



5K KO reaches semis

In today's pairings in the semifinal round of the 0-5000 Knockout Teams, the squad captained by Charles Nemes will meet the team led by Edward Helpert, while in the other bracket, **Mr. 1700 and Friends** (Eric Gettleman, captain) will play **Shella's Pals** (Shelley Burns captain).

In the quarterfinal round, **Nemes** (Charles Nemes, Edward Maier, Rick Schoenfield, David Bogolub) defeated Jane McLaughlin and company

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No routs in 0-1500 KO

The quarterfinals in the 0-1500 Knockout were mostly close matches.

HI Aloha, originally the bottom seed in the bracket but No. 3 after scoring an upset in the opening round, was down 1 IMP to Suitable Friends at halftime, and still down 1 after three quarters. But they ran out of steam in the fourth quarter, and **Suitable Friends** (Thomas Paul, William Whitehouse, Gayle Booth, Brenda Kelly,

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Status quo in Premier KO

Very few upsets occurred in the Premier KO Round of 32. All the top seeds won by comfortable margins, except for No. 10 **Fireman** (Phyllis Fireman, Jenny Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, David Grainger, Joshua Donn, Greg Hinze), who fell to No. 23 **Kolesnik** (Alexander Kolesnik, Bob Etter, Gary Soules, Michael Xu, Richard Zeckhauser).

Fireman was down by 33 after three quarters; they put together a 33-12 run in the fourth quarter but lost 84-72.

No. 19 **Ferguson** (Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Julie Nadel, Joris van Lankveld, Berend Van Den Bos), outlasted No. 14 **Goodman** in a tight match. Ferguson won 109-91.

No. 18 **Manhattan** (Allen Kahn, Jeffrey Rothstein, Michael Lipkin, David Gurvich, Michael Radin, Ira

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IMP Pairs starts today

The NAOBC IMP Pairs starts today. This is a two-day event for the open flight, with roughly half the field qualifying for Thursday's final.

There are regional two-session IMP Pairs events for the 0-5000 and 0-1500 flights both today and tomorrow.

Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

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

▶ NAOBC Premier KO Round of 32 scores

1	Levine	53	107	184	209	2	Nickell	67	100	151	207
32	(33) Dinkin	23	94	120	144	31	(34) Shark	15	45	67	78
16	Amoils	31	92	138	171	15	Overdeck	48	98	108	119
17	Bell	37	63	77	93	18	Manhattan	29	43	103	136
8	Gupta	95	128	161	161	7	Tulin	36	54	70	104
25	Reynolds	3	18	40	w/d	26	Baseggio	1	14	37	60
9	Donner	27	61	100	122	10	Fireman	3	14	39	72
24	Brenner	13	48	56	71	23	Kolesnik	19	59	72	84
5	Lebowitz	35	114	147	147	6	Spector	27	66	109	130
28	Smith	16	35	63	w/d	27	Huang	38	53	66	106
12	Hill	46	77	111	164	11	Lewis	36	58	78	127
21	Fleischmann	13	64	81	99	22	Austinities	7	40	54	69
13	Riphey	39	76	95	119	14	Goodman	56	59	81	91
20	Fox	32	60	78	93	19	Ferguson	17	65	98	109
4	Rosenthal	51	89	111	147	3	Moss	42	93	122	168
29	Hotanto	35	79	94	100	30	Bici	31	56	98	110

▶ NAOBC 0-5000 KO quarterfinal scores

1	Nemes	54	97	135	135	2	(15) Mr. 1700 & Friends	35	44	79	114
8	(9) McLaughlin	18	36	56	w/d	7	(10) Weisz	19	37	56	82
4	Helpert	30	46	69	90	3	Dinner	39	45	71	w/d
5	MSRP	31	34	48	61	6	(11) Shella's Pals	50	101	133	133

▶ NAOBC 0-1500 KO quarterfinal scores

1	SnapDragon	22	40	69	74	2	Dahlberg	26	39	65	98
8	Apollo	28	48	66	97	7	Chen	19	31	60	74
4	Fantastic Four	33	50	83	109	3	(12) HI Aloha	21	47	70	101
5	Drabek	30	47	92	116	6	Suitable Friends	30	48	71	108

▶ NAOBC Premier KO - round of 32 pairings

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| <p>1 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Monaco</p> <p>16 Leslie Amoils - Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland</p> <p>8 Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Zia Mahmood, England; Simon De Wijs, Netherlands; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; David Gold, England; Bauke Muller, Netherlands</p> <p>9 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY</p> <p>5 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Denmark</p> <p>12 Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer, Tampa FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Sweden</p> <p>13 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Poland; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Egypt; Piotr Nawrocki, Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Poland</p> <p>4 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland - Espen Lindqvist, Norway</p> | <p>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</p> <p>15 (18) Manhattan: Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - David Gurvich - Michael Radin - Ira Herman, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY</p> <p>7 Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Louk Verhees Jr., Netherlands; David Bakhshi, England; Alon Birman - Dror Padon, Israel; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands</p> <p>10 (23) Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Bob Etter - Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA</p> <p>6 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Gavin Wolpert - Kevin Bathurst - Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC</p> <p>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</p> <p>14 (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 Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Michal Nowosadzki, Poland; Jacek Kalita, Poland; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland</p> |
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▶ NAOBC 0-5000 KO - semifinal 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>4 Edward Helpert - William Lindgren, Tucson AZ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Henry Nelson, Zelienople PA</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 (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 - semifinal pairings

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| <p>1 (8) Apollo: Brian Zhang - Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Eric Xiao - Guanghao Xiao - Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA; Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA</p> <p>4 (5) Yan Drabek, Florence MA; Barry Laffam, 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>3 (6) Suitable Friends: Tom Paul - Bill Whitehouse - Gayle Booth - Janet Johnson, Loudon TN; Brenda Kelly, Knoxville TN</p> |
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Janet Johnson) won 108-101.

No. 8 **Apollo** (Brian Zhang, Eric Xiao, Serena Guo, Wanwan Ren, Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao) scored one of the bigger wins of the round, ousting No. 1 **SnapDragon** 97-74. Apollo led by 8 at halftime but was down 3 in the third quarter before putting on a big fourth quarter.

There are no more “fantastic” teams left in the field as the No. 4 **Fantastic Four** fell 116-109 to **Drabek**, going the way of the Fantastic Six. Drabek (Yan Drabek, Barry Laflam, Bob Leitch, James Kronholm) had been down 3 at halftime, but a 45-33 third quarter gave them control.

No. 2 **Dahlberg** was the lone higher seed to survive, dispatching the young **Chen** team 98-74. Dahlberg (James Dahlberg, Alan Munro, Colin Schloss, Nick Migliacci) led throughout, but only by 5 IMPs after three quarters.

In the semifinals, Dahlberg will meet Suitable Friends while Apollo takes on Drabek.

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Herman), overtook **Overdeck** to win by 17 IMPs. Down by 55 at the half, Manhattan came back strong, scoring 93 IMPs to Overdeck’s 21 over the next two quarters to win the match 136-119.

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in three quarters, 135-56. And **Helpert’s** crew (Edward Helpert, Ron Vickery, William Lindgren, Henry Nelson) took out **MSRP** (Mark Henderson, Bernard Rehberg, A. Schmidt, Philip Geibel), 90-61, the closest match of the round.

In the other bracket, Mr. 1700 and Friends took care of Adam Weisz’s squad, 114-82, while Burns’s team (Shelley Burns, Kelvin Raywood, Lisa Mita, Edward Alcock) defeated Bill Dinners’s squad in three quarters, 133-71.

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

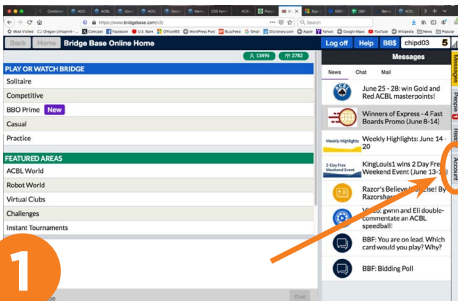
Entry Fees

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

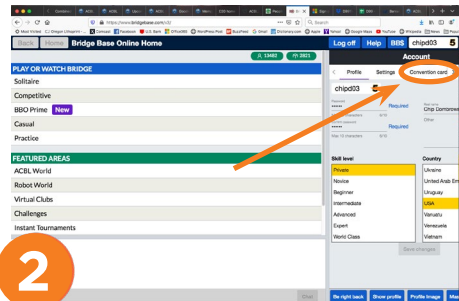


BBO Help Desk - Convention Cards

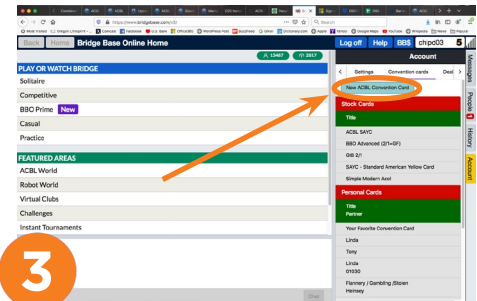
Convention cards disclose your partnership's agreements to the opponents in accordance with the rules of bridge. The ACBL requires that you and your partner make a completed convention card available. Your full names - first and last - should appear at the top. When you sit down to play or register for a tournament with a partner, BBO will see if your partnership has a convention card on file by looking at your list of Personal Cards for your partner's username. If it is there, you will be notified and the appropriate card is loaded once play starts. If your opponents follow this procedure, you'll be able to view their cards as well.



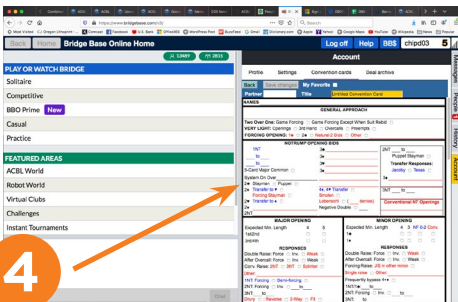
1 After logging in, click on the Account tab along the right edge. Your profile will open as shown at right.



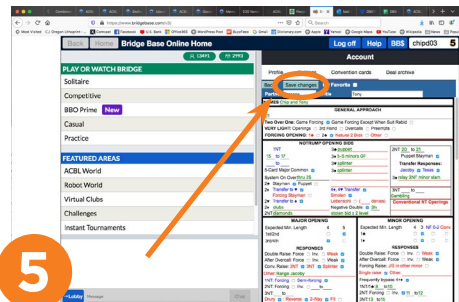
2 Click on Convention cards. The Convention cards section will open.



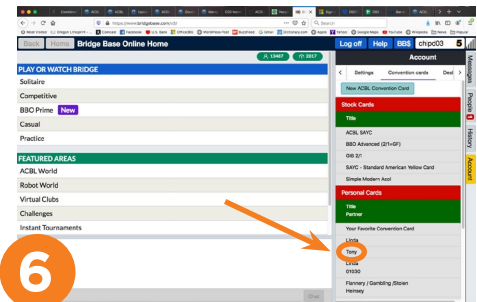
3 To fill out a new card, click on New ACBL Convention Card. If you don't want to start from a blank card, you can also select one of the Stock Cards.



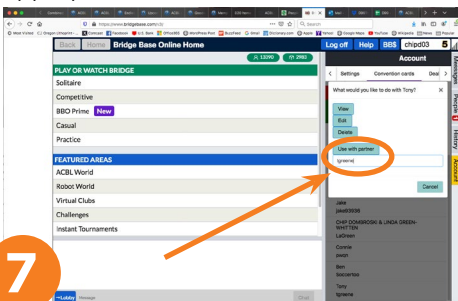
4 A blank convention card will appear. Widen the window by dragging the divider to the left. Click each blank line to place your cursor, then enter the appropriate information.



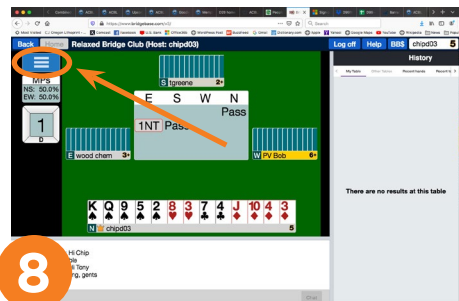
5 Continue filling in the card until it is complete. When the card is complete, click the "Save changes" button at top left.



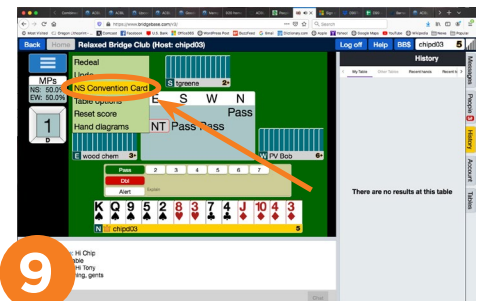
6 To view or edit a card after it is filled out, select it from the list of Personal Cards at the bottom of the Convention cards section.



7 A prompt will ask you what you want to do with the card. Select view or edit as appropriate. In order for the card to be visible to your opponents, you must designate a partner. Enter your partner's BBO name as shown and click "Use with partner."



8 When you want to view an opponent's convention card during a game, start by clicking on the three bars.



9 If the opponents have loaded their convention card, it will appear as a choice in this menu. Select NS Convention Card or EW Convention Card. The card will pop up in another window.