



Daily Bulletin

Honolulu, Hawaii

79th Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Meet your TDs

This is part of a series of profiles of tournament directors working at the NABCs.



David Cotterman vividly remembers the first time he worked at an NABC. He was new to the Intermediate/Newcomer section and working alongside some of the best – Ron Johnston,

Betty Bratcher, Alice Kinningham and Edith McMullin.

Cotterman remembers watching Bratcher, who let tickets from several different sections pile up at her table without entering a single one. As the last round started, Bratcher tackled the tickets from the entire game to that point – and had the one-round-to-go printouts ready for the players before the final round ended.

He remembers thinking, “I don’t know if I’m going to be able to do this.”

Fortunately for the ACBL, Cotterman didn’t give up and now is one of the most valuable members of the NABC team. He and his wife, Judy, also a TD, are key members of the tournament staff, and David is the expert’s expert in situations requiring mechanical skills.

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Lynch squad leads in NA Swiss Teams

The team led by Carolyn Lynch will take a carryover of 30 victory points into today’s semifinal matches of the North American Swiss Teams. That total is 11.32 better than the team in second place.

Lynch’s squad is Dennis Dawson, Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen.

In second place is the Darwin Afdahl team (Kay Afdahl, Jim Gordon and Nadine Wood), followed closely by Piotr Tyszynski, Apolinary Kowalski, Farid Assemi and Ed Wojewoda.

Goodwill message

Here’s a reminder that the preferred way to call a tournament director is to raise your hand and say, “Director, please.”

Also: keep your hand up so the director will know where to find you.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



8500 tables in sight

The table count of the Fall NABC is 7518 going into Friday evening’s play. The figure after Sunday’s events is expected to be about 8500 tables.

Tournament has been smooth sailing

Organizing and running an NABC can be daunting. Six years ago, holding an NABC in



Tournament Chair Busaba Williams is pleased with the tournament.

Hawaii was talked about by local planners.

“We didn’t think we could handle it,” said Busaba Williams, Tournament Chair. “I met with (former) ACBL Meeting Planner Nancy Foy two and one-half years ago, and she told us to get

ready because it was coming anyway.”

Williams was asked by the local Unit 470 board to serve as chair. “I told them I would do it with one condition,” she said. “It would have to be run by a group. We formed a 21-member steering committee and put our heads together. We’ve been working at a fast pace for the past two and one-half years.

“We’re very organized. Our group followed a timeline and chose committee chairs at the right time. I was fortunate that all the people I asked said yes. The chairs recruited their own committee members and delegated the work. That’s why you see the workers smiling and happy,” she said.

Almost all the feedback has been positive, according to Williams. The tournament has been mostly smooth sailing. Nothing that is serious has gone wrong and the weather, as expected, has cooperated.

“We bribed the weather gods,” joked Williams.

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O’Rourke leads in Reisinger Teams

The team captained by Lou Ann O’Rourke held a slim lead after two qualifying sessions of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, just ahead of the team led by Jacek Pszczola.

The event will be pared to 10 teams for Sunday’s final.

O’Rourke is playing with Marc Jacobus, Eric Greco-Geoff Hampson and Norberto Bocchi-Giorgio Duboin.

Pszczola’s team is Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue and Gary Cohler.

Important note

In 2007, Marriott hotels will host each of the NABCs, in St. Louis, Nashville and San Francisco. Smoking is not permitted inside any of these hotels, including guest rooms.

Wan and Xiong dominate 99er Pairs



Shen Wan and Yihan Xiong won the National 99er Pairs yesterday.

A married couple, Shen Wan and Yihan Xiong, had two strong sessions to take the National 99er Pairs. They had 65.18% in the afternoon and followed that up with a 65.48% to win going away.

“We knew we had a good

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Tournament Director Jackie Matthews, center, poses with a group of caddies, all sporting tee shirts advertising “Jackie Forever 2 – Hawaiian Boogaloo.” Some of the caddies, according to Matthews, are retiring after the Fall NABC, and the tee shirts are to be a remembrance of their time in Honolulu. Matthews said many bridge players chipped in with cash and air miles so that the caddies could make it to Hawaii (they are used to driving to tournaments), and District 9 had a tip jar at all tournaments to take donations for the caddies’ trips to the Fall NABC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

<p>Sunday, Nov. 26 Vugraph of Reisinger Teams. <i>Location: Honolulu Suites</i></p>	<p>6 - 11:30 p.m. Vugraph of Reisinger Teams. <i>Location: Honolulu Suites</i></p>
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Be sure to go to these free expert lectures. They can be heard in the South Pacific Ballroom.

<p>12:45 p.m. Jade Barrett <i>The learning curve</i> 7:15 p.m. Jeff Roman <i>So you've filled out a convention card</i></p>	<p>Saturday, Nov. 25</p>
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DAILY ENTERTAINMENT - CORAL LOUNGE

Abe Lagrimas, Jr. Saturday at 5 p.m.
 Abe Lagrimas was born in the U.S. territory of Guam. He came from a musical family, and started playing the drums at the early age of 4. Abe recorded a CD with his progressive island jam band, "Akamai Brain Collective" (ABC). ABC has received radio airplay in stations across the U.S. as well as in Japan and gained a spot as a nominee in the 2004 Hawaii Music Awards. In February of 2004, less than a year after Abe began playing the ukulele, he received an endorsement deal from the Ko'olau Ukulele Company. In 2005, Abe released his first album as a solo artist. The album, entitled "Dimensions," is a representation of Abe's musical skills performing drums, ukulele, vibes, guitar, and also showcases his abilities as a composer with 10 original pieces.

Abe has been nominated for a Na Hoku Hanohano Award (Hawaiian Grammy Award) in the Most Promising Artist category. Abe now currently resides on Oahu and is one of Hawaii's most in-demand musicians.

The Honolulu Boy Choir - Saturday at 7 p.m.
 The Honolulu Boy Choir is called the Young Ambassadors of music and culture. They were formed in 1974 for boys of ages seven to 14. The Choir provides a musical performance experience for boys that embraces cultural diversity. Their performances give an outstanding vocal quality and highly disciplined performance.
Food @ 11 p.m. Mini-turkey sandwich.

PLANNED GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Hospitality Committee has planned a number of group tours:

<p>9 a.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, Nov. 25 The Queen's Walking Tour of Waikiki's Historic Trail (two hours, free)</p>
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Shannon Cappelletti is one of the celebrity speakers presented in the South Pacific Ballroom twice daily. See above for today's schedule.

Expert play

<p>Dlr: South ♠ 10 8 6 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K 10 4 3 2 ♣ K 9</p>	<p>♠ K 4 ♥ J 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ J 10 7</p>
<p>♠ J 9 5 3 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ A 8</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 6 5 4 3 2</p>

On this deal from the first semifinal session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, a normal auction would see East-West compete to 2♠ or 2♦, so North-South might well bid up to 3♣.

Consider a 3♣ contract on the lead of a low spade to the 6, king and ace.

Declarer needs to build a quick discard for that spade loser, and the natural play is a diamond. To hold a club contract to nine tricks, West must hop up with the ♦A and shift to the ♠J, locking declarer in hand and preventing him from drawing trumps. On any other defense, declarer pitches his spade (be it a winner or loser) on the ♦K, then exploits the favorable lie in hearts and clubs to make 10 tricks.

Hawaii for Dummies

Hawaii's people come from everywhere. Too many, some think, decide to stay here permanently.

And they are different from each other. There are the white-skinned Caucasians, called "haoles" (HOW-les).

Then the browner-skinned: Filipinos, Hawaiians, Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, etc.

The Hawaiians come in two ways: native Hawaiians having 50% of more Hawaiian blood, and native Hawaiians with less than 50% .

If you've lived here for a long, long time, you might regard yourself as a kamaaina (ka-ma-EYE-na), literally a "child of the land." Usually you must have a sense of "belonging-ness" here, too, before you become a kamaaina."

Then there are the "locals." They were born and raised here. And their skin is browner. A haole rarely can be considered to be a "local."

No reason for it. It's just the way it is. Period!

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Lots of pidgin is still spoken in Hawaii. It's a delightful way to speak, and it helps people better understand what each other are saying.

Pidgin (actually, the experts say it is "Creole") probably originated in Hawaii when so many people from so many different countries came to live and work here, and needed some device to communicate with each other.

But you must be careful with pidgin. It must have come to you naturally as you lived, grew up, and worked here.

If pidgin wasn't part of your family and ethnic background, it's best you don't use it, at least in public. You won't sound authentic. Often, a pidgin-speaking, native-born person will take your attempt at pidgin as a sign that you are talking down to them. Not too cool.



It's a Teddy!

The Japanese Contract Bridge League has provided a number of teddy bear key chains for the tournament. If you visit the Partnership Desk and are matched up with someone – and the two of you scratch in your event, go back to the Partnership Desk, and each of you will receive a key chain.

Post-game bar service

The bars in the Hilton Hawaiian Village usually close at 11:30 p.m. and have been reluctant to stay open later for post-game service. Tournament officials have negotiated with the hotel and they have agreed to keep the Tapa Bar open until 12:30 a.m. provided there is sufficient business, and with these two conditions: There will be no smoking in or around the bar, and no outside beverages will be brought into the bar. These conditions are mandated by Hawaii state laws. Tournament officials request your assistance in meeting them.

Calling all new Life Masters

Michael Mikyska of Los Angeles is a new Gold Life Master. To achieve that rank a player must earn 2500 masterpoints. Mikyska made it playing with his wife Catherine Podolsky in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Robert Ewigleben of Albion MI advanced to Silver Life Master. He topped the 1000 masterpoint plateau with his wife, Jayne Ewigleben, in the Morning KO Teams on Friday.

Players who earn Life Master status here in Honolulu, please report in to the Daily Bulletin office located in Iolani Suite 1, second floor of the Tapa Tower. Your hometown, name and hometown of partner or teammates, the event in which you earned your gold card and how many and what kind of points you needed should be included.

Masterpoint disclaimer

Scores as reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Are you selling out too cheap?

By Pat Harrington

What does North know after hearing this auction?

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	?		

East-West have a fit in hearts, and each is minimum for the bidding. It is possible that West has only 13 high-card points and East has only 6. Partner, South, had no appropriate action over 2♥, but South could some high-card values.

What can South do holding:

♠A2 ♥972 ♦AK72 ♣QJ54?

The only choice is to pass. It is possible that North-South actually have more HCP than East-West, or the HCP could be evenly split between the pairs. When your opponents have an eight-card fit, it is likely (but not guaranteed) that your side also has an eight-card fit. Give either East or West an extra heart, making a nine-card fit, and now it is mathematically impossible for North-South to not have a fit!

Just because your opponents got the first word in, they should not necessarily have the last word – at least not at the lowly two level. When North's pass will leave East-West playing in their fit at the safe and comfortable two level, North should spring into action.

Depending on distribution, North can overcall or make a takeout double. Here are some hands you might hold after the above auction:

♠A765 ♥83 ♦K93 ♣Q1054

You are not very strong, but partner is marked with strength. With support for all unbid suits, make a balancing takeout double.

♠A9 ♥764 ♦K6 ♣J107432

You can balance with a 3♣ overcall.

♠K3 ♥K854 ♦642 ♣A742

With length in hearts, you know partner was very short in hearts but still was unable to find a bid. This makes it more likely that your opponents are close to having a game, so you need not stretch to bid. Pass.

♠64 ♥97 ♦K10965 ♣AQ72

You could make a balancing overcall of 3♦, but it's risky with five not-so-strong diamonds. You will give yourself more safety if you can offer partner a choice of either minor. A good agreement is to use 2NT here as a takeout for the minors. You could even use this bid if you changed a low diamond to a low heart. This is something like the Unusual 2NT convention, but your hand need not be as distributional and you need not jump in balancing seat.

You might be less aggressive at balancing in a team game scored by IMPs because you could

give up a big minus if you are doubled and vulnerable. But it can be costly to sell out cheap at IMPs. If you let the opponents play in 2♥ to score minus 110 at your table and your teammates' opponents balance and make 2♠, your net loss is minus 220, which converts into a loss of 6 IMPs. A couple of 6-IMP losses can easily lose a match for you.

Don't sell out at the two level when your opponents have a fit. You can balance aggressively without that many HCP when the opponents have a fit, but make sure that you are balancing in a "fit" auction, as in the following:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass			

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠			

If North doubles now, it is takeout for hearts and clubs.

If your opponents don't have a fit, you are less likely to have a fit. We don't balance as aggressively in non-fit auctions. You can still bid with the right hand, but be more cautious about reopening the bidding on the following "non-fit" auctions:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠			

East could have length in any suit but not enough strength to bid at the two level. If you bid East's long suit, you could be in trouble.

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	

It's possible East-West have a club fit, but there is no guarantee of that.

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass			

This is a preference auction, not a fit auction. It is very likely that East-West are playing in a seven-card spade suit. They don't have a fit, and you might not either.

Balancing can improve your results. You might make a partscore, you might go down but give up less than the value of the opponents' partscore, you might push your opponents one level too high. Add this tactic to your bidding arsenal to improve your results. But balance aggressively only when the auction tells you that the opponents have a fit.



This cartoon is from Jude Goodwin's new book, "Go Ahead, Laugh", published by Master Point Press. The book is available from bridge suppliers and major bookstores.



IN TOP 100

Leading masterpoint winners in the IN section through Friday.

1	15.91	Clair Kretschmann, Livingston TX
2	15.68	Jerome Williams, Westerville OH
3	15.23	Patricia Montgomery, Honokaa HI
4	15.19	Marlene Gottfried, University Pl WA
5	14.93	Shannon Minne, Santa Barbara CA
6	14.93	Stephen Minne, Santa Barbara CA
7	14.64	Anki Arvmyren, Stockholm Sweden
8	14.64	Leif Arvmyren, Stockholm Sweden
9	13.86	Veda Mason, Richmond CA
10	13.52	Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI
11	12.88	Julie Abrahams, Tucson AZ
12	12.88	Barry Abrahams, Tucson AZ
13	11.78	Robert Lumbert, Severn MD
14	11.63	Therese Kemp, Kaneohe HI
15	10.36	Morris Mitchem Jr, Columbia SC
16	10.04	Stosh Anderson, Kodiak AK
17	10.04	Claudia Anderson, Kodiak AK
18	9.94	Stephen Oldfather, Honokaa HI
19	9.83	Rodica Elena Cailean, Santa Clara CA

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Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: West
Vul: E-W

♠ J 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ 9 7 3
♣ K 6 5 4 3

♠ K 10 4 3
♥ 7
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ Q 10 9 7

♠ 9 8 7 6 5
♥ 8 3 2
♦ A J 8
♣ 8 2

♠ A Q
♥ A K 9 6 5 4
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A J

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♦K

Bidding commentary: West's passed-hand takeout double shows 9-11 HCP plus heart shortness. South's hand, though powerful, is somewhat diminished because the ♠K appears to be with West given the double. On the plus side, South adds 3 extra points for a supported six-card suit and has enough to bid game.

Defensive commentary: West continues with a low diamond at trick two and East cashes the ♦A and ♦J before shifting to a spade.

Play commentary: After the opponents cash

three diamonds, East exits with a spade. As South, you should not consider the spade finesse given the bidding and those clubs in dummy which can be set up easily enough. Finesses are for peasants when there is a long suit in the dummy. The trick is to set up the long suit at once before depleting dummy's entries, and don't forget to count the suit you are establishing! You have seven clubs, they have six. After you play the ♣A and a club to the king, they have two clubs left. Ruff a club, and when East shows out, they have one club left. Enter dummy with a trump and ruff another club, setting up dummy's last club. Now draw trumps, ending in dummy and discard your ♠Q on dummy's remaining club. Good work!

Tournament Chair

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“We chanted and prayed and blew the conch.”

Williams expressed disappointment that the entertainment has not been better attended.

“We got the best of the best from the Islands for entertainment,” she said, “but the show times were not good because of the playing schedule and because the players are doing other things such as sightseeing, swimming, etc.”

One of the big successes has been the Intermediate/Newcomer section. According to Williams, the tournament steering committee put an emphasis on the IN program to make it fun. It was also supported by the Hawaii Contract Bridge Units Association, an organization that runs regional tournaments in Hawaii.

“The players in there are enjoying it so much,” said Williams. “They are in there playing their hearts out.”

The Bridge+ program was also considered a success. It was free and promoted for first-time duplicate players.

“We wanted to increase the awareness of local party bridge players,” said Williams, “and show them how much fun duplicate bridge is. It was very successful – the playing room was full.”

Williams had praise for all the committee chairs. She felt that without their hard work, the tournament would not have been so successful.

Williams also thanked the support of the Japanese Contract Bridge League. “They had their registration and support desk to make the Japanese players feel welcome,” she said.

Williams offered thanks for Jerry Keller and Leroy Donaldson of Baltimore MD and local Edith Neff, all of whom helped with the partnership desk along with partnership chairs Jack and Carita Miller. As of Friday, they had matched up 650 players.

Williams thanked Jeff Taylor, Sue Kroning and Carol and Guy Monroe, District 20 officials who helped out.

Jeff Johnston, who took over as meeting planner when Foy resigned, was described as “easy going” by Williams. “Jeff is a magician. He and his crew always make it happen,” she added.

Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye was praised by Williams for his help with the international players. “He helped to make them feel comfortable,” she said.

Peg Cundiff is a “wonderful teacher,” Williams said. “I heard only positive things about her.”

Aileen Osofsky was described as a “warm and kind person. She is a role model for us to follow,” said Williams.

“We also want to thank CEO Jay Baum,” Williams said. “Every time we asked, he gave us his time.”

When asked if she is looking forward to having another NABC in Hawaii, Williams said, “Right now we just want to catch our breath. It’s been fun, but all of us worked hard.”

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants’ behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.



The Freed team was second in the Senior Knockout Teams: seated, Jim Tritt, Gene Freed, Fred Hamilton; standing Arnold Fisher, Tony Kasday and Paul Ivaska.

Senior KO decided on last deal

The score was tied in the Senior Knockout Teams after 63 boards. This is the final deal that decided the event. At one table, North-South (for the Kaminsky team) stopped in 3♠ and made four for plus 170. This was the replay at the other table.

Dlr: West ♠ K 6 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ J
 ♦ Q J 6 5
 ♣ Q 10 9 5 3

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

♠ Q J 10 9 7 5
 ♥ 9 6 4
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ 2

West	North	East	South
Levit	Fisher	Romik	Hamilton
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	4♣	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

If Levit had led a heart, the game would make easily. Even if East shifts to a trump, declarer can ruff one heart in dummy and score 10 tricks via five spades, four diamonds and one ruff.

Levit led the ♣A. “I wanted to get a look at dummy,” Yeshayahu Levit said later. When he saw the singleton heart, he shifted to the ♠A and another spade won by the 6 in dummy. The declarer, Fred Hamilton, led the ♥J and Pinhas Romik ducked! This was necessary to allow Levit to win the trick to lead a third round of trumps. Down 50 was worth 6 IMPs to the winning Amos Kaminski team (Kaminski, Yeshayahu Levit, Pinhas Romik, George

Mittelman and Melih Ozdil).

According to Deep Finesse, declarer could have made the contract after winning the third trick in dummy with the ♠6. Instead of leading the ♥J, he can lead the ♣Q and ruff when East covers with the king. Declarer can then return to dummy with the ♠K and advance the ♣10. East has to cover that as well, and the ♣9 is now North-South’s tenth trick. In fact the fifth club in dummy is also a winner, and declarer would make 11 tricks.

No calls, please

Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.



Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

Volunteers needed

The ACBL and Bridgebase online will broadcast the final two days of the Reisinger BAM teams. Volunteers are needed for all sessions Saturday and Sunday. Sign up in Iolani I in the Tapa Tower, second floor, and get a front row seat to an exciting bridge event.

Season's Greetings

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 Host to 30,000 Regional tables a year.



It's time to check your 2007 calendar and plan to play in the biggest and best tournaments of the year. All Mid-Atlantic regionals offer loads of bracketed knockouts, senior events, and exciting Intermediate/Newcomer schedules and lectures. Then there's our true calling card: hospitality, with gifts, prizes, food and drink throughout the week.

Charleston, SC — Dec. 26-Jan. 1, Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center (843) 747-1882. Happy New Year! Host hotel is sold out, but plenty of excellent alternatives are nearby. Chair: Lindsey Butler (843) 881-0818, blindsey730@bellsouth.net. Housing: Anne Iokarczyk (843) 556-5043, iokarcab@comcast.net.

Wilmington, NC — Feb. 19-25, Hilton Riverside (910) 763-5900. Enjoy an early spring and the countless shops and restaurants in the restored, renewed downtown area, near historic Cape Fear. Co-chair: David Klein (910) 763-4079, klein4@earthlink.net.

Gatlinburg, TN — April 9-15, Convention Center. Not just another regional, this perennially record-setting tournament is a “national.” Complete schedule and suggested accommodations are in the January ACBL Bulletin. Co-chair: Marlene Wass (865) 966-3292, mpwass@yahoo.com.

Richmond, VA — May 22-28, Holiday Inn Koger Center (804) 379-3800. The ACBL's largest Memorial Day tournament. Excellent site convenient by air or interstate. Co-chair: Jacki Shuman (804) 307-4304, richmondregional@aol.com.

Greenville, SC — June 11-17, Hyatt Regency (864) 235-1234. One of our nicest venues, with loads of shops and restaurants a short walk away in a revitalized downtown Greenville. Co-chair: Jim Villanueva (864) 322-6153, jaimpvillanueva@aol.com.

North Bethesda, MD — July 2-8, Bethesda North Marriott (301) 822-9200. New hotel, new location, new schedule, with plenty of options for daytime and nighttime players. Co-chair: Nadine Wood (301) 565-9555, woodnhere@comcast.net.

Hunt Valley, MD — Aug. 13-19, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (410) 785-7000. The countryside outside of Baltimore is a major annual draw for bridge players up and down the East Coast. Chair: Patricia Wilson (410) 825-7579, valleybridg@cs.com.

Atlanta, GA — Aug. 28-Sept. 3, Crown Plaza Ravinia (770) 395 7700. One of our most popular venues, with scores of nearby restaurants and shops and 3,000 tables every Labor Day. Chair: Jack Feagin (404) 252-9246, jfeagin2@bellsouth.net.

Charlotte, NC — Oct. 22-28, Hilton Charlotte University Place (704) 547 7444. Wonderful property and setting just east of a thriving and increasingly cosmopolitan city. Co chair: Len Case (704) 992-0397, lencase@carolina.rr.com.

Virginia Beach, VA — Nov. 5-11, Cavalier Hotel (757) 425-8555. Play bridge and enjoy the ocean view as you turn dummy. Great hospitality, including on site complimentary suppers. Co chair: Carol Guy (757) 481-0990, cmguy1@verizon.net.

Myrtle Beach, SC — Dec. 26-Jan. 1, Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes (843) 449-8880. Begin 2008 on one of the nation's most popular beaches. New resort gets rave reviews. Co chair: Evelyn Brandon (843) 449 3279, ebrandon@sc.rr.com.

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NABC Diary



Lost and found (#\$!&!!)

One of the top players at this tournament is much more adept at managing his tricks than other details of life.

During the Blue Ribbon Pairs final on Thanksgiving Day, his wife had a story to tell between rounds while kibitzing.

It seems that the wife and Mr. X were both traveling to Verona, Italy, for the World Bridge Championships in June. The wife left early for another country and was to meet her hubby in Milan, where the two of them would travel to the tournament venue.

The wife left instructions for the husband to pack for her so she didn't have to take so much on the first leg of her journey. There were specific instructions about casual attire, plus some nicer duds for evening wear and the opening ceremonies of the big tournament.

A week or so later, the two met in Milan and made their way to Verona.

At the hotel, Mrs. X opened the suitcase – and found some sneakers, blue jeans and shorts. No evening clothes. The husband was aghast.

“Someone must have stolen them,” he said.

Over the next couple of days, Mrs. X spent time wondering who in the world might steal her clothes, not to mention also being occupied filling out forms and reports and sitting in police stations feeling like a criminal herself.

Once the tournament was over, the two went their separate ways, she back to visit her children again and he back home to America.

While she was still overseas, one day she received a call from home. It was hubby. The “stolen” clothes were right where he left them – on the bed. It seems he had planned to put them in the suitcase last so that they wouldn't be too wrinkled, but he forgot.

The one plus from the misadventure, according to Wifey, was that she got a new evening dress in Verona so she could be presentable for the opening ceremonies. Then again, she added, “I really wasn't in the mood for shopping.”

In awe

A woman visited the partnership desk in the Intermediate/Newcomer area near the end of the NABC. She told the partner makers that she had one masterpoint.

“Well,” they said, pointing to a nearby player, “how about this gentleman? He has five masterpoints.”

“Oh, no,” said the woman, “he is way too experienced for me.”

Perspective

Speaking of masterpoints, Jim Miller of the ACBL staff was manning the company store when a woman came up and started talking to him. At one point, she asked, “Are you one of those people with a lot of masterpoints?”

Miller said there were many players at the NABC with more. At that point, Chris Compton, who has a few North American Championships to his credit, walked up.

“Here's a man with lots of masterpoints,” said Miller, introducing Compton.

The woman looked at Compton and asked, “How many mastertpoints do you have?”

“About 19,000,” he said.

After thinking it over for a second, the woman said, “I guess that's a lot.”

Out of balance

A player who would rather remain anonymous reported on every player's nightmare – balancing the opponents into the spot they couldn't get to on their own. It happened in Bracket VI of Thursday's Compact Knockout Teams.

This was South's hand:

♠ – ♥AK 9 8 7 4 ♦K Q 9 7 4 ♣7 4.

This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	
1♠	2♥	3♥	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠ (!!)	All Pass

At least they didn't double or – worse – push them to their cold grand slam. After the opening lead, West quickly claimed all 13 tricks.

He had an edge

Among the sponsors for the Fall NABC was Dick Lanke, who runs a local bridge club with his wife, Karen. To recognize his contributions to bridge in Hawaii, the organizers of the NABC named one of the morning knockout teams in his honor.

On Friday, the winner of the Dick Lanke Morning Knockout Teams, Bracket 1, was none other than . . .the Dick Lanke team!

Get your J's right

Judi Radin notes that in the list of Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams firsts and seconds published in the Friday Daily Bulletin, the Solodar on the runner-up team was not John – it was Judi.

Birthday, part 8

There was a rumor circulating that Zia Mahmood was holding a raffle to raise funds for aging tournament directors. First prize: a session of bridge with Chief TD and Birthday Boy Rick Bey. Second prize: two sessions.

Who needs trumps?

Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes were impressed with the quality of the field in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, which they won by about a board (38 top) on Thursday. On the following three deals from the final, they eschewed 10-card major suit fits to play game in notrump – and they were very right every time.

The first is from the first final session (hands rotated for each deal).

Dlr: West	♠ K Q 5 2		
Vul: N-S	♥ 10 9 8 7 3		
	♦ 3 2		
	♣ K J 5		
	♠ A 10 4	♠ 9 8 7 6 3	
	♥ Q 6	♥ K	
	♦ 8	♦ K J 10 9 7 4	
	♣ Q 9 7 6 4 3 2	♣ 10	
	♠ J		
	♥ A J 5 4 2		
	♦ A Q 6 5		
	♣ K J 5		

West	North	East	South
3♣	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After West's preemptive action, it's tough to get to the 10-card heart fit, plus Fantoni (South) wanted to protect his club holding, so he simply bid game, relying on partner for something in spades. Nunes, a good partner, did just that.

West led a club into the tenace, and Fantoni played the ♠J. West won and played another spade, taken in dummy. When he played a heart, the appearance of the king made life easy. Later, with a count of the opponents' hands, Fantoni took a diamond finesse for 11 tricks and a huge score.

The next two deals are from the second final session and occurred on the first two rounds. (See hand in next column)

West led a diamond to the queen and ace. Fantoni played on spades, West ducking once. Fantoni later guessed the ♥Q (East discarded hearts at one point) to take 11tricks and 30 out of 38 matchpoints.



Drew Casen and Jim Krekorian were second in the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: South	♠ K J 10 4 3 2		
Vul: N-S	♥ A J 10		
	♦ 3		
	♣ A 5 3		
	♠ A 6	♠ 7	
	♥ Q 8 6 2	♥ 9 7 4	
	♦ 9 7 2	♦ K Q 10 8 6 4	
	♣ Q J 9 2	♣ K 8 7	
	♠ Q 9 8 5		
	♥ K 5 3		
	♦ A J 5		
	♣ 10 6 4		
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	3♦	Pass
All Pass			3NT

Finally:			
Dlr: South	♠ 6 4 2		
Vul: Both	♥ J 10 3 2		
	♦ A 6 2		
	♣ A J 9		
	♠ A 7 3	♠ 5	
	♥ 8 6 5	♥ 9 7 4	
	♦ K 7 5 4 3	♦ J 9 8	
	♣ Q 6	♣ K 10 8 5 3 2	
	♠ K Q J 10 9 8		
	♥ A K Q		
	♦ Q 10		
	♣ 7 4		

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT (2)

(1) Artificial but could be natural with clubs, or balanced or with a spade fit.

(2) Showing 17-plus high-card points, usually with 5-3-3-2 shape.

With his 4-3-3-3 pattern and Fantoni showing a balanced hand, Nunes judged that notrump was the best spot.

When West started proceedings with a low diamond, Fantoni had 11 easy tricks and 36.5 out of 38 matchpoints.

Child care

Child care is available daily at the 2006 Fall NABC – from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

There are field trips, pizza parties and sleepovers.

Contact Donna Compton, Tapa Tower, Room 1546 for more information.



Lost and found

Lost items have been turned into the Daily Bulletin office. There is a cell phone and a pair of glasses that reportedly belong to a member of the Monette team from one of the KOs. The office is located in the Iolani Suite II. The hotel also has a lost and found. Dial 54 and ask guest services to connect you.

Cotterman

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Repairing printers is, in fact, one of his areas of expertise.

“One time they gave me seven broken printers,” Cotterman says, “and three boxes of parts – and I gave them back 10 working printers.”

Cotterman learned bridge in the Fifties while still in high school. Later, when he was dating Judy before their marriage in 1963, the two of them played with her parents.

He recalls being talked into going to a sectional with Judy and her parents. “We were the only team out of 46 not to win a match,” he remembers.

That meant they had to go to another tournament, Cotterman recalls, and it was at the next one that he discovered the other aspect of bridge – directing.

He happened to spot some TDs working one of the old recap sheets – each score entered by hand, with matchpointing done the same way. “That looks like a lot of fun,” Cotterman remembers thinking, somewhat disappointed that the TDs didn’t allow him to get involved – he didn’t think it was all that relevant that he didn’t know how to do it.

He later took a TD course at an NABC in Chicago, where he had his first experience with the IN games.

Cotterman is ideally suited to his job at NABCs (he has been a full-time TD about two years), and he especially enjoys working in the services area (less directing, more setup and behind-the-scenes work). “It’s like catnip,” he says.

He retired in 2001 after 39-plus years with Delphi (an electronics firm), working for a long period as an engineer then being assigned to take care of a budget exceeding \$500 million a year – “and I could tell you where every dollar was spent.”

From their home base in Kokomo IN – David is a third generation native of that city – the Cottermans run sectionals and work at regionals and NABCs.

When they are not involved with bridge, they enjoy spending time with the family – three children and “eleven and a half grandchildren.”

Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents — and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty.

In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants’ behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.



Tournament Director Alice Kinningham, who is retiring, is presented with flowers by National TD Tom Whitesides. “It’s because I have bosses like this that makes my decision to retire so hard,” said Kinningham.

Technique, part 2

Steve Robinson dropped by the Daily Bulletin office to make a point about a deal that appeared in the second Friday edition.

Dlr: North ♠ K 4 3

Vul: N-S ♥ A 9 4

♦ 2

♣ A Q J 10 8 3

♠ Q 8 5

♥ J 10 5

♦ Q 10 8 7

♣ 7 6 2

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 7 6 3

♦ J 6 5 3

♣ 9 4

♠ A J 7 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ A K 9 4

♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

The grand slam in notrump has no legitimate play if East-West defend properly, and Robinson wanted to provide a tip for defenders to help them know what to keep.

What it boils down to is the adage, “keep what you can see.”

After West leads the ♥J, taken in hand by South, declarer starts running the club suit. East should try to keep parity with dummy, so he discards one heart, leaving him with two, and three diamonds.

West is counting South’s hand, and he knows that South has four spades (from the bidding), two clubs (from the play), three hearts (from East’s lone discard in that suit) and therefore four diamonds.

South must make discards on clubs also – four of them – so West (making only three discards) watches what South pitches, likely two hearts, a spade and a diamond. So long as West keeps parity with what South is known to hold, the defenders will take the tricks they have coming to them.

Section tops

Prizes are given to players who top their section or win events. These can be picked up at the section top desk, manned by Dick Towne and his group of volunteers. The desk is open 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The prize desk is located outside the Coral Ballroom near the escalators to the IN area. Please wait until the day after you win as *The Daily Bulletin* is used to verify winners.



Cash and carry?

While David Berkowitz played the following deal in the first final session of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, he kept asking himself the same question over and over.

First things first (hands rotated).

♠ 8

♥ J 8 7 6

♦ A K 10 4 3

♣ A 9 2

♠ A K 10 4

♥ Q 10 9

♦ 9

♣ Q 10 8 6 3

Berkowitz does not wish to recount the auction that ended with him in 3♥ as South.

At any rate, the opening lead was the ♥4. East took some time before finally playing the ♥2.

Berkowitz studied the dummy for some time, trying to decide on his line of play. One option was a crossruff – he did have the necessary singletons and aces in the two hands.

One of the principles of the crossruff is to cash your outside winners early so that an opponent cannot make discards while you are ruffing back and forth and later ruff your winner.

At trick two, Berkowitz led a diamond to dummy’s ace, then cashed the king. LHO followed with the ♦Q and ♦J. Time to cash the ♣A before something bad happened to it? Berkowitz thought it could wait.

Next came a diamond ruff with the ♥10, and LHO discarded another club. Now cash the ♣A, right? Maybe it can wait another round, thought Berkowitz.

So now he played the ♠A and ♠K and ruffed a spade, both opponents following. A fourth round of diamonds was ruffed by Berkowitz with his last heart, the queen, as West pitched a third club. This was the position:

♠ —

♥ J 8

♦ 10

♣ A 9

♠ 10

♥ —

♦ —

♣ Q 10 8 6

Berkowitz ruffed the ♠10 with the ♥8 as both opponents followed. Nearing the end of the deal, Berkowitz still was not convinced that he should try the ♣A. Instead, he played the ♥J from dummy. East was able to collect three heart tricks, and on the last one, Berkowitz, now with a complete count of East’s hand, discarded the ♣A from dummy! In the end, East had to play a diamond to dummy’s 10 for Berkowitz’s 10th trick and a win on the board. The full deal:

♠ 8

♥ J 8 7 6

♦ A K 10 4 3

♣ A 9 2

♠ Q 9 7 5

♥ 5 4

♦ Q J

♣ K J 7 5 4

♠ J 6 3 2

♥ A K 3 2

♦ 8 7 6 5 2

♣ —

♠ A K 10 4

♥ Q 10 9

♦ 9

♣ Q 10 8 6 3

As you can see, if Berkowitz had tried to cash the ♣A early, East would have ruffed and been able to cash two more hearts, leaving Berkowitz well short of tricks. Had he tried to cash it in the four-card ending, East could have ruffed and given West a diamond ruff – and still have the top two trumps to come.

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APPEAL CASE 3

Event: Flight A/X Pairs
Session: First session, Nov. 18
3000 masterpoints

Board # 12 ♠ 10 8 7
Vul: N-S ♥ A 5
Dir: West ♦ A K J 10 8 6 4
♣ 6

1200 masterpoints	700 masterpoints
♠ A K Q 6 3	♠ 4
♥ Q 8 6 4 3 2	♥ 10 9 7
♦ —	♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5	♣ K Q 10 9 3 2

650 masterpoints
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ K J
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A J 8 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	2NT
3 ♥	3NT	Pass (1)	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

(1) Agreed significant break in tempo (BIT).

Facts: Before East's second pass, East hesitated for a long time. This hesitation was agreed by all to be a significant BIT.

Director's Ruling: West's 4♥ call was determined to have been demonstrably suggested by the BIT over a less successful logical alternative (LA) of pass. Therefore, in accordance with Law 16 A2 and 12 C2, the score was adjusted to 3NT by South making four, for a score of N-S plus 630.

The Appeal: West maintained that although there was a significant BIT by East, it was always her intention to bid 4♥.

Several payers were polled to determine whether pass was a LA to bidding 4♥ for West. About half of those consulted would have bid 4♥ and the remainder would have passed. When the players polled were asked what the BIT by East suggested, most thought it expressed a desire to bid on. One player thought East may be thinking of doubling. All agreed that the BIT made it considerably easier for West to bid 4♥.

Based on these findings, 4♥ was determined to have been demonstrably suggested by the BIT and pass a less successful LA.

The Decision: The table director's decision of an adjustment of 3NT making four, N-S plus 630, was upheld. This was in accordance with Laws 16 A2 and 12 C2 Based upon the number of players polled who bid, the appeal was determined to have merit.

Committee Members: Harry Falk (Reviewer), Patty Holmes and Candy Kuschner.

99er Pairs

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game," said Xiong.

They are graduate students at Montana State University. They are both studying in doctorate programs — Wan in computer science and Xiong in physics. Xiong has been playing for two years. Wan played in his native China, then gave up the game for a while. He began playing again about one year ago.

The couple have been on vacation here in Hawaii and just returned yesterday from Maui shortly before the game.

In second place were local players Douglas Neel and Catherine Hess. Hess is on the NABC steering committee and Neel is one of the volunteers. They play together about once per month. Each has been playing for about two years.



Douglas Neel (left) and Catherine Hess were second in the National 99er Pairs.

Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.

Shopping center shuttle

The shuttle to the Ala Moana Shopping Center run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. It departs from Tapa Tower at the Hilton Hawaiian Village bus loading area.



IN Top 100

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20	9.77	Elizabeth Rand, Lakewood WA
21	9.43	William McKinley, Port Ludlow WA
22	9.37	Mandison Chin, Toronto ON
23	9.37	Yvonne Chin, Toronto ON
24	9.32	Rena Thayer, Littleton CO
25	9.32	David Thayer, Littleton CO
26	9.21	Nancy Linn, Kailua HI
27	9.16	Carol De Koven, Westmount QC
28	9.16	Liliane Reiner, Sydney
29	9.03	William Whitman, Green Valley AZ
30	9.03	Barbara Whitman, Green Valley AZ
31	8.93	William Smits, Kapolei HI
32	8.82	Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick, Saugerties NY
33	8.82	Barbara Mangano, Red Hook NY
34	8.77	Takayuki Suematsu, Yokohama Japan
35	8.75	Jonathan Harvey, Tucson AZ
36	8.45	Jack Foks, South Melbourne AU
37	8.23	Leonore Weston, Portland OR
38	8.18	Jane Green, Mercer Island WA
39	8.18	James Green, Mercer Island WA
40	8.18	Arleen Harvey, Tucson AZ
41	8.12	Carol Davies, Kamuela HI
42	8.07	Kevin Burke, San Francisco CA
43	8.05	Shen Wan, Bozeman MT
44	8.05	Yihan Xiong, Bozeman MT
45	8.04	Daniel Flynn, North Attleboro MA
46	8.04	Linda Ahrens, Franklin MA
47	7.78	Wallace McOuat, San Anselmo CA
48	7.45	Susana Krulevitch, Los Altos CA
49	7.45	Irving Krulevitch, Los Altos CA
50	7.28	Lenda Helser, Kilawea HI
51	7.28	Ilse Rothchild, Princeville HI
52	7.24	Jun Vechi, Saitama
53	7.24	Yoshiko Aoyagi, Tokyo
54	7.13	Cheryl McIlroy, Kailua HI
55	7.12	Nancy Holt, Tempe AZ
56	7.00	Marie Germuska, Portland OR
57	6.96	Madelaine Kleinman, Vail CO
58	6.96	Robert Kleinman, Vail CO
59	6.95	John Peterzell, San Francisco CA
60	6.91	Sue Boyle, Long Beach WA
61	6.84	Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR
62	6.84	Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
63	6.72	Clara Scarbrough, Fort Smith AR
64	6.62	Cecil Heftel, Honolulu HI
65	6.61	Kathie Hoehne, Anchorage AK
66	6.60	Jim Pond, Simcoe ON
67	6.42	Sara Fasoldt, Seaside OR
68	6.32	Peter Colman, San Francisco CA
69	6.31	Catherine Hess, Honolulu HI
70	6.31	Douglas Neel, Honolulu HI
71	6.24	Nora Schell, Winter Park FL
72	6.19	Mary Anne Self, Valencia CA
73	6.19	Charles Self, Valencia CA
74	6.16	Linda Thies, Anchorage AK
75	6.14	Claire Young, San Anselmo CA
76	6.08	Kenneth Lee, Honolulu HI
77	6.06	Annette Sincock, Torrance CA
78	6.06	Bettyanne Houts, Long Beach CA
79	6.06	Sandra Silverman, San Diego CA
80	6.02	Kay Penstone, Gearhart OR
81	5.94	Frances Lorraine, Honolulu HI
82	5.92	Dianne Osterstock, San Pedro CA
83	5.92	Daphne Williams, Kihei HI
84	5.92	Teresa Jefferson, Seaside OR
85	5.92	Louise Nelson, Modesto CA
86	5.92	Louis Nelson, Modesto CA
87	5.84	Eddy Kemp, Kaneohe HI
88	5.79	Bronwen Murdoch, So. Melbourne AU
89	5.76	Jocelyn Bradley, Honolulu HI
90	5.76	Bob Bradley, Honolulu HI
91	5.73	Geraldine Christensen, Laporte TX
92	5.73	Ted Thorsen, Mount Vernon WA
93	5.66	Annabelle Shallenberger, Kamuela HI
94	5.60	Charel Ann Walker, Portland OR
95	5.60	Margaret Hedrick, Portland OR
96	5.48	Robert Stinson, Santa Rosa CA
97	5.46	Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI
98	5.46	Oded Stitt, Honolulu HI
99	5.39	Mary Johnson, Winter Park FL
100	5.34	Terry Sappah, Anchorage AK

DICK LANKE AM KO BRACKET 1

6 Tables
 12.88 1 Richard Lanke - Ernest Inada, Honolulu HI; Steven Johnson, San Diego CA; DaMaris Rorie, Columbia SC
 9.66 2 Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno CA; Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA

DICK LANKE AM KO BRACKET 2

8 Tables
 8.63 1 John Tolson, Bedford NS; Edward Hynes, Penobscuis NB; Marjorie Paynter - David Wandler, Port Williams NS
 6.47 2 William Atteberry, Clearwater FL; Sherry Freese - Donald Freese, St Pete Beach FL; Leelyn Main, St Petersburg FL

DICK LANKE AM KO BRACKET 3

8 Tables
 6.12 1 Barbara Bunnell - Ronald Bunnell, Phoenix AZ; Dave Appel, Denver CO; Stephen Osiecki, Honolulu HI
 4.59 2 Karen Westerlund, Kirkland WA; Anne Coleman - Ray Coleman, Spanaway WA; Mary Miller, Redmond WA

THURSDAY-FRIDAY AM COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

12 Tables
 12.27 1 G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Vancouver WA; Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie, Sacramento CA
 9.20 2 Ken Gee - Dan Mathieson, Regina SK; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV
 6.75 3 Ray Grace - Helene Grace, Sherwood Park AB; Gary Karst - Maureen Karst, Edmonton AB
 5.52 4 Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Gayle Andrews, Stanton CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA

THURSDAY-FRIDAY AM COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables
 7.36 1 Thomas Kennedy - Julia Kennedy, Levering MI; Jayne Ewigleben - Robert Ewigleben, Elizabethtown KY
 5.52 2 Wayne Kaneko - Barbara Simon - Ann Bernson - Vicki Sutton, Honolulu HI
 4.05 3 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; R Bruce Martin, Paia HI; Charles Schneider - Carolyn Schneider, Danielson CT
 3.31 4 Curt Merrill, Montclair NJ; Christopher Punter, London ON; Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA

THURSDAY-FRIDAY AM COMPACT KO BRACKET 3

9 Tables
 4.62 1 Marie Overweel - Gloria Wilkinson - Sheila Hodgkinson - Nicole Formanek, Mississauga ON
 3.47 2 Scott Chupack - J C Chupack, Gurnee IL; Paula Wissman - Jay Thorne, San Antonio TX
 2.54 3 Lester Kodama - Mitsuko Kodama, Mililani HI; Donald Jay - Elaine Jay, Honolulu HI

THURSDAY-FRIDAY COMPACT KO CONSOLATION 1

6 Tables
 5.23 1 Doug Hansford - Donald Sache, Delta BC; Don Brazeau, Vancouver BC; Dennis Groden, West Vancouver BC
 3.92 2 Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; Elvera Levine, Charlotte NC
 2.88 3 Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Dave Kruse, Lakehead CA; Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV

THURSDAY-FRIDAY COMPACT KO CONSOLATION 2

6 Tables
 4.24 1 Frank Kettner - Sophie Kettner, Calgary AB; Jim Murphy, Paia HI; Robert Abraham, Kahului HI
 3.18 2 Toyohoko Ozawa, Kawasaki City Japan; Kenichi Asaoka, Chiba Japan; Masaharu Wakasa - Nobuko Wakasa, Kawasaki-Shi 44 Japan
 2.33 3 Andrew Risman - Merryl Chin, Toronto ON; Frances McCrady - David McCrady, Scarborough ON

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AM COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

13 Tables
 Sabina Lim, Cerritos CA; Joseph Viola III, Altadena CA; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino CA; Jack Chao, Oceanside CA
 vs
 Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Nataly Goldin, Auburndale MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Ljudmila Kamenova, Stony Brook NY
 David Chinn, Elk Grove CA; Jesse Fussell, Edgewater MD; Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Mie Thiemmedh, San Bruno CA
 vs
 Carla Skeen - Carolyn Skeen, Jefferson City TN; Sue Becker, Canton OH; Linda Luther, N Charleston SC

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AM COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables
 Linda Thies - Terry Sappah - Kathie Hoehne - Teresa Bombardier, Anchorage AK
 vs
 James Gardner, Sonoma CA; Bob Frank, Napa CA; Don Doolittle, Burlingame CA; Arlie Lamb, San Mateo CA
 Henry Zoellner, Santa Clara CA; Richard Kilner, Palo Alto CA; Lori Lerner, Narberth PA; Dilip Udeshi, Bensalem PA
 vs
 A Savage - Susan Savage, Sacramento CA; Virginia Bail - Myrna Laubach, Kailua HI

THURSDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM SIDE SERIES - FOURTH OF SIX SESSIONS

13.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.49	1			Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kyung Kim, Alta Loma CA	64.58%
2.62	2			Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI	59.85%
2.88	3	1		Catherine Fortney, Millbrae CA; Takemi Totes, San Francisco CA	57.58%
1.51	4			Betty Jackson, Seal Beach CA; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA	57.39%
2.28	5	2	1	Joan Long - James Long, Mesa AZ	56.63%
0.83	6			Shirley Eide, Bakersfield CA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	55.87%
1.71		3	2	Byrl Malmanger, Bella Vista AR; Joseph Habeich, Portland OR	53.03%
1.28		4	3	Magid Shirzadegan - Anoush Shirzadegan, Eugene OR	50.95%
1.18		5	4	Jacqueline Carpenter, Chicago IL; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seocho-Ku Seoul South Korea	49.62%

FRIDAY 9AM 50/100/300 PAIRS

10.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.83	1			Julie Abrahams - Barry Abrahams, Tucson AZ	60.12%
2.12	2	1	1	Ron White - Diane White, Goleta CA	59.52%
1.59	3	2		Irene Won - Margaret Nosaka, Kaneohe HI	58.04%
1.19	4			Richard Lerer - Paula Lerer, Hastings On Hud NY	56.97%
1.14	5	3	2	Jonathan Carr - Millie Carr, Honolulu, Hawaii	56.59%
0.67	6			Robert Kleinman - Madelaine Kleinman, Vail CO	53.99%
0.99		4	3	James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA	53.15%
0.71		5		Clair Kretschmann, Livingston TX; Nancy Holt, Tempe AZ	52.72%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS

15.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.53	1			Therese Kemp - Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI	62.50%
2.79	2	1		Julie Abrahams - Barry Abrahams, Tucson AZ	60.23%
2.09	3	2		Barbara Whitman - William Whitman, Green Valley AZ	57.20%
1.49	4			Marvin Wilson - Shauneen Wilson, Puyallup WA	56.82%
1.46	5/6	3/4	1/2	Nora Schell - Mary Johnson, Winter Park FL	55.49%
1.46	5/6	3/4	1/2	Eva Jonas, Cambridge MA; Yasuo Koshi, Tokyo Mexico	55.49%
1.33		5		Madelaine Kleinman - Robert Kleinman, Vail CO	53.79%
0.93		6		Charles Self - Mary Anne Self, Valencia CA	53.22%
0.94			3	Dolores Suredam - Anne Lemson, Honolulu HI	52.65%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 20/50 PAIRS

5.0 Tables	A	B			
1.58	1	1		Robert Ward - Robin Ward, Honolulu HI	56.46%
1.19	2	2		Bernadine Rice - Vincent Rice, Reston VA	55.90%
0.89	3			Alice Giannella, Hawthorne NJ; Edna Haitz, Harrington Park NJ	54.14%
0.67	4			Ann McKenzie, Langley BC; Chuck Thompson, Melbourne FL	51.42%

DON EVANS STRATIFIED PAIRS

24.0 Tables	A	B	C		
11.90	1			Jackie Dower - Gary Tomczyk, Las Vegas NV	61.92%
8.93	2			Steve Mansfield, Seattle WA; Janet Daling, Peoria AZ	61.00%
6.69	3			Rosemary Kelley - Paul Kelley Jr, Austin TX	60.53%
5.02	4			D. Lionel O'Young, Walnut CA; Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA	60.07%
3.77	5			Bud Biswas, Lexington MA; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	58.91%
3.09	6			Rosalind Spear - Edward Spear, Bangor ME	56.94%
6.20		1		R Towne, Mililani Town HI; John Spangler, Honolulu HI	56.37%
4.65		2		Joseph Phillips - Lois Lyon, Queensbury NY	55.67%
3.71		3	1	Tetsuya Shimokubo - Yachiyo Shimokubo,	53.59%
2.62		4		Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI; Joanne Sasaki, Pasadena CA	52.08%
1.96		5		Joseph Gedan, Honolulu HI; Suri Kukkapalli, Hyderabad 50007 India	51.85%
2.05		6		Doris Ham, Hot Springs AR; John Hegner, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR	51.27%
2.78			2	Guy Ross, Ltl Switzerland NC; Katherine Trubey, Spruce Pine NC	47.11%
2.09			3	Lawrence Muroff - Carol Muroff, Tampa FL	46.41%
1.98			4	John Donoghue - Joan Cahail, Honolulu HI	44.10%

THURSDAY - FRIDAY SIDE

39.0 Tables	A	B	C		
7.43	1			John Kamb - Wilma Kamb, Mount Vernon WA	64.42%
5.76	2	1	1	Mary Miller, Redmond WA; Ray Coleman, Spanaway WA	63.30%
4.32	3	2		Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Shawn Cantlin, Tracy CA	62.50%
3.13	4			Andrea Hayman, New York NY; Flemming Clausen, Aalborg Denmark	61.11%
3.24	5	3		Eileen Nelson, Seal Beach CA; Barbara Shrontz, Los Alamitos CA	59.26%
2.24	6			Charlotte Anderson, Madison WI; Carol Hall, Seal Beach CA	58.65%
2.13		4/5		Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Olga Markunas, Venice FL	58.56%
2.73		4/5	2	Donald Freese - Sherry Freese, St Pete Beach FL	58.56%
1.37		6		Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Jesse Fussell, Edgewater MD	57.64%
2.05			3	Janice L Wild, Briarcliff NY; Lee Grams, Santa Rosa CA	54.65%
1.54			4	Roger Harder, Burlington ON; Bob Bullen, Kincardine ON	53.53%
1.31			5	Sally Blewett, Beaumont TX; Patsy Pierce, Hardin TX	53.04%
1.07			6	Matthew Dyer - Lorraine Cable, Dorchester MA	53.01%

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE SERIES

117.25 Tables					
11.27	1/2			Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA	130.77%
11.27	1/2			Yoon Kyung Kim, Alta Loma CA	130.77%
9.00	3			Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN	128.76%
8.07	4			Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC	125.57%
5.04	5/6			Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino CA	123.71%
5.04	5/6			Jack Chao, Oceanside CA	123.71%
6.67	7			Michaele Olesen, Scottsdale AZ	121.46%

HARRY YEE B-A-M

20 Tables					
	A	B	C		
3.43	1/4	1/2	1	James Andre - Lily Andre, Rockville MD; Barry Capal - Hazel Capal, Longboat Key FL	15.00
3.43	1/4			Shoko Imai, Tokyo Japan; Takako Fujimoto - Mari Mitani - Eriko Itoh, Tokyo 180 Japan	15.00
3.43	1/4			Bud Marsh - Marianne Spanier - Michael Flanagan - Barbara Flanagan, Scottsdale AZ	15.00
3.43	1/4	1/2		Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton NB; Edward Hynes, Penobsquis NB; Magid Shirzadegan, Eugene OR	15.00
2.06	5	3		Oscar Johnson - Judith Johnson, Prattville AL; Christine Caine - Norma Temple, Birmingham AL	14.50
1.19	6			Eddie Bishop, Lacey WA; Russell Johnson - Kimberly Johnson - Patricia Remy, Olympia WA	14.00
1.06		4/7		Norman Holthouse - Rita Holthouse - Kathryn Centoni - Wonnie Duncan, Anchorage AK	13.50
1.06		4/7		Graham Wakefield, Waitakere City New Zealand; Oliver Hoffmann, Auckland 5 New Zealand; Tom Fletcher, Lewis Center OH; Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL	13.50
1.06		4/7		Lorraine Cable - Matthew Dyer, Dorchester MA; Robert Baker - Melissa Baker, West Harrison NY	13.50
1.06		4/7		Jack Patnode, Kula HI; George Boettger, Kihei HI; Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI; Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI	13.50

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES

34.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
6.67	1			Michaele Olesen, Scottsdale AZ; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN	70.27%
5.00	2			Kenneth Skou, Syvdei Norway; Haldor Sunde, Stryn Norway	64.02%
3.75	3			Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC	63.07%
2.81	4			Dewy Cundiff - Peg Cundiff, Las Vegas NV	62.88%
2.61	5			Frank Leonard, Tempe AZ; Lillian Zisook, Memphis TN	60.80%
1.58	6			Ruth-Anne Mazer - Allan Mazer, Towson MD	60.42%
4.70		1		Ivy Steinberg - Allan Quaile, Cedar Valley ON	59.85%
3.53		2	1	Thomas Reiner - Liliane Reiner, Sydney Australia	59.47%
2.64		3	2	Randall Roberts, APO AP; Gloria Halstead, Alexandria VA	58.71%
1.98		4		Carol Holihan - George Horak, Cary NC	58.33%
2.05		5		Edith Neff, Kailua HI; Ron Frystak, Kaneohe HI	57.01%
1.70		6	3	Gamil Tadros - Frances Tadros, Calgary AB	55.49%
1.28			4	Rita Dodge, Vancouver BC; Lamya Abougoush, Calgary AB	52.65%
1.13			5/6	Susan Mullin, Naples FL; Sheila Middleton, Milton MA	51.14%
1.13			5/6	Taeko Nakajima, Yokohama Japan; Kazuko Okamoto, Yakahama Japan	51.14%

FRIDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

51.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
21.35	1			Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA	65.54%
16.01	2			Jim Linhart - Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC	61.96%
12.01	3			Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA	60.58%
9.01	4			Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA	60.43%
6.76	5			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; John Farr Jr, Lomita CA	59.46%
5.07	6			Joe Gottler, Elberta AL; Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS	59.05%
3.80	7			Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	58.01%
3.03	8			Roberta Magnus - Anna Bromberg, Brooklyn NY	57.00%
9.15		1		Joseph Viola III, Altadena CA; Sabina Lim, Cerritos CA	56.49%
6.86		2		Eric Sieg - Eric Bell, Norman OK	55.85%
5.15		3		Anne Scott, North Vancouver BC; Greg Lam, Vancouver BC	55.27%
3.86		4		Michael Ventri, Fullerton CA; Andrew Collins, Toronto ON	53.45%
2.90		5		Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA	53.43%
2.17		6		H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi TX; Wayne Christensen, Jr, Laporte TX	52.26%
3.71			1	Jon Lusk - Sally Lusk, Ypsilanti MI	49.76%
2.78			2	Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY; Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany	48.96%
2.09			3	Richard Plummer - E Jane Plummer, Valley Forge PA	47.32%
1.98			4	Raymond Clemmons, Langley BC; Karen Gurwitz, Littleton CO	45.97%

FRIDAY EVENING 50/200/300 PAIRS

8.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.54	1			Oded Stitt - Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI	63.33%
1.91	2			Stephen Zierak, Danbury CT; Robert Stinson, Santa Rosa CA	62.92%
1.98	3/4	1/2		Debbie Perry - Dan Perry, Sammamish WA	55.83%
1.98	3/4	1/2		Jim Pond - Barb Pond, Simcoe ON	55.83%
1.37	5	3	1	Mandison Chin - Yvonne Chin, Toronto ON	55.00%
0.95		4		James O'Hearn, Surprise AZ; Gary Rosenthal, Honolulu HI	54.58%
1.03		5	2	Kay Fukuda, Mililani HI; Janet Feedback, Honolulu HI	50.42%

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AM KO CONSOLATION BRACKET 1

6 Tables	
Jim Saxon - Liz Saxon, Marco Island FL; Julaine Toridis - Theodore Toridis, Sarasota FL	
vs	
Mary Lou Denison - Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA; Ronald Huffaker - Mary Huffaker, Alpine CA	
Chet Bahr - Bea Bahr, Rochester MN; Beverley Hall, West Vancouver BC; Tai Eng, Burnaby BC	
vs	
Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio TX; Derrell Childs, Garland TX; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN; Julia Bomalaski, Cocoa Beach FL	

FRIDAY-SATURDAY AM KO CONSOLATION BRACKET 2

6 Tables	
Janice Chelini, Santa Barbara CA; Bernice Shahrabani, Deerfield Beach FL; Jimmie Bernard - Ewalda Primig, Largo FL	
vs	
J Willard Williams - John (Jack) Buchanan, Richmond VA; Liz Holey, Kailua Kona HI; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA	
Dennis Lee - Nancy Baker - Oded Stitt - Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI	
vs	
Duane Feekin - Helen Osgood - Robert Brooks - Nina Markos, Honolulu HI	

WAIKIKI KO BRACKET 1

12 Tables	
Mark Epstein - Roberta Epstein - Cynthia Goatz - Phillip Goatz, Las Vegas NV	
vs	
Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Mike Rice - Jon Rice, Winston Salem NC; Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC; B Wayne Stuart III, Santa Cruz CA	
John Beasy - Sandra Fox, Sackville NB; Mary Cotter - Michael Wood, Fredericton NB	
vs	
Bob Carteaux - James Pelletier, Fort Wayne IN; Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Hao Ge, Cleveland OH	

WAIKIKI KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables	
Zachary Brescoll - Kurt Brescoll - Janet Brescoll, Mansfield TX; Mike Marlin - Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY	
vs	
Chris Champion, Colorado Spgs CO; Wendy Turk - Marlene Adam, Denver CO; Susan Wong, Monument CO	
Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA; Yoon Kyung Kim, Alta Loma CA; Anna Sung, Seoul South Korea; Kyoung-Won Yoo, Seochon-Ku Seoul South Korea; Heajung Lee, Ku, Seoul South Korea; Daniel Takahashi, Las Vegas NV	
vs	
Mary Lou Denison - Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA; Ronald Huffaker - Mary Huffaker, Alpine CA	
11.94 3/4 Kenichi Asaoka, Chiba Japan; Kazuo Takano, Tokyo Japan; Yoshiko Higashide, Kobe Japan; Kyoko Kodono, Osaka Japan	

WAIKIKI KO BRACKET 3

15 Tables	
Vern Schmidt, Dickinson TX; Patricia LaCerva, Waveland MS; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA; Edwin Zwald Jr, Houston TX	
vs	
Peter Samson, Bathurst NB; Lorna Stock, Falmouth NS; Howard Co, Honolulu HI; Robert Michaud, Sun City West AZ	
Jim Dingwerth, Kansas City MO; Richard Quist, Upland CA; Jay Gianera, Eden Prairie MN; Jennifer Gianera, San Diego CA	
vs	
Linda Luther, N Charleston SC; Carla Skeen - Carolyn Skeen, Jefferson City TN; Sue Becker, Canton OH	

WAIKIKI KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables	
Wilfred Motokane Jr - Richard S H Wong - Sandra Ohara - Luke Han - Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI	
vs	
Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI; Eileen Eastman - Kal Gezi, Sacramento CA; Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI	
Richard Whittington - Michael Warchol, Venice FL; Lynne Dunn - Esmee McKenzie, Saint John NB	
vs	
John McCall - Diane McCall, Zephyr Cove NV; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA	

Per Skullestad - Bryan Smither, III - Barbara Kim - Marion McLaren, Honolulu HI

vs
Bob Allard, Murfreesboro TN; Kurt Poci, San Francisco CA; Lori Lerner, Narberth PA; Dilip Udeshi, Bensalem PA

WAIKIKI KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables	
Roger Miller - Patricia Miller, Centennial CO; Dave Appel, Denver CO; Stephen Osiecki, Honolulu HI	
vs	
Dennis Kovach - David Logan, Palmetto FL; Susan L'Heureux - Richard Slater, Alexandria VA	

Richard Morris - Katherine Morris, Portland OR; Barbara Bunnell - Ronald Bunnell, Phoenix AZ

vs

Thomas Din, Rockville MD; G Douglas Frost - Jane Frost, White Bear Lake MN; Leslie Bakan, Powell River BC

Jack Miller - Carita Miller, Kailua HI; John Claybaugh - Karla Claybaugh, Kaneohe HI

vs

Thomas Walker, Big Lake AK; Shirley Liss, Fairbanks AK; Jane Montgomery, Madison WI; Frances Gates, Waldport OR

Hawaii 1983: A look back

It has been 23 years since Hawaii hosted a North American Bridge Championship. In 1983, the Spring NABC took place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This is part four of a look back at well-played deals from that tournament.

A down-under play would have been better by Paul Lavings

Two visiting Australians from Sydney were quite impressed by the dummy play of South on this deal from a pair game.

Dir: West ♠ A K 10 9 2

Vul: Both ♥ J 5 4

♦ 4

♣ Q J 5 3

♠ J 8 6 5

♥ K 10 3

♦ A K J 8 3

♣ 6

♠ Q 7

♥ 9 8

♦ 10 7 6 2

♣ K 10 8 7 4

♠ 4 3

♥ A Q 7 6 2

♦ Q 9 5

♣ A 9 2

West North East South

1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♥

Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥

All Pass

West led the ♦K, then switched to his singleton club, which went to the queen, king and ace. South ruffed a diamond and cashed the top spades, followed by a third round. East ruffed the third spade with the 8, and declarer overruffed. Declarer ruffed her third diamond and played the ♥J, losing to the king. This was the position at this point:

♠ 9 2

♥ –

♦ –

♣ J 5 3

♠ J

♥ 10 3

♦ J 8

♣ –

♠ –

♥ –

♦ 10

♣ 10 8 7 4

♠ –

♥ A 7 6

♦ –

♣ 9 2

West could see that a spade lead was futile as it would set up dummy's fifth spade for a club discard, so he tried another diamond. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and played a club toward dummy. If West ruffs, he takes no more tricks, so the jack was allowed to win. Now declarer ruffed the spade and the defenders made their good club trick and high trump together at trick 13.

If West discards his spade when the club is played to the jack, the ♠9 would be high and declarer would get to pitch the losing club. Of course, West does better not to cover the ♣Q at trick two. This "down-under" play would deny declarer the necessary entry in the end game.

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Making his game is a tribute to his opponent

Jeff Meckstroth was faced with a tough decision in the end game on this deal from his Vanderbilt match against the Jim Felts team. Meckstroth finally made the right decision, based

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FRIDAY EVENING 300 SWISS TEAMS

6 Tables

2.26	1	Cheryl Glaza - Therese Kemp, Kaneohe HI; Patricia Montgomery, Honokaa HI; Cheryl McIlroy, Kailua HI	54.00
1.70	2	Peter Tallman - Ellen Tallman, Longmont CO; Marla Silva, Dan Point CA; Warren Hoffnung, San Clemente CA	47.00

NATIONAL 99ER PAIRS

10.0 Tables

5.74	1	Shen Wan - Yihan Xiong, Bozeman MT	65.33%
4.31	2	Douglas Neel - Catherine Hess, Honolulu HI	58.04%
3.23	3	David Thayer - Rena Thayer, Littleton CO	57.29%
2.42	4	Helen McCourt - Chuck McCourt, Las Vegas NV	56.70%
1.91	5	James Green - Jane Green, Mercer Island WA	55.65%
1.78	6	Ellen Mann - Priscilla Glander, Honolulu HI	54.46%

NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAM

48 Tables – These are the teams that qualified for today's Semi-finals.

1	Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL	30.00
2	Darwin Afdahl - Kay Afdahl, Virginia Beach VA; Jim Gordon, S Burlington VT; Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD	18.68
3	Piotr Tuszyński, Warsaw Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Ed Wojewoda, Clovis CA	18.11
4	Lynn Johannesen - Dale Johannesen, Sunnyvale CA; Martin Chaitt, West Palm Beach FL; Ellasue Chaitt, Palm Bch Gdns FL	17.55
5	Tony Kasday, Puyallup WA; Thorlakur Jonsson, 200 Kopavogur Iceland; Sigurbjorn Haraldsson, Reykjavik Iceland; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Bjarni Einarsson, Reykjavik Iceland; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjörður Iceland	16.98
6	Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Rick Roeder, San Diego CA; Doug Fraser - Sandra Fraser, Victoria BC	16.42
7	Joan Eaton, North York ON; Suzy Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Petra Hamman, Dallas TX; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Phillip Grothus, San Antonio TX	15.85
8	Renate Hansen, Kitzbuehel Austria; Andreas Babsch - Martin Schifko - Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria	14.15
9/10	Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China	13.58
9/10	Sara Sivelind, Ludvika Sweden; Cecilia Rimstedt, Harplinge 3104 Sweden; Emma Sjoberg, Linkoping 58431 Sweden; Sandra Rimstedt, Harlinge 310 4 Sweden	13.58
11/12	Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; Robert Glickman - James Glickman, Woodland Hills CA; Marc Glickman, San Francisco CA; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA; Mike Develin, Berkeley CA	11.89
11/12	Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duanesburg NY; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT	11.89
13	Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; David Yang, Chicago IL	11.32
14/15	Ken Cohen - Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA; Keith Garber, Las Vegas NV	10.75
14/15	G Venkatesh, Los Altos CA; Kanningat Krishnakumar, Chennai India; Prahalad Rajkumar - Raghavendra Rajkumar, Arlington VA	10.75
16	Bradley Bart, Burnaby BC; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Richard Anderson - Janice Anderson, Regina SK; Brian Fraser, Victoria BC; George Retek, Montreal QC	10.19
17	Brenda Keller, Boise ID; Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA	9.62
18	Victor Markowicz, Boca Raton FL; Victor Melman, Scarsdale NY; Julian Klukowski, Warsaw Poland; Shalom Zeligman, Bat-Yam Israel; Jerzy Zaremba, Pittsboro NC	9.06
19/20	Robb Gordon, Sedona AZ; Ken Barbour, Scottsdale AZ; Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Leo Bell, Long Beach CA; Jim Kirkham - Corinne Kirkham, San Bernardino CA	8.49
19/20	Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Hollywood FL; John Kranyak - Kevin Bathurst, New York NY; Justin Lall - Hemant Lall, Dallas TX	8.49
21/24	Birger Holmquist, Kaneohe HI; Donald Foote, Red Hook NY; Iku Donnelly - Mark Bennett - Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI	7.92
21/24	Claudia Feagin - Patricia Tucker - Jack Feagin Jr, Atlanta GA; Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA	7.92
21/24	Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Stephen Sturm - Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton CA; Michael Rahtjen, Lighthouse Pt FL; Allan Mowat, Winnipeg MB; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	7.92
21/24	Ken Gee - Barry Harper, Regina SK; Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda; Karen Lee Barrett - G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA	7.92
25/27	Shawn Quinn, Richmond TX; Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA; Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; James Tritt, Fresno CA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA	7.36
25/27	Marc Low - Sandra Low, Centerville OH; Gene Freed, Los Angeles CA; Jim Backstrom, Henderson NV	7.36
25/27	Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico	7.36
28/29	Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Arun Savara, Honolulu HI; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Jill Mellstrom, Brottby Sweden	5.09
28/29	David Stevenson, Wirral England; Paul Lamford, London N England; Stefanie Rohan, London England; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Arnie Frankel, Laurel MD; Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA	5.09
30/31	Katrin Litwin - Aidan Ballantyne - Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC; Michael Takemori, Coquitlam BC; Derrell Childs, Garland TX; Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio TX	4.53
30/31	Jim Senter - Gale Senter, San Clemente CA; Roger Clough - Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA	4.53
32/34	John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo CA; Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Gene Simpson - Laura Kenney, San Rafael CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA	3.96
32/34	Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; John Potter, Panama City FL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN	3.96
32/34	Sheila Ekeblad, Providence RI; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Joergen Molberg, Trondheim Norway	3.96

35/36 Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; Nancy Kalow, New York NY; Harriet Eaton, Miami FL; Ellen Wallace, Chicago IL	3.40
35/36 David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Kalin Karaivanov - Ruman Nenov Trendafilov, Varna Bulgaria	3.40
37/39 Haruko Koshi, Tokyo 156-0051 Japan; Nakamura Yoshiyuki - Mizuko Tan Yamada, Tokyo Japan; Toyohoko Ozawa, Kawasaki City Japan	2.83
37/39 Arve Farstad - Jon-Egil Furunes, Oslo Norway; Jon E F Aabye, Olso 0368 Norway; Martin Andresen, 0207 OSL Norway	2.83
37/39 John Rayner, Oakville ON; Michael Roche, Don Mills ON; Jay Baum, Germantown TN; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON	2.83
40/44 Phil Schaefer - Nell Schaefer - Michael Mikyska - Catherine Podolsky, Los Angeles CA	2.26
40/44 Alan Le Bendig - Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; John Jeffrey - Pam Stratton - Sam Wilson, Las Vegas NV	2.26
40/44 Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	2.26
40/44 Vandana Vidwans, Mountain View CA; Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA; Nicoleta Giura - Nick Hughes, Bondi Australia	2.26
40/44 Sakiko Naito - Kenji Miyakuni - Yoko Maruyama, Tokyo Japan; Randy Corn, Mill Creek WA	2.26
45/46 Margaret Bourke, Act Australia; Jan Cormack - Elizabeth Havas, Australia; Candice Fettelson, Act 2600 Australia	1.70
45/46 Richard Ferrin, Washington DC; Vicki Laycock, San Francisco CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA	1.70
47 Roger Doughman - Michael Crawford - Cathy Strauch - Riggs Thayer Jr, San Diego CA	0.57
48 John Kissinger, San Clemente CA; Susan Kissinger, Carson CA; Alan Gailfus - Debbie Gailfus, Carlsbad CA	0.00

REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS

20 Tables – These are the qualifiers for today's Semifinals.

1 Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Geoff Hampson - Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy	4.00
2 Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Joe Grue, New York NY; Gary Cohler, Miami FL	3.40
3 Barry Goren, Las Vegas NV; Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; John Hurd, New York NY	2.00
4 Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL	1.80
5/7 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Grant Baze, San Diego CA; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Jim Krekorian, New York NY	1.60
5/7 Nick Nickell, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA	1.60
5/7 Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway	1.60
8/9 Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Brad Moss, New York NY	1.40
8/9 James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Claudio Nunes - Fulvio Fantoni - Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy	1.40
10 Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland	1.20
11 Jeffrey Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Lou Reich, Wheaton MD	1.00
12 John Sutherlin - Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Ross Grabel, Huntington Bh CA; Jon Wittes, Palm Desert CA; Mark Feldman, New York NY	0.80
13/14 Kieran Dyke, Glebe Nsw Australia; David Wiltshire, Paddington N Australia; Peter David Gill - Paul Gosney, Dulwich Hill Australia	0.60
13/14 Chris Willenken, New York NY; Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt	0.60
15/16 Michael Moss, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Johan Upmark, Bromma Stockhol Sweden; Arvid Wikner, Stockholm Swaziland	0.40
15/16 Paul Marston, Australia 1360 Australia; Sartaj Hans, Bondi Nsw Australia; Anthony Nunn, Artarmon Nsw Australia; Mike Prescott, Sydney Australia; Zoltan Nagy, Woodville West Australia; Robert Richman, Double Bay 2028 Australia	0.40
17/19 Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	0.20
17/19 Amos Kaminski, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Melih Ozdil, Istanbul Turkey; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Per Olof Sundelin, Stockholm Sweden	0.20
17/19 Jack Mizel, London England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England; John Armstrong, Derbyshire De6 England; Paul Hackett, Manchester England	0.20
20 Ercole Bove, Rome Italy; Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX	0.00

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on an accurate appraisal of his right-hand opponent, John Griscom, who, with Jim Felts, had won the Grand National Pairs earlier in the week.

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

North	South
Rodwell	Meckstroth
	1♦
1♥	1NT
3NT	Pass

Felts made the most effective lead — a club. Meckstroth ducked two rounds then won the third. He took a successful heart finesse, returned to his hand with the ♠A, and repeated the heart finesse. He cashed the ♥A, but the suit didn't split. Next he tried the spades, but they didn't split either.

With only eight tricks in sight, he led a heart to throw West on lead. Felts cashed his club and led the ♦9. In the two-card ending, dummy had Q-3 in diamonds and declarer the A-10. After a great deal of thought, Meckstroth called for the queen and made his game.

Why did he play the queen? Was it an out-and-out guess? No, said Meckstroth. Griscom had discarded the ♦8 on the third heart. Why the 8, Meckstroth wondered. Probably because Griscom saw the end situation that was coming up and was attempting to offer a false signal about the diamond suit, knowing Meckstroth would observe it. Meckstroth decided that anyone good enough to win the Grand Nationals was good enough to make a far-sighted falsecard, so he played the queen.

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The ♣2 can be the most important card

Steve Price found an interesting throw-in play on this deal from the Vanderbilt Teams when an opponent squandered the all important ♣2 when he should have saved it for a higher purpose.

Dlr: South	♠ K J 5 3 2	
Vul: None	♥ A	
	♦ A 9 4 3	
	♣ J 9 7	
♠ Q 9 4		♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ K J 6 4 2		♥ Q 5
♦ Q 10 5		♦ K 8 2
♣ 6 5		♣ Q 8 4 2
	♠ A	
	♥ 10 9 8 7 3	
	♦ J 7 6	
	♣ A K 10 3	

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TOP PLAYER AVAILABLE

Catherine d'Ovidio, a leading French player with more than 20 national titles, six European championships and two world championships, is interested in making herself and her knowledge of the game available to players on a professional basis.

She is willing to play with men or women, in North American, Europe or elsewhere – in high-ranking competitions or other venues, including the Internet.

Other members of Catherine d'Ovidio's team from France may be made available should the need arise for any level of competition.

Interested parties should e-mail sophie.makeiew@wanadoo.fr.

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North	South
1♠	1♥
3NT	1NT
	Pass

The opening club lead went to the jack, queen and ace. Price led the ♦6 and felt a flicker of a hesitation on his left as the ♦10 was played. He thought about ducking, but there could have been 10-8 doubleton, so he played the ace and returned a diamond to the 8, jack and queen. West shifted to a heart to the ace. Declarer cleared diamonds, and East was on lead.

East cashed the ♥Q and exited with the ♣2 won by the king. Price then unblocked the ♠A, cashed the ♣10, and led his ♣3 putting East back in. He had to lead a spade into the K-J.

If East had led a higher club at trick seven, of course, he could later underplay the 3 with the 2 and leave South with losing hearts in the closed hand and no bridge to dummy.

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A comedy of errors

Most of the deals that get into the Daily Bulletin illustrate something good that somebody did. Neia Kestler of Des Moines IA decided to share this deal to show how badly something can be done. This was from a Swiss teams.

Dlr: West	♠ A 8	
Vul: None	♥ K J 7	
	♦ A K J 7 3	
	♣ A K 10	
♠ J 9		♠ K 10 3
♥ 10 8 5 3 2		♥ A Q 9 7
♦ Q 9 6 4		♦ 10 8 2
♣ 3 2		♣ Q J 3
	♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2	
	♥ 4	
	♦ 5	
	♣ 9 8 7 6 4	

North	South
2♣	2♦
2NT	3♥ (1)
4♥ (2)	4♠
4NT	5♣
5♥	5♠

- (1) Transfer.
- (2) She forgot!
- (3) Oh yes, we're playing transfers!

Comedies are supposed to have happy endings, so let's see if this one is a true comedy. The opening lead was the ♥10 to the jack and queen. A low spade came back to the 9 and ace. The spade continuation went to the queen, dropping the jack. Another spade went to East's king. East tried to cash the ♥A, which was ruffed. Now declarer took the diamond finesse, and when that won, she ruffed a diamond to set up the suit.

That gave her four discards for her losing clubs (♦A, ♦K, a low diamond and the ♥K). At the other table, North-South got to 3NT down three, so the net gain was 600 points, worth 12

IMPs. The story has a happy ending, so it must be a true comedy.

Praise from an opponent

It's always nice to hear about a good play, but it's even nicer when someone else tells about a neat play made against them by an opponent. Eddie Kantar reported this deal from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, calling attention to the imaginative defense conceived by Bill Braucher and Rick Binder.

Dlr: South	♠ J 6 4 2	
Vul: N-S	♥ A K 8 6 4	
	♦ 4	
	♣ Q 10 7	
♠ A K 9 7 3		♠ Q 10 5
♥ J		♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ 8 6 5 3		♦ Q J 9 7 2
♣ A 6 4		♣ 5
	♠ 8	
	♥ Q 9 5	
	♦ A K 10	
	♣ K J 9 8 3 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>Braucher</i>		<i>Binder</i>	
1♠	2♥	2♠	1♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			5♣

North-South originally wound up in 4♥, but Braucher attempted to take the spade save — a good one. But Kantar decided to try 5♣, and partner went along with the idea.

The opening ♥J lead went to the queen, and declarer led a trump. But Braucher rose with the ace, and underled his ♠A K, playing Binder for the queen. Binder knew what to do when his queen won — he returned a heart for Braucher to ruff for the setting trick.

Braucher had to hope Binder had the queen, but one of the new conventions now being used widely would have made it a sure thing. Using the Rosenkranz Double, Binder would have doubled 2♥ to show a spade raise with one of the top three honors.

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A rare bird — even in Hawaii

A defensive grand coup is a rare bird, but that's what Michael Becker and Ron Rubin pulled off in the Vanderbilt match against Paul Orlett and Gary Roberts. This was the deal.

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

North	South
1♣	1♠
2♠	Pass

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Declarer won the opening spade lead with the jack and set about to cash some top cards and do some ruffing in an attempt to scramble eight tricks. When a club was led toward dummy, West discarded a diamond. The ♥A K were cashed and a heart ruffed. When the ♠Q was led, West allowed that to hold, so a club was led from dummy to East's jack.

When East led the ♣K at trick eight, West ruffed his partner's trick (grand coup) and got out with a diamond to the king and ace. When East persisted with clubs, South and West both discarded, and again they discarded when the ♥10 was played through at trick 11. Finally at trick 12, East led a plain suit (the ♦J) through South's ♠K-7 up to West's ♠A-8 — a rare and exquisite defense.

Note that if West fails to shorten his trumps by ruffing his partner's trick, but continues to discard, he will eventually have to ruff in and lead away from the ♠A and allow declarer to score the king.

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Australia vs. Australia

The Australian Team of Eric Barker, Nick Guoth, Tim Posney and Geoff Oystragh played in a Swiss teams and whom should they meet in the second round but a team of friends from Melbourne, Australia! This deal came up during the match:

Dlr: South	♠ 10 9	
Vul: N-S	♥ -	
	♦ A K 10 9 8 5 3	
	♣ J 9 6 2	
♠ K J 7 6 2		♠ Q 8 3
♥ Q 8 4		♥ 10 9 6 3 2
♦ J 4		♦ Q 6
♣ 8 4 3		♣ Q 10 5
	♠ A 5 4	
	♥ A K J 7 5	
	♦ 7 2	
	♣ A K 7	

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			3NT

North's double was for takeout — 2♦ would not have been forcing in their system. Oystragh, West, led the ♠6, and declarer won the third round. He then played the ♦2 and Oystragh inserted the jack! Declarer's original plan of ducking a diamond to East had been foiled. He couldn't duck the jack because Oystragh would then have been able to cash his spade suit, so he went up with the ace and returned to hand with the ♣A.

On the lead of the ♦7, Oystragh played low — and declarer went into the tank. Eventually he played the ♦10, and Posney won the queen. Declarer looked longingly at the diamond tricks he would never be able to take. When Posney returned a heart, declarer was set three tricks.



Gatlinburg: The beat goes on ...

It was déjà vu in the Smokeys last spring: Gatlinburg shattered ACBL all-time attendance records for the sixth consecutive year.

Some quick facts and figures from this past April: 9,565 tables, with 3,943 participants. Every state but one represented (hello, Wyoming?). Gold point knockouts: 207 brackets. Fifty-nine players with more than 100 masterpoints for the week. You get the idea. If you haven't been, join us April 9-15, 2007, to see what it's all about. If you have been, you already know, and probably have made reservations for next spring.

For information, contact co-chair Marlene Wass (865) 966-3292, mpwass@yahoo.com.

Fliers on information table . . . Visit the Mid-Atlantic at www.mabcbridge.org

A different kind of trump coup

Ruth Froeberg of Sunnyvale CA was confronted with a difficult situation in the trump suit on this deal.

Dlr: North ♠ K
 Vul: Both ♥ A K J 3
 ♦ K 9 7 4
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

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

♠ –
 ♥ 10 6 4 2
 ♦ Q J 6 3
 ♣ K 8 6 3 2

♠ J 9 8 6 5 4 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ A Q

North
 1♥
 2♦
 4♠

South
 1♠
 3♠
 Pass

West led the ♣J, which rode to Froeberg's queen. She led a spade, and West hopped with the ace as East showed out. A club was returned to the ace, and declarer mapped out a plan to neutralize West's trump holding.

She cashed the ♥Q, went to dummy with the ♥K and ruffed the ♥A! Then she cashed the ♦A K and ruffed a diamond, reducing herself and West to all trumps. She led the ♠9, and there was nothing West could do. If he won, the trump return would go to the 8 or 5, and a middle trump would allow West to win only his queen. If West refused the 9, he could win the next two trump tricks, but then would have to give declarer the last and game-going trick.

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Too much to handle

Claire Tornay and Kitty (Bethe) Cooper gave declarer too much to handle on this deal from the Women's Pairs.

Dlr: East ♠ J 10
 Vul: Both ♥ 6 2
 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2
 ♣ Q J 5 2

♠ Q 5
 ♥ K 10 5
 ♦ K J 9 7
 ♣ K 9 7 6

♠ A K 6 4 3
 ♥ Q 9 7
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A 10 3

North
 1NT
 2♠

South
 1♠
 2♣
 Pass

The North-South pair were destined to be set, but Tornay and Cooper found a way to beat it three vulnerable tricks.

Tornay opened the ♦9, third best, and Cooper took the 10 with the ace. A diamond was returned to the king, and Tornay led a third round, ruffed by Cooper with the 9 and overruffed with the ace. Declarer led a spade toward the J-10, but Tornay rose with the queen and continued a trump to the jack.

Declarer at this point was cut off from her hand unless she gave up on the club finesse, so she

couldn't draw the last trump. She successfully finessed the ♣Q, but when she tried a second finesse, Tornay won and gave her partner a club ruff. Declarer still had three hearts to lose, settling for minus 300, worth only two matchpoints out of 25.

Entry fees

Players *must* be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are **\$18** per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is **\$16.50** per player per session.

Regional championships are **\$15.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$17.50** for non-members.

All other events are **\$14.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$16.50** for non-members.



THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES - FRIDAY EVENING SIXTH OF SIX SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION R			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			60.80	1		Michael Elesen, Scottsdale AZ; Richard Ekstrum, Crystal MN		70.27	
2			59.66	2		Kenneth Skou, Syvdei Norway; Haldor Sunde, Stryn Norway		64.02	
3			56.63	3		Daniel Voorhies, Ashland OR; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA		57.77	
4			52.65	4	1	Edith Neff, Kailua HI; Ron Frystak, Kaneohe HI		57.01	
5/6			51.52	5		James Remy, Olympia WA; Marshall Kerlin, Americus GA		55.68	
5/6	1		51.52	6	2	1	Gamil Tadros - Frances Tadros, Calgary AB	55.49	
7			51.33	7	3	3	John Adams, Laguna Woods CA; James Green, Harrisburg PA	54.55	
	2/3	1/2	51.14		4	4	Leti Quintal, Ewa Beach HI; Rosemarie Jesse, Redmond WA	53.41	
	2/3	1/2	51.14		5	2	Nancy Baker, Honolulu HI; Janice L Wild, Briarcliff NY	48.11	
	4		50.95						
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION S			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			59.85	1		Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC		63.07	
2		1	59.47	2		Dewy Cundiff - Peg Cundiff, Las Vegas NV		62.88	
3		3	58.33	3		Ruth-Anne Mazer - Allan Mazer, Towson MD		60.42	
4			55.68	4	1	1	Randall Roberts, APO AP; Gloria Halstead, Alexandria VA	58.71	
5	4	2	52.65	5		3	Harriette Buckman - Fred Buckman, Lincolnwood IL	54.55	
6			51.89	6		2	Ron Studen - Anita Studen, Novato CA	52.08	
						3	Rick Giles - Mary Giles, Florence SC	50.00	
						4	2	Koko Adachi - Yoskiko Yamazaki, Toyko 112-0012 Japan	49.05

FRIDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS - SECOND OF TWO SESSIONS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			60.90	1		Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Yasuko Kosaka, Yokohama-Shi 24 Japan		63.78
2			58.49	2		Cedric Pang, Vista CA; Ken Horwedel, Las Vegas NV		61.38
3			57.21	3	1	Diane Ayukawa, Delta BC; Insa Fricker, Richmond BC		57.21
4	1		57.05	4	2	Eric Sieg - Eric Bell, Norman OK		56.73
5			56.73	5	3	Merryl Chin - Andrew Risman, Toronto ON		53.53
6			54.33	6		Lisa Fishman, Bellevue WA; Leo Fishman, Goleta CA		52.88
7			52.56	7		Ava Grubman, Brooklyn NY; Madeline Nagel, Boca Raton FL		52.08
	2		49.04		4	4	James Paschal, Reno NV; Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV	48.88
		1	44.39			1	Raymond Clemmons, Langley BC; Karen Gurwitz, Littleton CO	43.75
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			63.30	1		Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA		66.51
2/3			59.29	2		Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO		65.87
2/3	1		59.29	3	1	Masaharu Wakasa - Nobuko Wakasa, Kawasaki-Shi 44 Japan		58.33
4	2		54.97	4		Gerri Knilians - Hal Knilians, Thousand Oaks CA		55.93
5	3		54.17	5		Mark Liberman, Don Mills ON; Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON		55.61
6			53.69	6		George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA; Hans Wandel, Portland OR		50.00
	4		48.40			2	Anne Smith, Burnaby BC; Peggy Walters, White Rock BC	47.44
						1	Ester Lisker, East Quogue NY; Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany	44.87
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION Q			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			69.07	1		Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA		68.27
2	1		58.49	2		Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA		68.11
3			56.09	3		Pat Levy, Houston TX; Lawrence Lau, Westport CT		57.21
4			55.13	4		Billie Vickers, Montgomery AL; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH		53.53
5			54.49	5	1	Susan Bussan, Cuyahoga Fls OH; Shirley Lundstrom, Cuyahoga Falls OH		51.12
6			52.40	6	2	Margaret Abbott - Bud Abbott, Seaview England		50.48
7	2		51.44	7		Donna Watkins - Sheryleen Grothus, San Antonio TX		49.36
						1	Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Elizabeth Stevenson, Wirral England	43.43

New Year's in Charleston, Spring on Cape Fear

The Mid-Atlantic's upcoming holiday regional – Dec. 26-Jan. 1 in Charleston – is shaping up as our biggest and best. Host hotel sold out long ago, but three quality alternatives are within a short walk or shuttle ride. Contacts: Housing, Ann Tokarczyk (843) 556-5043, tokarcab@comcast.net. General inquiries: Chair, Lindsey Butler (843) 881-0818, blindsey730@bellsouth.net

Our first regional next year – Feb. 19-25 in Wilmington, NC – will offer the first taste of spring. This town on historic Cape Fear features dozens of restaurants and shops within a three- or four-block walk of the Hilton Riverside, our host hotel and playing site. Call (910) 763-5900 for reservations (\$83 bridge rate). Co-chair: David Klein (910), klein4@earthlink.net



TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Hemlock Hawaii Day**Saturday, November 25, 9 a.m.**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Hemlock Hawaii Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	1st single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 25, 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Saturday, November 25, 1:30 p.m.

Hawaii's Aloha Team Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>Continues at 8 p.m.</i>	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Hemlock Hawaii Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	2nd single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	South Pacific Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 25, 1 & 8 p.m.

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams <i>(Note new starting time.)</i>	1-2 SF	Tapa Ballroom	\$18	—
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Saturday, November 25, 1:30 & 8 p.m.

Bill Keohane North American Swiss Teams	1-2 SF	Tapa Ballroom	\$18	—
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, November 25, 8 p.m.

Bernard G. Nobler Memorial Stratified Open Swiss Teams	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
Hawaii's Aloha Team Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Hemlock Hawaii Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 25, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Coral Ballroom, Conference Center	\$12/team/match	
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*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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

Making a difference

There are many people who make a difference in this game we enjoy. This section of your Daily Bulletin recognizes individuals who have contributed time, talent and other resources for positive change. Although space constraints limit what can be communicated about each person's contributions, we are sure that you will agree that each individual has made a lasting impact on this wonderful activity called bridge.

Hawaii's Aloha Team

Marvie Kelly – Lola Gebauer – Gay Conklin – Carol Yap

These four bridge enthusiasts live "Bridge Is For Fun." In previous years, members of this team have been voted by Unit 470 membership as "Most Congenial." Members have also been awarded the Milton Holt Trophy. They have been playing bridge for many years, and most are Life Masters. They all volunteered to work on an NABC committee.

Bernard "Bern" G. Nobler – In Memory

"This bridge game is for you, Bern." You were a wonderful husband, stepfather, architect and bridge partner. You were my partner in life and I will always be grateful for the time we had together. We met in 1983, married in 1985, and an illness took you from me in 2003. We had a wonderful 20 years together. I am very pleased to be able to sponsor the Stratified Open Swiss Teams game today in honor of Bern.

Aloha, Mrs. Bernard G. Nobler.

Daisy Ching

Thank you Daisy, for all the beautiful leis.

Michael Roeder

Thank you for your contribution to the Daily Bulletin.



Today's entertainment is Abe Lagrimas Jr., who performs on drums, ukulele, vibes and guitar and the Honolulu Boy Choir. For more information, see page 2.

