

GNTs enter KO phase

After Wednesday's Swiss qualifying round, 16 teams have advanced to the knockout phase in each flight of the Grand National Teams.

The top scorers in the Swiss earned the top seeds in their flights: Championship – Freeman (District 2); A – Castillo (D9); B – Georgia Tech Wreck (D7); C – Gassaway (D20).

See pairings on pages 2 and 3.

Siutsau wins Robot Individual

Yauheni Siutsau of Loveland OH is the winner of the summer NABC Robot Individual with a combined score of 69.38%. Siutsau, a Platinum Life Master, started off well, scoring 73.76% in the first session, and followed that up with 67.52% and 66.85% in the second and third sessions.

In second place is **Harrison Luba** of Lynnfield MA with a combined score of 68.54%. Luba was leading the event after a first-session score of 75.14%. He scored 61.79% in the second session and rallied in the third with 68.68%.



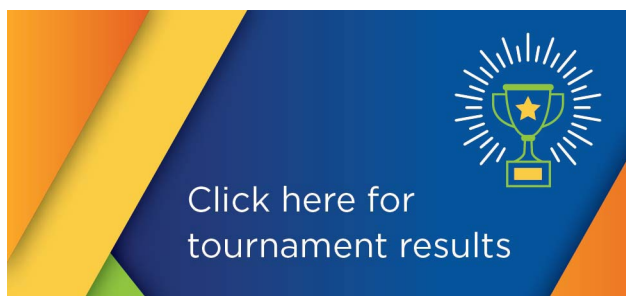
Yauheni Siutsau

The winner of Flight B is **Christopher Moh** of New York NY with a combined score of 65.17%, followed by **Stephen Vogel** of Cincinnati OH with 64.46%.

There was a two-way tie for first in Flight C. **Adam Deeb** of Clearwater FL and **Thomas Michalek** of Topsfield MA each had a combined score of 62.09%.

Siutsau is a software developer living in the greater Cincinnati area. "I think that slightly different skills are

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Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

	Premier KO All flights	Two-Day Pairs All flights	Grand National Teams All flights
Thursday, July 15			Round of 16
Friday, July 16			Quarterfinals
Saturday, July 17		Qualifying sessions	Semifinals
Sunday, July 18		Final sessions	Finals
Monday, July 19	Opening Round		
Tuesday, July 20	Round of 32	IMP Pairs	
Wednesday, July 21	Round of 16	Qualifying sessions	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Thursday, July 22	Quarterfinals	Final sessions	
Friday, July 23	Semifinals	Two-Day Pairs	Qualifying sessions
Saturday, July 24	Finals	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

GNT Championship Flight Round of 16 pairings

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| 1 D2 Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee, Bo Han Zhu, Darren Wolpert, John Carruthers, Marty Kirr | 5 D5 Philip Goulding, Craig Biddle, Richard Katz, Robert Zimmermann |
| 16 D18 Ian Findlay, Gordon Campbell, Daniel Bertrand, Al Simon | 12 D19 Michael Roche, Daniel Lyder, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz |
| 2 D1 Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinsk, Kamel Fergani, Boris Baran, Pierre Daigneault | 6 D6 Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Michael Gill, Ai-Tai Lo, Bill Cole, Alan Schwartz |
| 15 D12 Jonathan Fleischman, Kurt Dasher, Owen Lein, Julie Arbit, Martin Hirschman, Howard Perlman | 11 D9 Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Jeff Meckstroth, Gary Cohler |
| 3 D16 Bart Bramley, Phil Clayton, Ira Hessel, Dan Morse, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold | 7 D7 Robert Fredrick, Boyce Robbins, Craig Robinson, Hugh Brown Jr., Happoldt Nouffer, Luras Lebioda |
| 14 D11 John Hinton, Douglas Simson, Shan Au, Jerry Clerkin, Dennis Clerkin | 10 D10 Bryan Howard, Larry Sealy, Jim Munday, Jim Foster, Richard Oshlag |
| 4 D21 Geeske Joel, Will Watson, Chip Martel, Debbie Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg, Kevin Rosenberg | 8 D17 Haig Tchamitch, Geoff Hampson, Dan Korbel, Roger Lee, Josh Donn, Sheri Winestock |
| 13 D25 Harrison Luba, Walter Lee, Zachery Grossack, Adam Grossack, Jim Streisand, Lew Gamberman | 9 D24 Robert Blanchard, Sam Lev, Fred Chang, Adam Wildavsky, Daniel Lev |

GNT Flight A Round of 16 pairings

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| 1 D9 Juan Castillo, Luisana Madueo, Maris Zilant, Linda Epstein, Susan Fuller | 5 D21 Qiang Zhang, Brian Zhang, Serena Guo, Wanwan Ren, Jun Shi, Steven Chen |
| 16 D3 Steven Shaye, Larry Rosen, Richard Underwood, Kamal Gupta | 12 D22 Beverly Hartin, Don Freeland, Janice Randles, Louis Goldsmith |
| 2 D7 Nicolas Hammond, Steve Callaham, Edward Foran, David Schulman | 6 D6 Mark Laken, Richard Baum, Joe Trapani, Barry Ko |
| 15 D24 Lorraine Cable, David Yoon, Stephanie Culbertson, Rachael Moller | 11 D15 Paul Chan, Lily Chan, Lin-Huan Chen, Ding-Hwa Hsieh |
| 3 D16 Hua Yang, Yan Song, Danny Feng, Lunhui Lin | 7 D5 Fleur Howard, Ron Franck, James Fox, Alan Leaver |
| 14 D13 Paul Karas, Alexander Lishkov, Mark Kinzer, Bob Marheine, Eric Mane | 10 D23 W. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, Carol Frank, Randy Howard, Ed Piken, Mark Leonard |
| 4 D25 Jiang Chen, Qinqin Wang, Meiyuan Duan, Shen Duan | 8 D19 David Taylor, Marty McCune, Paul Schwaighart, Gary Haldane |
| 13 D14 Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman, Andrew Caranicas, Richard Lawson, Mark Krusemeyer, Robert Schachter | 9 D4 Walter Bell, David Meyer, Tom Kriz, John Schwartz |

GNT Flight B Round of 16 pairings

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| <p>1 D7 Cyrus Hettle, Santhosh Karnik,
Christian Jolly, Richard Jeng,
Shengding Sun, Zhvandi Xu</p> <p>16 D8 Peter Ashbrook, Gary Dell, Irene Wen,
Lisa Bienvenue, Milton Epstein</p> <p>2 D12 Ching Po Wang, Xingyu Zhang, Henry
Zhang, Yanping Zhang, Tai Chan, Song Lin</p> <p>15 D17 Doug Couchman, Cayce Blanchard,
Kyle Rockoff, Andi Parham, Ron Vickery,
Edward Helpert</p> <p>3 D21 Floyd McWilliams, Tanakorn Lavanakul,
Andre Fargeix, Scott Benson</p> <p>14 D24 Stefano Merlo, Robert Forster,
Christopher Moh, Jordan Lampe</p> <p>4 D25 Brad Mampe, Steve Willner, Jay Tang,
Leo Zelevinsky</p> <p>13 D11 Thomas Koralewski, William Nicolai,
Willam Heeter, C. William Bockstahler Jr.,
Stuart Petersen, John Peer</p> | <p>5 D17 Lakin Hines, Jim Wart, Donna Hofer,
Kitty Larson</p> <p>12 D21 Frank Xie, Yu Chang, Mukund Thapa,
Donghui Lu, Michael Yang</p> <p>6 D14 Diane Henson, Larry Henson, Mark Lasoff,
David Trevor</p> <p>11 D19 Jennifer Hong, JinMei Luo, Amy Gao,
Diana Jing, David Huang, Xiangdong Meng</p> <p>7 D18 Alex Heron, Paul Erickson, Charlie Roberts,
Jason DuFault</p> <p>10 D3 Fred Linnemeyer, Pat Linnemeyer,
Stan Weiss, Ruth Yeselson, Piotr Olszewski,
Walter Jacek Leznicki</p> <p>8 D6 Michael Kelley, Leah Shao, Owen Byer,
Craig Huneke</p> <p>9 D6 Rick Bingham, Ryan Connors, Tom Peters,
Ernie Schuler, Adam Kind, Will Colmer</p> |
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GNT Flight C Round of 16 pairings

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| <p>1 D20 Jon Gassaway, Bruce Backup,
Ryerson Schwark, Andrey Dashko</p> <p>16 D17 Murlene Williams, E. Roger Williams,
David Loring, Sally Donaldson</p> <p>2 D21 Kayden Ge, Brandon Ge, Charlie Chen,
Andrew Chen, Olivia Schireson</p> <p>15 D22 David Liu, Nancy Leonard, Jim Bechtel,
Christian Gilles, Andrew Rowberg,
Danning Lu</p> <p>3 D12 Tengyun Tony Cao, Chun Zhou,
Xiaoping Wu, Kevin Zhu</p> <p>14 D6 Tom McGlynn, Janet McGlynn, Jim Dickson,
Mark Valavanis</p> <p>4 D25 Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao,
Weican Xiao, Jianqiao Gu</p> <p>13 D16 Arvind Sharma, Lynnne Sharma,
Sharon D Harbach, Ross Ramsey</p> | <p>5 D24 Hengrui Xing, Tingran Wang, Jiaheng Hu,
Yang Xu</p> <p>12 D4 Brandon Fong, Michael Haas, Satya
Kunapuli, Michael Xiong</p> <p>6 D13 Henry Shi, Zhijing Tang, Li Miao,
Zhiqiang Hu</p> <p>11 D18 Shuangting Guo, Guangren Wang,
Hailong Yu, Yurong Cheng</p> <p>7 D15 Phillip Mingola, James Calkins,
Ramona Bienstock, Cherry Blevins</p> <p>10 D7 Ron Niu, Ja Mi, Wufeng Luo, Wenjun Liu,
Bing Tong, Bindhu Aravapalli</p> <p>8 D16 Lilly Justman, Kalyan Venkat, Aaron Denton,
Peter B Naimoli, Benjamin Klaunder</p> <p>9 D24 Margot Wagner, Benjamin Weisgal,
Anthony Chiocchi, Damon Suden,
Maryann Oehlerking, Lee Lin</p> |
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required in order to win playing with bots,” said Siutsau, “but it’s still bridge – our favorite game.”

For example, holding:

♠A Q x ♥A ♦K 10 9 x x x ♣K x x,

after hearing his robo-partner pass, Siutsau decided to overcall his RHO’s 1♠ opening bid with 1NT. LHO doubled and partner bid 2♦, a transfer to hearts. Siutsau passed, playing it there for down one opposite a 4=5=2=2 nothing-burger. “Down one was a top, since the field was playing one or two levels higher,” said Siutsau.

“It was a fun event, and I would like to thank BBO for the opportunity to play bridge during the pandemic.”

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Online Bridge: Different Mechanics, Same Laws

By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder

When we play online, we are still playing bridge. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge and ACBL Regulations still apply. But facing facts, some things are different. Here are a few:

1. Revoking and leading out of turn are impossible.
2. You must self-Alert.
3. Because you are Alerting only the opponents, and asking questions only of one or both opponents, partner does not "hear" your explanations or questions and that avenue of Unauthorized Information has been eliminated. This saves a lot of arguments and bad feelings.
4. Breaks in tempo are awkward. At the table, if somebody takes a lot of time, you can see that they (presumably) are thinking. In online bridge, it could mean that their tea kettle started whistling and they went to turn off the burner. Law 73E2:

If the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a question, remark, manner, tempo or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have been aware, at the time of the action, that it could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

This rule applies. When you spill coffee or are distracted by a phone call, it is incumbent on you to make sure the opponents know so they are not deceived by your inattention.

5. The ACBL has long had a rule that partnerships have

two identical convention cards with their names on them. The convention card rules apply to BBO as well, except you need have only one card. To make a convention card, log in. Click Account on the right tabbed menu and select the Convention Cards heading. It is pretty easy to recall a saved card or to complete and save a new one. Remember to load your card by completing the Use With Partner blank with your partner's BBO name.



6. The ACBL Convention Charts apply here. Make sure your convention is permitted in the game you are playing. For example, a 2♦ opening that shows a weak hand with length in one of the majors is an Open+ Chart convention and is not permitted in any event in the online regional.
7. It has come to our attention that some players have more than one BBO user ID. Please only use one ID when playing in ACBL games with human opponents. We are screening for this.
8. Because you are playing in an ACBL game against human opponents, we encourage you to make sure your profile displays your real name.

Keep it Clean

Most of us are honest and want to play the game properly. When you play against an opponent you suspect is not playing in accordance with the Laws, or violating the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, please file a Player Memo. There is a version streamlined for online play reports available at www.acbl.org/bbomemo/. You may privately text your director as well, but making a public accusation is itself a violation of the CDR, so please report suspicious conduct in an actively ethical way!



"I've volunteered to be one of the investigators when there is suspicion of Unauthorized Information during online play. There are a lot of factors to consider, not least of which is the suspected player's experience level.

Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed, more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion.

The game will be better and more popular if we all behave ethically.

Big Brother is watching you." – Larry Cohen

Entry Fees

Per player per session:
GNTs: Free
NAOBC+ events: \$20
NAOBC events: \$17
Regional events: \$15

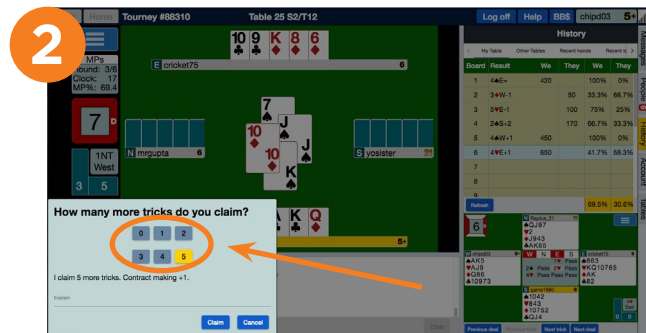


BBO Help Desk - How to claim

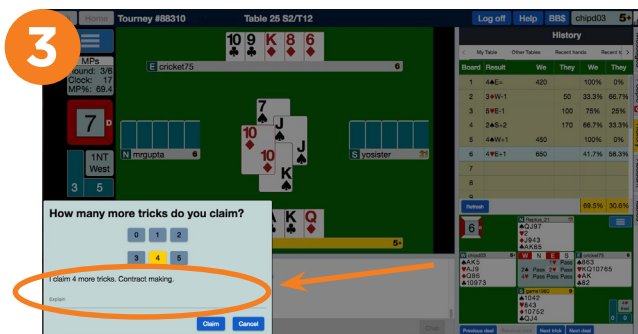
It's frustrating to have to follow or discard card after irrelevant card while a declarer runs winners. When the outcome of a deal is certain, it's good practice to save everyone's time and patience by claiming.



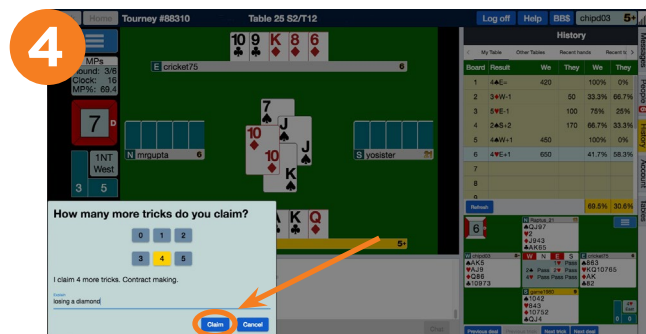
When you reach the point where you want to claim, click the Claim button on the left. Here, we are in 1NT. After starting with five spades, we are down to two good spades, two good clubs and a diamond loser.



A prompt will ask you how many of the remaining tricks you want to claim. The default is all of them, but you can select any number between that and zero. We have four good tricks, so we click 4.



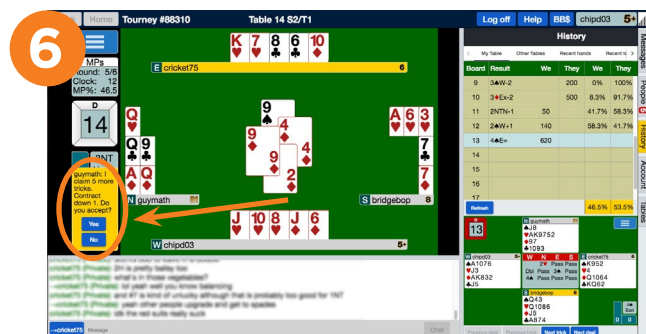
The number of tricks you are claiming will highlight in yellow. Next, enter an explanation on the line below. If you have losers, specify what you're losing or how you are getting rid of them.



When you are satisfied with your explanation, click the Claim button.



Your claim statement will appear in a yellow box on the left while you wait for your opponents to accept it.



When your opponent makes a claim, the same yellow box will appear. Read it carefully to see the number of tricks they are claiming and confirm that it matches the number of tricks they are able to take, then click Yes. If you are certain the claim is wrong, click No and call the director. If you are unsure, ask for clarification.