

Canadians win 5K IMP Pairs

Shelley Burns of North Vancouver BC and **Kelvin Raywood** of Vancouver BC won the NAOBC 0-5000 IMP Pairs. Qualifying for the final in fifth place, the pair scored 33.01 in the first final session. Their carryover of 27.12 propelled them into second place. They added another 32.20 IMPs in the final session to finish way ahead of the pack with an overall score of 92.33.



Shelley Burns Kelvin Raywood

In second place with a total score of 72.50 were **Joel Singer** of Santa Clara CA and **Michael Cohen**
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NJ couple win 0-1500 IMP Pairs

Rona Goldberg and **Garry Goldberg** of Scotch Plains NJ won the NAOBC 0-1500 IMP Pairs by more than 6 IMPs.

After going negative in the first qualifying session, the Goldbergs qualified in 39th place with a carryover of 4.54, about 23 IMPs behind the leaders. They came roaring back all the way to third place in the first final session with 35.51 IMPs, then capped it with an even bigger second session of 40.73. Their final score was 80.84.



Garry & Rona Goldberg

In second with 74.28 IMPs were **David Finholt** of Raleigh NC and **John Woog** of Rochester MN. They
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Aquino, Green are Open IMP Pairs champs

Mark Aquino of Jamaica Plain MA and **Jonathan Green** of Melbourne FL combined two solid performances in the final sessions of the NAOBC Open IMP Pairs to win the two-day contest with a score of 99.79 IMPs. Despite qualifying 69th out of 84 pairs, the duo put on a show of strength in the final, scoring 54.52 IMPs in the first set (with a carryover of 2.52) and followed it up with a 42.75-IMP score in the second set.



Mark Aquino Jonathan Green

Aquino and Green previously finished second in the Nail Life Master Open Pairs in 2004.

In second with 74.79 IMPs were **Adam Wildavsky** of New York City and **Ron Gerard** of White Plains NY. Wildavsky and Gerard, who qualified seventh, won the first final session, but a modest second final session kept them 25 IMPs behind the winners.

In third with 66.56 IMPs were **Igor Savchenko** of Morris Plains NJ and **Andrew Rosenthal** of New York City.

Click [here](#) for results.

Premier Pairs start today

The NAOBC Premier Pairs, 0-5000 Pairs and 0-1500 Pairs begin Saturday, with entries opening at 11 a.m. Eastern. Roughly half the field will qualify for the second day of the four-session event.

Schedule

	Premier KO All flights	Premier Pairs All flights
Saturday, March 20	Semifinals	Qualifying sessions
Sunday, March 21	Finals	Final sessions

► Entry Fees



NAOBC Open Knockout: \$80 / team per session.

NAOBC 0-5000 Knockout and NAOBC 0-1500 Knockout: \$68 / team per session.

NAOBC Open Pairs: \$20 per player per session.

NAOBC 0-5000 and 0-1500 Pairs: \$17 per player per session.

Junior discounts apply to all events. In open events, the Junior entry fee is \$10 per session. In limited events, the Junior entry fee is \$7 per session.

Sunday pairs events free of charge

The IMP Pairs' final sessions were delayed due to registering difficulties related to payment processing issues. We apologize for the inconvenience and frustration caused by the delays.

To make things right, and ensure that the same problems do not occur, all pairs in all flights who qualify for the finals on Sunday will play free.

As a reminder, registration for the pair events opens on Bridge Base Online at 11 a.m. Eastern, two hours before game time.

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of Seattle WA. Initially in 30th place, the pair climbed up to fourth after the first final session.

In third were **Alan Leaver** from Mars PA and **Philip Goulding** from Wexford PA with a total score of 68.02.

Click [here](#) for results.



Joel Singer, Michael Cohen

KOs resume today

Play resumes today in the Premier KO, the 0-5000 KO and the 0-1500 KO, with the semifinal round.

In the Premier KO, the top-seeded **Levine** team faces original No. 21 **Fox**, while **Moss**, originally seventh, meets **Seligman** (14th).

In the 0-5000 KO, it's **Nemes** vs. **Bishel** and **Gettleman** vs. **Kristensen**.

In the 0-1500 KO, **Booth** meets **Hui** and **Freyermuth** faces **Ren**.

[Click here for Premier KO Bracket](#)

[Click here for 0-5000 Bracket](#)

[Click here for 0-1500 Bracket](#)

Second in the
NAOBC Open
IMP Pairs: Adam
Wildavsky and
Ron Gerard



Jonathan Steinberg

Semifinal Pairings

NAOBC PREMIER KO TEAMS

Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland

vs

Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland

James Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Allan Graves, Vancouver BC; Maximo Crusizio, Fort Lauderdale FL; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Argentina

vs

Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Monaco

5/8 Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer, Tampa FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Ola Rimstedt - Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden

5/8 Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France

5/8 Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Gillian Minitier, New York NY; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland

5/8 Franco Baseggio, Sharon CT; Andrew Stark, Easton CT; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Ralph Buchalter, South Orange NJ; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA; Phil Clayton, Frisco TX

0-5000 NAOBC KO

Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Edward Maier, Sarasota FL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL

vs

John Bishel - Tom Bishel - Mary Jane Gladfelter - Michael Gladfelter, Columbus OH

Curt Kristensen - Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Kerry Cotterell, Freeland WA; Richard Underwood, Voorheesville NY

vs

Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH; Peter Whipple, Mason OH

0-1500 NAOBC KO

Howard Booth, Summit NJ; Paul Hattis, Newton MA; James Orleans, Northbrook IL; David Edelson, Berkeley CA; Steven Fox, Kensington MD

vs

Kenneth Hui, San Mateo CA; Chung Lau, Sunnyvale CA; Edward Lee, San Jose CA; Brett Roby, Indianapolis IN

Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Jung Hu - Qing Lu, San Jose CA

vs

Kirk Freyermuth, Beaumont CA; Alan Frank - Robert Leitch, Amherst MA; Hugh McSheffrey, Nelson BC; Shari Metcalf, Newton MA

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too made a long climb in Friday's final sessions after qualifying 44th out of 48. Starting with a carryover of 3.40, their first final score of 28.78 moved them to eighth place. In the second final session they

bested the field with 42.10 IMPs.

In third were **Anda Cosma** and **Marius Cosma** of Ottawa ON, who scored 73.68.

Click [here](#) for results.



Dave Finholt John Woog

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.

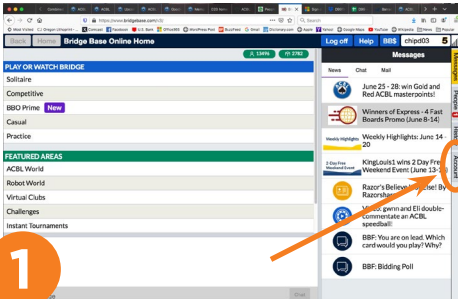
Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed, more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion.

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

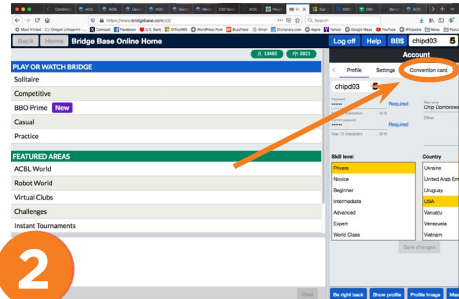
Big Brother is watching you.” – Larry Cohen

BBO Help Desk - Convention Cards

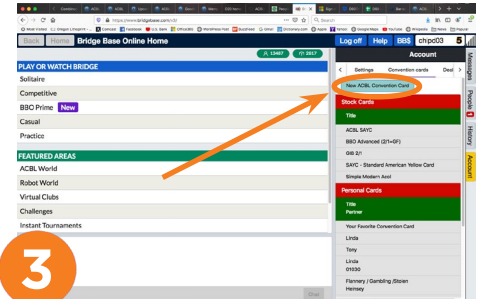
Convention cards disclose your partnership's agreements to the opponents in accordance with the rules of bridge. The ACBL requires that you and your partner make a completed convention card available. Your full names - first and last - should appear at the top. When you sit down to play or register for 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.



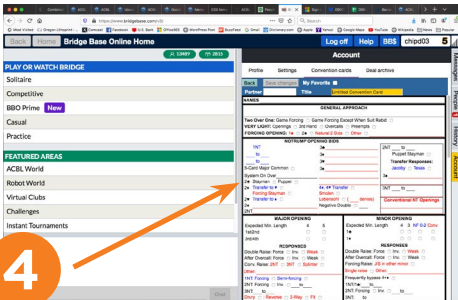
1 After logging in, click on the Account tab along the right edge. Your profile will open as shown at right.



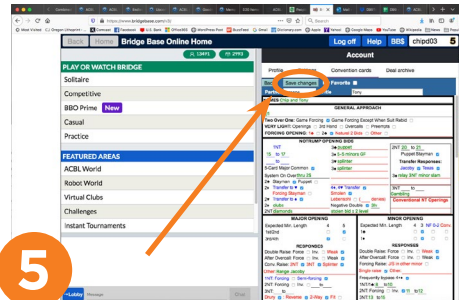
2 Click on Convention cards. The Convention cards section will open.



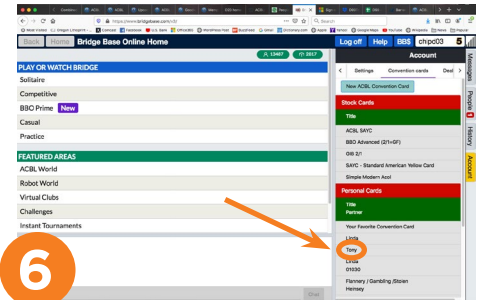
3 To fill out a new card, click on New ACBL Convention Card. If you don't want to start from a blank card, you can also select one of the Stock Cards.



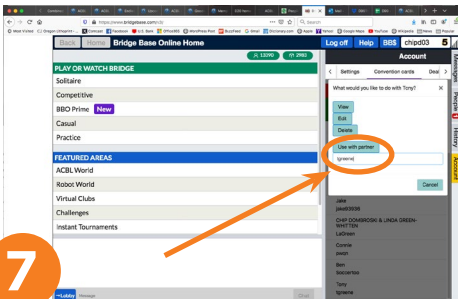
4 A blank convention card will appear. Widen the window by dragging the divider to the left. Click each blank line to place your cursor, then enter the appropriate information.



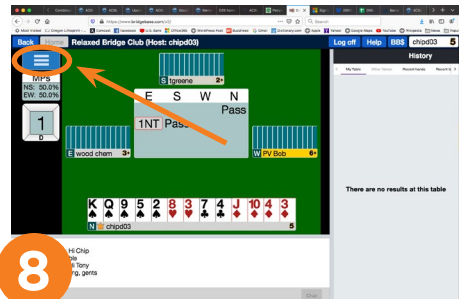
5 Continue filling in the card until it is complete. When the card is complete, click the "Save changes" button at top left.



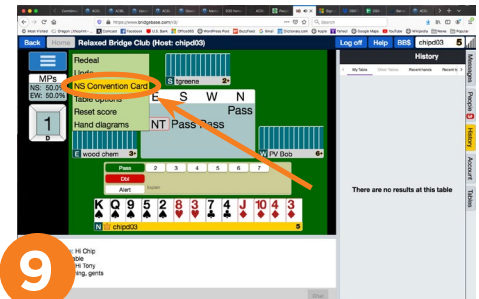
6 To view or edit a card after it is filled out, select it from the list of Personal Cards at the bottom of the Convention cards section.



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.