balanced or unbalanced (technically it is “semi-balanced”). The table result was therefore allowed to stand.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director’s ruling and were the only pair to attend the hearing. South said that had he known East could have a doubleton club he would always cover the ♦ J at trick two. After the ♣ A opening lead he said a top club would never try an illegitimate line by trying to float the singleton ♦ J, so there was no reason to cover the presumed singleton.
If East held a doubleton he expected him to return to hand to play a second club to the 9, losing to the 10 and going down one. South was convinced that East’s singleton had to be in clubs because West was known to have some length in clubs but not in hearts. 3NT had made five rather than three after the non-cover because of an exposed ♠ A after a late lead out of turn by South.

The Committee Decision: The Committee reviewed the ACBL’s definition of a balanced hand and determined that a 5-4-2-2 pattern could be defined as either balanced or unbalanced. E/W were a Swedish pair and N/S could have asked more questions as to what West meant by “not a balanced hand.”
The Committee was somewhat constrained by E/W’s absence (which is their right being non-appellants) and so could not determine the details of their system, including the range for the 1 ♦ opening bid. But since East’s hand could legitimately be considered “not balanced” there had been no misinformation (and therefore the Committee also did not need to examine the merits of South’s defense).

Finally, the Committee determined that the appeal had merit because of the somewhat ambiguous definition of “balanced.”

DIC: Chris Patrias

Committee: Richard Popper (chair), Larry Cohen, Gail Greenberg, Paul Munafò, Howard Weinstein

Case 4

Event: NABC Open Board-a-Match Teams, first qualifying session
Bd: 3
Dlr: South
Vul: E/W
♣ A 3
◆ J 10 5 2
♥ K 10 9
West
North
East
South
Pass
2♣ (1)
Pass
2NT (3)
Pass
(1) Alerted; a weak two-bid in a major or a good 4-4-4-1
(2) Alerted; Pass-or-Correct
(3) Alerted; a good three-suiter (17+ HCP), short in clubs

The Facts: 3NT made three, +400 for N/S. The opening lead was the ♠ 8, North won the trick with the ♣ K and play proceeded (E/W playing upside-down signals): 2♣, 2♠, 4, ♦, 9, 8, 5, K. The Committee was somewhat constrained by the circumstances here, with declarer known to be short in ♠ and ♠, but before the players had moved. The opening lead was the ♠ 8. North won the first trick with the ♣ 10, keeping ♦ 9, 6, Q, 4; ♦ 10, 4, A J 10 3, and ♦ J 5.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director’s ruling. N/S explained that the basis for their confusion was that if responder bid 2♣ in response to the 2♣ opener opened 3♣ as a natural bid, so opener bid 2NT in that auction with any strong three-suiter. But when responder bid 2♣, as here, all bids above 2♣ were available and they showed their shortness immediately.

E/W explained that they played a form of Smith Echo which might have been able to help them overcome the misinformation, but there was an ambiguity in their methods introduced in part by the misinformation. They played that the “owner” of a suit used reverse Smith Echo (a high-low in the first suit played by declarer to suggest a continuation of the suit led on opening lead). Who was the “owner” of the suit? The player with presumed length normally is the player who bid the suit or, if the suit is unbid, the one who led it. East thought the extenuating circumstances here, with declarer known to be short in clubs, made his partner the “owner” of that suit, so he treated her ♠ 4 as a reverse Smith Echo, encouraging a club continuation.

The Committee Decision: The Committee found that N/S’s statements, while logical, did not rise to the level of evidence sufficient to decide mistaken bid rather than mistaken explanation. Pairs using complex methods have a special obligation to know and understand those methods. Further, they have the option of maintaining system notes and making them available to a Committee should they be needed, as here. Had N/S made system notes available to the Committee it might well have decided differently.

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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. For him there was no 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, president of the Greater New York Bridge Association and chairman of the ACBL. In 1953, Reisinger was named ACBL Honorary Member.

Winners

1929 Max Cohen, Louis Haddad, Robert Halpin, Nils Webster
1930 William Barrett, James Carpenter, Ely Culbertson, William Haddad
1931 Elizabeth Banfield, Winfield Liggett, Frances Newman, George Unger
1933 Charles Hall, Albert Steiner, Philip Steiner, Richard Wildenberg
1934 Henry Dinkelapel, Lewis Jaeger, Bernard Rubinowitz, Maurice Siegel
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
1938 John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young
1940 B. Jay Beeker, John Crawford, Charles Goren, Charles Solomon, Sally Young
1940 Henry Feinberg, Jeff Glick, Maury Glick, Louis Newman
1941 Peter Leventritt, Simon Rosann, Helen Sobel, Margaret Wagor
1942 B. Jay Beeker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silador, John Crawford
1943 B. Jay Beeker, Charles Goren, Sidney Silador, Helen Sobel
1944 Simon Beeker, Peggy Goldner, Ruth Sherman, Charles Solomon
1945 Lee Hazen, George Raper, Sam Stayman, Waldemar von Zedtwitz
1946 Mitch Barnes, John Crawford, Alvin Roth, Edith Schipman
1948 George Beocchi, Bruce Elliott, Agnes Gordon, Charlotte Sidney
1949 Lee Hazen, Larry Hirsch, Richard Kahn, Peter Leventritt, Jack Shore
1950 B. Jay Beeker, Myron Field, Charles Goren, Sidney Silador, Helen Sobel
1951 Cort Boland, Bruce Elliott, Micky Miller, Percy Sheardown
1952 Harold Harkesy, Edith Kemp, Alvin Roth, Tobias Stone
1953 B. Jay Beeker, John Crawford, George Raper, Sam Stayman
1954 B. Jay Beeker, John Crawford, George Raper, Sidney Silador
1955 Ben Fain, George Heath, Paul Hodge, Jim Jacoby, Oswald Jacoby
1956 B. Jay Beeker, John Crawford, George Raper, Sidney Silador
1957 Charles Goren, Harold Ogust, Bill Howard, Howard Schoenker, Helen Sobel
1958 Leonard Harmon, Ralph Hirschberg, Edgar Kaplan, Alfred Sheindlin, Fred Stolz
1959 Lew Mathe, Don Oakie, Meyer Schleifer, Edward Taylor
1960 Offie Adams, William Hann, Sidney Lazard, Lew Mathe
1961 John Crawford, Norman Kay, Alvin Roth, Sidney Silador, Tobias Stone
1963 Charles Goren, Peter Leventritt, Harold Ogust, Howard Schoenker
1964 John Gerber, Paul Hodge, Mervin Key, Howard Rockway
1965 Eddie Kantor, Mike Lawrence, Marshall Miles, Lew Stansby
1968 Kyle Larsen, Erik Paulsen, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Howard Scherken
1969 Philip Feldman, William Grieve, Ira Rubin, Gerald Wessheimer
1971 Luc Blahon, Steve Goldberg, Stephen Parker, Steve Robinson
1972 Larry Cohen, Richard Katz, Bud Reinhald, Alan Sontag, Peter Weinich
1973 Fred Hamilton, Erik Paulsen, Hugh Ross, Ira Rubin
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1976 Ron Anderson, Malcolm Bruchman, Bobby Goldman, Eddie Kante, Mike Lawrence, Paul Soloway
1977 Chip Martel, Peter Pender, Hugh Ross, Lew Stansby
1978 Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay
1979 Oswald Jacoby, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Bill Root, Richard Pavlicek
1982 Steve Robinson, Chip Martel, Hugh Ross, Peter Boyd, Peter Pavlicek
1983 1-2. Zia Mahmood, Juggy Shivdasani, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith
1984 Jimmy Cayne, Bob Hamman, Mike Pessell, Mark Lair, Chuck Banger, Bobby Wolff
1985 1-2. Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Sam Lev, Chris Compton, Mark Molson
1986 Robert Pavlicek, Bill Root, Edward Kaplan, Norman Kay, Brian Glueck
1987 Clifford Sam, Lev Cohen, David Berkowitz, Marty Bergen, Bjarne Follmann
1988 Jimmy Cayne, Mike Pessell, Mark Lair, Chuck Burger, Gabriel Chagas, Marco Bruno
1989 Nick Reisinger, Freeman Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
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1991 Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
1992 Bart Brumley, Howard Weinstein, Sidney Lazard, Steve Gamer
1993 Rita Shugart, Andrew Robson, Geir Helgemo, Tony Forrester
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1995 George Jacob, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Nortio Bocchi, Giorgio Dubino
1996 Roy Welland, Byron Fallenius, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman, Steve Dukeman
2001 Steve Landen, Dan Moraz, Bobby Wolff, Pratap Rajyadhaksha, Adam Wildavsky, Doug Doubt
Harlan elected to ACBL Board

One newcomer has been elected and eight incumbents have won re-election to the ACBL Board of Directors.

Phyllis Harlan, former president of Unit 167 (Sommer) and District 15, has been elected District 15’s representative to the Board. Harlan, Oklahoma City, replaces Virgil Anderson Jr., who did not seek re-election. Anderson was first elected to the Board in 1988 and served as ACBL president in 1994.

Eight incumbents, seven of them unopposed, will serve additional terms on the Board.

District 18 director Richard Anderson, Regina SK, won election to his fifth three-year term, defeating Ian Martindale, Boise ID. Anderson, a retired high school mathematics teacher and Diamond Life Master, served as ACBL president in 1998.

Re-elected without opposition were George Retek, District 1; Sharon Fairchild, 5; Bruce Reeve, 7; Harriette Buckman, 13; Barbara Nist, 19; Alan LeBendig, 23, and Richard DeMartino, 25.

Harlan is only the third person to represent District 15 on the Board. Edgar Theas served from 1961 to 1988, when he was succeeded by Anderson.

Harlan and her husband Bill are Silver Life Masters and longtime members of the National ACBL Goodwill Committee. They have one son, who does not play bridge “but I’m working on that,” says Harlan.

She describes herself as “typical of the majority of our members. I’m not a world-class player and never will be, but I enjoy the challenge of competing against these players.”

Another benefit: “The continuing, close friends we have met through bridge. The vast majority of ACBL members are truly fascinating, witty, wonderful people. I feel very strongly that the success of all events held under the ACBL umbrella — from club games through the NABCs — depends upon the voluntary contribution of the time and resources of our members.

From baking cookies for the game at the local club to being chairman of an NABC, our members make it all happen for the other players. These fine people are the backbone of the ACBL and should be treasured and appreciated by all of us.”

Other directors:

District 1 — Retek, a Montreal resident, is a chartered accountant and a graduate of Sir George Williams University. He has been a member of the Board since 1979 and served as ACBL president in 2002. He is a Gold Life Master.

District 5 — Fairchild, who lives in Rocky River OH (suburban Cleveland), was first elected in 1997. She is a Silver LM.

District 7 — Reever, a Raleigh NC resident, is a retired real estate broker who also teaches bridge. He completed the unexpired term of the late Bobby McMahen (from September 1997 to the end of the year) and ran unopposed for a full three-year term. He was re-elected in 2000 and again this year.

Reever is a Diamond LM and former president of Unit 119 (North State) and District 7. He will serve as the 2004 ACBL president.

District 13 — Buckman, Lincolnwood IL, is a retired teacher who now teaches bridge. A Gold LM, she is a member of the Unit 123 (Chicago) board of directors and a club manager. She was first elected in 1997.

District 19 — Nist lives in Bellevue WA and works as a research interviewer at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She was first elected to the Board in 1997. She is a Gold LM and was co-chair of the 1993 Fall NABC in Seattle, the largest-ever tournament in the Northwest.

District 23 — LeBendig, Los Angeles, is the co-owner of the Barrington Bridge Club. He is a Grand LM who was first elected to the Board in 1997. He is a former chairman of the ACBL Board of Governors.

District 25 — DeMartino, Riverside CT, is an ACBL Grand LM who has taught bridge for more than 35 years. He was first elected in 2000. He is a former president and vice president of District 25.

All “change” please
By Sandy Friedman

Moving for the second round of the Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs on Friday, I spy a gently used tissue on my chair. I brush it away, play our Master Women’s Pairs on Friday, I spy a gently

Swiss stars compete for Keohane Trophy

Players competing in the six-section North American Swiss Teams are vying for the Keohane Trophy, donated by Eibel Keohane in 1973 in memory of her husband, William H. Keohane, one of the leading New England bridge personalities. Bill Keohane (1896-1972) was a consulting engineer, bridge teacher and bridge administrator. He served as chairman of the 1970 Summer NABC in Boston and for many years was chairman of the New England Individual Championship, consistently the largest individual in the world.

Keohane was elected in 1972 to a one-year term as the first District Director of the newly created District 25 (New England). He died later that year, just before he was to attend his first Board meeting.

The Keohane 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.

Previous winners:

1977 Neil Chamblin, Jim Donaldson, Bruce Ferguson, Clarence Gipper, John Scherner
1978 Barry Crane, Clinksy Cohen, Bob Keliae, Mike Smoelen, Charles Webb
1979 Hemmence Barom, R. Jay Becker, Paul Iwaska, Jim Robinson
1981 Ron Beall, Bob Fente, Ann Jacobson, Bob Thomison
1982 Gaylor Kasle, Gary Hayden, Garnet Snyder, Martha Becher, Daniel Ashley, Dave Treadwell
1983 Sylvia Summers, Mary Waken, Robert Badwin, Gene Simpson, Steve Stum
1984 Grant Baze, Rhoda Walsh, Lea duPont, Benito Giansozi
1985 Jack Coleman, Rhoda Walsh, Jim Jacoby, Gaylor Kasle, Gary Hayden
1986 Marc Jacobow, Jerry Silver, Jim McDonough, George Mittelman, Allan Graves
1987 Henry Bette, Kitty Bette, Alan Tressott, Dorothy Hayden Tressott
1988 John Zilic, David Siebert, Allan Siebert, Sylvia Summers, Paul Manaf
1989 Eugene Gardner, Kenneth Meyers, Ed Shapiro, Bruce Silversstein
1990 I-2. Larry Mori, Kitty Bette, Janiaah Chambers, Jim Robinson; I-2, George Rosenkranz, Miguel Reygadas, Gaylor Kasle, Gaylor Hayden, Roger Bates, John Grantham
1991 Keith Wilson, Gary Peterson, Dennis Hennahen, Ralph Letizia, Benton Wheeler
1992 Lewis Kaplan, Boris Baron, Geoff Hampson, Mark Molson, Mark Stein
1993 Alan LeBendig, Tom Clarke, Joe Quinn, Shawn O’Toole
1994 Jack Coleman, Drew Cannell, Mark Molson, Boris Baron, Mark Stein
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1996 Rita Rand, Gerard Caravelli, Arnie Fisher, Steve Gainer, Richard Colken
1997 John Malley, Dan Colatosti, Bill Hunter, Shime Michayajre
1998 Steve Bouct, John Oustott, Bobby Goldman, Mark Lair
1999 Neil Silverman, Jeffrey Wolfoss, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
2000 Mel Colchamiro, Janet Colchamiro, Betty Bloom, Steve Bloom, Steven Cooper, Kitty Munson Cooper
2001 Richard Correa, Billy Eisenberg, Larry Cohen, Drew Casen
2002 Mark Golden, Richard Zucker, Windorp Alegaart, Jaggly Shvidnamani, Mark Molson, Boris Baron

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All “change” please
By Sandy Friedman

Moving for the second round of the Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs on Friday, I spy a gently used tissue on my chair. I brush it away, play our boards and start moving for the next round.

As I get closer, I see a crumpled medicine wrapper on my seat. Not being shy, I ask the woman I am following* to please not leave anything else for me unless it’s money. The next round is called and, once again, I see some paper on my chair. This time I’m not upset since the note reads “Sorry” with a nickel on top. (Ulder Mutla, name used by permission)

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A newlywed – and a widow!  
By Karen Hammonds

(Adapted from a feature that appeared in New York Resident (August 25 and September 1, 2003.)

I am a newlywed and yet a widow – a bridge widow. My husband, Kelley, is a serious bridge player. He plays at least two nights a week and goes to weekend or week-long tournaments regularly. I knew about this other passion in his life when I married him. In fact, I was glad he spent some time away from home. Marrying for the first time at 40, I was used to having considerable “me” time, and I wanted to preserve some of it. But when the two of us were married, curiosity got the better of me. I signed up for a beginners’ bridge class to find out just what it was that had him so hooked on bridge – him and a lot of other people.

In search of the reason why all these people spend all this time on a card game, I signed up for a free instructional class offered by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and started to play once a week. And I have to say never.

At one of the places where my husband plays, I had no intention of playing with him, though. He’s too high up on the bridge ladder. And although any couple do play together, it can be an ill-advised, even dangerous undertaking. In one notorious case in Kansas City many years ago, a woman actually shot her husband after he bid poorly!

In any case, I probably couldn’t catch up to Kelley’s level of play. My goal was to make some sense of this strange language I overhear him speaking with his partners. Also, I often tag along when he goes to tournaments, and I feel a little like Cinderella waiting for him in the hotel bar. I decided it would be nice to actually participate.

Whist Class

I am an up-and-coming player to my first lesson, especially since my card-playing experience is pretty much limited to childhood games of Go Fish.

Fortunately, this club has an inviting, even soothing atmosphere: There are a few large rooms and several smaller ones filled with bridge tables. Big glass windows overlooking a courtyard let in lots of light, and a kitchen serves up sandwiches and salad. This is a place where you can settle in for hours, and in fact time seems to slow down here, in contrast to the warp speed of so much of Manhattan.

Most of the people at the club, and in my class, are over 50, so I’m a relative youngster. Jean Patterson, manager of marketing services for the ACBL, says the average age of players nationwide is around 60, which is actually younger than a few years ago. She hopes that number will continue to go down, and it just might, especially with the advent of online bridge, which is attracting a younger crowd.

About 60 percent of players are women. The 15 or so students in my class are all women.

Our teacher, Alene, is a veteran instructor who seems to live for bridge in a love-hate sort of way. Watching us play the first day, she observes to a younger crowd.

“We continue to learn a never-ending stream of new vocabulary: balanced hand, overtrick, partner, void, and on and on. And then there are the singletons, not to be confused with unmarried characters in bridge Jones’s Diary. I have a bad habit of referring to my singletons as ‘singleton.’

Back at home, Kelley complicates matters by teaching me hand signals for directing the dummy play. If I want the lowest card in the suit, he says, I can point my finger downward instead of actually naming the card. Or, if I want the highest card, I can flick my fingers away from me, as if brushing away crumbs. This game is nothing if not nuanced – who dreamt up all this stuff?

Doing My Bidding

Starting in week two, my class learns how to bid and develop game contracts. The number crunching involved gives me a headache. If I have 15 to 17 points and a balanced hand, I’m supposed to open with “one no trump.” If I have 13 to 21 points and a long suit, I’ll take a look at my hand and open a lesser suit if I must. My partner may pass, or bid two no trump, or two of a six-card long major suit if she has zero to eight points, or four of a long suit if… I glance at my classmates, wondering if anyone is getting this. They look pale. Alene assures us it will all soon be old hat.

I find bridge a bit like deconstructionist theory: I think I understand the rules when they’re explained to me, but then a few minutes later I realize I don’t at all. And then there are the demoralizing losses: In week seven, for instance, I lose control of a game and squander an ace of spades. I stare glumly at the table.

That’s when I get to know one of my foursome.

The club suit, and have to resist the urge to bid it when I shouldn’t. Even as a beginner, Kelley would never have fallen prey to this sort of temptation.

The Lure of the Deck

Around week nine, my classmates and I start going to “supervised play,” where there’s no formal instruction but club staffers are available to answer questions. Most of us do supervised play after class, with a break for lunch.

If someone had told me two months ago that I’d be spending an entire day every week at the bridge club, I wouldn’t have believed it, but here I am, eating tuna fish salad and catching up socially with my classmates. I feel a bit out of place at first because of my age, but the generational divide is not that big a deal, especially as we get to know one another. “We’re like a family now,” says one of my foursome.

As the 12-week course nears its finish, we start talking about who will continue with the next level of classes. I’m torn: On the one hand, I don’t have any great talent for this game, and I don’t like being bad at things. On the other, I’ve invested a fair amount of time learning it, and I want to reach a certain level of competence.

Stopping now would be a little like quitting French class when all you can say is “Nice to meet you” and “Where is the ladies’ room?” Besides, I have learned a few things: Those opening bids that seemed so daunting in week six have, as Alene promised, become old hat. It’s the second bids that are hard now.

“The game is addictive,” says my husband’s bridge partner. “There’s always something new to learn.” Plus there’s the mysterious lure of the deck, one that’s kept people playing card games for centuries.

I will, finally, appreciate the book, and try to find out what’s in that next hand, and the one after that, and the one after that.

When Alene sends us off into the “real” world of bridge, we feel like young birds pushed from the nest. Go out and practice, she says, but don’t try to play with the advanced players. “They’ll run the other way,” she warns. True, but with a little more practice, I can compete in the novice games when I tag along to tournaments. My days of bridge widowhood will soon be history.

And whether I continue with this game or not, I think Kelley and I are both happy that I now speak his “second language,” though haltingly. We can talk about what happened at bridge that day, what our partners did and said. I can also better appreciate his successes – and commiserate with his failures.

And did I say we’d never play together? Never say never.

Note: Karen Hammonds played in an IN game here at the New Orleans NABC. “I was married,” she says, “I think I kind of enjoyed it about half-way through.”

Karen and Kelley Hammonds
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He was playing the Roman Club system—he didn’t know anything about Standard American until he got back to the United States. He plays Standard American now, but he still prefers the Roman Club.

Nowadays Fisher’s life is bridge—he teaches and plays pro. It wasn’t always that way.

He majored in Slavic languages and literature in college. Back then he could converse in Czech, Bulgarian, Russian, Spanish, German, Hebrew and Gothic as well as English. But that was a long time ago—the only language besides English with which he is comfortable today is German.

He actually taught German and Russian at Temple University, but his interest suddenly turned to the graphic arts. For 10 years he was in the foreign language typsetting business, producing outstanding manuscripts in various languages, many of them religious like the Bible. When the business failed because of technological changes, he decided he had had enough of this nine-to-five life—he started teaching bridge in South Jersey in 1980.

He has had many successes at the bridge table. He has won seven North American championships and has finished second in three others. Earlier this month his team placed third in the Senior Bowl at Montreal. He also finished sixth in the World Senior Pairs last year in Montreal.

Bridge is not his only work. He and his wife Jeanne have a travel vacation business. They do tours to England and to the food and wine areas in Italy.

His usual partners are Fred Hamilton, P.O. Sundelin and Zeke Jabbour. He also enjoys Fred Paul as a partner.

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Helgemo of Norway is fourth with 190.

The top 25 Players of the Year contestants:
1. Michael Rosenberg 688.18
2. Zia Mahmood 684.82
3. Ralph Katz 630.76
4/5 Richard Freeman 611.47
4/5 Nick Nickell 611.47
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7. Kyle Larsen 556.40
8. Geoff Hampson 552.93
9. Lew Stansby 519.53
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13. Bob Hamman 498.63
14. Eric Rodwell 497.34
15. Larry Cohen 486.66
16. Chip Martel 475.89
17. Michael Seamon 453.03
18. Rose Meltzer 452.88
19. Fulvio Fantoni 448.32
20/21 Bjorn Fallenuis 443.24
20/21 Roy Welland 443.24
22. Dave Berkowitz 438.03
23. Eddie Wold 437.35
24. Peter Weichsel 420.78
25. Martin Fleischer 419.74

Caddymaster Jackie Matthews with Jonathan Sims, a caddy and basketball player at Loyola University here in New Orleans.

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English squad—Jack Mizel, Andrew McIntosh, John Armstrong and Paul Hackett—and a U.S.-Polish squad—Roy Welland-Bjorn Fallenuis, Zia Mahmood-Michael Rosenberg and Adam Zmudzinski-Cezary Balicki. Both teams have a score of 30.50 boards.

Only a half-board back at 30.00 is the team captained by Rose Meltzer (Kyle Larsen, Peter Weichsel-Alan Sontag and Lew Stansby-Chip Martel).

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flowers. Some money already has been raised as a result of the fund started by Mark Molson earlier this week. Those interested in making a donation here may give their money to either Henry Francis or Jody Latham in the Daily Bulletin office.

Kremer was an outstanding bridge player. A Diamond Life Master, he won the Master Mixed Teams in 1983, finished second in that event in 1981, placed second in the Life Master Men’s Teams in 1985 and was second in the Grand National Teams in 1973.

He had planned to play in the Reisinger this weekend with Deas, but he called her about a week ago to tell her he wouldn’t be able to make the trip. He did tax work in Spectacly where he was previously in business with Neil Chambers.

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won the Senior KO Teams and the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams in Phoenix last year and followed with a win in the United States Bridge Championships. Their team won bronze in the Bermuda Bowl earlier this month.

Morse is a Houston pharmacist who replaced Wolff as District 16 representative in 1993. He won the World Senior Teams in 2000 and has 10 North American championships, including all the major team championships, to his credit.

He was named ACBL Honorary Member in 1989.

Case 4
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The Committee next addressed the adjustment for each side. The Committee decided that for N/S they should be assigned the result for 3NT down two. They then considered whether E/W’s defense was so egregious as to constitute a “failure to play bridge,” and decided it was not. Most pairs, told that declarer showed a singleton club, would likely defend the same way E/W had no matter what their defensive methods. Therefore, the contract was changed for both sides to 3NT down two, +100 for E/W.

The Committee next considered the merit of the appeal and decided that it did have substantial merit. While the statements presented by N/S were not sufficient for a decision in their favor, N/S were entitled to make their case. The laws do not require written evidence in order to receive a favorable decision and the judgment of the sufficiency of the evidence could have been a close one.

Finally, North asked if he was supposed to volunteer information about the intended meaning of his 2NT bid once his side became the declarer. He was told that, according to law, a member of the declaring side must correct his partner’s mistaken explanation at the end of the auction (a defender must wait until the end of the hand) but need not disclose his own misbid.

As a matter of self-interest, though, a player ought to strongly consider explaining the intended meaning of his bid since if he doesn’t he risks an adverse score adjustment if he cannot convince a Director or Committee that his partner’s explanation was correct and the opponents are damaged either in the auction or the subsequent play. But if he explains his own understanding of his partner’s agreement at the end of the auction he will be able to keep his table result, good or bad, as long as the opponents’ binding was not affected and his volunteered explanation is sufficient to prevent damage during the play.

As a player, then, one must judge whether or not one will be able to convince the Director or Committee that it was your bid that was mistaken and not partner’s explanation. Since this is a tough case to make without written evidence (such as a notation on the convention card or system notes), a player will often be better off explaining his own understanding of a disputed call, regardless of which partner was mistaken.

DIC: Steve Bates
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William Keohane North American Swiss Teams Qualifiers

22 foreign players place in Blue Ribbon

Twenty-two players from seven foreign countries were among those who finished in the overall standings in the Blue Ribbon players. Norway had the most – eight – and of course one of them was the winner – Geir Helgemo.

Japanese pairs finished first and second in the Mixed Pairs on Thursday. A Swede was a member of the winning Turkey Swiss Teams. Players from England and Mexico finished on top in side games. As for the knockouts, Bermuda and Japan had both winners, two with each one from Mexico, Scotland and Japan.

Goodwill Message

Here’s a reminder that the preferred way to summon a tournament director is to raise your hand and say, “Director, please.” Remember to keep your hand raised so the director can find you.

Another Tench caddy

Sue Picus saw the item about Stan Tench and reminded him that she too had been one of his caddies and that she too is now eligible for Senior events.

IMP tactics article

The article on IMP tactics that appeared in a Daily Bulletin earlier this week was authored by Steve Gaynor. Thanks, Steve.

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REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH QUALIFIERS

1. George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Norberto Bocciolo, Milan Italy; Giuseppe Doria, Turin Italy
2. Jo Morse, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Haig Tchamitchian, Peoria AZ; Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA
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4. Malcolm Brachman, Dallas TX; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Eric Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA
5. Jack Mizel - McIntosh, Indianapolis IN; John Kranyak, New York NY; Joe Gray, Ukiah CA; David Pankratz, Reno NV
6. 5 4 2 1 David McIntyre - Tracey King, Oak Park MI; Louise Sunter, Wellsville NY; Helen Pawlowski, Westfield MA; Cyndi Prince, Huntington Beach CA
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2ND FRIDAY NIGHT TEAM-A-MATCH TEAMS

SECTION B-G RR

1. John Anderson - Jacqui Mitchell, New York NY; Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy
2. 2 1 Jeffrey Donald, Metairie LA; Doug Donald, Hoover AL; Om Garg - Lallie Garg, New Orleans LA; Joe Killough, Oklahoma City OK

2ND FRIDAY NIGHT SCHOOL PARES

SECTION A

1. Samuel Cruz - David Cypri, Ann Arbor MI
2. Howard Coty - Alan Marohn, Detroit MI
3. Halim Macauley - Cathy Patterson, Waterloo ON
4. Stephen Pargellis - Michael Macauley, Maple Ridge BC
5. Nathan Miller - Margaret Miller, Mobile AL
6. Katherine Myers - Bill McAvinue, Louisville KY

2ND FRIDAY EVENING BOARTD-A-MATCH TEAMS

SECTION G-B RR

1. John Brumfield - Larry Fedorczak, New Orleans LA; Clinton Hailey, Metairie LA; Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA
2. Mike Passell - Plano TX; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Eric Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA
3. Robert Geppert, Kansas City MO; Carl Spencer, Farmington NM; Robert Graber, Seabrook TX; Sharon Louvier, Seabrook TX
4. 4 2 1 Hiyam Vanderwilde - Robert Vanderwilde, Palm Desert CA; Michael Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA
5. 4 2 1 Andrew Tylman - Jennifer Swimmer, Toronto ON; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN; Diane Starbuck, Huntington Beach CA
6. 1 1 1 Om Garg - Lallie Garg, New Orleans LA; Joe Killough, Oklahoma City OK; John Armstrong, Ashbourne England; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland
7. 3 2 Shirley Dicks - John Dicks, St. Charles MO; Shirley Levy, Cincinnati OH; Bill McAvinue, Louisville KY
8. 3 2 Shirley Dicks - John Dicks, St. Charles MO; Shirley Levy, Cincinnati OH; Bill McAvinue, Louisville KY

FRIDAY NATIONAL 99ER PARES 2ND SESSION

AB C

1. Michael Arendse - Marilyn Frechling, New York NY; Karen Allison, Las Vegas NV; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy
2. 2 1 Helen Parthum - John Parks, Mt. Pleasant MI; Eva Deri - Thomas Deri, Nepean ON; Eva Deri - Thomas Deri, Nepean ON
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1. John Anderson - Jacqueline, Sherwood Forest, Springfield FL
2. 1 1 Shirley Levy, Cincinnati OH; Bill McAvinue, Louisville KY; Shirley Levy, Cincinnati OH; Bill McAvinue, Louisville KY
3. Brian Hough - Robert Parker, Kansas City MO
4. 3 2 1 James Kahn, Oakdale NY; Mimi Hendy, Las Vegas NV; James Kahn, Oakdale NY; Mimi Hendy, Las Vegas NV
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BRACKET 2 16 TEAMS

Mike Rice, William Salon NC; Ron Rice, Raleigh NC; Andrew Gannett, St. Petersburg FL; Michael Gentry, Charlotte NC

BRACKET 13 TEAMS

Thomas Mck, Brookline Park MN; Nancy Wick, Minneapolis MN; Mary Rindsel - Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN

THANKSGIVING ZIP KO TEAMS

22 Teams

4.85 1 Vauris, Ibica NY; Arnt Blix - Jonny Hansens, Halsen Norway; Paul Bethe, New York NY; Joe Gray, Ukiah CA; David Pankratz, Reno NV
4.85 1 Joe Gray - John Kranyak, New York NY; Svtlana Grimenkovka, Brooklyn NY; Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL
4.85 1 Karl Miller, Tampa FL; Amy Peterson - Robert Hed; Bob Soni, Tadalasair FL
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NEIL HANLON - Anita Carlson - Kay Enfield - Beatrice Bridges, Santa Fe NM; William Nabors, Cloquet Spgs CO

BRACKET 3 TEAMS

John Anderson - Jan Graham - Gary Graham, Baton Rouge LA; Bob Ayers, Shreveport LA

BRACKET 1 TEAMS


OLYMPIC BRIDGE TEAM WORKSHOP

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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Sunday, November 30, 10 a.m.

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