



## What's in a name?

There were several cleverly-named teams in the **0-5000 KO**, and while some titles did not turn out to be apt, it made for a more entertaining bracket. All 16 teams played Monday.

No. 15 seed **Mr. 1700 and Friends** (Eric Gettelman, Paul Holmes, David Venetianer, Richard Franklin, AJ Stephani, Isaac Stephani), must have not gone for many big numbers – they won by 75 IMPs over **Pluperfect** (R. David Walker, Dara Dinner, William Bauer III, Stephen Becker), who were the original No. 2 seed.

The No. 8 seed **Lucky Charms** (William Neumann, Michael Schrage, Brian Sutton, Edward Rothenheber) ran out of good fortune. They were in the lead against No. 9 **McLaughlin** (Jane McLaughlin, Ethan Wood, Bart Bussink, Harrison

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## Premier KO: four departures

Of the 36 teams entered in the summer **Premier Knockout**, only 14 teams played Monday. There was one head-to-head match and three four-way matches to eliminate four teams.

In the head-to-head, No. 23 seed **Kolesnik** (Alexander Kolesnik, Bob Etter, Gary Soules, Michael Xu, Richard Zeckhauser) faced off against No. 36 seed **Neowise** (Jason Ji, Huailin Chen, Weizhong Bao, Shihong You, Frank Feng). Neowise took the first quarter 43-33 but fell way behind in the second, scoring only 1 IMP compared to Kolesnik's 73. Then, they held Kolesnik to 2 IMPs in the third while scoring 39 to cut Kolesnik's lead to 25

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## Quarterfinals set in 0-1500 KO

The opening round of the **0-1500 KO** saw 10 teams, seeds 3 through 12, playing for six spots in the quarterfinals, with the top two going through on byes. In two of the three head-to-head matches and in the four-way, it was the lowest-seeded team that was eliminated: No. 9 **DKAS**, No. 10 **Fazio** and No. 11 **Eckert**.

No. 12 **HI Aloha** (Debbie Ayars, David Ouyang, Gary Haynie, William Stevenson, Sharon Sandell) faced the No. 3 **Fantastic Six** (Francis Gupta, Ken Trock, Charles Dvorkin, Edward Fisher, Jean Lyons, Ed Lyons). The Hawaiians saw their 70-21 halftime lead trimmed

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## Schedule

See full schedule at [acbl.org/naobc](http://acbl.org/naobc).

	Premier KO Open/Limited	Two-Day Pairs All flights	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Tuesday, July 20	Round of 32/Quarterfinals	<b>IMP Pairs</b>	
Wednesday, July 21	Round of 16/Semifinals	Qualifying sessions	
Thursday, July 22	Quarterfinals/Finals	Final sessions	
Friday, July 23	Semifinals	<b>Two-Day Pairs</b>	Qualifying sessions
Saturday, July 24	Final	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

## ▶ NAOBC Premier KO - round of 32 pairings

- 1 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Monaco
- 2 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
- 32 (33) Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX; Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Doug Couchman, Tucson AZ; Ethan Derman, Baltimore MD; Levi Katriel, Del Mar CA
- 31 (34) Shark: Shigang Liang - Mike Xiao-Fang Xue, Markham ON; Michael Wang, Richmond Hill ON; Peter Wong, North York ON
- 16 Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Jacob Freeman - Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland
- 15 Aldo Gerli, Italy; Marcelo Branco, Brazil; Diego Brenner, Spain; Miguel Villas-Boas, Brazil; Andrea Boldrini, Italy; John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ
- 17 Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Crispin Barrere - Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Robert Munson, Danville CA
- 18 Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - David Gurvich - Michael Radin - Ira Herman, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY
- 8 Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Zia Mahmood, England; Simon De Wijs, Netherlands; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; David Gold, England; Bauke Muller, Netherlands
- 7 Louk Verhees Jr., Netherlands; Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, England; Alon Birman - Dror Padon, Israel; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands
- 25 W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA; Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; William Hall, Thousand Oaks CA; Joseph Viola III, Chattanooga TN; Hank Youngerman, Reading PA; Alan Douglas, Smiths Parish Bermuda
- 26 Franco Baseggio, Sharon CT; Andrew Stark, Easton CT; David Chechelashvili, Santa Monica CA; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Phil Clayton, Frisco TX; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA
- 9 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden; Marion Michielsens, Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY
- 10 Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX
- 24 Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver CO; Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Robert Bitterman, Harbor Springs MI; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Michael Massimilla, Syosset NY
- 23 Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Bob Etter - Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA
- 5 Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Agustin Madala, Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Denmark
- 6 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Gavin Wolpert - Kevin Bathurst - Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC
- 28 Jack Smith - Joaquin Pacareu - Gonzalo Rubio - Juan Pablo Valdes Delamaza, Chile; Juan Carlos Ventin, Spain; Marcos Toma, Brazil
- 27 Ming Sheng - Winston Huang, Los Altos CA; Yanong Han, Milpitas CA; Wanfeng Mou, Sugar Land TX; Fu Zhong, China
- 12 Kevin Dwyer, Tampa FL; Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Sweden
- 11 Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA
- 21 Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Stephen Cooper, Toronto ON; Stephen Mackay, Markham ON
- 22 David Sokolow - Tobi Sokolow - Louis Sachar - Stephen Wood, Austin TX

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| <p>13 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Poland; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Egypt; Piotr Nawrocki, Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Poland</p> <p>20 James Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Carlos Pellegrini, Argentina; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Maximo Crusizio - Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL</p> <p>4 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland - Espen Lindqvist, Norway</p> <p>29 Hotanto: Omer Ekinici, Stamford CT; Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Greece; Emre Ultav, Turkey; Safak Uras - Tamer Cokgor - Emre Yazici, Turkey</p> | <p>14 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL</p> <p>19 Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Las Vegas NV; Julie Nadel, Santa Barbara CA; Joris van Lankveld, Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Netherlands</p> <p>3 Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Michal Nowosadzki, Poland; Jacek Kalita, Poland; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland</p> <p>30 Bici: Leonardo Cima, Italy; Ettore Bianchi, Dobbs Ferry NY; Alessandro Gandoglia - Federico Primavera, Italy</p> |
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## NAOBC 0-5000 KO - quarterfinal pairings

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| <p>1 Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Edward Maier, Sarasota FL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL</p> <p>8 (9) Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA; Ethan Wood, Dover MA; Bart Bussink, Cambridge MA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Robin Hillyard, Carlisle MA; Dan Morgenstern, Brunswick ME</p> <p>4 Edward Helpert - William Lindgren, Tucson AZ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Henry Nelson, Zelienople PA</p> <p>5 MSRP: Mark Henderson, Wilmington DE; Bernard Rehberg, Media PA; A. William Schmidt, Morton PA; Philip Geibel, Durhamville NY</p> | <p>7 (10) Adam Weisz-Margules, Thornhill ON; Peter Peng, North York ON; Linda Lord, Schomberg ON; Howard Arcand, Richmond Hill ON</p> <p>2 (15) Mr. 1700 and Friends: Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT; AJ Stephani - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH</p> <p>3 Bill Dinner, Sands Pointe NY; Bart Cirker - Dina Schechter, Manhasset NY; David Joseph, Forest Hills NY</p> <p>6 (11) Shella's Pals: Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Edward Alcott, Naples FL</p> |
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## NAOBC 0-1500 KO - quarterfinal pairings

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| <p>1 SnapDragon: Komal Kamat, Plainsboro NJ; Arvind Sharma - Lynnne Sharma, Southlake TX; Ashok Agarwala, Edison NJ; Bharat Shah, Monroe NJ</p> <p>8 Apollo: Brian Zhang - Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Eric Xiao - Guanghao Xiao - Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA; Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA</p> <p>4 Fantastic Four: Shelley Johnson, Yorkville IL; Joseph Lepscier, Aurora IL; Richard Gunderson, Earlville IL; Robert Lee Jr., Newark IL</p> <p>5 Yan Drabek, Florence MA; Barry Laflam, Southampton MA; Robert Leitch, Amherst MA; James Kronholm, Blandford MA</p> | <p>2 James Dahlberg, Arlington VA; Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Nick Migliacci, Las Vegas NV</p> <p>7 Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen, Austin TX; Kayden Ge - Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA; Jianming Zhang, Union City CA</p> <p>6 Suitable Friends: Tom Paul - Bill Whitehouse - Gayle Booth - Janet Johnson, Loudon TN; Brenda Kelly, Knoxville TN</p> <p>3 (12) HI Aloha: Deborah Ayars, Waipahu HI; David Ouyang, Waianae HI; Gary Haynie, Kailua HI; William Stevenson, Honolulu HI; Sharon Sandell, Makaha HI</p> |
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to just 2 IMPs in the third quarter as the Fantastic Six mounted a 54-7 comeback. But HI Aloha survived the match 106-99, earning a quarterfinal match with **Suitable Friends** (Thomas Paul, William Whitehouse, Gayle Booth, Brenda Kelly, Janet Johnson).

While the Fantastic Six did not make it out of the opening round, the **Fantastic Four** (Shelley Johnson, Joseph Lepscier, Richard Gunderson, Robert Lee Jr.) did. They'll meet **Drabek** (Yan Drabek, Barry Laflam, Bob Leitch, James Kronholm).

The other two quarterfinal matches feature the two most experienced teams in the bracket against the two youngest. No. 1 **SnapDragon** (Komal Kamat, Arvind Sharma, Ashok Agarwala, Bhartkumar Shah, Lynnie Sharma) faces **Apollo** (Brian Zhang, Eric Xiao, Serena Guo, Wanwan Ren, Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao), which includes two 10-year-olds and a 13-year-old along with some parents.

No. 2 **Dahlberg** (James Dahlberg, Alan Munro, Colin Schloss, Nick Migliacci) takes on **Chen** (Charlie Chen, Andrew Chen, Kayden Ge, Brandon Ge, Jianming Zhang), four of whom are ages 9-14.

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Luba, Robin Hillyard, Dan Morgenstern) by 14 after the first quarter and 27 at the half before falling behind by 4 IMPs at the three-quarter mark; they ended up losing by 28.

The No. 13 seed **Dream Team** (Herbert Nakagawa, Barbara Durkin, Mitsuko Kodama, Iris Chung) might have nightmares after facing off against the No. 4 seed **Helpert** (Edward Helpert, Ron Vickery, William Lindgren, Henry Nelson). Down at the quarter-marks by 71, 116 and 157 IMPs, they eventually lost by 167 IMPs, but deserve credit for playing it out.

The No. 7 team captained by Mike Peng, **Pengpals** (Ted Boyd, Robert Griffiths, Adrian Record) fell to No. 10 **Weisz** (Adam Weisz-Margules, Peter Peng, Linda Lord, Howard Arcand) in a very close match. Leading by 21 at the half, their lead was cut to 9 after three quarters. They ended up losing by 15.

The No. 1, 3, 5 and 6 seeds all took care of business.

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IMPs. The fourth quarter was a mutually high-scoring affair, with Kolesnik adding 49 IMPs to Neowise's 48. The margin of victory was 26, 157-131.

In the four-way matches, **Brenner** (Anne Brenner, David Caprera, Robert Cappelli, Robert Bitterman, Louis Glasthal, Michael Massimilla), **Shark** (Shigang Liang, Michael Wang, Mike Xiao-Fang Xue, Peter Wong), **Dinkin** (Sam Dinkin, Kalyan Venkat, Kyle Rockoff, Doug Couchman, Ethan Derman, Levi Katriel), **Huang** (Ming Sheng, Winston Huang, Yanong Han, Wanfeng Mou, Fu Zhong), **Smith** (Jack Smith, Juan Carlos Ventin, Joaquin Pacareu, Marcos Thoma, Gonzalo Rubio, Juan Pablo Valdes Delamaza) and **Hotanto** (Omer Ekinci, Nikolaos Delimpaltadakis, Emre Ultav, Safak Uras, Tamer Cokgor, Emre Yazici) won their first-half matches and advanced.

In the second half to decide the three remaining teams, **Reynolds** (W.F. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, William Hall, Joseph Viola III, Hank Youngerman, Alan Douglas) defeated **Collins** (Sherman Gao, Andrew Collins, Somers Collins, Bo Liu), **Baseggio** (Franco Baseggio, Andrew Stark, David Chechelashvili, Ai-Tai Lo, Phil Clayton, Andrew Gumperz) bested **Bettadapura** (Sathya Bettadapura, Stephen Tu, Don Liu, Robert Virgile) and **Bici** (Leonardo Cima, Ettore Bianchi, Alessandro Gandoglia, Federico Primavera) beat **Botwin** (Michael Botwin, Barry Plotkin, William Campbell, Suzanne Campbell).

Play continues tomorrow with the Round of 32.



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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/](http://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

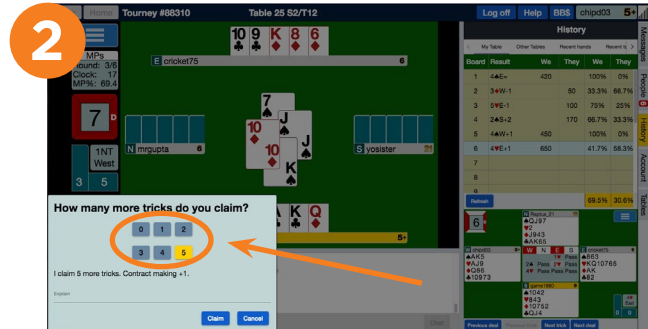


## BBO Help Desk - How to claim

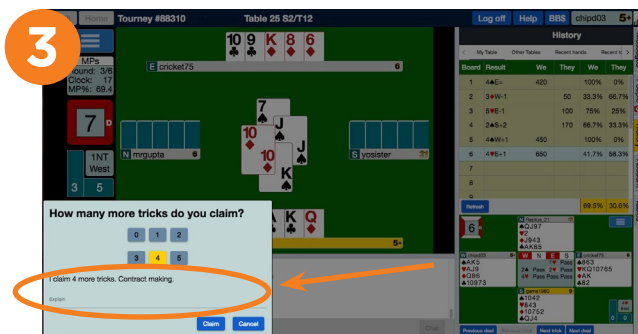
It's frustrating to have to follow or discard card after irrelevant card while a declarer runs winners. When the outcome of a deal is certain, it's good practice to save everyone's time and patience by claiming.



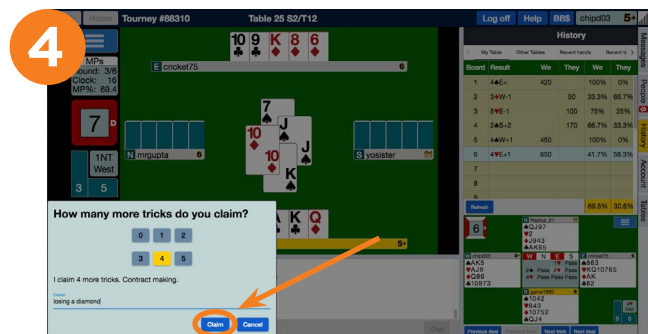
When you reach the point where you want to claim, click the Claim button on the left. Here, we are in 1NT. After starting with five spades, we are down to two good spades, two good clubs and a diamond loser.



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.