

Passell, Zolotow lead Three-Day Open Pairs

Mike Passell of Plano TX and **Steve Zolotow** of Las Vegas NV lead the Three-Day Open Pairs by nearly two boards after Friday's qualifying sessions. Passell and Zolotow took the lead in the first session with a big 65.17%, then backed it up with 60.98% in the second session for a cumulative score of 1029.38 (on a 34 top).

That put them comfortably ahead of **Christian Jolly** of Atlanta GA and **Julie Arbit** of Milford MI, who scored 56.42% and 62.27% to combine for 968.49, qualifying in second place. They're exactly 1 matchpoint ahead of **Sean Ganness** and **Saul Gross** of Miami FL.

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Md. duo leads 5K Pairs

The leaders in the Three-Day 0-5000 Pairs are **Peter Van Zijl** of Hanover MD and **Michael Berard** of Glenn Dale MD. They overcame a 45.83% start in the first qualifying session with a 70.42% in the second session. Their cumulative score of 390.60 is 2.7 matchpoints ahead of second place, about a fifth of a board.

In second are **Edward Foran** and **Nicolas Hammond** of the Atlanta area, who scored 54.61% and 60.83%. **Gianni Hsieh** and **Frank Hsieh** of Sammamish WA are sitting third.

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Donner, Nickell reach KO final

In the Premier Knockout semifinal matches, **Donner** (Gary Donner, Cecilia Rimstedt, Per-Ola Cullin, Marion Michielsen, Brad Moss, Joe Grue) defeated **Lebowitz** (Laurence Lebowitz, Adam Grossack, Agustin Madala, Michael Rosenberg, Dennis Bilde, Zachary Grossack) and **Nickell** (Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Ralph Katz, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson) defeated **Lewis** (Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ron Smith, Billy Cohen, Bart Bramley, Kit Woolsey), setting the stage for a Donner-Nickell final.

Team Donner was firmly in control of the match from start to finish. Donner outscored Lebowitz by 36 IMPs in the first quarter, then held them to 3 IMPs in the second while adding 31 more to their total. Lebowitz put together a little run in the third quarter but were still down by 56. They ended up losing 153-75.

The Nickell-Lewis match was slightly more competitive in the first half. After jumping out to a 29-IMP lead in the first quarter, Nickell was outscored by 17 IMPs in the second quarter, their lead trimmed to 12. However, in the third quarter, they scored 54 IMPs to Lewis's 20, and were up by 46 going into the last quarter. Nickell won by 58 IMPs, 133-75.

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Two-Day Pairs starts today

The NAOBC Two-Day Pairs starts today, with open 0-5000 and 0-1500 flights. About half the field in each flight will qualify for the second day. Those who do not qualify will be entered into Sunday's regional pairs events.

Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

	Premier KO Open	Two-Day Pairs All flights	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Saturday, July 24	Final	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

NAOBC Premier KO semifinal scores

1	(9) Donner	55	86	112	153	2	Nickell	40	50	104	133
4	(5) Lebowitz	19	22	56	75	3	(11) Lewis	11	38	58	75

NAOBC Premier KO - final pairing

- (9) Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY
- Nick Nickell, New York NY; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Eric Greco, Northville MI; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 3/4 Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA
- 3/4 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Denmark
- 5/8 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Monaco
- 5/8 Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Michal Nowosadzki, Poland; Jacek Kalita, Poland; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland
- 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland - Espen Lindqvist, Norway
- 5/8 Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Louk Verhees Jr., Netherlands; David Bakhshi, England; Alon Birman - Dror Padon, Israel; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands

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Here is an early board that produced an 11-IMP swing in both matches:

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

At all four tables, the final contract was 3NT declared by East with the lead of the ♥ 5. The auctions varied depending on notrump ranges. Yes, there are five spade tricks to lose off the top, no defender chose to break that suit. Rather, it was up to declarer to get the club suit right, and up to South to not give it away. The contract either made an overtrick or was down two – Linda Lewis and Marion Michielsen both made it when they held their club losers to one.

At the other tables, Steve Weinstein and Michael Rosenberg both led a low club to the 9, losing to North's jack. When a heart came back, they led the ♣ 10 and rather than let it ride, covered it with the ace.

Qualifiers in the NAOBC Three-Day Open Pairs

	Carryover		
1	Mike Passell – Steve Zolotow	228.41	25 Sheng Li – Jian Wang
2	Christian Jolly – Julie Arbit	214.90	26 Russell Samuel – Victoria Gregory
3	Sean Ganness – Saul Gross	214.67	27 Michal Kwiecien – Marty Seligman
4	Michael Fleisher – Tracey Bauer	213.71	28 James Slinger – Farid Assemi
5	Michael Wang – Shigang Liang	212.73	29 Melanie Tucker – Hjordis Eythorsdottir
6	Jim Foster – Bryan Howard	209.50	30 Peter Boyd – William Neumann
7	Tom Bishel – John Bishel	208.29	31 Aaron Silverstein – Andrew Rosenthal
8	GS Jade Barrett – Robert Solick	207.56	32 Louis-Amaury Beauchet – Irva Neyhart
9	Jan Assini – Frank Cymerman	207.49	33 Kole Meng – Terry Du
10	Iulian Rotaru – Jacqueline Chang	200.78	34 Joan Millens – Shan Huang
11	Eric Stoltz – Mark Ralph	200.02	35 Vicki Lerner – Steven Smolen
12	Bill Schreiber – Michael Schreiber	199.31	36 Peter Cheung – Marusa Gold
13	Peter Whipple – Ryan Schultz	197.83	37 Ming Sheng – Richard Chan
14	Fan Yang – David Zhang	196.67	38 Mustafa Cem Tokay – Ruth Fleischmann
15	Ethan Liu – Sathya Bettadapura	196.03	39 Chris Compton – Andy Goodman
16	Peggy Ellis – Glenn Eisenstein	195.02	40 Judy Zhu – Platt Hill
17	Harrison Luba – Owen Lien	194.94	41 Alan Watson – Rick Roeder
18	Thomas Turgeon – Mark Jones	192.54	42 Joshua Donn – Carole Liss
19	Carlos Pellegrini – Hansa Narasimhan	190.90	43 Michael Dalton – Lynn Leisy
20	Michael Massimilla – Louis Glasthal	190.68	44 Weishu Wu – Meiyan Duan
21	Joyce Goldstein – Tracy Brines	187.69	45 Om Chokriwala – Joseph Viola III
22	Neil Hunter – Randy Thompson	187.65	46 Kelvin Raywood – Shelley Burns
23	Jeff Meckstroth – James Gleick	186.82	47 Julie Nadel – Joris van Lankveld
24	Anil Khatri – Surendra Mandava	185.91	48 Mark Lair – Jack LaVigne
			185.90

Qualifiers in the NAOBC Three-Day 0–5000 Pairs

	Carryover		
1	Peter Van Zijl – Michael Berard	138.62	11 Amy Rhodes – Mark Blanchard
2	Edward Foran – Nicolas Hammond	137.66	12 Kinga Voorhees – Burton Voorhees
3	Gianni Hsieh – Frank Hsieh	132.68	13 Raymond Borrego – Brian Mc Namara
4	Ali El-Selehdar – Lynne Castoldi	130.39	14 Qing Lu – Jung Hu
5	Jay Cherlow – Eric Branfman	128.89	15 Hong Liu – Yu Nadler
6	Juan Felipe Cuervo – Carolyn Bitetti	128.48	16 Deborah Ayars – Sharon Sandell
7	Nancy Mitchell – Donald Duncan	127.35	17 A William Schmidt – Philip Geibel
8	Furqan Naeem – Malcolm Mendelson	125.91	18 Eric He – Edward He
9	Gary Haynie – William Stevenson	125.77	19 Sandy Potts – Stan Pushkarsky
10	Eric Hendrickson – Paul Gutterman	125.35	20 Cynthia Huang – Christopher Donnelly
			123.55

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A bit more than two-thirds of the 35-table field qualified for today's semifinal sessions, where 23 will be top. Passell and Zolotow's carryover is 228.41, almost three-fifths of a board more than Jolly and Arbit's 214.90.

Exactly half of today's field will reach Sunday's final sessions.

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Twenty of the 30 pairs entered qualified for today's semifinal sessions. A 0–1500 flight of this event had to be scrapped because it did not draw a large enough field to sustain two rounds of elimination.

Van Zijl and Berard will take a carryover of 138.62 into today's game, just under 1 matchpoint more than Foran and Hammond. Top on a board is 9.

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

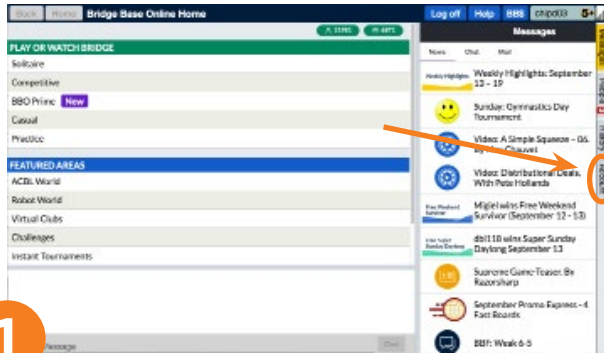
Entry Fees

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



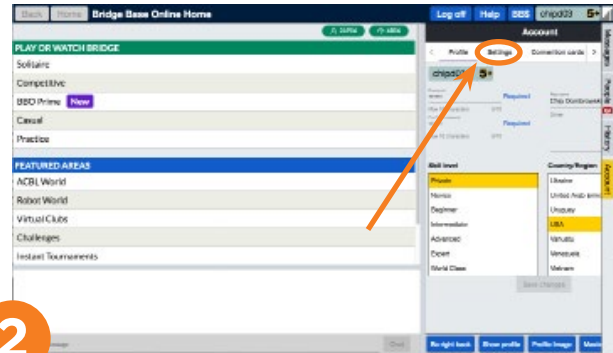
BBO Help Desk - Confirm bids and cards

Misclicks are a source of frustration for many players online. Sanctioned games don't allow undos, so once the wrong card leaves your hand, there's nothing you can do about it. But there is something you can do before: Go into your settings and turn on the option to confirm bids and cards.



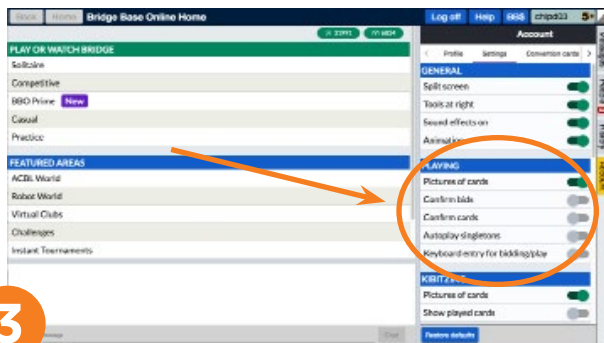
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Start by clicking on the Account tab along the right edge of your screen.



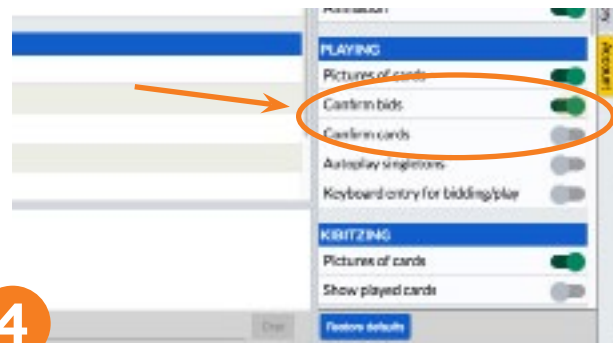
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Your profile page will open. Click on Settings in the bar across the top of the panel.



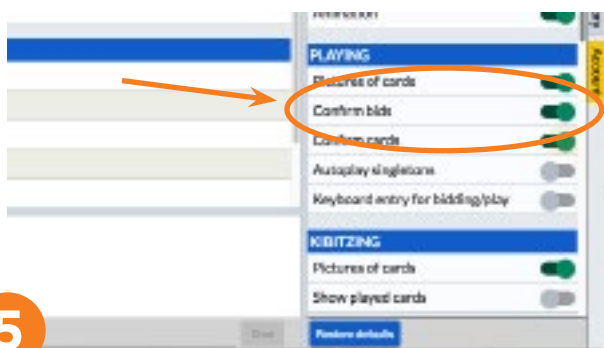
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Your settings appear in the right panel. Each setting has a switch that can be turned on (green) or off (gray). Focus on the Playing settings below the second divider.



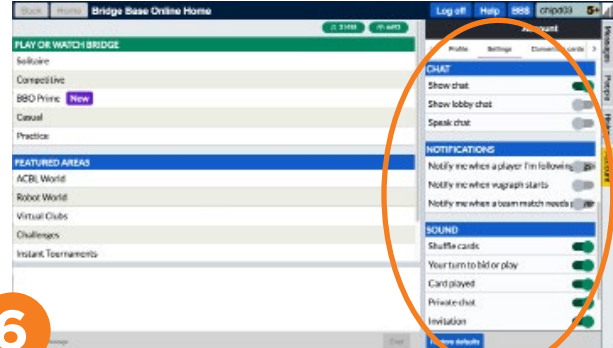
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Click the switch for Confirm bids to turn on that option. The switch will move from the off position to on.



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Do the same to turn on Confirm cards.



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While you're here, scroll down and take a look at your other settings to see if there's anything you want to change. Don't want to get notified every time a vugraph starts? Turn that option off.