

DAILY BULLETIN



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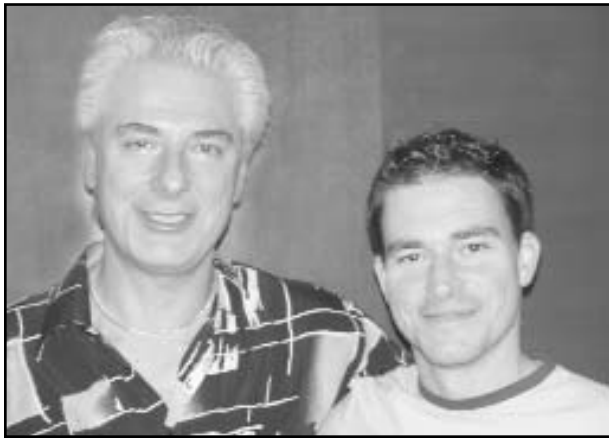
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Canadians dash to Fast Open title

Nick L'Ecuyer and Robert Lebi, who had never played together before the Summer NABC in Chicago, put together a solid final set to win the Fast Open Pairs by about 11 matchpoints on an 11 top.

Second place went to Doug Doub and Adam

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NABC+ Fast Open Pairs winners: Robert Lebi and Nick L'Ecuyer.

Spingold enters semifinal round

Four teams will face off today in the semifinal round of the Spingold Knockout Teams. The matchups, by captain, will be Robert Hollman versus Charlie Weed (npc), Nick Nickell versus George Jacobs.

Only Hollman had any difficulty making it to the round of four. Their match against the four-man Hemant Lall squad was close most of the day and ended at 165-147 for Hollman.

By contrast, the Rose Meltzer squad withdrew against Jacobs after three quarters, trailing by 100 IMPs. Nickell's match against Tony Kasday also lacked drama as the No. 2 seed pounded their opponents 59-3 in the second quarter on their way to a 121-65 win.

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Stern, Morgan in Mini-Spin 5000 final

The last day of the Mini-Spingold 0-5000 KO will feature an all-District 13 final as the squads led by Paul Stern and Jacob Morgan will square off.

Stern's team includes Daniel Levin, James O'Neil and Christopher Monsour. Morgan's lineup features James Melville, Will Engel and Marty Harris.

In the semifinal round, Stern defeated the defending champions in the event and the #1 seed led by Gayle Covey. Stern won 112-77.

In the other bracket, Morgan's squad beat the team captained by Kelley Hwang 158-110.

NABC table count:

11895 through Friday evening.

Radin dominates Wagar final

The team led by Judi Radin ran up an 85-IMP lead after three quarters of play in the final of the Wagar Women's Knockouts, prompting the surrender of their opponents captained by Betty Ann Kennedy. Radin won the match 135-53.

Radin played with Sylvia Moss, Pamela Granovetter, Migry Zur-Campanile, Shawn Quinn and Mildred Breed. The Radin squad is on a streak, having also won the Women's Swiss at the Spring NABC in Dallas.



Wagar Women's Knockout Teams champs: Migry Zur-Campanile, Mildred Breed, Judi Radin, Sylvia Moss, Pamela Granovetter and Shawn Quinn.

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Palmer team tops Mixed BAM

A five-member squad with lots of experience in collecting first place in the event ran away with the Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams.

Winners by more than four boards were Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas, Rozanne Pollack, William Pollack and William Pettis. Each has won the Mixed BAM at least three times.

Second went to a team that rallied from well back in the pack heading into the two final sessions: Richard Schwartz, Margie Gwozdzinsky, Walid Elahmady, Daniela von Arnim, Teri Casen and Drew Casen.

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Winners in the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: seated, Lynn Deas; standing, Rozanne Pollack, Beth Palmer, William Pollack, William Pettis and Julie Pettis, daughter of Pettis and Palmer.

Foran rallies to win Mini-Spin 1500

In the final of the 0-1500 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, Edward Foran's Atlanta-based squad trailed the team captained by Eric Hendrickson by 52 IMPs at the half. A surge by Foran's team in the third quarter, however, tied them with their opponents from Minneapolis. Foran outscored Hendrickson in the last set by 14 IMPs, to win the contest 161-147.

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Winners of the Mini-Spingold 0-1500 KOs: Steve Callaham, John Hassett, Edward Foran and Nicolas Hammond.

Meltzer aims high, and makes her mark

Rose Meltzer has come along way in her bridge career from her start as a casual high school player in Bronxville NY.

Only last month, the Los Gatos CA resident achieved three firsts — one of them shared — at the World Bridge Championships in Verona, Italy.

When she and fellow team captain Christal Henner-Welland made it to the final of the Rosenblum Cup in



Verona, they became the first women ever to make it to that stage of the open event.

When her team won, Meltzer became the first woman to win the Rosenblum and the first of her gender in the history of the World Bridge Federation to achieve open World Grand Master status.

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Goodwill message

Have you said "thank you" to a caddy during this NABC? The caddies pick up slips each round during pair games and move boards during team games — despite players' best efforts to hide the score slips and the boards.

A word of thanks will brighten their day — and yours, too.

*Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee*



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Sunday, July 23

11 a.m. - **Vugraph.** Location: Columbus G-L.
3:30 p.m.
6 - 11:30 p.m. **Vugraph.** Location: Columbus G-L.

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Daily at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in Columbus Hall A-D.

Saturday July 22

9:15 a.m. Jade Barrett *The Learning Curve*
6:45 p.m. Ellen Wallace *The Value of Game Tries - To Go or Not To Go*

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

All entertainment will be held between sessions at 6:45 p.m. on the stage outside the ballroom.
For information on any of the Special Events below, visit the Tour Desk located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

Saturday July 22

Chinese Dragon Dancers
Special Events: Frank Lloyd Wright/Hemingway House tour,
Restaurant bus to Chinatown

Triple underlead

By Brian Senior

Bridge teachers usually tell us otherwise, but is it okay to underlead a side-suit ace against a trump contract? Take a look at this deal from a bracketed knockout teams.

Dlr: West	♠ 5 2		
Vul: None	♥ K 7 2		
	♦ J 10 6		
	♣ J 10 7 6 4 2		
♠ K 10 9		♠ A Q 7 3	
♥ 6 4		♥ A Q 10 9 5	
♦ Q 8 5 4		♦ K	
♣ Q 9 5		♣ A 8 3	
	♠ J 8 6 4		
	♥ J 8 3		
	♦ A 9 7 3 2		
	♣ K		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

I did not like my options very much on opening lead against 4♥. It sounded as though East-West might be missing a diamond control or, if they did have one, it might be that there would be a K-J guess in dummy. Accordingly, I led the ♦3, not being particularly happy when this went to the 4, 10 and king.

Declarer was looking for dummy entries to take trump finesses, so he led a low club to my bare king. In tempo, I led a second low diamond to the 8, jack and a ruff. Declarer could see two entries to dummy now, so he crossed to the ♠K to lead a heart to his 9. Now he was in trouble as I scooped in the jack. The only problem was that I was now endplayed. If I exited with a heart or a spade, I would pick up the suit for declarer, while the ♦A would be ruffed, establishing dummy's queen. Declarer could then play the ♥A and ♥Q, losing to the king but taking the rest for 10 tricks.

So I led the ♦9, my third underlead of the ace, and, sure enough, declarer played low from dummy.

Declarer ruffed in hand and tried to cash the ♠A and ♠Q – and the roof fell in. North, Paul Hackett, ruffed, gave me a club ruff, overruffed the fourth spade and gave me a second club ruff. The defense never made a diamond trick, but came to five trump tricks and the ♣K for down three.

I was endplayed at trick one. If I started with the ♦A, what would I lead to trick two? A second diamond gives declarer an entry to finesse in hearts, a club tips declarer off to the club position, and a heart or a spade picks up that suit. Maybe it is okay to underlead a side-suit ace after all?

Late night snack

Tonight's late night snack will feature two items: fortune cookies (with real bridge fortunes in them!) and egg rolls.

Tonight's ethnic entertainment

Local junior bridge players will present an authentic Dragon dance!
The performance will be at 6:45 p.m.

Childcare

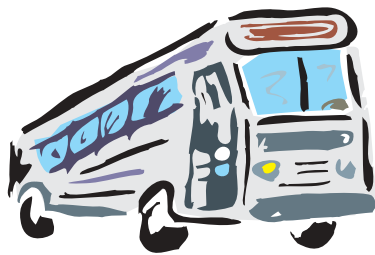
Childcare is available at the Chicago NABC. Times are noon-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-midnight. Kids' bridge lessons are held daily from noon to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 7:30.

For information, contact Donna Compton in room 1055 in the Hyatt Regency.

Restaurant Bus to Chinatown

Tonight between 5 and 7:30 p.m., there will be buses doing "restaurant runs" back and forth between the Hyatt Regency and Chinatown.

Your cost for the bus service is \$2 round trip. Get your bus tickets at the Special Events Desk, or at the time of boarding. You will be given a map of the area restaurants and a coupon to one of the listed establishments when you board.



Spingold final on vugraph

The final of the Spingold Knockout Teams will be presented theater-style in the Columbus Hall (Senior playing space) on Sunday. Guest commentators will include David Berkowitz and George Jacobs.

Several vugraph/BBO operators are still needed. You may indicate your availability and contact information in the Tournament Operations office near the Press/Bulletin office.

Chicago Blood Drive

Saturday, July 22
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location:
LifeSource Bus
in front of Hyatt-Regency,
East Tower

LifeSource would like to invite the American Contract Bridge League Tournament players to be a hero and donate!

Everyday, over 1500 units of blood are needed by Chicago area patients, yet only about 1,000 units are collected. To help increase collections, the ACBL has graciously offered to host a blood drive. Each unit of blood collected provides three products: plasma, platelets and red blood cells that can help save the lives of "three" individuals!

To schedule an appointment, please stop by the LifeSource Information table or call:

1-847-803-7943

Walk-in's Welcome!

Identification required. It is suggested that you eat prior to donating. Drink plenty of fluids.

Tours

The Frank Lloyd Wright/Hemingway House Tour will take you out to Oak Park, one of Chicago's close western suburbs. Join us in visiting two of Chicago-land's favorite sons, Ernest Hemingway and Frank Lloyd Wright. We will take a bus out to Oak Park and tour the birth home of the Pulitzer Prize winning author. The home is a wonderful example of an upper middle class, turn of the century lifestyle and has been lovingly restored. We will then travel a couple of blocks to the Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio. Wright did some of his most important architectural work here and incorporated many of his ideas in to his own home. Perhaps more than any other building, this showcases his genius. We will head back to the Hyatt in time for afternoon bridge. En route we will enjoy box lunches.

The tour will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the Hyatt West Tower Entrance on Stetson. Your ticket will cover the entire cost of the trip, including lunch and tip to the bus driver. You will return to the hotel approximately 1 p.m.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Show some attitude!

By Barbara Seagram

Using standard signaling, we discard a high card in a suit to suggest that partner lead that suit or a low card in a suit in which you have no interest. Sometimes, particularly when defending against notrump, you cannot afford to discard a high card or you may be throwing away a winner, . e.g., from ♣A K Q 9. While the ♣9 may not look so great, if clubs break 4-3-3-3 around the table, against a notrump contract if you discard a club you have thrown away a trick. It is therefore sometimes better to discard a low card to suggest that you don't wish that suit led.

Now let's look at a trump contract where poor West yawns as he picks up a very sad hand.

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

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

Opening lead: ♣J.

When East overcalls ♣, West shows respect and leads partner's suit. East concludes that the ♣J cannot be a sequence since East holds the ♣10. Thus West must hold either a singleton or a doubleton club.

Just in case, East overtakes the ♣J with the ♣Q (always win from the bottom but lead from the top). If East had won with the ♣A instead, that would say to partner, "I don't have the ♣K."

East cashes the ♣A and then the ♣K. On the ♣K lead, West discards the ♦2. This gives East some guidance. He knows that he must not lead a diamond. He now must cash the ♥A. West signals with the ♥2. Declarer's ♥K falls under the ace.

Why did West bother to show her attitude about these other suits with such a sorry little hand? The only worthwhile card in the West hand is the ♠J. It is a potentially useful card only because dummy's trumps are crummy. West fervently wants his partner to keep leading clubs.

East now leads a high club. Poor South. Whatever she does now will be wrong. If she ruffs high on the club return, West will later score the ♠J as it gets promoted. If South instead pitches a diamond, West ruffs immediately with the ♠J.

Take another look for a moment. Note that if East had led a diamond at trick five, declarer would now win, draw trumps and claim. It was the brutal lead of another club by East that was declarer's downfall. West gave East all the messages along the way that were necessary to guide the defense. It is also important to recognize that East must cash the ♥A before leading that final club, giving partner the trump promotion. If East does not cash the ♥A, then declarer will sluff the ♥K on the fourth round of ♣ and make her contract.

Remember, no facial expressions, no body language at the table. But give your messages the legal way: by the cards that you play.



June Goodwin's Table Talk cartoons will be published in book form this fall by Master Point Press.

Thinking bridge

By Eddie Kantar

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

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♦J (see lead commentary).

Bidding commentary: North is not quite strong enough to bid 1♦ holding five diamonds along with one or two four-card majors (needs at least 11 HCP). North's leap to 3♠ may seem conservative (some would leap to 4♠), but a void in partner's first bid suit is not all it's cracked up to be. If partner's strength is in the void suit, the void is not worth that much. However, when partner is weak in the void suit, the void is worth its weight in gold.

Lead commentary: The ♦J is certainly tempting. Another possibility is a trump lead holding strong clubs, declarer's first bid suit.

Though singleton trump leads are normally not on the top of the recommended list of opening leads, nothing is written in stone. As it happens, only a trump lead defeats the contract.

Play commentary: With a void in each hand, a crossruff looms. Declarer can ruff four diamonds in dummy and four clubs in his hand for eight trump tricks, and the ♥A and ♥K make 10. So what's the problem? The problem is that before launching a straight crossruff, one should cash the necessary number of side suit winners first. Declarer should cash the top hearts early. Why? Look at the East hand. If a crossruff is started early, East can discard a heart when a third club is ruffed. Now it is impossible to take two heart tricks. Also, when crossruffing, start by ruffing low in each hand, saving the higher trumps for the later ruffs.



Playing in the IN game on Friday night were Ed Bacher III of Columbus OH and Jin Hu of Johnston IA. Bacher and Hu were second in the 99er pairs.

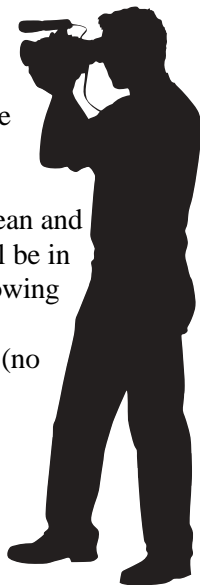
IN Masterpoint leaders

Below are the leading mastepoint leaders in the Intermediate-Newcomer games after Friday afternoon's play:

- 1 30.76 Leonard Dubin, Skokie IL
- 2 26.06 Honor Mogul, Northfield IL
- 3 22.09 Sherry Gerdes, Griffith IN
- 4 22.09 David Gerdes, Griffith IN
- 5 21.20 Ruth Watts, Chicago IL
- 6 20.43 Diane Pekow, Chicago IL
- 7 19.70 Ginger Griffin, Chicago IL
- 8 17.92 Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL
- 9 17.67 Jonathan Ullman, Princeton NJ
- 10 17.67 Dan Recht, Mt Kisco NY
- 11 17.45 Kenn Thornton, Hernando FL
- 12 17.45 Eric Errickson, Clear Lake MN
- 13 16.27 Jerry Campeau, Libertyville IL
- 14 14.95 William Clarke, Wilmette IL
- 15 13.84 Kahren Arbitman, Winter Park FL
- 16 13.84 Laurie Pastrano, Winter Park FL
- 17 13.61 Helen Galnick, Carlsbad CA
- 18 13.61 Dean Wolfson, Chicago IL
- 19 12.65 Loretta Sullivan, Elmhurst IL
- 20 12.65 D Kelly Sullivan, Elmhurst IL
- 21 12.59 Bonnie Clarke, Chicago IL
- 22 12.44 Gail Shaps, Northbrook IL
- 23 12.37 Robert Smink, Berwyn PA
- 24 12.37 Marjorie Smink, Ft Myers FL
- 25 12.13 Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL
- 26 11.75 Richard Spear, Naperville IL
- 27 11.68 David Copi, Ann Arbor MI
- 28 11.52 Jeannette Chase, Lake Barrington IL
- 29 11.39 Barbara Copi, Ann Arbor MI
- 30 11.30 Diane Kelley, Chicago IL
- 31 11.25 Gale Shillington, Downers Grove IL
- 32 10.75 Carol Jaegers, Bonita Springs FL
- 33 10.75 Fran Smith, Glen Ellyn IL
- 34 10.55 Bradley Shaps, Northbrook IL
- 35 10.55 Artie Cohen, Highland Park IL
- 36 10.51 Michael Sears, Boyne City MI
- 37 10.51 Debbie Sears, Boyne City MI
- 38 10.32 Audrey Filar, Palos Park IL
- 39 10.26 Trella Bromley, Jacksonville FL
- 40 10.26 Jeff Jackson, White Bear Lake MN
- 41 10.01 Nancy Kelly, Grosse Pointe MI
- 42 10.00 Ellie Clark, Vienna VA
- 43 10.00 Ednamea Trevey, Fairfax VA
- 44 9.97 Olivia Shapiro, Highland Park IL

Lights, Camera . . .

A film company will be in Chicago July 13-23 for an upcoming documentary on professional bridge players. Please extend your courtesy to director-producer Kimberly Dawson and directors of photography Noah Bean and John Orebaugh. Most filming will be in the GNT and Spingold areas following the Lynch team. The producer is interested in hearing great stories (no hands please!) related to people's obsession with the game and the extreme measures they take to be able to play. Please feel free to e-mail her at bridgedocumentary@yahoo.com.



We will make every effort to ensure that filming does not disturb play. If you have any concerns, speak to a tournament director or contact Linda Granell, director of marketing, in the Daily Bulletin office. Remember that these opportunities help promote our game. You also should be aware that your entry blank includes the statement: "The submission of this entry blank constitutes an agreement binding on all players listed hereon: that this contest is governed by the rules, regulations and procedures of the ACBL..." Among those rules and regulations is the following (adopted by the Board of Directors in 1983): "By participating in any ACBL sanctioned event, each contestant, official, or observer of any such bridge contest agrees that said event, or portions thereof, may be filed, recorded or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the sponsoring organization."

Want to play Mid-Chart conventions? Read this first!

Players who wish to use Mid-Chart methods (in events that permit them) must check the ACBL Defense Database for rules governing their use.

If you choose to play a method permitted by the Mid-Chart, you are required to do the following:

1. Pre-Alert the opponents about your method prior to the auction on the first board.
2. Have a complete written description of the method available for your opponents.
3. For certain methods, you must provide your opponents with an approved defense from the database. Visit the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org for details.

ACBL players: help players from outside North America who wish to use Mid-Chart methods to be aware of these rules.

Open Swiss Teams begins today

The Open Swiss Teams, a national-level contest, will begin today at 1 p.m. It is a four-session event: a two-session qualifying round and a two-session final

The inaugural Open Swiss was held last summer at the Atlanta NABC. The winners were Peter Bertheau, Frederik Nystrom, Christal Henner-Welland, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes.

NAP/GNT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The NAP/GNT events were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the districts in which they lived. They were to be "grass roots" events.

Over the past several years, implementation of this original intent has become increasingly difficult. This is especially true in the top flight of the GNT as expert partnerships are established over increasingly large geographical distances. Partnerships in all flights were also affected mostly where districts abut one another.

In an effort to restore the integrity of the original intent to these two great events, the ACBL Board of Directors, after lengthy and extended deliberations over two years, has approved for implementation* the following measures:

*Effective July 1, 2006 for the GNT 2006/2007 event.

Effective April 1, 2007 for the NAP 2007/2008 event.

- **GNT:** A member's principal physical residence as of Sept. 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage, if any.
- **NAP:** A member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the club level, if any.
- In order to ensure that each participant at the unit or district level understands that a participant is affirming his or her eligibility, entry forms for unit and district finals should include the following statement: "By entering this event, I hereby certify, subject to penalties provided in the Conditions of Contest for the event and the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that I am eligible to play in this event in this district."
- It is expected that there will be virtually no exceptions to the residence requirements for

participants in this event. A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member has a principal residence and from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member wishes to play. Both District Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted. The player must begin this process by April 1 of the year prior to the National Final for the NAP and by July 1 of the year prior to the National Final for the GNT.

- An ACBL Credentials Committee (CC), composed of ACBL Board members, has been established to clarify in which district a player is allowed to participate when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a unit final stage or later stage has been made, the CC may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the CC's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the district of principal residence, the CC shall automatically disqualify the member and his or her partner and teammates (if the event is the GNT).
- When a member is disqualified by the CC, the CC may refer the matter to the ACBL President. Upon such referral, the ACBL President may make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

The ACBL recognizes that implementation of these measures may inconvenience some members who were granted exceptions for previous events. The general consensus, however, is that implementation and strict interpretation of these measures is necessary to restore the initial intention ("grass roots") and, therefore, integrity of application of the conditions of these events.

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No phones

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.



Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an announcement, use the announcement word - such as "transfer" - and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or announces a bid should make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or announcement has been made.



The Warren Buffett Cup

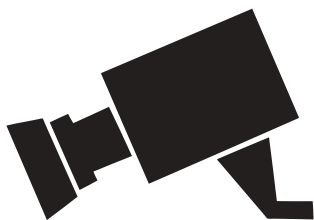
It will be the USA versus Europe in Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 19-22, touted as the bridge event of the year. Please log onto www.buffettcup.com and register to get news of your favorite players before and during the event. It's free, and your registration helps maintain sponsors for the event. Visit the web site to see the head-to-head matches, just like golf's Ryder Cup.

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.



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 ACBL 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.

Risk tolerance

Mark Itabashi reported the following deal from the second qualifying session of the NABC+ Fast Pairs. The theme of this declarer play problem will be a familiar one, especially to matchpoint aficionados: should you risk going down multiple tricks in an effort to make your contract, or should you settle for a "safe" down one?

Try this problem as South:

Dlr: East ♠ A K 4 3
Vul: Both ♥ 9 8 2
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ 8

	♠ 10		
	♥ K J 10 7		
	♦ J 8 7 5 4		
	♣ K Q J		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West leads the ♣A (East playing a non-descript 3, attitude), and you play the jack. West continues with the ♣2, so you discard a low spade from dummy as you win the king. Now what?

West, the opening bidder, is a heavy favorite to hold the ♥A Q, so crossing to dummy to take a trump finesse is probably pointless. Therefore, you elect to play a low trump toward dummy: 7, 6, 2, 5. Since that was such a success, you next play the ♥10 to the queen, 8 and 4.

West plays a third club (East following) and

you win the queen.

Decision time: were trumps 3-3 or 4-2 originally? If they were 3-3, you can simply knock out the ♥A, ruff the club return and claim. If they were 4-2, however, another trump play will be very costly. West will win the ace, and play another club, tapping you out of your last trump. You'll go down two or three depending on whether West started with five or six clubs.

Another option, of course, is simply to run the diamonds, allowing the defense to score the remaining low trump which will defeat the contract one, but only one, trick. It allows you to keep control.

So what'll it be? Down one, or risk down two or three for a chance to make it? Here's the full deal:

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

Fortune favors the greedy: trumps were indeed 3-3, but Itabashi's opponent (declarer on this deal) took the safe approach for down one after Itabashi's repeated club leads.

Morris becomes Grand LM

Bob Morris of Houston TX has joined the ranks of Grand Life Masters by surpassing 10,000 masterpoints at the Chicago NABC.



Morris, a fulltime player, has two NABC titles. The first is the 1998 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams and the second is the 2005 Silodor Open Pairs which he won with his life partner and fellow Grand LM, Eddie Wold.

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Carteaux is new Grand LM

Bob Carteaux of Fort Wayne IN is a Grand Life Master by virtue of earning his 10,000th career masterpoint in Chicago.

Carteaux was a member of the winning squad in the 1997 Senior Knockouts at the Fall NABC in St. Louis.

Carteaux was a professional bowler in the Fifties and Sixties. In 1955, he earned the distinction of being the first left-handed bowler to score an 800 series.

Carteaux was a wholesale consumer products distributor for 35 years.



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Then and now

By Phillip Alder

My first NABC was the 1971 Summer in Chicago, at the Palmer House. I was a lad of 19 over from England with my bridge partner. We stayed at the YMCA, and to pay my share of the bill, I got up every morning at six to help collate and staple the Daily Bulletins. How times change, in more ways than one.

I remember two things clearly from that tournament. I played a one-day team event with two different partners. On one deal with the person I did not know beforehand, I was waiting for my left-hand opponent to bid. I said to myself that if he bid 4♥ and my partner doubled, I would pass and lead a club. Almost immediately, it went, "Skip bid – four hearts."

Waiting nearer a tenth of a second than 10 seconds, my partner doubled. Lefty boomed for the director, who told us to play on. I passed and led a club, which was the only start to defeat the contract. Back came the director and neither opponent would believe that I had decided what to do even before LHO jumped to 4♥. They claimed I had been influenced by my partner's fast double, but the TD did not buy it.

Then there was this auction when I was playing with an esteemed player. We were vulnerable and the opponents were not.

West	North	East	South
	Alder		EP
3♥	3♠	5♥	1♣
7♥	?		6♠

I did not have a first-round heart control, so I doubled. The penalty was paltry compared to plus 2210 in 7♠. My partner said that it was my fault because if I had passed, he would have bid 7♠. Even when I pointed out to my partner that he had denied first-round heart control by failing to bid 6♥ instead of 6♠, it was still my fault!

Back then, I played all the time; now I am busy writing newspaper columns. But I did play in three events, starting with the Sunday evening one-session board-a-match teams. My partner was Eddie Kantar and our teammates were Ann-Marie Crabbe and Yvonne Snyder (Eddie's wife).

This was my first hand of the evening:

♠ K Q J 7 5 2 ♥ Q ♦ Q 8 7 5 3 2 ♣ —

Only our side was vulnerable. My partner passed and my right-hand opponent opened 3♣, showing six clubs and a four-card major. I decided to settle for three spades and was promptly doubled on my left. After two passes, would you sit or run to 4♦?

The next day, Dennis Goldston of Colorado Springs came into the Daily Bulletin room with a story about this deal. Since I was holding the fort, I took down the details. This was the full layout, rotated for convenience:

Dlr: West ♠ 9 6 4 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ —
 ♣ K 9 8 7 6 5

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

♠ A 8
 ♥ A K J 7 4
 ♦ K J 4
 ♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3♠	Goldston Dbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass
 East's actions would not meet with universal approval, but if he had bid 4♦ over 4♣, we would not have heard this story.

Against 4♥ West led the ♠10, taken by declarer's ace. A diamond ruff on the board was followed by a trump to the queen and king. The ♦J was ruffed and a club played to the queen, West ducking his ace. West ducked the ♣J, too, took the third club, and cashed the ♦A to give this end-position:

♠ —	♠ 9 6	♠ K Q
♥ 10 8 3	♥ —	♥ —
♦ 10	♦ —	♦ Q 8 7
♣ 10	♣ K 9 8	♣ —

♠ 8
 ♥ K J 7 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

At this point West should have led the ♥10. South may win and play two more rounds of hearts, but West has an exit card in his ♦10, and declarer loses a spade at the end for down one.

However, West continued with the ♦10 immediately. South ruffed and played three rounds of trumps, throwing in West as his stepping stone to dummy's ♣K, which took the last trick. In the IMP Pairs, making 4♥ was worth 8 IMPs.

Returning to my table, you can see that 3♠ doubled would have made unless South found a diamond lead. If he does, North can ruff, put his partner back in with a heart, get a second ruff, and then await a third diamond ruff when South gets in with his ♠A.

Believing that South knew I was in the wrong contract, I ran to 4♦. South happily doubled this too, but he took only one spade, one heart and one diamond. Plus 710 was a win.

If I may be permitted one more good board, this was my favorite from the Wednesday Daylight Swiss Teams that my squad of Lew Finkel, David Becher and Alan Watson squeaked out.

With neither side vulnerable, you pick up:
 ♠ K 10 9 7 ♥ K J 7 ♦ K 10 ♣ K 9 8 4
 Your right-hand opponent deals and opens 1♥. What would you do, if anything?

The traditional answer is to pass because you have only two diamonds. But I decided to hope that if my partner, Finkel, insisted on bidding that suit, he would have at least five. So I doubled. It went pass on my left, 3♦ from partner, and pass on my right. What now?

Again, pass is the "sane" action, but my heart holding was looking like two stoppers, and I had such wonderful intermediate cards. So I rebid 3NT, which was passed out.

This was the full deal:

Dlr: East ♠ 8 3
 Vul: None ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A Q 5 4 3
 ♣ Q J 7 5

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

♠ K 10 9 7
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ K 9 8 4

West had made her first mistake in passing over my double. If I had passed, surely she would have raised to 2♥, so she should have done the same now. True, if North becomes the declarer, East might make a costly heart lead, but you cannot afford to worry about these things. It is more important to tell partner about your support and modest values. Then, when my partner bid 3♦, I would not have been confident that he had so many high cards, and I surely would have passed it out. And you will note that 3♦ will not make, losing two spades, one heart, one diamond and one club.

Against 3NT, West made her second mistake by leading the ♥9. When leading from three low cards in partner's suit, lead high only if you have supported, so that he knows you have length there. When you have not supported, lead the lowest one.

To defeat 3NT, East had to duck this heart. Then, if I play a club, he can win and lead a low heart, keeping communication with his partner.

As it was, he won with his ♥A and returned a heart to my jack. (Yes, a spade shift is feasible, but would not defeat me as long as I did not rise with my ♠K.) I continued with a club, East winning and playing a third heart. Now I tested the diamonds, learning that West had started with four to the jack. I cashed my clubs ending on the board, then threw West in with her ♦J. At trick 12, she could cash the ♠A, but I took the last trick with my ♠K for plus 400 and 11 IMPs.



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vs

Paul Stern, Oak Creek WI; Daniel Levin, Aurora IL; James O'Neil, Oak Park IL; Christopher Monsour, Chicago IL

50.00 3/4 Gayle Covey - Steven Devico - Walt Murphy - Julie Murphy, Hendersonville NC; Ava Grubman - Elliott Grubman, Brooklyn NY

50.00 3/4 Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Lawrence Harding, Hampstead NC; Michael D Alioto, Birmingham MI; Robert Cappelli, Bloomfield MI

22.50 5/8 Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Gary Westfall, Brampton ON; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON; Serge Chevalier, Montreal QC; Roman Klein, Oakville ON; Andre Chartrand, Chateauguay QC

22.50 5/8 Mark Smith, Lutz FL; Dave Anderson, Tampa FL; Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Michael Wolf, Coral Springs FL; Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN

22.50 5/8 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX; Alene Friedman - Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Robert Gordon - Peter Bisgeier, Northport NY; Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA

22.50 5/8 Shaun Chooi - Joe Clark, Dallas TX; Ian Friedland, Mountain View CA; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA

10.00 9/16 Brian Johnston, Toronto ON; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA; Doug Levene - Mark Jones, Birmingham AL

10.00 9/16 Jay Whipple III, Chicago IL; Robert McPhee - Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON;

Robert Hollow, Madoc ON; Helen Keri - P Drew Cannell, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC

10.00 9/16 Renay Danto Weiner, Scottsdale AZ; Jack Shartsis, Huntington Wds MI; Brenda Jaffe, Farmington MI; Jon Coffee, Northville MI; Rose Burke, Bloomfield Hill MI; Charlotte Kartsonis, New Port Richey FL

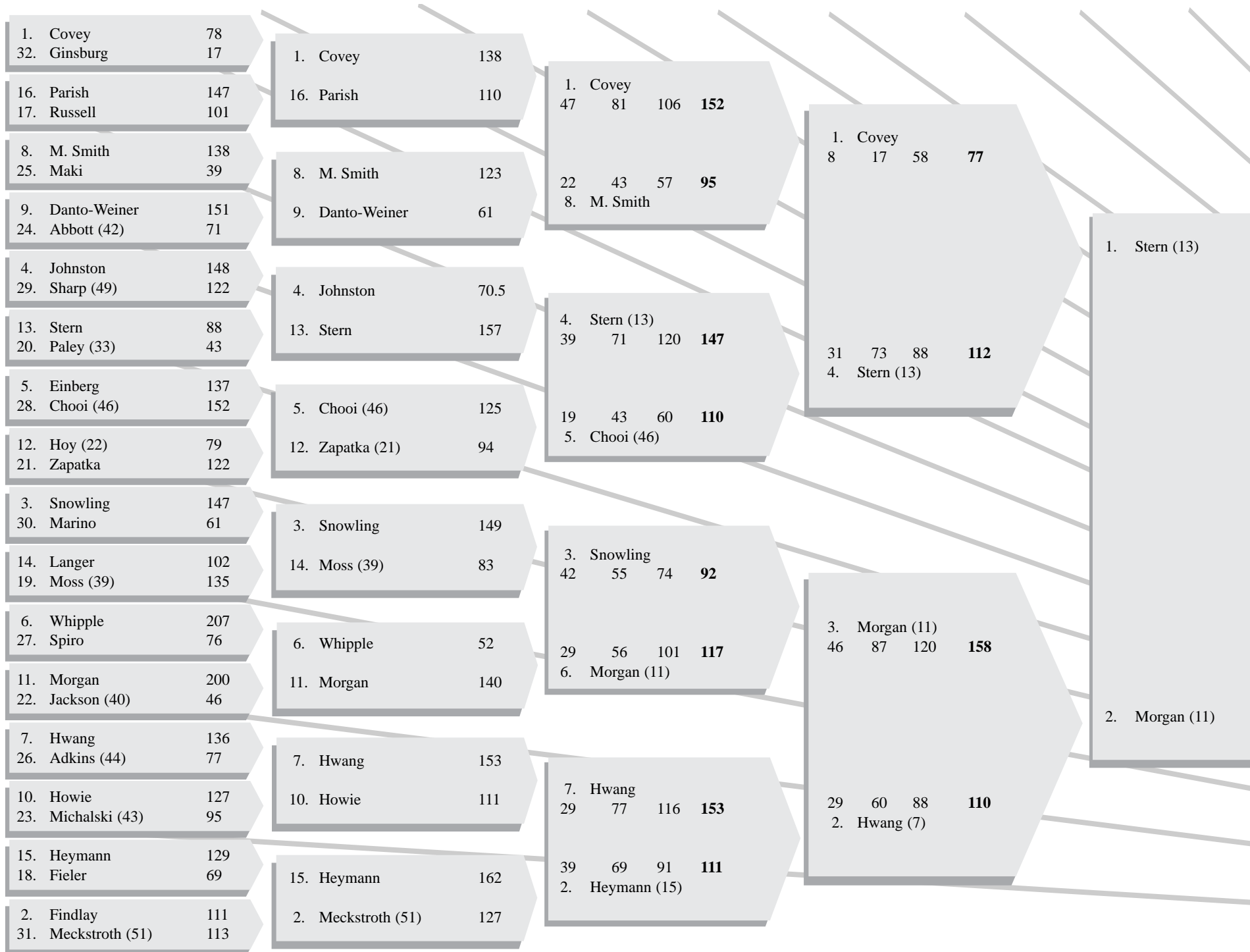
10.00 9/16 Jim Howie - Deborah Thomas-Howie, Etobicoke ON; Ellen Gabriel, Chicago IL; Ed Judy, Iowa City IA

10.00 9/16 Dan Parish Jr - Elise Parish - Freda Thornbrough - Donald Slotter, Omaha NE

10.00 9/16 David Zapatka - Jo Ann Zapatka, Sun Lakes AZ; Jon Nance, Springfield MO; Paul Ross, Fair Grove MO

10.00 9/16 Phil Moss, Wilmette IL; Jeanne Rahmey - Albert Rahmey, Brooklyn NY; Henry Moss, Glenview IL; Max Madsen, Naperville IL; K Newman, Chicago IL

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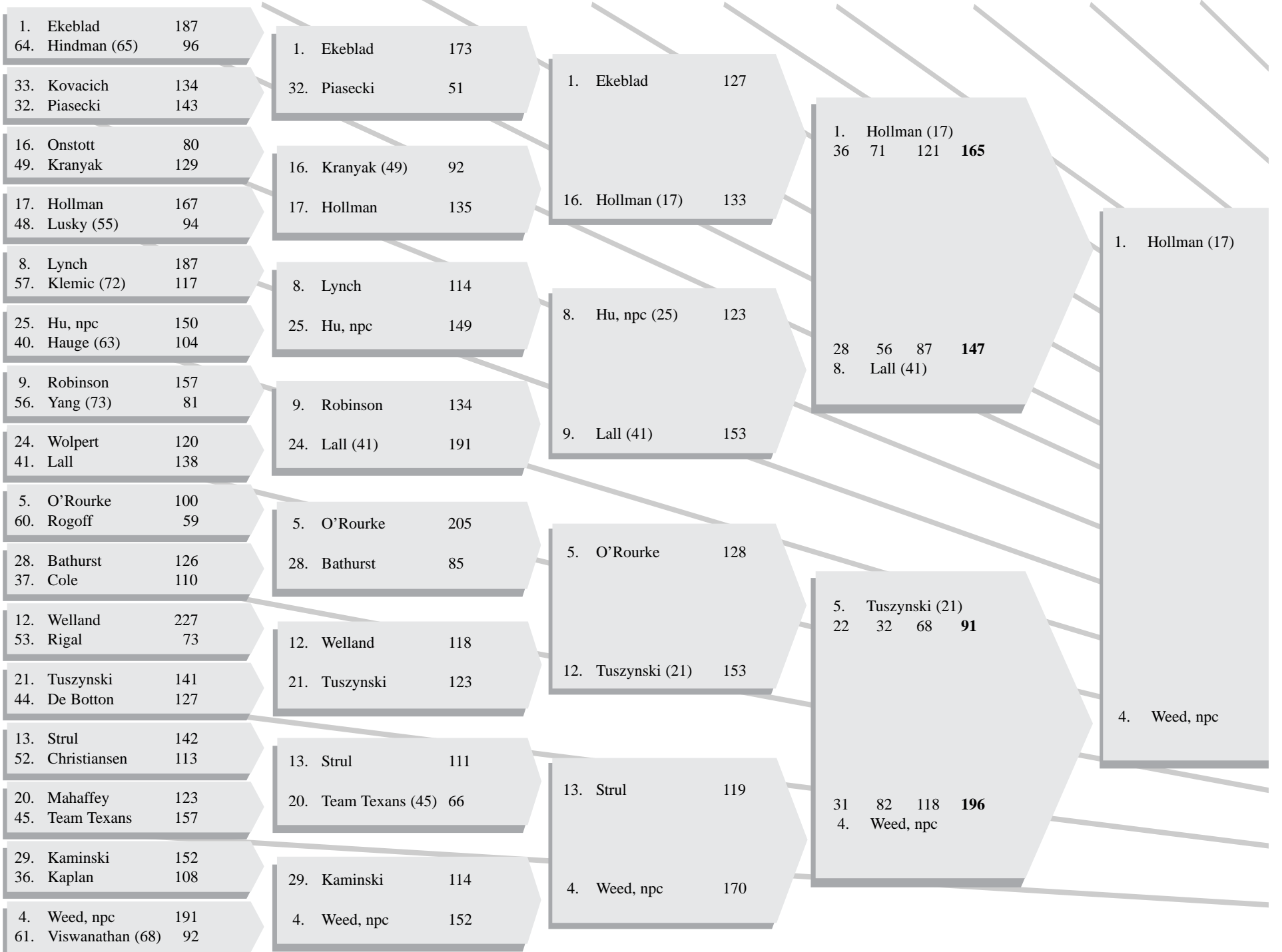
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James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Aventura FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria - Fulvio Fantoni - Claudio Nunes, Rome Italy

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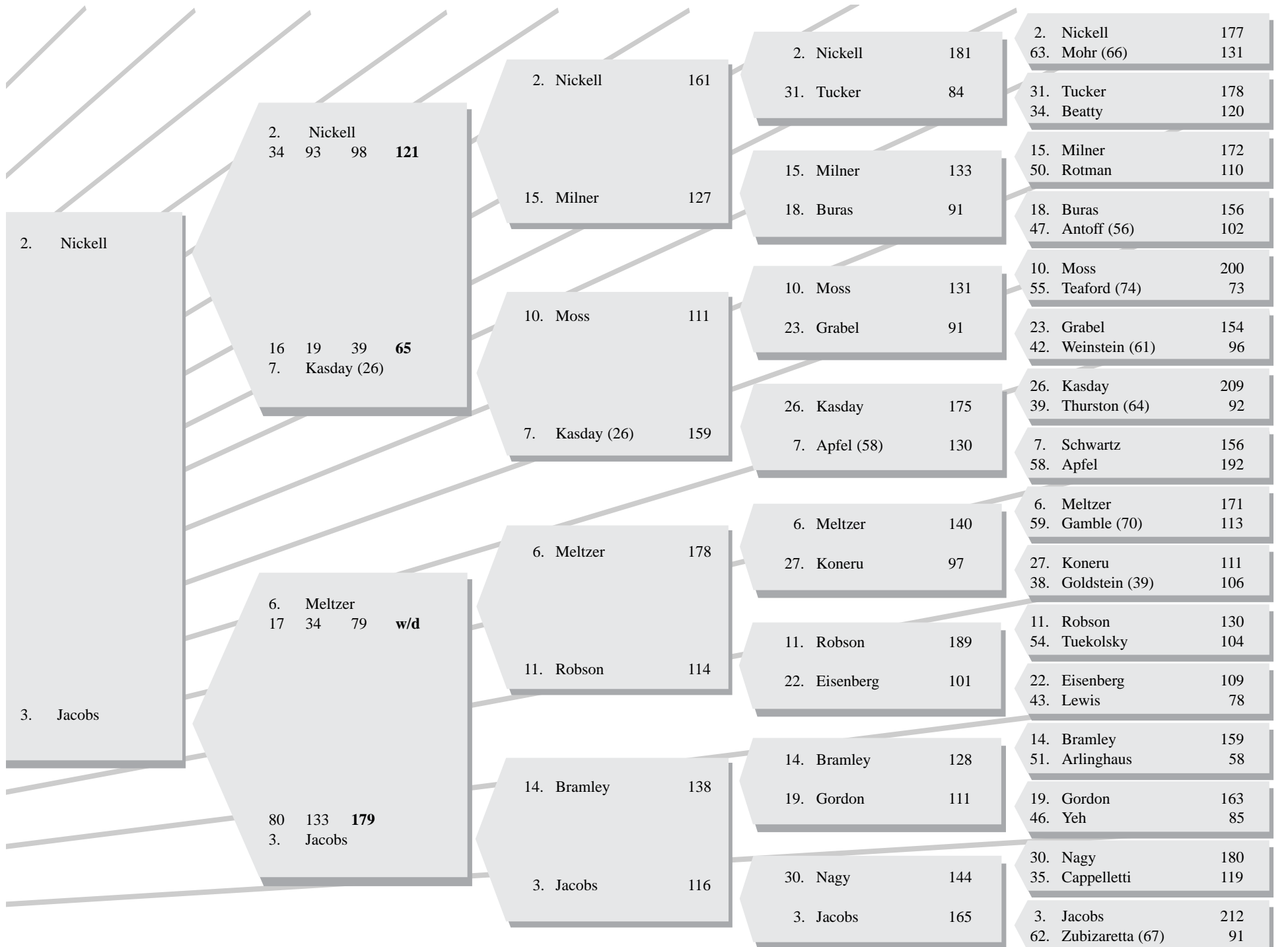
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FINAL STANDINGS IN THE WAGAR WOMEN'S KO TEAMS

28 Tables

120.00 1 Judi Radin - Sylvia Moss, New York NY; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH; Migry Zur Campanile, Tel Aviv Israel; Shawn Quinn, Richmond TX; Mildred Breed, Austin TX

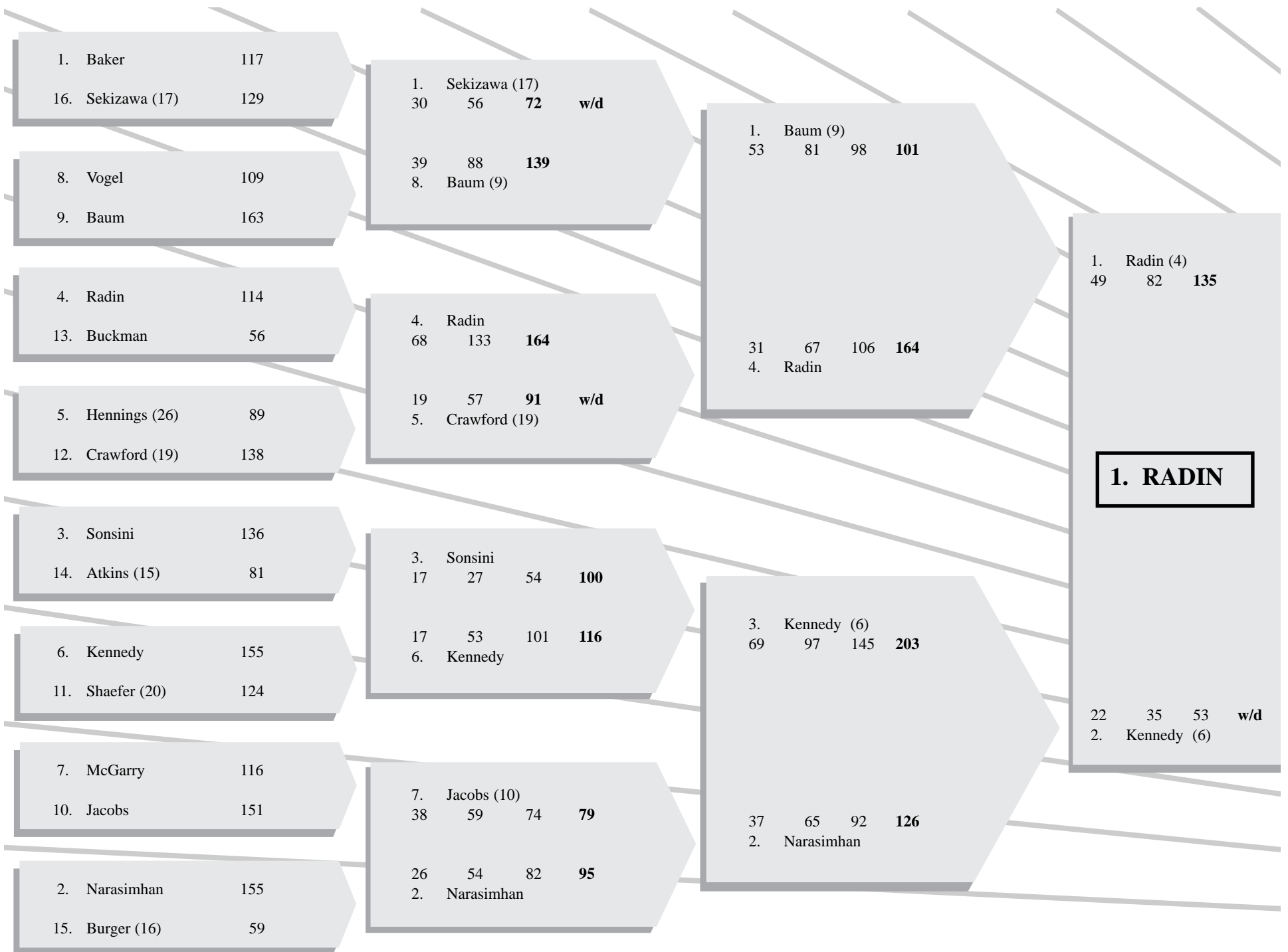
90.00 2 Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Val Covalciuc, Fort Myers FL; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Pam Wittes, Venice CA

60.00 3/4 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA
 60.00 3/4 Kathy Baum, Germantown TN; Candace Griffey, Vero Beach FL; Peg Waller - Cynthia Balderson, Eden Prairie MN; Joan Eaton, North York ON; Carole Miner, Rochester MN

38.57 5/8 Barbara Sonsini, Woodside CA; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL; Sue Weinstein, Las Vegas NV; JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA
 38.57 5/8 Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Shannon Cappelletti, Aventura FL; Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Ginny Schuett, Riverwoods IL
 38.57 5/8 Miho Sekizawa, Tokyo, Japan; Ayako Amano - Kimi Makita - Keiko Matsuzaki, Tokyo Japan
 38.57 5/8 Ellen Crawford, Henderson NV; Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Ora Lourie, Hypoluxo FL; Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL



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Second in the Mini-Spingold 0-1500 KOs were Matthew Bribitzer-Stull, Jason Bribitzer-Stull, Richard Lawson and Eric Hendrickson.

FINAL STANDINGS IN THE MINI-SPINGOLD 0-1500 KO

43 Tables
 74.51 1 Edward Foran, Marietta GA; Nicolas Hammond, Atlanta GA; John Hassett, Kennesaw GA; Steve Callahan, Woodstock GA

55.88 2 Eric Hendrickson - Matthew Bribitzer-Stull - Jason Bribitzer-Stull, Minneapolis MN; Richard Lawson, Plymouth MN

37.26 3/4 Dennis O'Dowd, Burbank IL; John Finnegan, Downers Grove IL; Bob Meixner, Hinsdale IL; Kevin O'Malley, Brookfield IL

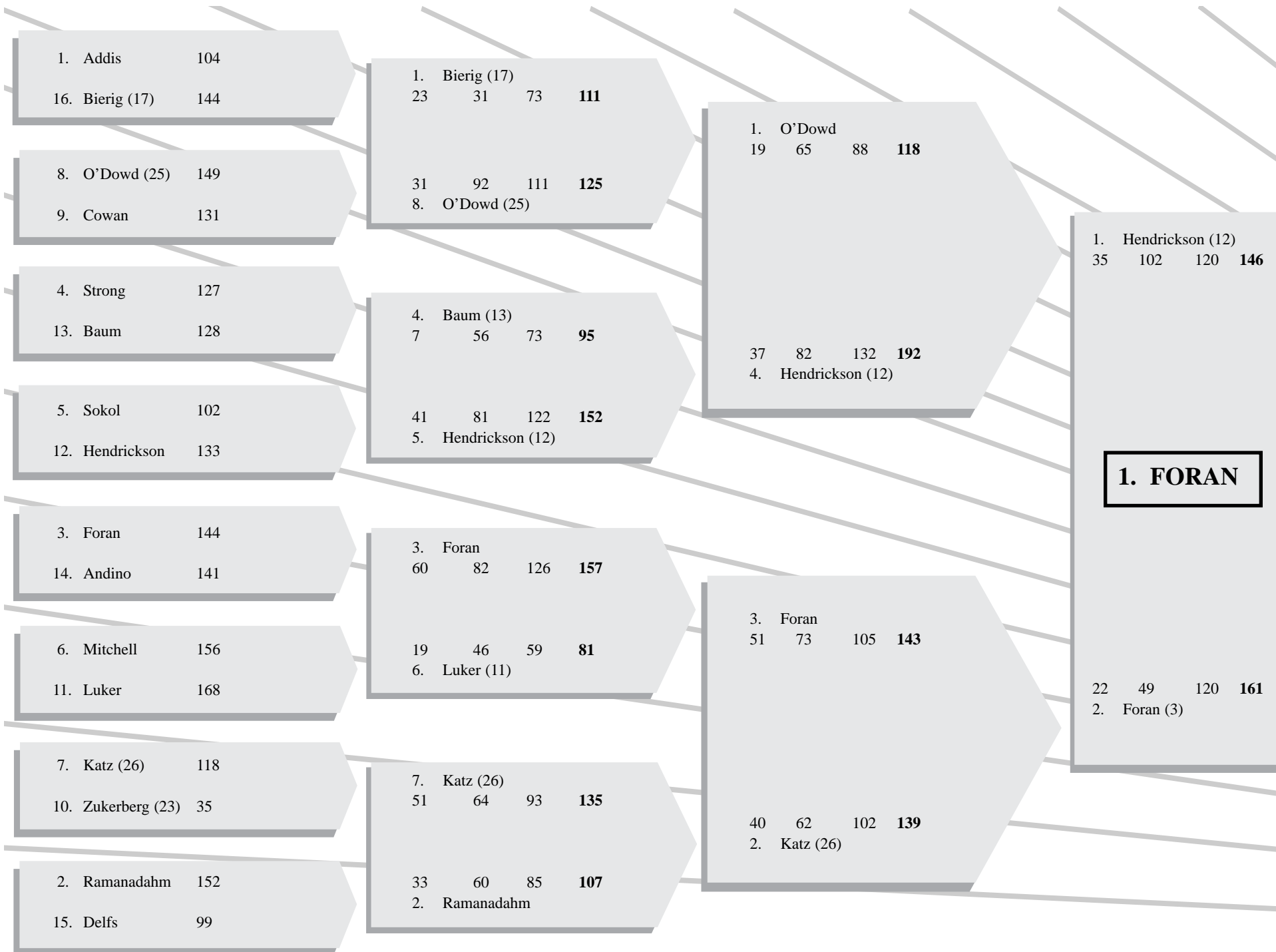
37.26 3/4 Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL; Daniel Goldfein, Lincolnwood IL; David Banh, Annandale VA; Owen Lien, Hickory NC; Kevin Dwyer, Lehigh Acres FL

16.76 5/8 Sasanka Ramanadham - Jason Clevenger, Saint Louis MO; Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL; Linda Lubeck, Troy IL

16.76 5/8 Tim Luker, Green Bay WI; William Zimmerman, Sun Prairie WI; Denise Hoffman, Marquette MI; David Vaclavik, Appleton WI; Stephanie Schwingel, Coloma WI; Nancy Ogreenc, Wautoma WI

16.76 5/8 Marshall Baum - Robert Howard, Highland Park IL; Lynne Rosenbaum - Nancy Frank, Glencoe IL

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APPEALS CASE 2

Subject: Tempo – Unauthorized Information (UI)

Director-in-Charge: Roger Putnam

Event: Wagar KO Teams, First round

Amalya Kearse

Board: 13 ♠ 10 4
 Vul: Both ♥ J 8 4 3
 Dlr: North ♦ A Q 9 4 2
 ♣ 9 6

Sanda Enciu

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

Jenni Hartsman

♠ K 6 5
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ K Q J 8 5 3

Rozanne Pollack

♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ A Q 10 9 5
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 7 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dbl	2♥	3♣	3♥ (1)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) After a break in tempo.

Final contract: 4♥ by South.

Table Result: North-South plus 620.

Director Ruling: 4♥ by South, North-South plus 620.

Committee Ruling: 4♥ by South, North-South plus 620.

The Facts: There was a break in tempo (BIT) before South bid 3♥ – all players agreed to it. Since a 2♣ bid would have shown a stronger hand with heart support, North's 2♥ bid limited the top side of her values. North-South do not play "maximal" doubles. If, instead of bidding 3♥, South had bid 3♦, it would have shown diamonds and been a game try. According to the testimony of both North and South, the 3♥ bid was forward going.

The Ruling: The director determined that the BIT did not "demonstrably suggest" a line of action. Since it did not, there was no basis for an adjustment (in accordance with Law 16), and the table result was allowed to stand.

The Appeal: East-West contended that both 3♦ and double were available to South as game tries.

Therefore, the BIT was the only suggestion that South was making an invitational bid, *i.e.*, the bid itself does not suggest that North reconsider her values for game purposes, but the BIT did. North-South said that they do not play any conventional calls in this sequence; double would be penalty oriented, and 3♦ would have shown a forward-going hand with diamond values. North said that if South was willing to compete, or invite, she evaluated her hand as having extra values. She felt that bidding the game was called for at IMPs.

Upon questioning by the Committee, North-South revealed that a redouble of 1♥ by North would have shown a stronger high-card hand but probably only three hearts. North said she could not remember the last time she redoubled in such a sequence.

The Decision: In order for a BIT to lead to an adjustment, it must "demonstrably suggest" a line of action. In this case, with a pair playing relatively few conventions, the BIT could have been because South was considering passing, doubling, bidding 3♥, bidding 4♥, or bidding 3♦. In her methods, South took one of the aggressive calls available to her (considering that 3♦ was not appropriate). This is not a case in which South was considering a more aggressive action than she took. The committee found that the BIT did not demonstrably suggest to North that she bid 4♥ any more than South's 3♥ call itself did. The decision might be different in cases where the North-South pair were playing that 3♦ would be a generic game try which would make South's 3♥ call merely competitive.

Dissenting Opinion by Mark Bartusek: North-South claimed that 3♥ was "forward-going" and that 3♦ would have been natural and game-invitational in their partnership of a couple of years. A double of 3♣ was undiscussed and presumably would have been for penalty since they do not play maximal game-try doubles. South held precisely what I would expect for a BIT over 3♣, a game-try without diamond length (and North can figure this out after the negative double and the 3♣ rebid). The North-South pair's statement about 3♥ being "forward-going" was not backed-up by any system notes and must be treated as self-serving by the committee. I find it hard to believe that a pair cannot bid three of a major in competition without inviting game (this would seem to result in a lot of part-score swings against them). The contract should be rolled back to 3♥.

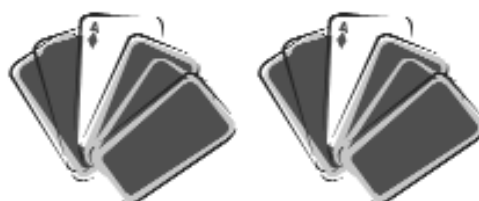
The Committee: Mark Bartusek (chairperson), Jerry Gaer, Robb Gordon, Dr. E. Kales, and Mike Kovacich.

Neither professes to be especially fast in the play (in the national Fast Open, rounds are 11 minutes long and slow play penalties are vigorously enforced), but they managed.

"We survived," said L'Ecuyer, who was winning his first North American championship.

"We got only one slow play penalty," said Lebi, who won his second major title. He and Mark Molson won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Lancaster PA in 1989.

The two played a 2/1 game forcing system with 12-14 INT openers.



June Deutsch earns Grand LM title

June Deutsch of Aventura FL has attained the rank of Grand Life Master. Deutsch has won six NABC titles including each of the five major national women's titles at least once, and she has now collected her 10,000th masterpoint at the Chicago NABC.



Deutsch, who needed just a fraction of a point to go over, blasted over the top with a victory in a regional compact KO.

Meltzer

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Her other significant first came in Paris in 2001, when she became the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl.

She credits two other women players – Rita Shugart and Lou Ann O'Rourke – with pushing her to play in open events rather than just women's events. She met Shugart in the late Seventies in New York before both of them moved to California. Meltzer moved with her husband, Cliff, a senior executive with Cisco Systems.

The first time it was suggested to her – by Shugart – that she try open events, Meltzer wasn't keen on the idea. But Shugart kept pushing and eventually introduced Meltzer to Peter Weichsel, who was her mentor for some time before leaving the team.

The other key to her success, Meltzer says, was her introduction to Kyle Larsen, her regular partner. "That was the biggest break of my life," she says. "There is no better partner on earth than Kyle." The two have played together for eight years.

Meltzer is candid in saying she thought she had reached the pinnacle in Paris in 2001. "When we won the Bermuda Bowl," she says, "I thought that was it."

As it happened, there was much more to come, and she eagerly awaits future challenges. "I'm loving it," she says. "This is my passion."

Wagar final

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Playing with Kennedy were Peggy Sutherlin, Val Covalciuc, Becky Rogers, Linda Lewis and Pam Wittes.

Radin led the match all the way. They finished the first quarter with a 27-IMP edge (49-22) and increased it to 47 IMPs at the half (82-35). Radin continued to pile on the IMPs in the third set, where their lead ballooned to 85 IMPs. The Kennedy team gave up before the fourth quarter of play.

Radin and Moss both live in New York City. Zur-Campanile is from Israel, where partner Pam Granovetter lived for many years until recently (she now lives in Cincinnati). Quinn and Breed are from Texas.

Fast Open

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Wildravsky, who suffered some back luck on the final round when the opponents bid to a pushy game that required a guess in a key suit. When declarer got it right, Doub and Wildavsky received a poor score instead of a near top had declarer gone wrong.

L'Ecuyer, who lives in Montreal, and Lebi, of Toronto, have been adversaries many times in Canadian team events but never partners before Chicago.

L'Ecuyer is marketing director for a private portfolio management firm, Giverny Capital Co. Lebi just retired in February as a systems analyst for the IT department of the largest brokerage company in Canada.

Spingold

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The Weed team started slowly against Piotr Tuszynski but led by 50 at halftime and finished more than 100 IMPs ahead.

Of the original top four seeds, only No. 1 Russ Ekeblad is gone. No. 2 Nickell, No. 3 Jacobos and No. 4 Weed are still in the hunt.

Life Master news

Joan Siavelis of Arlington Heights IL was on the winning squad in the Thursday 299er Swiss Teams. With that win she earned her gold card as a Life Master. She didn't say who her partner was, but the rest of the team was Jeannette Chase, Lake Barrington IL; Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL, and Penny Carduff, also of Arlington Heights.

The knockout teams produced big Life Master news as **Nancy Hanley** of Terre Haute IN earned her gold card and became a Bronze LM at the same time. One of her teammates, **Tana Holt** of Clinton IN became a Life Master in the same event. They were playing with two other women from Clinton: Diane Scott and Noreen Bryant.

Another player became a Life Master and Bronze LM at the same time: **Dorri Goldgehn** of Chicago, playing with her husband, Mickey, in the Wednesday Compact KO, Bracket 8. Their teammates were Myrna and Art Weiner of Marina del Rey CA.

David Hudson of Mount Prospect IL became a Gold Life Master (2500 masterpoints) in the Bob Hirsch Knockout Teams, Bracket 4. His partner was Paul Hills of Evanston IL. Their teammates were Dan Spindler and Jim Phillips of Park Ridge IL.

Earlier in this tournament, **Nick Cordell** of Yorkville IL appeared on these pages for becoming a Life Master. Now he is a Bronze Life Master, thanks to his team's performance in the Bob Hirsch Memorial KO, Bracket 6. He was playing with Dave Booth of Aurora IL. Their teammates were Dan Driggett of Glendale Heights IL and Elaine Bowers of University Park FL.

Jane McCoy of Pleasanton CA is now a Bronze Life Master, topping 500 masterpoints at the Summer NABC playing with Ernie Scosseria of Berkeley CA in knockout. Their teammates were Chris Galbraith of Antioch CA and Ken Dye of Raleigh NC.

Mini-Spin 1500

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Foran played with Nicolas Hammond, John Hassett and Steve Callaham. Foran is a CPA, and partner Hammond is a stay-at-home dad. Hassett is a retired engineer. Callaham is a banker.

Foran, Hammond and Hassett were second in the same event last year. (New team member Callaham jokingly took credit for the squad's improvement this year.)

Hendrickson's roster included partner Richard Lawson and teammates Matthew Bribitzer-Stull and Jason Bribitzer-Stull. The Bribitzer-Stull's were also second in the Young Life Master Pairs earlier this week.



Fishbein Trophy to top MP winner in Chicago

The player who earns the most number of masterpoints at the Summer NABC is declared the winner of the Fishbein Trophy, given in recognition of the accomplishment. Last year, the best performance at the Summer NABC in Atlanta was turned in by Geoff Hampson who nabbed 348.09 points.



Fishbein

Hampson won 250 masterpoints for his win the Spingold Knockout Teams, 50 points for making it to the semifinal round of the Grand National Teams, Championship Flight and 48.09 points for a second-place finish in the top bracket of a regional rated knockout event.

The Fishbein Trophy was donated by ACBL in memory of Sally Fishbein and in recognition of the untiring efforts of Harry Fishbein, who served as ACBL Treasurer and refused to accept the customary compensation.

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1957	John Crawford
1958	Helen Sobel
1959	Ira Rubin
1960	Boris Koytchou
1961	Marshall Miles
1962	Ira Rubin
1963	Alvin Roth

These are the Fishbein Trophy winners since 1964, together with their point totals. An asterisk indicates the record was broken that year.

1964	Percy Sheardown	223*
1965	Alvin Roth	210
1966	Alvin Roth	186
1967	Phil Feldesman	177

1968	Jim Jacoby	205
1969	Bob Hamman	180
1970	Dave Strasberg	155
1971	Barbara Rappaport	187
1972	B. Jay Becker	179
1973	Richard Katz	199
1974	Richard Shepherd	162
1975	Grant Baze	176
1976	Richard Katz	219
1977	Ken Cohen	198
1978	Mike Passell	215
1979	Bobby Wolff	179
1980	Peter Weichsel	194
1981	Ralph Katz	236*
1982	Mike Smolen	221
1983	Bob Hamman	280*
1984	Steve Sion	271
1985	Bill Passell	225
1986	Mark Lair	187
1987	Danny Rotman	188
1988	Helen Utegaard	168
1989	Zeke Jabbour	198
1990	Ron Rubin, Michael Becker	227
1991	Eric Rodwell	278
1992	Juanita Chambers	182
1993	John Sutherlin	233
1994	Lynn Deas	238
1995	Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman	253
1996	Jeff Meckstroth	269
1997	Steve Garner	247
1998	Paul Soloway	281*
1999	Eric Rodwell	348*
2000	Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Peter Weichsel	315
2001	Ralph Katz	384*
2002	Tobi Sokolow	304
2003	Michael Rosenberg	393*
2004	Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell	350
2005	Geoff Hampson	348



Hampson

Mixed BAM

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Rozanne Pollack took first in the event for the fourth time and third time in a row, winning with all different teammates last year in Atlanta.

The team led after the first two qualifying sessions and had another big round in the first final session, stretching their lead to more than three boards. The final score was 42.28 for the winners and 37.91.

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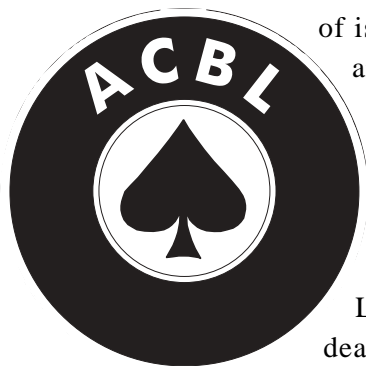
Ruling the Game

By Mike Flader

Associate National Tournament Director

Assigning an adjusted Score – Part 3

In this article, we will consider situations where there has been an irregularity and possibly damage to a non-offending pair.



Most of these types of issues revolve around violations of Law 16, which deals with Unauthorized Information and Law 75, which deals with Misinformation.

In order for the director to award an adjusted score, there must both be a violation and damage as a direct result of the violation. Thus, if a player forgets that he is playing Flannery and opens 2♦ with a good six-card suit and 8 HCP, as long as the agreement to play Flannery is clearly marked on both his and his partner's card and his partner has Alerted and given an accurate explanation of the agreement, there has been no violation as it is not illegal to make a mistaken bid. Because there is no violation, there can be no penalty.

Say that the partnership is actually playing weak two-bids, but the partner, when 2♦ is opened, Alerts and states that the agreement is Flannery. Here, there has been a violation, but if the offending side as a result of this misunderstanding goes down 1100 against a partscore, then, once again, there is no adjustment because although there has been an infraction, there has been no damage.

Say that the opening bid of 2♦ is Alerted as Flannery, but the partnership has agreed to play weak two-bids. As a result of this misunderstanding, the partnership gets to a ridiculous contract that gets doubled by the opponents. However, the opponents defend egregiously, letting them escape for minus 300 when they should have gotten 1100. Let's say further that the non-offending side can make a vulnerable game. In this case, there is both an infraction and damage, but, the director might well rule that the damage was not the direct result of the infraction since the non-offenders defended the hand badly. Once again, the director might not adjust the score.

From the foregoing, you might well surmise that directors don't like to give adjusted scores. That is a reasonable assumption. Whenever possible, we like to get a table result on which to base the outcome of the tournament. An adjusted score is an estimate of what might have happened had an irregularity not occurred. It is not as good as a real result.

Nevertheless, it is sometimes necessary to adjust a score. There is both an irregularity and damage as a direct result of the irregularity. How does the director determine what score to assign?

He uses the guidelines given to him by

Law 12C2 to help him. What that law says is that when he needs to assign an adjusted score, he is to assign to the non-offending side the most favorable result that was likely had the irregularity not occurred. For the offenders, they are to get the most unfavorable result that was at all probable had the infraction not occurred. As the law implies, the director does not have to assign the same score to both parties.

Let's take a look at some examples.

1. West holds

♠K J 3 2 ♥A Q 9 7 ♦3 2 ♣A K 4.

North, on his right, opens 2♦, which is Alerted and explained as Flannery. It goes Pass-Pass to him, and he decides to balance by bidding 2NT. (No laughing at the bidding. Everyone knows that directors cannot play). His partner raises to 3NT with

♠A Q 9 7 ♥K 4 2 ♦8 7 6 ♣Q 3 2,

and the defense rattles off the first six diamond tricks since the real agreement was that 2♦ was weak. Director!

The director finds that both convention cards for the opposition are marked weak two-bids, so there is clearly misinformation. It is also clear that the auction might have gone differently had West the correct information about the opening. He would probably have doubled 2♦, and his side would have bid to 4♠, which would make five. That is the score the director should assign as it is certainly the most favorable result that East-West can achieve as well as the least favorable result that was at all probable for North-South. In this case, it seems very sure to happen, but, even if it is not obvious, the non-offending side tends to get the benefit of the doubt.

2. West holds

♠A 4 2 ♥5 ♦K Q 10 8 6 4 ♣9 3 2.

He is dealer and opens with 2♦. His partner Alerts and in response to a question says that the agreement is that 2♦ is Flannery. North passes, and East responds 2♠. South passes. West decides to pass, and the opponents call the director when the dummy is faced.

The possibility of several infractions here exists. First, if the agreement was that 2♦ was weak, then, East gave North-South misinformation when he Alerted and said it was Flannery. Additionally, if West said nothing to correct his partner's misinformation, he has committed an irregularity as well. If the opponents have been damaged as a direct result of this misinformation, the director should assign an adjusted score. Thus, if the opponents could make a heart contract and it is reasonable to believe that they might be able to get there with the correct information, the director should assign an adjusted score.

What if the agreement was Flannery? Now, West has probably made a call based on an inference drawn from unauthorized information when he passes 2♠. He is

obligated to continue the auction as though his partner had explained his call as a weak two and had then bid 2♠. If that is the case, then, unless the partnership agreement regarding a new suit response is that it is non-forcing, West probably should have chosen to raise his partner's response instead of passing. Perhaps he should even bid 4♠. If the director finds that to be the case, it is reasonable to adjust the contract to some higher number of spades if the director believes that there has been damage as a result of West's action (or lack thereof).

3. South reaches 4♠. West leads the ♥2, and East wins the ace and king and then leads a third round of the suit, which South ruffs and West overruffs. South now discovers that East-West have an agreement to lead low from a doubleton. ACBL regulations require that such agreements be disclosed to the opponents at the beginning of each round, and East-West failed to do so. Thus, they are guilty of misinformation. If south could have ruffed higher had he the correct information, the director should consider an adjusted score if there is damage. However, if West holds the J-x-x of trumps and he was going to be able to make a trick with the jack whether South ruffed high or low, then there should be no adjustment since there has been no damage. The director might still decide to penalize East-West for their failure to fully disclose their agreements, but that is another issue.

4. In order for the director to adjust the score, there must be damage and it must be the direct result of an opponent's infraction. Say that North-South reach 4♠ after a Drury auction. Drury is not Alerted and after what would have been a signoff by his partner, the player who bid Drury bids game anyway. This is most likely an infraction since passing his partner's signoff was probably an infraction. At any rate, 4♠ is successful. If it was always going to make, the director should adjust the score since the damage to the non-offending side was the direct result of one of the offender's taking advantage of unauthorized information. However, if the defenders defended in a manner so horrible as to allow an impossible contract to make, that may sever the link between the infraction and the damage. Thus, the director may choose to allow the table result to stand for the non-offending side, although he may also choose to adjust the contract for the offenders or assign a procedural penalty.

There are many more examples that come to mind, but the idea for the director is to restore equity when there is damage as a direct result of an infraction.



Chicago 1998: A look back

Talk about wild hands!

Ralph Cohen made a simple 2♠ response to Robb Gordon's Michaels bid and a few seconds later found himself playing a grand slam in spades. Just look at Gordon's hand (North) — have you ever held one like that? The deal was played in the Spingold, so you can't blame the wildness on the computer.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Gordon</i>		<i>Cohen</i>
1♥	2♥(1)	Pass	2♠
3♦	7♠	All Pass	

(1) Spades and a minor.

Because of the Michaels bid, it worked out that the slam was played from the impregnable side. If Gordon had bid spades first, North could set the hand by leading a club for partner to ruff. But there was no way to stop the grand when played from Cohen's side.

This was the bidding at the other table:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♥	Dbl	Pass	1♠
2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	6♥	All Pass

We have no idea what the thinking was at this table, but it sure didn't work out well for North-South. The Gordon-Cohen team scored up plus 1510 in the Open Room and plus 1430 in the Closed for plus 2940. Even Cohen had to consult his IMP table to learn the result — a gain of 21 IMPs.

Scoring big in the LM Pairs

Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco's razor-thin victory in the six-session Life Master Pairs was made possible by results such as this deal from the first qualifying session:

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Greco</i>		<i>Hampson</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥(1)	Pass	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		4♥

(1) Invitational raise with three trumps.

West led the ♠A and was no doubt disappointed to discover the trump ace in dummy. He switched to a low club, which went to the queen and ace.

When Hampson tried a low heart to the dummy, North put in the jack which was taken by dummy's ace. Declarer now cashed the ♠K, discarding the ♣J, and continued with the ♦10, East refusing to cover. Hampson won the ♦A, cashed the ♦K and ruffed a diamond, establishing the suit. A low club was ruffed in the closed hand

and declarer played a diamond. North had no answer to this and, so, conceded. Plus 590 for Greco and Hampson, was a good score, but not a top since this result, with almost identical play, was reported by several other pairs.

That'll teach him to open

Brian Senior shared the following humorous anecdote from the opening round in the Spingold Knockout Teams.

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

West	North	East	South
		<i>Senior</i>	
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass (1)
4♦	5♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			6♣

"I innocently opened the bidding in fourth position with 1♦," sighed Senior. "The next thing I know, the opponents are in slam."

6♣ made seven, and a stunned Senior recorded minus 1390 on his scorecard.

Senior explained that South thought he had opened 1♠, and intended his jump to 4♣ to show a strong black two-suiter.

"We lost 12 IMPs on the board, since our teammates made 4♠ at the other table," said Senior.

"By opening the bidding, I effectively lost 24 IMPs for our team."

Two lines of play

Marshall Miles reported a hand that was well played against him by Michael Rosenberg. Miles carefully pointed out that he could have made a play that would have set the contract, but once he missed the play, Rosenberg took full advantage. Further analysis indicated that Rosenberg could have avoided giving the defenders a chance to bet him. The deal comes from the Life Master Pairs.

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

West	North	East	South
2♥	2♠	3♥	1♠
All Pass			4♠

West led a trump to the jack and queen, and Rosenberg led a diamond to the king and Miles' ace. Miles continued a diamond and Rosenberg won to lead the ♣K. Once again Miles won. "I could have beaten the contract at this point by returning a club," he said, "but I actually led a heart."

Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of trumps and began cashing diamonds. There was no way he could be prevented from pitching two clubs from dummy, so he scored up his game.

But Rosenberg might have done better not to

touch clubs at all. After winning the second diamond, he could cash the ace of trumps and then continue with diamonds. Declarer could get rid of two clubs, no matter how West defended.

Think first!

It pays to think a bit before playing to the first trick. Look at this hand from one of the pair games.

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

West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Declarer won the opening diamond lead with the ace, led a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade with the queen. After trumps were drawn, however, there was no way to get rid of the losing spades because the heart suit didn't set up.

The declarer at another table at first was going to win the opening trick with the ace, but then he paused. Finally he saw the solution. He ducked in dummy and ruffed. He cashed the high spade and ruffed a second spade with the queen. After drawing trumps, he cashed the ♥K and finessed the ♥10, not really caring whether it won or lost. South won with the queen, but was down to all red cards and had to put declarer back in dummy. The remaining spades were discarded on red cards — 6♣ bid and made.

Cohen and Berkowitz at work

See how you do defending against 4♥ on this deal from the Spingold.

			(Dummy)
			♠ 9 6 4
			♥ A Q 7
			♦ J 9 6 4
			♣ A 10 4
			(You)
			♠ A 7 3
			♥ 5 2
			♦ A K 7 3
			♣ K 8 6 3
West	North	East	South
<i>Berkowitz</i>		<i>Cohen</i>	
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

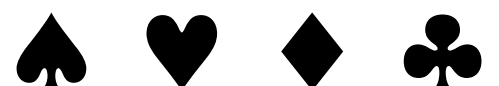
You lead the ♦A and it goes 4-5-8. Partner's 5 is consistent with Q-10-5 or 10-5 or Q-5. Over to you!

Since to beat the contract you need to find partner with a club honor, and since the jack is much more likely than the queen, you need to worry about a minor suit squeeze declarer may execute against you. You could try three rounds of diamonds, but declarer is far more likely to have the doubleton (and you'll set up the ♦J).

Berkowitz played a low diamond at trick 2. Cohen won with the queen and played a third diamond. Later Berkowitz got in with the ♠A to lead the fourth diamond.

Declarer had:

♠K Q 10 5 ♥K J 8 4 3 ♦10 5 ♣Q 7



THURSDAY LATE ZIP KO I

9 Tables

2.88 1 Steven Picus, Mequon WI; Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Monica Mitchell - Sandy Hambrick, Hot Springs AR
 2.16 2 Kenneth Andino - Theresa Andino - Bob Soni, Tallahassee FL; David Willmott, Folsom CA
 1.44 3/4 Kathryn Ritterbush - Beverly Geurin, Albuquerque NM; Lynda Flanger, Gainesville VA; Marilyn Sharratt, Austin TX
 1.44 3/4 Frank Stoffle - Georgina Little, London ON; Gordon Mori - Ruth Mori, Markham ON

THURSDAY EVE ZIP KO II

9 Tables

2.88 1 Maria Restuccia - Julie Pehlke, Ann Arbor MI; Dale Fiebelkorn, Norfolk VA; Barbara Glazerman, Newton MA
 2.16 2 Stephannie Russo - Blair Brickman, New York NY; Farley Mawyer, Plainview NY; Lee Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ
 1.44 3/4 Debra Bellan - Ellen Greenfield - Betty Starzec - Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land TX
 1.44 3/4 Marlene Zinamon, Beachwood OH; Victor Vertes, Cleveland OH; Subramania Krishnamurthi, Naperville IL; Molly Fainer, University Heig OH

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 1

8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables

Brian Kelly, Clive IA; Jerry Clerkin, New Albany IN; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
 vs
 Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Barry Harper, Regina SK; John Russell, North Barrington IL; G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver WA; Blair Seidler, Fair Lawn NJ

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 2

7 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

Adam Miller, Algonquin IL; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; David Sokolow, Austin TX; Peter Schneider, La Canada CA
 vs
 John Kinst, Batavia IL; Kristina Juk - Steven Juk, Shelbyville TN; Dale Fiebelkorn, Norfolk VA

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 3

8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT; Scott Hiller, Marshall MN
 vs
 Floyd McWilliams - Phyllis Peters, Terre Haute IN; Myra Walters, Aventura FL; Richard Walowit, Hollywood FL

Peg Herz, Williamsport PA; Alex McCrea, Shaker Heights OH; Subramania Krishnamurthi, Naperville IL; Cheryl Pehoushek, Lewisburg PA

vs

Kathy Stanford - Susan Fraser, Leesburg FL; Adam Kaplan - Todd Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 4

8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

Carolyn Deyett - Joan Savage - Elaine Hall, Canton MI; Ann Haycock, Novi MI
 vs
 Hugh Miller - Catherine Miller - Don Morgan, Houston TX; James Bochsler, Davenport FL

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 5

8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

Donald Freese - Sherry Freese, St Pete Beach FL; Heather Coburn, Waterloo ON; Rana Ghadaki, Don Mills ON
 vs
 Michael Pierce, Ostrander OH; Pat Bacher - Edward Bacher Jr - Edward Bacher III, Powell OH; Jin Hu, Johnston IA

Jack Alhale - Rozi Alhale - Joseph Meyers - Beverly Pogoda, New York NY

vs

Robert Webster - Wayne Larson, Ripon WI; Jerry Marchant, Green Lake WI; A George Johnson, Oshkosh WI

THURSDAY-SATURDAY A.M. KO BRACKET 6

9 Tables

Donald Valiska - Patricia Valiska, Highland IN; George Roeper - Margery Hedegard, Homewood IL
 vs
 Cathleen Otvos, Oakland CA; Lynne Bromley, Piedmont CA; Emie Scosseria, Berkeley CA; Christopher Galbraith, Antioch CA
 vs
 Mary Keen, Dexter MI; Judith Gessner - Shobhana Joshi - Sharad Joshi, Ann Arbor MI

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

24.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.16	1			Lynne O'Neill - William Grant, San Diego CA	67.13%
3.87	2			Michele Foran, Oconomowoc WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI	62.96%
3.64	3	1		Kathy Pollock, Tonawanda NY; Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY	61.81%
2.18	4			Julie Tigges - Keith Connolly, Minneapolis MN	57.64%
2.73	5	2	1	Sandra Lippy - William Lippy, Warren OH	56.02%
1.03	6/8			Julie Zhu, Vero Beach FL; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 4937 Israel	55.79%
2.05	6/8			Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Kris Miller, Reston VA	55.79%
1.44	6/8			Terri Kies, Orland Park IL; Robert Butz, Kankakee IL	55.79%
2.05		3		Dede Flieder, Annapolis MD; Richard Pawlowski, Columbia MD	54.86%
1.54		4		Lee Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ; Stephannie Russo, New York NY	54.40%
1.15		5		Virginia Schuemann - Garry Schuemann, Darien IL	53.94%
0.86		6		Glen Ashton - Karen Ashton, Nepean ON	53.01%
1.94			2	Cameron Shunta - Renee Shunta, Grand Haven MI	50.93%
1.45			3	Abbie Margolies - Martin Margolies, Dothan AL	50.46%
1.09			4	Laurie Due - Michael Kammermayer, Hamilton ON	48.15%
0.82			5	Christopher Panos - Barbara Wheeler, Sacramento CA	47.69%

FRIDAY B/C/D PAIRS

26.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
10.63	1	1	1	Daniel Groves - Gregory Udell, Bloomington IN	69.13%
7.97	2			David Shanahan, St Ann MO; Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL	59.56%
5.98	3			Daniel Swartzman, Chicago IL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL	59.47%
5.49	4	2		Marcia White, Lakeville MA; David Pimental, South Dartmouth MA	57.77%
4.12	5	3		Sandi Park, Madison WI; John Schutz, Waterloo WI	56.25%
3.09	6	4		Peter Grenier, Dallas TX; Frank Bischoff, Wheeling IL	56.06%
2.32		5		Courtney Donovan, Sylvania OH; Robin Spriggle, Holland OH	55.30%
2.04		6		Gerry Mirus - Patti English, Cincinnati OH	54.64%
3.07			2	Richard Darling - Judy Darling, Morrisburg ON	50.76%
2.30			3	Anantha Narayan - Sekharipuram Narayan, Fort Wayne IN	49.72%
1.73			4	David Raitt, Madison WI; Eleanor Seaman, New York NY	48.86%
1.98			5	Gary Dell, Champaign IL; Steven Fox, Kensington MD	48.39%

SECOND FRIDAY A/X PAIRS

34.0 Tables / Based on 89 Tables

	A	X		
28.29	1			Michael Mikyska - Catherine Podolsky, Los Angeles CA
21.22	2			Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Jim Looby, Burbank CA
15.91	3			Allan Jonas, Chicago IL; Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL
11.93	4	1		Andrew Hidi - Suzanne Hidi, Toronto ON
8.95	5			Barbara Seagram - Alex Kornel, Toronto ON
6.71	6			Patti Burriss, Clearwater FL; Robert Morris, Houston TX
5.04	7			Karen Lee Barrett, Vancouver WA; Susan Wexler, New York NY
3.96	8			Alan Lechner - Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY
3.86	9			Marie Filandro - Peter Filandro, Wilmington DE
8.37	10	2		Paul Cornelius, Redwood City CA; Stephen Castellino, Fremont CA
6.28		3		Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA; Fred Chasalow, Millbrae CA
4.71		4		Nancy Wilson - Fred Wilson, Carmel IN
3.53		5		Earle Davis, Glenview IL; Michael Kolacki, Chicago IL
2.65		6		Elaine Morrison, Lake Bluff IL; Margaret Ferguson, Peoria IL

CHICAGO MIXED B-A-M TEAMS

52 Tables / Based on 92 Tables

110.00	1	Beth Palmer - William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY	42.28
82.50	2	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; G. Margie Gwozdzinsky, New York NY; Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenheim Germany; Drew Casen - Teri Casen, Las Vegas NV	37.91
61.88	3	Kenneth Kranyak - Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH	36.96
48.89	4	Barbara Sonsini, Woodside CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	34.96
44.00	5	Jeffrey Hand, Casselberry FL; Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA	34.87
40.00	6	Dano Defalco, Padova Italy; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Patricia Cayne - Jacqui Mitchell, New York NY; Charles Weed, Shreveport LA	33.35
36.67	7	Barry Rigal - Susan Picus, New York NY; Mark Cohen - Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ	33.20
33.85	8	Stephen Goldstein, Santa Ana CA; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY; Linda Perlman, Lake Park FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL	32.26
31.43	9	Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA; George Bloomer - Judith Bloomer, Pittsboro NC	31.78
29.33	10	Donald Rutstein, Scottsdale AZ; Kay Schulle, Purchase NY; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Jan Horwitz, Butler PA	31.02
27.50	11	Adrian Dovell - Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Spike Lay - Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL	30.85
25.88	12	Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Susan Parnes - Gordon Parnes, Flint MI	30.35
24.44	13	Joe Quinn, Richmond TX; Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Gene Simpson - Laura Kenney, San Rafael CA; David Lindop, Toronto ON; Ellen Wallace, Chicago IL	30.20
23.16	14	Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Petra Hamman, Dallas TX	30.07
22.00	15	John Carruthers, Toronto ON; Marc Nathan - Cathy Nathan, Thousand Oaks CA; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL	29.98
20.95	16	Jan Martel, Davis CA; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Kit Woolsey - Sally Woolsey, Kensington CA; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Paul Lewis, Sioux Falls SD	29.89
20.00	17	C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts CA; Elianna Rupp - Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA	29.26
19.13	18	Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA; Beverly Rosenberg, Sherman Oaks CA; June Deutsch, Aventura FL; David Sokolow, Austin TX	28.89



18.33	19	Irina Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Mike Grudsky, Upper Holland PA; Linda Maloney, Rockville MD; Fred King, Falls Church VA	28.78
17.60	20	Gregory Potts, Portsmouth OH; Terry James - Charles Kopp, Columbus OH; Sheryl Langner, Dublin OH	28.67
16.61	21/22	James Polonsky - Harriet Polonsky, Basking Ridge NJ; Deborah Cohen - Samuel Cohen, Lisle IL	28.20
16.61	21/22	Richard Burton - Beatrice Kemp, Dacula GA; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Herbert Wilton, Fredericksburg TX; Michael Kutska, River Forest IL; Suzanne Dunaway, Oak Park IL	28.20
15.71	23	Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Harry Tudor - Barbara Wallace, Miami FL	28.13
15.17	24	Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Christine Urbanek, Tonawanda NY; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON	28.07
14.67	25	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON; Janet Daling, Seattle WA	27.85
14.19	26	Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Lee De Simone, Paso Robles CA; Debra Hyatt, Denver CO; Richard Finberg, Pittsburgh PA	27.83
13.75	27	Ginny Schuett - Jeff Schuett, Riverwoods IL; Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Tom Kniest, University City MO	27.76
13.14	28/29	David Reiter, Hollywood FL; Charlene Predmest, Delray Beach FL; Sharon Meng, Lakeland FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL; Jay Wasserman, Highland Park IL	27.70
13.14	28/29	Kenneth Kadis - Elayne Kadis, Brookline MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Ljudmila Kamenova, Cambridge MA	27.70
12.57	30	Gigi Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Patricia Goldfein - Jerry Goldfein, Lincolnwood IL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL	27.63
12.22	31	David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY; Sandra Friedman, Flushing NY; John Lusky - Isolde Knaap, Portland OR	27.61
11.89	32	Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Frances Dickman, San Jose CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Diane Shannon, Saratoga CA	27.41

2 FRIDAY EVENING 100/200/300 SWISS TEAMS

12 Tables	A	B	C		
3.11	1	1	1	Judy Niesing, De Pere WI; Judy Zimmermann, Fulton MO; Martha Scofield, Naples FL; Elizabeth Anderson, Depere WI	56.00
2.33	2	2	2	John Clarke - Bonnie Clarke - Diane Pekow - Ginger Griffin, Chicago IL	55.00
1.75	3	3		Mary Faires - Cathy Struck, Hattiesburg MS; Thomas Harris, Garden Grove CA; Barbara Frischkorn, Long Beach CA	52.00
1.31	4	4		Melissa Parkin - Luke Dwyer - Jane Murray, Boston MA; Jeffrey Parkin, Fairfield CT	48.00

2 FRIDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS

14.0 Tables	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1	1	David Gerdes - Sherry Gerdes, Griffith IN	62.69%
2.54	2			Elizabeth Goodwin - David Van Halteren, Toronto ON	61.93%
1.91	3	2		K Appel - David Props, Indianapolis IN	60.80%
1.43	4	3		Edward Bacher III, Powell OH; Jin Hu, Johnston IA	59.09%
1.07	5	4		Charles Becker, Chicago IL; Richard Powers, Arlington Hts IL	56.82%
0.73	6/7	5/6		Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL	55.68%
1.10	6/7	5/6	2	Joan Jerpe - Elizabeth Fisher, Naperville IL	55.68%
0.83			3	Mary Staahl - Barbara Johnson, Fargo ND	53.22%

FRIDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

75 Tables	A	B	C		
11.58	1			David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Ruman Nenov Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria	71.00
8.19	2/3	1		Jason Rosenfeld, Brookline MA; Drew Becker - Kenneth Zuckerberg, Chicago IL; Angeliki Magklara, Bethesda MD	66.00
7.60	2/3			John Zilic, Houston TX; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA	66.00
4.28	4/5			Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI; Beth Armstrong, Kalamazoo MI; Michael Zerbini, Clarkston MI	64.00
4.28	4/5			Robert Bernstein - Cindy Bernstein, Matthews NC; Mary Oshlag - Richard Oshlag, Germantown TN	64.00
2.12	6/8			Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Steve Kreiner, Chicago IL; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL	57.00
2.12	6/8			Edgar Hurt Jr - Diane Hurt, Lk Havasu Cty AZ; Gayle Andrews, Stanton CA; Subba Ravidudi, Downey CA	57.00
2.12	6/8			Bill Morrison - Susy Morrison, Bartlesville OK; Mansoor Gowani, San Jose CA; Dale Fiebelkorn, Norfolk VA	57.00
6.14	2			Sara Foster - David Bryant, San Francisco CA; Noel Hanford, Rancho Mirage CA; Nancy Ferguson, Greenbrae CA	52.00
4.61	3			Deanna Fox, Glencoe IL; Nancy Weil, Lake Forest IL; Joy Levee, Wilmette IL; Sandra Levin, Winnetka IL	50.00
3.46	4			Jack Alhale - Rozi Alhale - Joseph Meyers - Beverly Pogoda, New York NY	49.00
1.77	5/8			Kaye McCardle - Lois Killinger - Marge Wendt, Eagle River WI; June Harrison, Minocqua WI	47.00
1.77	5/8			Christopher Cowan - Stephen Young, Mississauga ON; Ramarao Desiraju, Winter Springs FL; Christopher Yu, Naperville IL	47.00
3.94	5/8	1		Robert Webster - Wayne Larson, Ripon WI; Jerry Marchant, Green Lake WI; A George Johnson, Oshkosh WI	47.00
1.77	5/8			John Glick, Hope IN; Rita Duncan, Somerset IN; Robert Ewigleben - Jayne Ewigleben, Albion MI	47.00
2.59	2/3			Scott Chupack - J C Chupack, Gurnee IL; Bryan Delfs, Pleasnt Prairie WI; Todd Fisher, Chicago IL	42.00
2.59	2/3			Willi Williams - Richard Williams - Richard Pankopf - Susan Pankopf, Roseville CA	42.00
1.66	4			William Artz - Kevin Litz - Colette Novich - David Kuchar, Chicago IL	39.00
1.25	5			Philip Fassett, Newburgh IN; Roger Haywood - Gary Gentry - J Chris Huus, Evansville IN	36.00

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables / Based on 58 Tables				
26.07	1			Mike Potoczak, Mt Prospect IL; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk Poland; Krzysztof Buras, Chorzow Slask Poland; Grazyna Brewiak, Poland
19.55	2			Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund 2 Denmark; Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton FL; Sam Lev, New York NY
14.34	3			Jan Svendsen, London England; Erik Saelensminde, Bergen Norway; Jon-Egil Furunes, Oslo Norway; Per Erik Austberg, Norway
11.73	4			Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; William Braucher, Billerica MA; Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA; John Malley, Pascoag RI

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables / Based on 47 Tables				
21.44	1			Ann Schwartz - Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Kenton Schoen, Falls Church VA; Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD
16.08	2			Bob Balderson Jr - Cynthia Balderson - Peg Waller, Eden Prairie MN; Carole Miner, Rochester MN
11.79	3			Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Paul Janicki - Ian Findlay, Markham ON
9.65	4			Robert Oslin, Chicago IL; Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 3

16 Tables / Based on 42 Tables				
18.27	1			R Fieler, Boca Raton FL; Linda Epstein - Sally Strul, Delray Beach FL; Lita Talus, Boynton Beach FL
13.70	2			H Gordon - Susan Bullard, Lexington KY; Mike Marlin - Sandra Marlin, Versailles KY
10.05	3			Jay Whipple III, Chicago IL; Robert McPhee, Belleville ON; P Drew Cannell - Helen Keri, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC
8.22	4			Jim Howie - Deborah Thomas-Howie, Etobicoke ON; Ellen Gabriel, Chicago IL; Ed Judy, Iowa City IA

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables / Based on 37 Tables				
15.41	1			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN; Serdar Ogut, Darien IL
11.56	2			Ned Kohler - Sherry Buchler, Scottsdale AZ; Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH; Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI
8.48	3			Alfred Tuckman, Monroe Township NJ; Larry Freedman, East Brunswick NJ; Katherine Rabenstein, Washington DC; Reiko Raese, Boulder CO
6.93	4			James Kehoe - Charles Michalski, Glen Ellyn IL; Betsy Downs - Mike Jones, Chicago IL

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 5

16 Tables / Based on 34 Tables				
13.38	1			Ram Hira, North Vancouver BC; Ron MacDonald, Toronto ON; Margaret Brennan, West Des Moines IA; Lamar Marutani, Vallejo CA
10.04	2			Billie Vickers, Montgomery AL; Martin Demko, Cary NC; Christie Sellers, Mobile AL; Carla Burke, Lillian AL
7.36	3			Peg Herz, Williamsport PA; Cheryl Pehoushek, Lewisburg PA; Alex McCrea, Shaker Heights OH; Subramania Krishnamurthi, Naperville IL
6.02	4			Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman, Rochester NY; Barbara Subak, Northbrook IL; Lois Ingram, Arlington Hts IL

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 6

16 Tables / Based on 30 Tables				
11.41	1			Eric Tilton - Theresa Andino - Kenneth Andino - Bob Soni, Tallahassee FL
8.56	2			Mary Skavaril - Wilhelmina Szabo, Columbus OH; Jamie Rubenstein, Scottsdale AZ; Robert Victor, Palm Springs CA
6.28	3			Dennis Balfé, University City MO; Charles Swart, Portland OR; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA; Genise Hasan, Claremont CA
5.13	4			Peter Bonfanti - Ryan Connors, New York NY; Jan Miyake - Josh Levy, Oberlin OH

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 7

16 Tables / Based on 27 Tables				
10.03	1			Steven Towner, Salt Lake Cty UT; Mitch Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Steven Schatzow, Washington DC; David Willmott, Folsom CA
7.52	2			Milo Grummons - Mary Grummons, Warrenville IL; Gerald Greene - Martha Noyes, Chicago IL
5.52	3			Jack Mayer - Laurence Mayer, Shawnee Mission KS; Paul Klaverkamp - Lloyd Graven, Minneapolis MN
4.51	4			Patricia Braun - David Juberien, Arlington Hts IL; Michael Kelley - Martina Kelley, Lake Zurich IL

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 8

16 Tables / Based on 24 Tables				
8.62	1			Todd Kaplan - Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Elizabeth McGuffey - Michael McGuffey, Durham NC
6.47	2			Grace Michael, Grayslake IL; Thomas Jones - Marilyn Mathews, Lake Forest IL; William Clarke, Wilmette IL
4.74	3			Thomas Aldrich III, Palatine IL; Monica Jung - Donna Casey, Lake Barrington IL; Gordon Parks, Long Grove IL
3.88	4			Karen Zuckerberg - Randi Zuckerberg - Donna Zuckerberg - Edward Zuckerberg, Dobbs Ferry NY

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 9

16 Tables / Based on 21 Tables				
7.28	1			Karen Lane - Phil Dowd - Louise Morel, Toronto ON; Xin Chen, Schaumburg IL
5.46	2			Robert Smink, Berwyn PA; Marjorie Smink, Ft Myers FL; Brigitte Smith, Havertown PA; Gayle Davis, Haverford PA
4.00	3			Susan Matthews - Marlene Weatherbee, Holland MI; Hester Wickstra, Muskegon MI; Donald Wickstra, Hamilton MI
3.28	4			Marsha Sachs - Phyllis Crandall, Sugar Land TX; Jennifer Broekman, Fair Lawn NJ; Carla Heitzman, Suffern NY

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 10

12 Tables / Based on 13 Tables				
5.00	1			Holly London - Harland London, Woodridge IL; Steve Oshen, Glen Ellyn IL; Bruce Derylo, Plainfield IL
3.75	2			George Roeper - Michael Devine, Homewood IL; Patricia Valiska - Donald Valiska, Highland IN
2.75	3			Terry Golden - Arleen Golden, Atlanta GA; Dottie Fambrough, Gadsden AL; Diane Wright, Southside AL
2.25	4			Larry Spanier, San Clemente CA; Bob Levine, Aliso Viejo CA; Gayle Gerth, Dana Point CA; Pete Bruno, Laguna Niguel CA

FRIDAY KO BRACKET 11

12 Tables
 4.47 1 Jane Huff, Columbus OH; Marcy Rowan, Topinabee MI; Pamela Ziegel, Ho Ho Kus NJ; Linda Roberts, Brutus MI
 3.35 2 Mary Keen, Dexter MI; Judith Gessner - Shobhana Joshi - Sharad Joshi, Ann Arbor MI
 2.46 3 Roger Koeppel II - Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR; Jane Graydon - S Joan Dixon, Toronto ON
 2.01 4 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte, Oak Hill VA; Allan Kobernick, Wynnewood PA; Linda DiLuco, Philadelphia PA

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 1

8 Tables / Based on 35 Tables
 11.21 1 Arnie Frankel, Laurel MD; Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Ed Lazarus - Diane Lazarus, Baltimore MD
 8.41 2 Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Michael Katz, San Ramon CA; Chris Lubesnik, Bronx NY; Gary Moore, Northridge CA
 6.17 3 Jeremi Stepinski - Jacek Romanski, ; John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 2

8 Tables / Based on 27 Tables
 9.22 1 George Wang - Janet Ju, El Monte CA; Nell Schaefer - Phil Schaefer, Los Angeles CA
 6.92 2 John Kelsey, Diboll TX; Mary Gorkin, Baldwinville NY; Richard Wegman - Alice Wegman, Bethesda MD
 5.07 3 Roger Snowling, Hamilton ON; Roman Klein, Oakville ON; Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON; Gary Westfall, Brampton ON

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 3

8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables
 8.30 1 Paul Foster - Donna Wood, Vista CA; Maritha Pottenger, San Diego CA; Virginia Hastings, Santee CA
 6.23 2 Doug Herron - Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Richard Lesage, Montreal QC; James Marsh Sternberg, Chicago IL
 4.57 3 Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Michael Wolf, Coral Springs FL; Dave Anderson, Tampa FL; Mark Smith, Lutz FL

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 4

8 Tables / Based on 22 Tables
 7.47 1 Kerry Kappell, Woodside NY; Barbara Kimmel, New York NY; Lydia Betz, Great Neck NY; Carl Gueli, Malverne NY
 5.60 2 Ronald Sholes - Carole Sholes - Elizabeth Zalar - Charles Zalar, Springfield IL
 4.11 3 Alice Leicht - Marvin French, San Diego CA; Mary Lou Denison - Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 5

8 Tables / Based on 19 Tables
 6.72 1 Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT; Scott Hiller, Marshall MN
 5.04 2 Myra Walters, Aventura FL; Lucy Hillestad, Woodruff WI; Florence Erickson, Rhinelander WI; Richard Walowitz, Hollywood FL
 3.70 3 Richard Olson - Mary Olson, Annandale MN; Donna Marks, Atlanta GA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 6

8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables
 6.05 1 Frank La Master - Nancy La Master, Munster IN; Gene Miley - Christine Miley, Hinsdale IL
 4.54 2 John Killeen - Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN; Joan Tobler, Niles MI; Ruth Minish, Granger IN
 3.33 3 Hugh Miller - Catherine Miller, Houston TX; Ivor McGloughlin, Pittsburgh PA; James Bochsler, Davenport FL

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 7

8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables
 5.45 1 J Michael Andresen - Tina Andresen, Brooklyn Park MN; Matthew Dyer - Lorraine Cable, Dorchester MA
 4.09 2 Margot Hirsch, Arlington TX; Arlie Lamb, San Mateo CA; Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Edwina Corn, Hurst TX
 3.00 3 Farley Mawyer, Plainview NY; Leah Newell, Springfield IL; Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL; Blair Brickman, New York NY

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 8

8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables
 4.91 1 John Parker - Thomas Peckham, Hamilton ON; Dan Perco, Stoney Creek ON; Mark Fairlamb, Ancaster ON
 3.68 2 Maurice Champagne, Chicago IL; Sue Ekman - Barry Ekman - Joe Durlak, Evanston IL
 2.70 3 Roma Chandra - Shawn Stringer, Silver Spring MD; Shlomit Rind, Rockville MD; Jeffrey Boak, Chapel Hill NC

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 9

8 Tables / Based on 9 Tables
 4.36 1 Denise Kadleck, Chicago IL; Bonnie Franklin - Paulette Swofford, Highland Park IL; Babette Brenner, Morton Grove IL
 3.27 2 Jill Randell - Marlene Benzuly, Highland Park IL; Camille Westergard, Lake Bluff IL; Adrienne Kamp, Skokie IL
 2.40 3 Robert Dolan, Oak Park IL; Candace Timson - Diane Laforte, Hinsdale IL; Joyce Schneiderbauer, Western Springs IL

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 10

6 Tables / Based on 7 Tables
 3.69 1 Thomas Hurt - Mary Hurt, Lombard IL; Celeste Jacklin - Ann Witt, Aurora IL
 2.77 2 Marilyn Johnston, Alliance OH; Barbara Kokenes, Hilton Head Isl SC; John Shealy - Lillian Shealy, Colorado Spgs CO
 2.03 3 Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Eric Rolfe, Kansas City MO; Robert Allison - Joan Allison, Waterford MI

FRIDAY CONSOLATION KO 11

6 Tables
 3.24 1 Diane Boger - Steve Boger, Buffalo Grove IL; J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL
 2.43 2 Jill Hunter, Northborough MA; Matthew Fienberg, North Borough MA; Nancy Strohmmer - Hans Strohmmer, Houston TX
 1.78 3 Brian Newman - Fred Johnston - Cory Perkers, Chicago IL; Barbara Morgan, Park Ridge IL

2ND FRIDAY A.M. SIDE GAME

Tables	A	B	C		%
32.0 Tables					
6.37 1	1			Stephen Garreffa, Randolph NJ; Bruce Robbins, Antioch IL	68.94%
4.78 2		1		G Frehse, Woodridge IL; Phillip Grothus, San Antonio TX	67.61%
4.10 3	2	1		Roma Chandra, Silver Spring MD; Jeffrey Boak, Chapel Hill NC	62.83%
3.07 4	3			David Willmott, Folsom CA; George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA	59.68%
2.30 5	4			David Cordon, Warwick Bermuda; Julia Lunn, Hamilton Bermuda	58.45%
1.51 6				Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA	58.00%
1.73	5			John Liukkonen - Doris Liukkonen, Metairie LA	56.95%
1.46	6/7			Nancy O'Donnell, East Greenwich RI; Patricia Kent, Charlestown RI	56.82%
2.84	6/7	2		Paul Lenoble, Freeport NY; Lew Kroll, Plainview NY	56.82%
2.13		3		Robert Graber - Sharon Louvier, Seabrook TX	56.73%
2.15		4		Mary Tilden - Cyril Atherton, San Francisco CA	55.30%
1.51		5		Daniel Groves - Gregory Udell, Bloomington IN	53.98%
0.92		6		Joe Lisbon - Chandra Prakash, Saint Cloud MN	51.14%

2 FRIDAY A.M. 5/20/50 PAIRS

Tables	A	B	C		%
18.0 Tables					
2.94 1				David Gerdes - Sherry Gerdes, Griffith IN	63.39%
2.21 2				Kay Wing, Naples FL; Norma Sims, Chapel Hill NC	59.52%
1.45 3/4				Jess Schessel, Highland Park IL; Edward Siegel, Northbrook IL	56.55%
1.47 3/4	1	1		Jayne Simonini, Elmhurst IL; M Joyce Blumenstock, St Clair Shores MI	56.55%
0.93 5				Sheila Botti, Burr Ridge IL; Julie Burke, Chicago IL	55.65%
0.70 6/7				Diane Patience, Winnetka IL; Ruth Watts, Chicago IL	55.06%
0.70 6/7				John Girard, Downers Grove IL; Wayne Palmquist, New Lenox IL	55.06%
1.10	2	2		Martha Scofield, Naples FL; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL	54.76%
0.73	3/4	3/4		Catherine Westbrook, Winnetka IL; Wesley Whittington, Indian Head Prk IL	53.87%
0.73	3/4	3/4		Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL	53.87%
0.47	5			Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI	51.49%

FRIDAY A.M. 100/200/300 PAIRS

Tables	A	B	C		%
24.0 Tables					
4.80 1	1	1	1	Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL; Ramesh Chaudhari, Normal IL	65.18%
3.15 2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3	Elizabeth Anderson, Depere WI; Judy Niesing, De Pere WI	64.88%
3.15 2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3	Benjamin Whitcomb - Nancy Pett, Ft Atkinson WI	64.88%
2.03 4	4	4	4	Hannah Davis - Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY	61.90%
1.52 5	5	5	5	Ginger Griffin - Trudy Schwartz, Chicago IL	60.12%
1.14 6	6	6		Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; David Riddle, Indianapolis IN	58.93%
1.55		6		Raymond Struck - Cathy Struck, Hattiesburg MS	58.71%

2ND FRIDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIS

Tables / Based on	A	B	C		%
24.0 Tables / Based on 53 Tables					
22.05 1				Peter Weiden, Brooklyn NY; Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY	61.81%
16.54 2				Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Kris Miller, Reston VA	59.25%
12.40 3				Carolyn Pinto - Michael Heymann, Fort Worth TX	57.54%
9.30 4	1			Walt Cummins, Hudson NH; Mark Teich, Concord NH	57.52%
6.98 5				Jayne Thomas, Lutz FL; Jim Miller, Olive Branch MS	56.37%
5.23 6				William Dubay - Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY	56.24%
3.92 7				Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY; Philip Silverstein, Bronx NY	56.02%
2.94 8				Mike Aliotta, Edmond OK; Raymond Zekauskas Jr, Tulsa OK	55.79%
4.87	2			Manish Dixit, Naperville IL; Jose Tharayil, Winnipeg MB	52.43%
3.65	3			Matthew Kappel - M Nelson, Long Branch NJ	51.74%
2.40	4/5			Steve Clark, Chicago IL; Louise Clark, Glencoe IL	51.50%
3.21	4/5	1		Jack Willis - Sharon Willis, Blue Springs MO	51.50%
1.80	6			Karen Ashton - Glen Ashton, Nepean ON	50.58%
2.56		2		Kelley Bremer - Janice Bremer, Kansas City MO	48.94%

FRIDAY STRATIFIED SENIOR PAIRS

Tables / Based on	A	B	C		%
58.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables					
18.76 1				John Winter, Racine WI; George Urquhart, Kenosha WI	66.11%
14.07 2				Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA	65.27%
10.86 3	1			Jane Kennedy - Carole Greene, Chicago IL	62.58%
7.91 4				Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Roger Johnson, Waltham MA	62.18%
5.94 5				Martin Moltz, Chicago IL; M Miller, Skokie IL	62.17%
4.45 6				Sharon Fellars, Deerfield IL; Richard Fellars, Rockford IL	61.46%
3.81 7				Susan Adams, Chicago IL; Kay Hathaway, Glenview IL	60.98%
2.50 8				Gerald Gitles, Chicago IL; Michael Edwards, Rock Island IL	59.94%
8.15	2			Emile Heredia - Jeanne Perkins, New York NY	56.73%
6.11	3			Robert Shair, Champaign IL; Fred Crockett, Danville IL	55.13%
4.58	4			John McCormack - Janet McCormack, Dallas TX	54.33%
3.44	5			James Edmiston, Cincinnati OH; Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH	54.25%
5.54	6	1		Jan Ratliff - Lesley Anixter, Highland Park IL	53.69%
2.10	7			Lynn Turner, Chicago IL; Joan Zavis, Northbrook IL	53.69%
4.16		2		Nicholas Ogan, Moreland Hills OH; Chantal Whitney, Shaker Heights OH	53.35%
3.12		3		Dahyabhai Patel - Meera Patel, Willow Springs IL	51.84%
2.34		4		Linda Sweig, Chicago IL; Mitch Sweig, Evanston IL	50.56%
1.91		5		Scott Eller - Joseph Dixon, Minneapolis MN	50.32%
1.74		6		Charles Berger, Citrus Heights CA; A Patrick McEachern, Lincoln CA	49.68%

THURSDAY-FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING SIDE GAME

Tables / Based on	A	B		%
96.00 Tables / Based on 34 Tables				
10.78 1/2	Garry Schuemann, Darien IL			118.52%
10.78 1/2	Virginia Schuemann, Darien IL			118.52%
6.07 3/4	Robert Butz, Kankakee IL			117.46%
6.07 3/4	Terri Kies, Orland Park IL			117.46%
5.27 5	George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA			116.56%
4.80 6/7	Paul Foster, Vista CA			115.97%
4.80 6/7	Kathleen Martin, Hillsborough CA			115.97%

A little nudge

By Barry Harper

Sometimes a good declarer just needs a small push to take the wrong path.

Bulgarian national team players Rumen Trendafilov and Kalin Karaivanov arrived in 5♦ on these two hands from a knockout teams.

Dlr: West ♠ 10 4 3
 Vul: Both ♥ Q J 7 6 3
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 10 5

♠ 7
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A K J 7 4
 ♣ A K Q J 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West led the ♠A and continued with the ♠Q, ruffed by South. The ♦A was cashed, West contributing the 10. Take over for declarer. What do you do next?

The precious ♣10 can be used once. If diamonds are 4-1 and you finesse in hearts, the spade force kills you. Karaivanov decided to play diamonds. He could pick up four to the queen and not need the heart finesse. If a diamond finesse lost to the queen from a doubleton Q-10, a spade ruff could be followed by the ruff of a third club in dummy for the heart finesse.

Accordingly, Karaivanov went to dummy with the ♣10 and ran the ♦9. One problem with that plan: John Kranyak won the ♦Q from three to the queen and returned a diamond. Karaivanov, down to ♦A K J, had to win in hand and could not take the heart finesse. Down one – and the ♥K was onside all along. The deceptive play allowed the Melanie Tucker team to advance in their knockout match by 7 IMPs. The full deal:

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



2ND THURSDAY SENIOR PAIRS (CORRECTED)

75.0 Tables / Based on 74 Tables

	A	B	C		
21.29	1			Greg House, S San Fran CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA	60.58%
15.97	2			William Braucher, Billerica MA; Richard Budd, Portland ME	59.62%
11.98	3			Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON; Harold Baba, Ajax ON	59.13%
8.98	4			Sonia Kaplan, Tinton Falls NJ; Phyllis Burstein, Cherry Hill NJ	59.10%
15.35	5	1		Manny Likou - Carolyn Kirk, Dundee IL	58.49%
5.05	6			William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Caledon ON	58.03%
11.51	7	2		Jacqueline Carpenter - L Murphy, Chicago IL	58.01%
4.57	8			Sam Aldenderfer, Fort Lee NJ; Walter Farber, New York NY	57.87%
2.37	9			Antonia Okany, Etobicoke ON; Dan McCaw, Toronto ON	57.29%
8.63		3		Marcia White, Lakeville MA; David Pimental, South Dartmouth MA	56.33%
6.48		4		Robert Frontczak, Mequon WI; Meredith Mattison, Brown Deer WI	56.22%
4.86		5		Isadore Sharp - Rosalie Sharp, Toronto ON	55.84%
7.32		6	1	Darlene Racker - Lester Racker, Wilmette IL	55.61%
2.88		7		P Cipriani, Joliet IL; Steven Brashler, Lockport IL	55.59%
5.49		8	2	Sally Lusk - Jon Lusk, Ypsilanti MI	55.45%
4.12			3	Linda Sweig, Chicago IL; Mitch Sweig, Evanston IL	55.35%
3.09			4	Robert Dolan, Oak Park IL; Maureen Drain, Chicago IL	55.09%
2.32			5	Barry Little - Selma Perlmutter, Chicago IL	54.17%
1.95		6/7		Donald Schroeder, Carpinteria CA; Josh Kantor, Carmichael CA	53.93%
1.52		6/7		Onarita Pallanti, Palmdale CA; Patricia Al-Hakeem, Laguna Beach CA	53.93%

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CHICAGO MIXED B-A-M TEAMS SECOND FINAL SESSION

		SECTIONS G I			
1/2	Dano Defalco, Padova Italy; Gabriella Olivieri, Alessandria Italy; Patricia Cayne - Jacqui Mitchell, New York NY; Charles Weed, Shreveport LA			16.50	
1/2	Barbara Sonsini, Woodside CA; Tobi Sokolow, Austin TX; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX				16.50
3/6	Stephen Goldstein, Santa Ana CA; Leslie Paryzer, Bronx NY; Linda Perlman, Lake Park FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL			16.00	16.00
3/6	Adrian Dovell - Patricia Dovell, Gainesville FL; Spike Lay - Marilyn Garcia, Daytona Beach FL			16.00	
3/6	Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI; Susan Parnes - Gordon Parnes, Flint MI			16.00	
3/6	Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Ron Smith - Linda Smith, Hixson TN; Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Petra Hamman, Dallas TX				16.00
7/9	Barry Rigal - Susan Picus, New York NY; Mark Cohen - Stasha Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ			15.50	
7/9	Joe Quinn, Richmond TX; Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Gene Simpson - Laura Kenney, San Rafael CA; David Lindop, Toronto ON; Ellen Wallace, Chicago IL				15.50
7/9	C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl CA; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts CA; Elianna Ruppini - Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA			15.50	
10	Gigi Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Patricia Goldfein - Jerry Goldfein, Lincolnwood IL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL			15.00	
		SECTIONS H J			
1	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; G. Margie Gwozdzinsky, New York NY; Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Daniela von Arnim, D-68766 Hockenheim Germany; Drew Casen - Teri Casen, Las Vegas NV				18.00
2	Beth Palmer - William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; William Pollack - Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY			17.50	
3	Ron Feldman, Redondo Beach CA; Beverly Rosenberg, Sherman Oaks CA; June Deutsch, Aventura FL; David Sokolow, Austin TX			17.00	
4	Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Shirley Blum, Fresno CA; John Gilbert, Kitchener ON; Janet Daling, Seattle WA			16.50	
5	Kenneth Kranyak - Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH			15.50	
6/8	Jim Linhart, Raleigh NC; Lee De Simone, Paso Robles CA; Debra Hyatt, Denver CO; Richard Finberg, Pittsburgh PA			15.00	
6/8	Jeffrey Hand, Casselberry FL; Gail Greenberg, New York NY; Danny Sprung - JoAnn Sprung, Philadelphia PA			15.00	
6/8	John Carruthers, Toronto ON; Marc Nathan - Cathy Nathan, Thousand Oaks CA; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL			15.00	
9/11	Irina Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Mike Grudsky, Upper Holland PA; Linda Maloney, Rockville MD; Fred King, Falls Church VA			14.00	
9/11	Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Christine Urbaneck, Tonawanda NY; Brian Johnston, Toronto ON			14.00	
9/11	Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, San Bernardino CA; George Bloomer - Judith Bloomer, Pittsboro NC			14.00	

2 FRIDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION HH		EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Elizabeth Goodwin - David Van Halteren, Toronto ON	61.93	1	1	1	David Gerdes - Sherry Gerdes, Griffith IN	62.69
2	1		K Appel - David Props, Indianapolis IN	60.80	2	2		Edward Bacher III, Powell OH; Jin Hu, Johnston IA	59.09
3	2		Charles Becker, Chicago IL; Richard Powers, Arlington Hts IL	56.82	3/4	3/4		Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL	55.68
4	3	1	Mary Staahl - Barbara Johnson, Fargo ND	53.22	3/4	3/4	2	Joan Jerpe - Elizabeth Fisher, Naperville IL	55.68
5/6			Jerry Porter, Dixon IL; Ernestine Wilson, Chicago IL	52.65	5			Britt Bedford-Jones, Toronto ON; Ellen Bero, Skokie IL	52.27
5/6			Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL; Phyllis Zubulake, Lincolnshire IL	52.65	6			T Glendening - J Glendening, Cincinnati OH	51.70

SECOND FRIDAY A/X PAIRS SECOND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS, FFF, GGG, HHH, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Ed Ulman, Marie Filandro, Allan Jonas, Elizabeth Wachowicz, etc.

2ND FRIDAY A/X PAIRS 1ST SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTIONS, FFF, GGG, HHH, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Michael Mikyska, Alan Lechner, Patti Burriss, etc.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SIDE GAME SERIES FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 30F 4

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION, MMM, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Anna Carlson, Rachel Chittaro, Shirley Stanton, etc.

2 FRIDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION, AA, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Debbie Sears, Jim Jurik, Marilyn Steffan, etc.

2 FRIDAY AFTERNOON 100/200/300 PAIRS FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION, GG, HH, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Benjamin Whitcomb, Paddy Davies, Leonard Dubin, etc.

2ND FRIDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS SECOND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION, YY, ZZ, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like William Corliss, Walt Cummins, Mike Aliotta, etc.

FRIDAY STRATIFIED SENIORS FRIDAY AFTERNOON SECOND SESSION

Table with columns: NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION, S, T, V, X, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Dan McCaw, John McCormack, Carol La Barge, etc.

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME FOURTH SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION MMM			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			67.13	1				
2			57.64	2	1	1		
3/5			50.93	3				
3/5	1		50.93	4				
3/5			50.93	5	2			
	2		50.46		3	2		
			48.38					
		1	46.06					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION NNN			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			55.79	1	1			
2	1		54.86	2				
3	2		54.40	3				
4/5	3		53.01	4	2			
4/5			53.01	5/6				
		1	50.93	5/6				
		2	47.22		1			

FRIDAY B/C/D PAIRS SECOND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BBB			EAST-WEST		
B	C	D	B	C	D	B	C	D
1	1		62.69	1	1	1		
2			60.61	2	2			
3			54.17	3	3			
4	2		53.03	4				
5	3		52.65	5	4	2		
		1	44.32					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST		
B	C	D	B	C	D	B	C	D
1	1		56.63	1				
2	2		54.17	2	1			
3/4	3/4	1	53.03	3	2			
3/4	3/4		53.03	4				
5/7			52.08	5	3			
5/7		2	52.08		4			
5/7			52.08			1		

2ND FRIDAY A.M. SIDE GAME

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION CCC			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			67.61	1	1			
2			56.44	2/3	2/3			
3	1		55.30	2/3	2/3	1		
4	2	2	53.98	4	4			
5	3		53.79	5	5			
6			50.38	6				
	4	3	50.19			2		
	5		49.24					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	62.83	1	1			
2			57.18	2	2			
3	2	2	56.73	3				
4			55.89	4				
5	3		53.32	5	3			
6			53.22	6	4			
	4	3	51.12		5	1		
	5		48.81			2		
						3		
						4		

2 FRIDAY A.M. 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION AA			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			56.55	1				
2			55.06	2				
3			54.76	3	1	1		
4			53.57	4				
	1		50.89					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION BB			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1			59.52	1	1	1		
2	1	1	54.76	2				
3			54.17	3	2	2		
4/5	2		51.49	4				
4/5			51.49					

FRIDAY A.M. 100/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION DD			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	61.90	1	1	1		
2	2		55.06	2	2	2		
3/4	3		54.76	3	3			
3/4			54.76	4	4	3		
5	4	2	54.46	5	5			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION HH			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	58.71	1	1	1		
2	2	2	56.52	2	2	2		
3	3	3	55.36	3	3			
4	4		53.87	4	4			
5			53.10	5				

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

Fall 2006 NABC in Hawaii Day

Sunday, July 23, 10 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Other
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams*	1-2	Riverside West	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams*	1-2	Riverside West	\$15.50	\$17.50	
<i>All: 7 matches, 7 boards, play-through. 20-VP scale. Finish by approximately 5:30 p.m.</i>					
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	1-2	Columbus Hall A	\$15.50	\$17.50	
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$14.50	

Sunday, July 23, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Dorman Trading Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Riverside West	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1-2	Grand Ballroom B	\$15.50	\$17.50	
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Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Open Swiss Teams	1-2 F	Grand Ballroom D	\$18	—	
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Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Spingold Knockout Teams	1-2 F	Skyway Rooms	\$18	—	
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Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	4th single session	TBA	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50	
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$14.50	

*Unless otherwise noted, strat breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750). For strati-flighted events, A/X are 3000+/0-3000 and play in their own game; B (1000-2000), C (500-1000) and D (0-500) play in their own game.

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

TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Windy City Limousine Day

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Thursday-Saturday Morning Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	Riverside West	\$15.50	\$17.50
Life Source (Wednesday-Saturday) Morning Side Game Series*	4th single session	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Stratified Senior Pairs*

1-2	Columbus Hall I-J	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Saturday, July 22, 1 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	1st single session	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Saturday, July 22, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Open Swiss Teams 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom D	\$18	—
Spingold Knockout Teams	1-2 SF	Skyway Rooms	\$18	—
0-5000 Mini-Spingold Knockout Teams Both Spingolds: Second session at 8 p.m.	1-2 F	Skyway Rooms	\$16.50	—
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Pairs*	1-2	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50
Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-2	Riverside West	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, July 22, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Side Swiss Teams*	single	Riverside West	\$14.50	\$16.50
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series*	2nd single session	Riverside East	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall A	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, July 22, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Columbus Hall A	\$12/team/match	
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Tomorrow's schedule is on page 23.

aBRIDGEd

By Maureen Hiron

ACBL President Harriette Buckman has offered this endorsement for my new game:

"It is a brilliant pre-bridge game that could only have been invited by a bridge player. The family will love it."

My sincere thanks to all of you who, with the interests of the future of bridge at heart, have bought sets of aBRIDGEd – and not for your own benefit, but to give to friends and family so that they too can experience the pleasures of playing our great game.

After its launch at this tournament, aBRIDGEd will go on general release to stores, where it will retail at \$15. At the Summer NABC, you can purchase sets for \$12 each.

Out of the Box, the company that has world license for the game, have also brought along a few of their other games, including their best-seller, Apples to Apples. There is also Mix-Up, my latest creation.

Sponsorship

Life Source is holding a Chicago blood drive in front of the Hyatt East Tower today between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Players willing to donate blood need to have identification. Appointments may be scheduled at the Life Source information desk. It is recommended that you eat before donating and drink plenty of fluids.



Windy City Limousine Day

Windy City Limousine is the official limousine company of the 2006 Chicago Summer North American Bridge Championships. Among its donations to this tournament, Windy City Limousine has provided us with subsidized bus service for tours, restaurant excursions and shuttle service to and from the suburbs. Windy City is a new venture formed by well-known bridge personality and limousine entrepreneur, George Jacobs, and a number of business associates and bridge-playing friends. This exciting new business is the official limousine company of our World Champion Chicago White Sox.

Windy City provides a broad range of limousine and bus transportation throughout Chicago and the suburbs. Call 1-866-94WINDY to arrange your airport transportation or for any other limousine needs you may incur while visiting our fair city. You can relax knowing that Windy City will get you to your destination in comfort and on time.

See you at the Fall
NABC in Hawaii!