



# Daily Bulletin

PLAYING IN MEMPHIS  
MARCH 21-31 2019  
NORTH AMERICAN  
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

61st Spring North American Bridge Championships NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org Editors: Paul Linxwiler, Sue Munday and Chip Dombrowski

## Vandy semis: Wolfson vs. Lavazza, Nickell vs. Levine

In the semifinal round of the Vanderbilt KO Teams, Jeff Wolfson's squad will face Team Lavazza (Dennis Bilde captain), while Nick Nickell and company will battle Mike Levine's team in the other bracket.

In the quarterfinal round, Wolfson narrowly defeated Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola's team, 150-143, after Pszczola mounted a furious fourth-quarter rally that fell just short. Lavazza handled George Mittelman's squad, 170-148. Levine had a close match against Andrew Rosenthal's team – the lead margin rarely exceeded single digits – but prevailed 96-90. Nickell, however, clobbered Warren Spector's team in their quarterfinal match, winning 134-42 in three quarters of play. Nickell has yet to be seriously challenged in any of its matches thus far.

## Keep Bridge Alive update

Samantha Punch of the Keep Bridge Alive campaign (see Issue 2) reports that she has raised more than \$8000 from players and bridge suppliers at the Memphis NABC toward her goal of \$15,000. The ACBL Educational Foundation pledged \$15,000 if Punch, professor of sociology at the University of Stirling in Scotland, can match the amount. The funds will be used to analyze data collected from extensive interviews and surveys on why bridge is important in people's lives. Punch believes that understanding the sociology of the game is critical to sustaining and promoting it.

Punch encourages potential donors to visit the Keep Bridge Alive booth, located on the ground floor of the Convention Center near the escalators.

## Goodwill Message



It is nice to be important, but more important to be nice.  
*Sandy DeMartino, Chair  
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill  
Committee*

**ATTENDANCE  
through Friday  
8306 tables**

## Dahl, Oshlag grab Silodor win



Mark Dahl of Richmond VA and Richard Oshlag of Memphis TN topped the field in final of the Silodor Open Pairs, winning the four-session contest by a third of a board. In second was the first-time partnership of Michael Rosenberg of Sunnyvale CA and Adam Grossack of Newton MA.

Dahl and Oshlag, who qualified second after Thursday's opening round, scored 56.84% in the first final session and 63.88% in the second. This

*continued on page 5*

**Winners of the Silodor Open Pairs: Richard Oshlag and Mark Dahl.**

## Pollack, Bjerkan win Women's Pairs

Rozanne Pollack of New York and Cheri Bjerkan of Elmhurst IL won the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs on Friday. They finished about a quarter of a board ahead of the mother-daughter duo of Gen Geiger and Gigi Simpson.

It's the third time Pollack and Bjerkan have won an event the past year and a half after the last two Women's BAMs. They also won this event in 2011, and each has at least a dozen other titles to her credit.

*continued on page 9*

**Winners of the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Rozanne Pollack and Cheri Bjerkan.**



## Bridge world mourns three



Three prominent bridge players have died in recent months: Richard Schwartz, Russ Ekeblad and Sheila Ekeblad. They were all Grand Life Masters.

Friends of Schwartz gathered for a memorial last night at the Sheraton. The Ekeblad family has been hit by the losses of both Russ and Sheila just three months apart. Collectively the trio had 20 North American titles.

**Richard Schwartz  
1943-2019**

Grand Life Master Richard Schwartz of Aventura FL died Feb. 7. Schwartz, 75, was a captain of many high-powered squads at top-level events for decades. During his career, he

earned a silver medal at the 2012 World Senior Teams in Lille, France, as well as 14 NABC titles, amassing more than 18,000 masterpoints.

Although Schwartz's early professional career was as a mathematical analyst and computer programmer to solve

engineering problems in the defense and aerospace industries, he later became well-known for his skill as a handicapper in horse racing, one of the best in the world, earning him the nickname "The Horse" among his bridge friends.

In a post memorializing Schwartz on Bridge Winners, expert and frequent partner Allan Graves wrote, "Richie was famous for his horse-racing acumen. He was one of the first to keep an extensive book of statistics on the horses and race tracks that went much deeper than the racing form. His serious bridge partnerships were equally well-prepared with extensive system notes in print and audio that reflected the input of many

*continued on page 7*



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Southwest Exhibit Hall on the second floor of the Convention Center. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

	Saturday, March 30	
	9:15 a.m.	Emily Harrell <i>Mental Skills Training</i>

## HOSPITALITY

Friday March 22 through Saturday March 30	Saturday, March 30
<b>Exhibit Hall foyer</b> 8:30 am–10 am; 11:30 am–1 pm; 6–7 pm Free coffee	1:30 pm Ice cream parlor. <i>East Hall</i> 10:30 pm Lemon/blueberry trifle. <i>Exhibit Hall foyer</i>



**Tournament Program**

Mixed Pairs	November 7, 8
T.B. Pairs	November 9
National Simultaneous	November 10
IMP Pairs	November 11, 12
Open Pairs	November 13, 14, 15
Teams	November 16

Participants from all over the world, including European and World champions.

Total Prize Money in Excess of €25,000

Special Tournament Tourist Packages from €30 per day per person.

Social Events every day.

BRIDGE

ISROTEL

RED SEA INTERNATIONAL  
BRIDGE FESTIVAL

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Further information and registration:  
Organizing Committee: David & Alon Birman,  
50 Pinkas St., Tel Aviv, Israel  
Tel.: +972-3-6058355, +972-50-6698655,  
Email: birmand@inter.net.il, www.bridgeredsea.com

### Worst lead ever?

Bridge writer Phillip Alder was playing in the Daylight Open Pairs on Friday when he found himself on opening lead against 3NT.

Dlr: North ♠ J 6  
Vul: Both ♥ —  
♦ A K Q 10 9 7 6 2  
♣ 8 6 5

♠ 8 7 4 2  
♥ K 9  
♦ 8 5 4 3  
♣ K 7 3

♠ A 9 5  
♥ Q J 6 5 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ Q 9 4

♠ K Q 10 3  
♥ A 10 8 7 2  
♦ —  
♣ A J 10 2

North opened a Gambling 3NT. The convention shows a solid eight-card minor with no outside entry. It asks partner to pass with stoppers in the three other suits and one other important thing – a low card in the fourth suit to get to partner's hand. Everyone passed, and Alder was on lead.

He decided to lead the ♠A, hoping a look at dummy would help decide which stopper was most vulnerable to attack. Oops.

The South hand has three of the four elements needed to pass 3NT but is missing a diamond. Declarer's hand has no entry – unless the ♠A is led, making the ♠J good (or a low spade or a diamond). 3NT has no play on a heart or club lead, and it goes down two on the lead of a low heart.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any bridge playing event at an NABC. This includes electronic smoking devices.

## King/Queen of Bridge

Are you a graduating high school senior and ACBL member who loves bridge? If so, you could be the **2019 King or Queen of bridge**. Apply now to earn the title and a scholarship (up to \$2000).

Some of the biggest names in the bridge world today started as the King/Queen of Bridge — Jeff Meckstroth, Bobby Levin, and Brad Moss. Recent Kings/Queens of bridge include Burke Snowden, Adam Kaplan, Allison Hunt, Adam Grossack and Murphy Green.

Go to [acbl.org/kingofbridge](http://acbl.org/kingofbridge) to read more about the program, see other previous winners and download an application today.

**Apply by May 31, 2019, and become bridge royalty!**

# Your membership card goes where *you* go

Access your card instantly using your mobile device or print directly through the MyACBL portal at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org)

American Contract Bridge League  
6575 Windchase Blvd. Horn Lake MS 38637-1523  
662-253-3100 [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)

Member Name  
1234567  
Rank Title

*Joseph B. Cooper*  
Acting Executive Director

Welcome back, Member!  
Update My Information | Member  
Full Name | Member Since  
Rank | My Next Rank Requirements  
Master points | Total: 0.39 YTD: 0.00  
Ribbon Qualifiers | Blue: 0, Red: 0, Silver: 0 Platinum Pairs: 0  
District: 10  
Unit: 144

View Membership Card Printable Card

Your rank is always up to date



# JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

## Take All Your Chances

By **Eddie Kantar**

♠ K J 3  
♥ K 7 6 4  
♦ A J 2  
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A Q 2  
♥ A 5 2  
♦ K Q 8 7  
♣ A K J

You open 2♣ and rebid 2NT showing 22 to 24 HCP after partner's 2♦ "waiting" response. With a perfectly balanced hand, partner disdains Stayman and boosts you to 6NT knowing of at least 33 HCP between the two hands.

The opening lead is the ♠10. Plan the play.

You have 11 top tricks with two chances for a 12th: hearts 3-3 (36%) or the ♣Q with East (50%). Once again, trying to set up an extra trick in the longer suit (hearts) is best because if the suit does not break 3-3, you are still alive and can take the club finesse. The plan, therefore, is to duck a heart and then test hearts. If hearts are 3-3, you won't need the club finesse. Your chance for success is 68%.

The technique of ducking a heart and then playing the ace-king is far superior to playing the ace-king and a heart to see if they divide 3-3



The full deal:

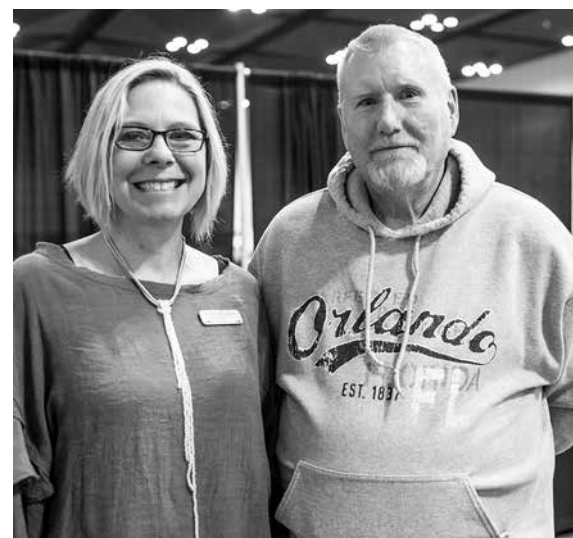
♠ K J 3	♠ 7 5 4
♥ K 7 6 4	♥ Q J 9
♦ A J 2	♦ 9 6 4
♣ 7 4 3	♣ 10 8 6 2
♠ 10 9 8 6	♠ A Q 2
♥ 10 8 3	♥ A 5 2
♦ 10 5 3	♦ K Q 8 7
♣ Q 9 5	♣ A K J

I have used this hand in my classes for years. One lady who came to all of my classes wound up playing this hand seven or eight times and went down each time, taking the club finesse before testing the hearts, no matter how much pleading and explaining I did.

The following year I couldn't stand it any longer and put the ♣Q with East and made hearts

for two reasons: (1) You retain control of the suit if they break 4-2 so you can still take the club finesse. (2) If hearts are 4-2, the opponents can take two heart tricks in which case you never do get a chance to take a club finesse (after cashing the ace).

4-2 so she would finally make the hand. This time she won the opening lead and played the ♥A K and a heart, allowing them to take two heart tricks. I gave up.



**Kathy Duggan of Knoxville TN played in the 299er Pairs with Greg Nomland of Cordova, a suburb of Memphis. "Wherever I go, I find a bridge game," Duggan said. "I've played in Paris, France; Barcelona, Spain; Florence, Italy; Mobile, Alabama. I'm just so hooked on bridge." Duggan went to the 2016 Fall NABC in Orlando when she had less than 5 masterpoints and won a trophy. Nomland was also enjoying the tournament and wished he could get a souvenir T-shirt.**

## Trolley fare is \$1 (cash)

The fare for the Main St. trolleys is \$1, cash only. Contrary to earlier reports, the trolley rides are NOT free to NABC attendees. ACBL members are asked to kindly refrain from arguing with trolley operators on this matter.

## Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes between you and the ACBL resolved in a court of law and agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at [acbl.org/bindingarbitration](http://acbl.org/bindingarbitration).

## Buy your NABC entry online

Don't wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events at [BridgeWinners.com](http://BridgeWinners.com).

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require pre-registration, in which case the ACBL deadline, or the earlier of the two, applies.

A nice feature: You can buy entries in advance and be charged for the total number of sessions played after the event is over.



[WWW.BRIDGWINNERS.COM](http://WWW.BRIDGWINNERS.COM)



**Sliders and ice cream were served at a special dinner for I/N players on Friday in the I/N room.**



**Play Better Bridge®**

**Power Bridge Retreat**

[www.UltimateBridgeVacations.com](http://www.UltimateBridgeVacations.com)

## Bridge on the Santa Fe Plaza

August 19-24, 2019

8 Hours a Day of Full Immersion with Donna Compton

Exclusive opportunity to power your game during an all inclusive experience where you will enjoy one-on-one game analysis

Join World Champion & Master Teacher Donna Compton, Grand Master & 5-Time Top 500 Champion Chris Compton & and Instructor Extraordinaire Gary King



Donna Compton



Gary King



Chris Compton

## Novice Program

Instruction and play focused specifically for those just beginning to understand the details of this fantastic game with a chance to earn ACBL masterpoints in a supervised environment.

## Intermediate Program

Lessons designed to take your game to the next level and access to personal coaching and advice.



THURSDAY EVENING ZIP KO

9 Tables		
3.55	1	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Jennifer Lin, North Bethesda MD; Aaron Jones, Menlo Park CA
2.49	2	Daniel Weiss - Sarik Goyal, Evanston IL; Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL; Barry Margolin, Arlington MA
1.42	3/4	Katherine Todd, New York NY; Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Lew Gamerman, Randolph MA
1.42	3/4	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY

THURSDAY DAYLIGHT COMPACT KO

6 Tables		
5.27	1	Wesley May, Menlo Park CA; Aaron Mayerson, Redwood City CA; Sundaresan Ram, Tucson AZ; Murali Nair, Phoenix AZ
3.69	2	George Parkins, Vienna VA; Hal Jones Jr., Lorton VA; Joyce Currie, Falls Church VA; Amy Brisson, Arlington VA

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY MORNING KO

4 Tables		
14.73	1	Finn Kolesnik - Emma Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON
10.31	2	Carl Dahl Jr., Sun City Center FL; Jim Hutter, Broomfield CO; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla CA; Patty Riffel, Pocahontas AR

Check cashing and  
Bridge Bucks

The check cashing and Bridge Bucks desk is located on the second floor of the Convention Center across from Ballroom C.

The desk hours are 9:30 to 10 a.m, and noon to 1 p.m.



**ACBL**  
member  
perks

Powered by  
**Abenity**  
BENEFITS DISCOUNTS SAVINGS

Your member benefits just got better! The ACBL member perks program features local and nationwide discounts on popular brands.

**Popular offers include:**

- 10% off at Baron Barclay
- 25% off Papa John's Pizza
- 15% off Jiffy Lube services
- up to 30% off movie theater tickets
- Office Depot discounts on copies and more in-store

Log in to your MyACBL account and take advantage of these great perks today! Simply click on **“Member Benefits”** link on the left.

**acbl.org/perks**

SILODOR OPEN PAIRS

91.0 Tables / Based on 168 Tables			
125.00	1	Mark Dahl, Richmond VA; Richard Oshlag, Memphis TN	3097.08
93.75	2	Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Adam Grossack, Newton MA	3062.60
70.31	3	Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel	3006.00
55.56	4	Kevin Castner, Mercer Island WA; Phillip King, Harrow UK	2956.64
50.00	5	Vesa Fagerlund, Tampere Finland; Kauko Koistinen, Espoo Finland	2945.01
45.45	6	David Hoffner, Galloway NJ; Philip Goulding, Wexford PA	2930.11
41.67	7	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA	2894.77
38.46	8	Subhash Gupta, New Delhi India; Sandeep Thakral, Gurgaon India	2859.31
35.71	9	Adam Parrish, New York NY; Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA	2856.50
33.33	10	Gil Cohen, Ashburn VA; Marty Nelson, Annapolis MD	2849.30
31.25	11	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	2844.28
29.41	12	Peter Trenka, New York NY; Samuel Amer, Long Island NY	2839.29
27.78	13	Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	2835.60
26.32	14	Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Victor King, Hartford CT	2824.66
25.00	15	Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Soren Hein, Munich Germany	2820.48
23.81	16	Tom Carmichael, Mill Creek WA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA	2810.94
22.73	17	Beth Palmer, Chevy Chase MD; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	2793.34
21.74	18	Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	2788.75
20.83	19	Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	2780.38
20.00	20	Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Jonathan Weinstein, St. Louis MO	2779.73
21.03	21	Barbara Hamman - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	2774.93
18.52	22	Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA	2774.12
17.86	23	Connie Goldberg, Gladwyne PA; Hua Poon, Singapore	2766.89
17.24	24	Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands	2752.21
16.67	25	Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Joseph Silver, Hampstead QC	2741.99
16.13	26	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach FL	2729.51
17.91	27	Eric Greco, Beverly Hills CA; David Gold, London England	2725.15
15.15	28	Spike Lay, Daytona Beach FL; Larry Griffey, Vero Beach FL	2713.79
15.96	29	Glenn Robbins, New York NY; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	2709.10
14.29	30	Samuel Marks, Atlanta GA; Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC	2704.76
13.89	31	Michael Roche, Victoria BC; John Carruthers, Kingsville ON	2702.36
13.51	32	Jeffrey Juster, New York NY; Howard Weinstein, Rancho Mirage CA	2694.14
13.16	33	Patricia Herrera, Mexico City Mexico; Arjun Dhir, Johns Creek GA	2693.57
12.82	34	Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA	2683.49
12.50	35	Robert Lavin, East Longmeadow MA; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT	2682.70
12.20	36	David Whitehouse, East Grand Rapids MI; John Koschik, Livonia MI	2670.31
11.90	37	Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria; Christophe Grosset, Issy-Les-Moulin France	2670.26
11.63	38	Maciej Dobrzynski, Warka Poland; Kamil Walczyk, Radom Poland	2664.97
11.36	39	Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Michael Schreiber, Memphis TN	2664.87
15.22	40	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Raluca Dobrescu, Woodside NY	2662.05
10.87	41	Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia	2659.00
15.71	42	Robert Cappelli, Sanibel FL; Robert Bitterman, Sarasota FL	2658.69
11.57	43	Phil Warden, Madison WI; Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL	2657.56
12.18	44	Ranald Davidson, York ON; Christal Henner, New York NY	2653.04
10.00	45	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	2646.13
9.80	46	Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA	2645.04
10.93	47	Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT	2628.10
10.66	48	Dan Morse, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	2625.24
9.26	49	Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Uttam Gupta, Bangalore India	2624.49
9.11	50	Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA	2614.90
9.90	51	David Yang, Darien IL; Marin Marinov, New York NY	2613.44
8.77	52	Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden	2613.21
12.81	53	Patricia Tucker, Atlanta GA; Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA	2610.50
8.47	54	Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Heights IL; Rose Meltzer, Chapel Hill NC	2599.23
15.51	55	Jay Barron, Tulsa OK; Chris Moll, Durham NC	2592.33
14.20	56	Peter Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Soren Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark	2588.39
8.06	57	Nunzio Martorina, Laguna Woods CA; Jon King, Balboa Island CA	2587.67
7.94	58	Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale FL; Leonardo Fruscoloni, New York NY	2580.56
14.25	59	David Gurvich, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	2580.42
7.69	60	William Pollack, New York NY; Jim Hilton, Austin TX	2578.34
7.58	61	Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Meyer Kotkin, Cherry Hill NJ	2565.16
7.46	62	Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Julius Sigurjonsson, Kopavogur Iceland	2564.50
7.35	63	Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Will Engel, Rockford IL	2563.90
7.25	64	Andrew Gofreed, La Plata MD; Alan Tenenbaum, Rockville MD	2555.89
10.14	65	Andy Bowles - Shireen Mohandes, London England	2555.49
10.00	66	Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Hugh Brown Jr., Greenwood SC	2553.24
10.34	67	Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON	2546.30
6.85	68	Donald Presse - William Presse, Halifax NS	2544.85
6.76	69	Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Renee Cooper, Perth Australia	2543.52
6.67	70	Marie Eggeling, Tuebingen Germany; Matthias Felmy, Oldenburg Germany	2539.35
6.58	71	Dave Glen, Cuenca Ecuador; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	2529.53
6.49	72	Kimberly Gilman, Carlisle MA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	2529.16
6.41	73	Anshul Paliwal - Josh Feldstein, Gainesville FL	2526.93
6.33	74	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA	2522.48
6.25	75	William Pettis, Chevy Chase MD; Les Bart, Bradenton FL	2500.92
6.17	76	Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL	2499.17
6.10	77	Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN; Stephen Cox, Eugene OR	2489.41
6.02	78	Jakob Kristinsson, Deerfield Beach FL; Jerry Premo, Noblesville IN	2488.75
5.95	79	Gediminas Poska - Daiva Vitukynaite, Pallos Hills IL	2475.62

10.01	80	Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Michael Massimilla, Syosset NY	2475.54
8.29	81	R. Rubinstein, Sunnyside NY; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA	2469.04
5.75	82	Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Matthew Brown, Pokeno New Zealand	2467.91
5.68	83	Yehudit Hasin-Brumshten, Foster City CA; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA	2462.73
5.62	84	James Fox - Judy Fox, Virginia Beach VA	2461.70

### SMITH LM WOMEN'S PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables

100.00	1	Rozanne Pollack, New York NY; Cheri Bjerkan, Elmhurst IL	806.94
75.00	2	Gen Geiger - Gigi Simpson, Sarasota FL	800.18
56.25	3	Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV; Jean Barry, Livermore CA	781.75
44.44	4	Justyna Zmuda, Skwaina Poland; Sharon Goldman, New York NY	775.86
40.00	5	Tina Tessaro - Irina Kislitsyna, Miami FL	770.29
36.36	6	Donna Morgen, Havertown PA; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ	767.70
33.33	7	Francine Moring, Columbia SC; Rebecca Duty, Richmond VA	747.46
30.77	8	Tatiana Dikhnova - Tatiana Ponomareva, Moscow Russia	738.28
28.57	9	Stella Rainey - Libby Fernandez, Tuscaloosa AL	734.63
26.67	10	Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL; Sharon Horton, Lakeland FL	733.90
25.00	11	Donna Dulet, Ocean NJ; Ruth Yeselson, Highland Park NJ	733.37
23.53	12	Judy Zhu, Romeoville IL; Ellen Kent, Chicago IL	728.39
22.22	13	Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands TX; Cindy Bernstein, Indialantic FL	727.18
21.05	14	Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN	710.56
20.00	15	Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Jill Levin, Henderson NV	707.01
19.05	16	Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Carol Clifford, Miami FL	700.94
18.18	17	Lyn Fry, London England; Lizzie Godfrey, Pereille France	698.62
17.39	18	Eileen Paley, White Plains NY; Mimi Bieber, Hartsdale NY	696.99
16.67	19	Rhoda Kratenstein - Kerri Sanborn, Delray Beach FL	692.60
16.00	20	Tania Reyes Hiller, Bedford Corners NY; Faye Marino, Greenwich CT	690.93
15.38	21	Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA	689.34
14.81	22	Judi Radin - Jodi Edmonds, New York NY	687.35
14.29	23	Nancy Molesworth, White Plains NY; Rhoda Prager, Boca Raton FL	684.16
13.79	24	Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV; Melanie Tucker, New York NY	683.52
13.33	25	Eleanor Rodgers - Dot Blue, Nashville TN	683.37

### FRIDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

31 Tables

7	3	2			
8.61	1			William Eads, Fort Worth TX; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook TX; Pravina Jani, Austin TX; Zaeem Lutfi, Leander TX	95.00
6.46	2			Teresa Crosby - Harriet Thomas - Diane Hudson, Germantown TN; Cappie Saunders, Cordova TN	84.00
4.84	3			Robert Babb - Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown TX; Marie Russiello - Emil Russiello, Austin TX	80.00
3.63	4			Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Joan Peres - Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR	79.00
2.87	5			Charles Rauch - Janice Gleason, Monterey CA; Sharon Cupples, Fredericton NB; Pamela Dean, Truro NS	78.00
4.14	6	1		Suzanne Hughes - Beth Simpson, Memphis TN; Al Walton - Ethel Mathews, Germantown TN	75.00
2.15	7			John Kunnen - Gary Camp - Richard McQuigg - Barbara McQuigg, Grand Rapids MI	74.00
1.82	8/9			Marcel Janssen - Donna Janssen, Bethune SK; Byron Seymour - Raymond Webb, Regina SK	68.00
3.11	8/9	2	1	Xiaoyuan Niu - Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA; Cherie Van Winkle - Merrel Hattink, Atlanta GA	68.00
2.33	3			Ken Deutch - Diane Deutch - Kenneth Eiger - Susan Eiger, St. Louis MO	63.00
2.17	4/5	2		Mercer Reynolds - Eileen Barrett - Erin Oblinger - Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH	59.00
1.57	4/5			Renee Shackelford - Vicki Scanlon - Vicky Metrailler - Mary Weindorf, Little Rock AR	59.00
1.43		3/4		Denny Lyster - Carolyn Lyster, Westfield VT; Cherry Blevins - Ramona Bienstock, Oklahoma City OK	47.00
1.43		3/4		William Barnes - Heather Barnes, Naples FL; John Dietz - Cheryl Dietz, Ormond Beach FL	47.00

## Silodor Pairs

*continued from page 1*



**Second in the Silodor Open Pairs: Adam Grossack and Michael Rosenberg.**

is the third NABC title the winners have playing as partners: They have won the NABC+ Fast Pairs for the past two years, and they will defend their title in the contest which begins today. They also have an NABC win as teammates in the 2011 Senior Swiss Teams.

The victory is especially poignant for Oshlag: Today's events are named in honor of him and wife, Mary, with whom he won the Senior Swiss title, but who is now suffering from advanced Alzheimer's disease. (See story on page 20.)

**Experience more  
in Memphis  
with one of our  
exclusive tours!**

### ACBL Museum

Free tours during the NABC!

Bridge comes alive at the ACBL Museum, from homages to early legends to the modern era.

Museum regular hours are  
Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3:30 p.m.  
6575 Windchase Blvd. Horn Lake MS 38637



**Limited seating, so reserve  
your spot now: [acbl.org/tours](http://acbl.org/tours)**



**American  
Bridge  
Teachers'  
Association**

## Love your teacher?

If your teacher has enthusiasm and passion for bridge, and you and your fellow students would like the world to know, here's your chance! Nominate your teacher for the 2019 American Bridge Teachers Association **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** Award.

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2019.  
Questions? Email [toy@abthome.com](mailto:toy@abthome.com)





**abthome.com**



Golder North American Flight B champs from last year: Jeff Dater and Scott Nason from District 16.

## Golder NAP Flight B begins play today

Competition begins today in the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B – a grassroots event limited to players with 0–2500 masterpoints.

The first stage is conducted at the local club level and qualifiers advance to unit competition. Those qualifiers then advance to the district finals where three pairs – more, depending upon attendance – qualify for the North American final.

Winners are honored by the Golder Cup and will also receive a certificate of recognition.

The trophy is presented in memory of Benjamin M. Golder (1894–1946) of Philadelphia, who died the day before the close of his term as 1946 ACBL president. He was named ACBL Honorary Member of the Year for 1947.

### Previous winners:

- |      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1992 | Peter Worley, Kevin Young        |
| 1993 | Robert Sewell, Paul Janicki      |
| 1994 | Brendan Dempsey, Ian Crowe       |
| 1995 | Jay Levy, William Rushmore       |
| 1996 | Robert Johnson, David Rosenstein |
| 1997 | Bill Drewett, Kirk Twiss         |
| 1998 | Adam Benesch, Brian Gilbert      |
| 1999 | Andy Kaufman, Greg Burch         |
| 2000 | Hal Hindman, Mark Chen           |
| 2001 | Walter Lee, Jonathan Weinstein   |
| 2002 | Wieslaw Kalita, Marian Krasowski |
| 2003 | Jordan Chodorow, Harvey Katz     |
| 2004 | Jim Alison, Dayn Beam            |
| 2005 | Pete Whipple, Jamie Radcliffe    |
| 2006 | Fletcher Thompson, Bruce Todd    |
| 2007 | Mark Golding, Rob Kitchen        |
| 2008 | Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken        |



- |      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2009 | Robert McCaw, Lewis Gamerman         |
| 2010 | Fred Schenker, Dian Petrov           |
| 2011 | Roger Webb, Philippe Galaski         |
| 2012 | Joseph Rice, Bjorgvin Kristinsson    |
| 2013 | Daniel Jackson, Bill McCarty         |
| 2014 | Miroslav Kovacevic, Aleksandar Vujic |
| 2015 | Richard Jeng, Andrew Jeng            |
| 2016 | Ryan Schultz, A.J. Stephani          |
| 2017 | Murat Veysoglu, Kevin Lane           |
| 2018 | Jeff Dater, Scott Nason              |

## Email us

Got a hand you'd like to share or a nice story? We'd love to see it: [NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org](mailto:NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org). You'll also find our email address on the front page of the paper under the "Daily Bulletin" between the date and the editors' names.

This email address won't be checked with any regularity when the NABC is not in session, so please continue to use our office email addresses for non-tournament-related correspondence.

### FRIDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN SWISS TEAMS

54 Tables / Based on 122 Tables					
	A	B	C		
35.62	1			Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David Bakhshi, London England; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep Netherlands; Dror Padon - Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel	93.00
26.72	2			Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Cliff Campbell - Roland Laframboise, Thunder Bay ON; Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON	85.00
20.04	3			Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Rick Prouser - Ray Robert, Portland OR	81.00
15.83	4/5	1		Adrian Record, Fergus ON; David Longstaff, Waterloo ON; Robert Griffiths, Elora ON; Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge ON	80.00
13.45	4/5			Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Tony Leibowitz, Woollahra Australia; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway	80.00
10.18	6			Lee Payne - Jimmy Payne - Uri Loewenstein, Salt Lake City UT; Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT	79.00
8.42	7/8			John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Drew Casen, Henderson NV; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt	77.00
11.87	7/8	2	1	Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu - David Wong, Palo Alto CA; Jung Hu, San Jose CA	77.00
7.12	9			Jerome Rombaut, Hem France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Hilda Setton, Italy; Pierre Franceschetti, Paris France; Julien Bernard, Le Vesinet France; Quentin Robert, Paris France	76.00
6.21	10/11			Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; John Mohan - Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Jerry Clerkin - Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Ron Smith, Chicago IL	75.00
6.21	10/11			Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Frederic Volcker, Issy Les Moulin France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; John Carroll, Dublin Ireland; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Paul Street, Delray Beach FL	75.00
8.90	12/14	3		James Carroll, Lyons NY; Michel Morin, Montreal QC; Andre Houde, Laval QC; Robert Guerard, Brossard QC	74.00
5.11	12/14			Jerry Goldberg - Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Dori Cohen, Woodbury NY; Rob Gordon, Northport NY	74.00
5.11	12/14			Simon Gillis, London; Erik Saelensminde, Bergen Norway; Martin Andresen, Nesoya Norway; Fredrik Helness, Oslo Norway	74.00
6.68		4		Deepak Dighe, West Bloomfield MI; Jagjit Singh, East Lansing MI; Naresh Kapila, Auburn Hills MI; Sardarsinh Gohel, Troy MI	68.00
5.28		5		John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Alison Shoemaker, Wyndmoor PA	67.00
4.52		6		Robert Webster, Ripon WI; Nancy Ogrenc, Wautoma WI; Gregg Underheim, Oshkosh WI; Wayne Peters, Appleton WI	65.00
3.96		7		Terry Goodykoontz, Tolono IL; Cindy Moore - Lori Moore, Bloomington IL; David Stevens, Charleston IL	63.00
3.35		8/9		Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH; Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH; Larry Newman, Blue Ash OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH	62.00
5.34		8/9	2	Howard Abrams, Burlington MA; Allen Barber, Andover MA; Bernice Barnett - Candace Scott, Albuquerque NM	62.00
4.01			3	Katherine Todd, New York NY; Raphael Hallerman, Chicago IL; Samuel Kuang, Elmhurst NY; Matthew Gordon, Northport NY	59.00
2.69			4/5	Hellen Revelle - Anita Platt - Jane Kirby - Kate Hopkins, Dallas TX	55.00
2.69			4/5	Bruce Wachsmann - Linda Wells - Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Larry Jackson, Memphis TN	55.00

Larry Cohen  
and Alice Travel

Regional  
at Sea

ACBL Sanction #1911063

EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Roundtrip Miami

Royal Caribbean's  
Symphony of the Seas

Nov. 16-23, 2019

From \$1999 pp

HOST AND LECTURER ROBERT TODD

ACBL GOLD Masterpoints® • Daily lectures

Q&As • Awards Party

Open pairs, Stratiflighted Swiss teams,  
Knockout teams, Side games

Complimentary dinner in a specialty restaurant

Group Travel Protection Plan

Details at: [www.AliceTravel.com](http://www.AliceTravel.com)

SANDRA NOTT FRIDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS					
58.0 Tables / Based on 99 Tables					
	A	B	C		
41.81	1			David Neuman, San Francisco CA; Bob Klein, Santa Rosa CA	60.54%
31.36	2	1	1	Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA; Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA	60.14%
23.52	3			Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr., Arlington VA	59.27%
17.64	4			Peter Merker, Mentor OH; Nicholas Hartung, Astoria NY	58.81%
14.75	5	2		Daniel Rubinfeld, Berkeley CA; Kevin Schoenfeld, Pleasanton CA	58.42%
11.95	6	3	2	Richard Johns, Okemos MI; Gary Theis, Williamston MI	58.42%
10.45	7			Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Kent Goulding, Germantown MD	57.85%
9.29	8			Ronald Mak, Manchester NH; Ken Eisner, Truro NS	56.97%
8.36	9	4	3	J. Robert Parks, Chicago IL; Matt Parks, Taylor MI	56.62%
7.60	10			Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA; Clifford Nebel, Hastings-on-Hudson NY	56.48%
6.97	11			Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA; Bjorgvin Kristinnsson, Columbia Heights MN	56.35%
7.49	12	5	4	Michael Kelly, Chesterfield MO; Jim Gibson, Jerseyville IL	55.85%
5.97	13			Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA; Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA	55.78%
5.57	14			Gail Greenberg - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	55.50%
5.23	15			Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL	55.17%
4.92	16			Debra Eaves, Northville MI; Jerrold Grossman, Rochester Hills MI	55.10%
4.65	17			Christina Parker - Stewart Rubenstein, Chestnut Hill MA	55.08%
5.62	18	6		Daniel Kroll - Misook Jung, Berkeley CA	55.00%
4.18	19			Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI; Richard Gross, Owens Cross Roads AL	54.85%
3.98	20			Robert McCaw, Brewster MA; Joe Degaetano, Delray Beach FL	54.77%
3.80	21			Bill Cook Jr., Madison MS; Michael Moses, Gulfport MS	54.70%
5.31	22	7	5	Arnold Nelson Jr. - Mark Ufferman, Kansas City MO	54.56%
4.96	23	8		Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; R. Muggia, Andover MA	54.35%
3.93	24	9		Ian Gatenby - Mike Christensen, Red Deer AB	54.19%
3.22	25			Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	54.00%
4.08	26			Judy Hummel, Colorado Springs CO; Joe Jenkins, Denver CO	53.73%
4.44	27	10		Jay Baudler, San Jose CA; Cordelia Menges, New York NY	53.62%
3.46	28	11		Randolph Hammock - Paul Allman, Los Angeles CA	53.51%
2.79	29			Jim Johnsen - Mac Busby, San Diego CA	53.42%
2.70	30			Tansu Aksu, Bryn Mawr PA; Neal Satten, Wynnewood PA	53.15%
3.02		12		Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln MA; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN	53.12%
3.88		13	6	Bernie Weiss - Brill Key, Aspen CO	52.85%
2.62		14		Geoff Jones III, Orlando FL; Donald Richards, Kissimmee FL	52.35%
2.46		15		Christopher Class, Sequim WA; Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA	52.21%
2.31		16		James Fox, Canonsburg PA; Russell Sheldon, Pittsburgh PA	52.08%
2.18		17		Paul Lewis, White Plains NY; Shailesh Gupta, Aliso Viejo CA	51.96%
2.07		18		Michael Miedema, West Terre Haut IN; Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Katy TX	51.85%
2.18		19	7	Neil Goodman - Michael Dworetzky, Palm Beach Gardens FL	51.84%
2.36			8	Gordon Yukon, Memphis TN; Joan Goree, Germantown TN	51.66%
2.36			9	K.K. Weinberg, Memphis TN; Ken Kishishita, Germantown TN	51.10%
2.89			10	Ben Reischer, Leland NC; Gregory Eyerly, Winnabow NC	50.85%

FRIDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH PAIRS					
42.0 Tables					
	7	3	2		
13.65	1			Barbara Yosses, Aurora CO; Charlie Drotar, Parker CO	61.31%
10.24	2			Myron Goldstein, Silver Spring MD; Michael Cooperman, Chevy Chase MD	60.42%
7.68	3	1		David Croissant, Tucson AZ; Sherra Kay Read, Mesa AZ	58.97%
5.76	4	2	1	P. Steven Dotson - Donna Dotson, Chelsa MI	57.74%
4.55	5	3		Lee Lin, New York City NY; Nicole Hudak, New York NY	57.44%
3.90	6			Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH; Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH	56.99%
3.41	7	4		Shannon Sloan, Nashville TN; Tucker Dowell, Antioch TN	56.34%
3.03	8	5		Fran Madsen - Nels Madsen, Auburn AL	56.25%
2.73	9			Kaye Stanley - Tom Wahl, Little Rock AR	55.95%
3.19	10/11	6	2	Wayne Dunn - David Francis, Lebanon OH	55.51%
2.38	10/11			John Wertman - Joia Hertz, Burke VA	55.51%
2.10	12			Penni Brodey - Judy Sosin, Indianapolis IN	55.21%
1.95	13	7		Camellia Gurley - William Dupont III, Orlando FL	54.91%
1.77	14/15			Jeannie Drake - Fay Vrana, Oklahoma City OK	54.32%
1.77	14/15			Carolyn Harmon, Mechanicsville VA; Joanne Livingston, Glen Allen VA	54.32%
1.61	16	8		Claire Barnett - Alan Barnett, Bedford NS	54.15%
1.84	17			Tom Price - Liana Vernon, Hot Springs Village AR	54.00%
1.86	18	9		Alice Wright, Denton TX; Sharon Harbach, Argyle TX	53.93%
1.37	19			Joseph Hammann, Tipp City OH; Charles Thompson Jr., Xenia OH	53.87%
1.53	20			E. Anne Mitchell - Lydia Fox, Truro NS	53.72%
1.84	21			Janet Baumgartner, Edmond OK; Jim Hammond, Oklahoma City OK	53.68%
2.09		10/11	3/4	R. Westbrook, Memphis TN; Paul Westbrook, Lake Lure NC	52.83%
2.09		10/11	3/4	Catherine Williams, New York City NY; Cynthia Ogden, New York NY	52.83%
1.66			5	Kenneth Javor - Constance Javor, Denton TX	51.93%
1.61			6/7	Daniel Rose, Commerce Township MI; Ronald Whitney, Bloomfield MI	51.49%
1.43			6/7	Scott Miller - Anne-Marie Miller, Sooke BC	51.49%

Obituaries

*continued from page 1*

of his partners. He was an excellent professional gambler, and his bridge game reflected a very sophisticated grasp of risk/reward. I learned a lot from him about that.”

In another tribute on Bridge Winners, player David Yates said that Schwartz was famously modest about his achievements. Yates described an exchange between Schwartz and an admirer who had introduced himself at an NABC. After the admirer complimented Schwartz on his skills in many different areas, Yates reported, “Richie thought about that for a moment and replied, ‘No, I try to be good at things I do. But really, I have only one talent in life: I know how to read a racing sheet. That’s pretty much it. It really is the only thing I am good at.’”

Yet Schwartz himself disproved this assessment with his performance at the bridge table, with 14 national-level wins and 11 second-place finishes.

Expert Larry Cohen recalled one of the greatest comebacks of his career, playing on the Schwartz team in the Vanderbilt KO Teams in Reno in 2004.

“We drew the Nickell team in the semis, and they had seeding rights in the second and third quarters. Richie didn’t want to play against Meckstroth and Rodwell, so to avoid them, he decided to play the first and fourth quarters (which is quite unusual for the sponsor to do).

“We were down 53 IMPs after three quarters. We told Richie, ‘We’re likely to lose anyway. Why don’t you get over your Meckwell aversion and just play against them in the last quarter – it won’t matter anyway.’ But he and Mike Becker had a nice set and picked up ... 53 IMPs. And we won in overtime!”

**Russ Ekeblad  
1946–2018**

Russ Ekeblad of Portsmouth RI died Dec. 12. He was 72 years old.

A Grand Life Master with almost 26,000 masterpoints, Ekeblad won five North American Bridge Championships, including three victories in the Spingold Knockout Teams.

Playing with Michael Seamon, Ekeblad won the Open IMP Pairs at the World Championships in Lille, France, in 1998. He was on the silver medal Senior squad at the 2008 World Bridge Games in Beijing, China; he also earned a bronze medal in the Rosenblum Open Teams in 1990.

Ekeblad was born and raised in Evanston IL. He attended Brown University (1968) and it was during his senior year that his brother, Steven, himself a Life Master, introduced Russ to the game of bridge at Starr’s Bridge Club.

Following graduation, Russ was pursuing a master’s degree at Columbia University when he was called to active duty. Having developed a love of the ocean from his childhood days summering on Cape Cod, he entered the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, graduating in the top tier of his class and serving almost four years.

Following his military service, he met and fell in love with Sheila (Bernstein) Ekeblad, fittingly, at a bridge tournament in New York. Russ and Sheila settled in Providence RI. Over the next 37

*continued on page 19*



Defensive technique

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the first qualifying session of the Silodor Open Pairs, Jovi Smederevac and John McAllister executed a nice defense on this deal against Joe Grue and Brad Moss:

Dlr: East

Vul: Both

Bd: 26

♠ K 8 7

♥ 8 6 3

♦ K 7 4 2

♣ K 9 3

♠ 10 4

♥ K J 10 7 2

♦ A J 9 6 5

♣ 7

♠ 9 6

♥ A 9

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ A Q J 10 6

♠ A Q J 5 3 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ —

♣ 8 5 4 2

West

North

East

South

Grue

McAllister

Moss

Smederevac

2♥

2♠

1♣

1♠

3♦

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♦

Pass

4♥

All Pass

McAllister led a spade to the ace. Smederevac returned the ♠5, suit preference, and McAllister gave his partner the ruff with the ♦2. Smederevac now broke up the impending squeeze by shifting to a club, leaving declarer with no pressure in the ending. Had she played a trump, the defenders still prevail, but a spade would have let declarer ruff in dummy then draw trumps and squeeze North in the minors.

Monitoring

ACBL monitors events at North American Bridge Championships with both visible and concealed real-time cameras in public spaces. The images are recorded and available for later inspection and review by ACBL management and tournament officials, among others, including members of the Anti-Cheating Commission. These recordings are also be uploaded to the internet following the NABC.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues or disputes arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME				
20.0 Tables	A	B	C	
6.50	1	1		Kathy Gilman, Shoreline WA; Chris Pesce, Seattle WA
4.88	2	2		Wilbur Argersinger - Bob Rasmussen, Ann Arbor MI
3.66	3	3		Norman Trabelus, New York NY; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY
2.74	4			Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Zia Mahmood, New York NY
2.80	5	4	1	Peter Peca Jr. - Liz Ashby, El Paso TX
2.10	6	5	2	Jade Sierra - Mack Williams, Hot Springs Village AR
1.23	7			Lisa Evans, Danville CA; Cheryl Haines, Half Moon Bay CA
1.58		6	3	Gina Minshew, Plantation FL; Craig Huneke, Charlottesville VA
1.18			4	Judy Etchison - J. Scott Etchison, Dallas TX
				68.57%
				65.05%
				62.97%
				61.47%
				58.84%
				58.80%
				57.99%
				56.07%
				52.25%
FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS				
6.0 Tables	A	B	C	
2.40	1	1	1	Bonny Peterson, Eureka MT; Kathy Harasimowicz, Carbondale IL
1.80	2	2	2	Joel Scroggy - Debra Scroggy, Memphis TN
1.35	3	3		Jane Houston Jones, Monrovia CA; Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH
1.01	4	4		Mary Louise Herzog - Maggie Cobb-Boyd, Germantown TN
1.05			3	Pei Lin, New York City NY; Dee White, Memphis TN
				61.82%
				59.36%
				55.82%
				55.18%
				52.91%
FRIDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS				
13.5 Tables	A	B	C	
5.20	1			Theri Andino, Niceville FL; Steven Wallis, Wesley Chapel FL
3.90	2			William Boynton, Tallahassee FL; Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO
4.33	3	1		Lynda Burch - Ellen Brabson, Albuquerque NM
3.25	4	2	1	Regina Sommer - Thomas Rosenthal, Johns Island SC
1.65	5			Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; George Klemic, Bensenville IL
2.44	6	3		Bill Archambo - Timothy Luce, Springfield MO
1.83		4		Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Ulla Winkler, Somerville MA
1.37		5		James Herchenroeder - Laurie Herchenroeder, Harrodsburg KY
1.15		6		Stanley Littlefield, Maitland FL; Gordon Cable Jr., Monroe Township NJ
1.97			2	Sean McNally - Morgan Johnstone, Minneapolis MN
1.48			3	Martha Gilchrist, Fairport NY; Jo Ann Robertson, Bulverde TX
1.11			4	Betsy Fochs - Kerry Hanlon, Duluth MN
				61.80%
				60.13%
				60.09%
				58.07%
				57.61%
				56.98%
				55.52%
				55.11%
				53.40%
				52.75%
				50.05%
				49.22%
FRIDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS				
7.0 Tables	A	B	C	
2.55	1	1	1	David Ogus - Beverly Ogus, North York ON
1.91	2	2	2	Sidney McMinn - Kenneth McMinn, Little Rock AR
1.43	3	3	3	Kim Koletic - Diane Landis, Tampa FL
1.08	4	4		Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; Chris Mitchell, Cordova TN
0.81	5	5		Kathy Duggan, Knoxville TN; Greg Nomland, Cordova TN
0.84			4	Joan Reid, North Attleboro MA; Edie Carter, Bonita Springs FL
				68.33%
				68.25%
				61.58%
				59.67%
				53.75%
				51.33%
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY SIDE SERIES - FINAL				
61.50 Tables / Based on 24 Tables				
13.60	1			Loie West, Shelby MI
8.93	2/3			Karen Clemency, Columbus OH
8.93	2/3			Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH
5.14	4/5			Paul Wright Jr., Mount Pleasant SC
5.14	4/5			Martin Johnson Jr., Folly Beach SC
6.18	6/7			Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR
6.18	6/7			Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
3.69	8/9			James Fox, Canonsburg PA
3.69	8/9			Russell Sheldon, Pittsburgh PA
2.37	10/11			Julie McLaughlin, Atlanta GA
2.37	10/11			Brenda Hawkins, Birmingham AL
3.20	12			Sally Craig, Port Moody BC
				117.18%
				117.17%
				117.17%
				114.75%
				114.75%
				111.19%
				111.19%
				111.08%
				111.08%
				109.83%
				109.83%
				109.56%

BRIDGEFEED

acbl.org/bridgefeed

People

News

NABC

Tips & Tools

Humor

Flashback

Quizzes

BRIDGE IN THE MENAGERIE



FRIDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS				
31 Tables				
	7	3	2	
8.61	1			William Eads, Fort Worth TX; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook TX; Pravina Jani, Austin TX; Zaeem Lutfi, Leander TX
				95.00
6.46	2			Teresa Crosby - Harriet Thomas - Diane Hudson, Germantown TN; Cappie Saunders, Cordova TN
				84.00
4.84	3			Robert Babb - Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown TX; Marie Russiello - Emil Russiello, Austin TX
				80.00
3.63	4			Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Joan Peres - Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR
				79.00
2.87	5			Charles Rauch - Janice Gleason, Monterey CA; Sharon Cupples, Fredericton NB; Pamela Dean, Truro NS
				78.00
4.14	6	1		Suzanne Hughes - Beth Simpson, Memphis TN; Al Walton - Ethel Mathews, Germantown TN
				75.00
2.15	7			John Kunnen - Gary Camp - Richard McQuigg - Barbara McQuigg, Grand Rapids MI
				74.00
1.82	8/9			Marcel Janssen - Donna Janssen, Bethune SK; Byron Seymour - Raymond Webb, Regina SK
				68.00
3.11	8/9	2	1	Xiaoyuan Niu - Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA; Cherie Van Winkle - Merrel Hattink, Atlanta GA
				68.00
2.33		3		Ken Deutch - Diane Deutch - Kenneth Eiger - Susan Eiger, St. Louis MO
				63.00
2.17		4/5	2	Mercer Reynolds - Eileen Barrett - Erin Oblinger - Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH
				59.00
1.57		4/5		Renee Shackelford - Vicki Scanlon - Vickey Metrailer - Mary Weindorf, Little Rock AR
				59.00
1.43			3/4	Denny Lyster - Carolyn Lyster, Westfield VT; Cherry Blevins - Ramona Bienstock, Oklahoma City OK
				47.00
1.43			3/4	William Barnes - Heather Barnes, Naples FL; John Dietz - Cheryl Dietz, Ormond Beach FL
				47.00

Smith Pairs

continued from page 1



Runners-up in the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Gigi Simpson and Gen Geiger.

“We just had a really solid game throughout,” Bjerkan said. “Except for the first board when I went for 300 for no reason. I took a phantom save.”

“And the last board,” Pollack added. “But it was good in between.”

Bjerkan explained that they had bid a good slam on the last board and Pollack could have taken a working finesse for an overtrick but declined.

“When it’s the last board and you’re doing really well, you just hope it doesn’t cost,” she said.

It didn’t. They finished with 59.79% in the first final and 58.38% in the second after qualifying in 10th place with scores of 52.85% and 59.54% on Thursday.

“We’re sad there aren’t more women’s events,” Bjerkan said – especially team events.

“We don’t even like matchpoints!” Pollack said.

Put the you in USBF

When you sign up for, or renew, your ACBL membership, you now have the option of contributing to the United States Bridge Federation.

An all-volunteer organization, the USBF is responsible for selecting and supporting Open, Women’s, Senior, Mixed and Junior teams representing the USA in international bridge competitions. The USBF also runs a Junior training program to help younger players prepare for international competition.

Please consider making a \$1.95 donation, which will help cover ongoing expenses.

Better yet, for \$25 a year, become a Supporting Member. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

- Win a prize in fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the United States Bridge Championships. The prize is either an online match against the USBC winners, or dinner with the winners at the next NABC.
- Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships.
- Kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once a year – either at an NABC or one of the USBF Championships (advance request).
- Be one of the Vugraph commentators for a USBC or NABC session (advance request).

Experience more  
in Memphis  
with one of our  
exclusive tours!

**St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital**

Campus tours during the NABC!

Visit the leading research hospital  
for childhood cancers and see  
the monumental strides this  
fabulous institution is making.



Limited tour size, so reserve  
your spot now: [acbl.org/tours](http://acbl.org/tours)

Free tours

**ACBL Museum** – See the premier collection of bridge-related artifacts, including spectacular collections of trump indicators and trophies, and explore the history of the game at ACBL Headquarters. A free shuttle is offered daily, but seating is limited, and reservations are required. Sign up at [acbl.org/tours](http://acbl.org/tours) or at the Sheraton.

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** – St. Jude is the leading research hospital for childhood cancers where no child’s family pays for treatment. See the monumental strides this fabulous institution is making in special tours for NABC attendees. A free shuttle is offered daily, but seating is limited, and reservations are required. Sign up at [acbl.org/tours](http://acbl.org/tours) or at the St. Jude booth in the Convention Center.

Other tours

**Downtown Attractions Shuttle** – Enjoy the sights of Memphis on this hop-on-hop-off bus that you can ride to any number of attractions throughout downtown and explore the city at your own pace. Ride all day long on one ticket! NABC attendees receive special discounts with promo code “ACBL.”

**Midtown Dinner Out Tours** – Ask any local, and they’ll say some of the best restaurants in Memphis are 15 minutes away in Midtown. Enjoy live entertainment on the bus on your way to explore two of Midtown’s hottest entertainment districts: Overton Square and Cooper-Young. NABC attendees receive special discounts with promo code “ACBL.”

**Memphis Brewery Tours** – Enjoy live music on the bus with a local musician as we take you to one of the city’s best microbreweries. Take a tour of the brewery, meet the brewmaster, try some seasonal samples, then settle in with a glass of your favorite along with some delicious pizza. NABC attendees receive special discounts with promo code “ACBL.”

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS – SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

68 Tables  
Nick Nickell, New York NY; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL;  
Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Steve Weinstein, Montclair  
NJ; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Jeff Meckstroth,  
Clearwater Beach FL

vs

Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL;  
David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze - Venkatrao  
Koneru, San Antonio TX; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL

Dennis Bilde, Aarhus Denmark; Norberto Bocchi,  
Barcelona Spain; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Giorgio Duboin,  
Torino Italy; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina;  
Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy

vs

Jeffrey Wolfson - Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Michael  
Becker, Boca Raton FL; Michael Kamil, Oro Valley AZ;  
Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Alexander Hydes, Zagreb  
Croatia



80.00 5/8 Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein -  
Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY;  
Eldad Ginossar, Chicago IL; David Berkowitz, Boca Raton  
FL

80.00 5/8 Jacek Pszczola - Josef Blass, Chapel Hill  
NC; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki,  
Wejherowo Poland; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam Netherlands;  
Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands

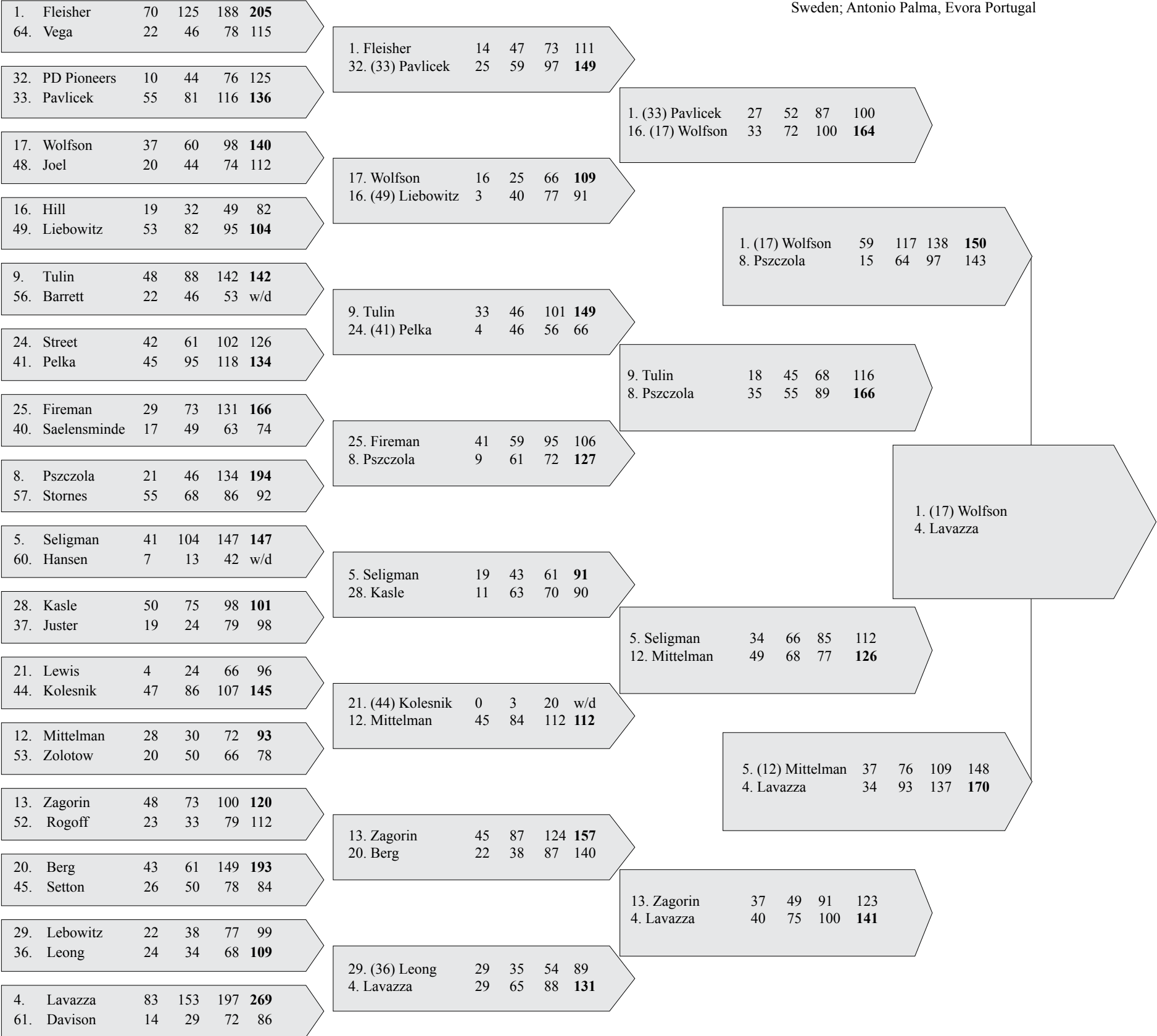
80.00 5/8 George Mittelman, Thornhill ON; Ken  
Bercuson, Las Vegas NV; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel;  
Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland

80.00 5/8 Warren Spector, Palm Beach FL; Gavin  
Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York  
NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; John Kranyak, Las Vegas  
NV; Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL

50.00 9/16 Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; Steve  
Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor  
Norway; John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick,  
Evanston IL

50.00 9/16 Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; David  
Bakhshi, London England; Louk Verhees Jr., Voorhout  
Netherlands; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennep  
Netherlands; Dror Padon - Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel

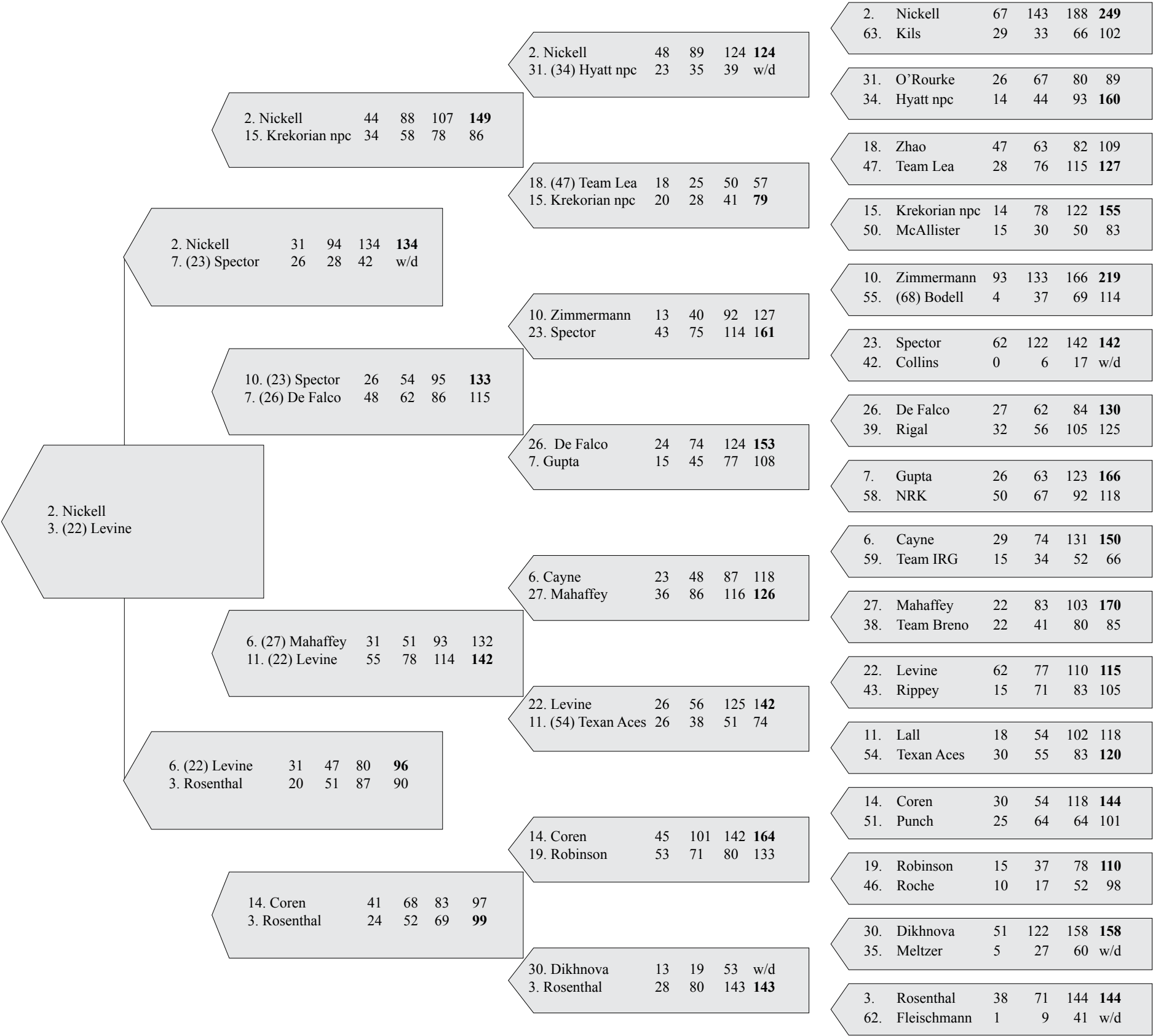
50.00 9/16 Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Peter  
Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm  
Sweden; Antonio Palma, Evora Portugal



50.00 9/16 Richard Coren, Boca Raton FL; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Diyan Danailov - Jerry Stamatov, Sofia Bulgaria  
50.00 9/16 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Drew Casen, Henderson NV; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI  
50.00 9/16 Dano De Falco, Rubano Italy; Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands  
50.00 9/16 Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Sam Lev, New York NY; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Berend Van Den Bos, Den Haag Netherlands; Joris van Lankveld, Amsterdam Netherlands  
50.00 9/16 Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jim Munday, Southaven MS; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT; Douglas Doub, West Hartford CT  
25.00 17/32 Martin Fleisher - Joe Grue, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Beverly Hills CA  
25.00 17/32 James Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy

25.00 17/32 Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Jan Jansma, Spijkenisse Netherlands; Fredrik Nystrom - Johan Upmark, Stockholm Sweden  
25.00 17/32 Pierre Zimmermann, Monaco; Franck Multon, Monaco; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Michal Klukowski, Poland; Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia  
25.00 17/32 Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Bart Bramley - Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; William Pollack, New York NY  
25.00 17/32 Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland  
25.00 17/32 Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Marion Michielsens, Stockholm Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden; Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL  
25.00 17/32 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; P Drew Cannell, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC; Michal Kwiecien - Jacek Romanski, Lublin Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland  
25.00 17/32 Tatiana Dikhnova - Tatiana Ponomareva, Moscow Russia; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow Poland; Dominik Filipowicz, Kalisz Poland

25.00 17/32 Carlos Pellegrini, Buenos Aires Argentina; Hansa Narasimhan, Mountain View CA; Sumit Mukherjee, Kolkata India; Debabrata Majumder, Kolkata India; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand; Matthew Brown, Pokeno New Zealand  
25.00 17/32 Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Peter Gill, Sydney Australia; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Adam Stokka, Taby Sweden  
25.00 17/32 David Pelka, Los Angeles CA; Piotr Bizon, Cracow Poland; William Hall, Thousand Oaks CA; W. Reynolds, South Pasadena CA; Lance Kerr, Sylmar CA; Marek Szymanowski, Warsaw Poland  
25.00 17/32 Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Soren Hein, Munich Germany; Tom Carmichael, Mill Creek WA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC  
25.00 17/32 Kevin Castner, Mercer Island WA; Phillip King, Harrow UK; Christophe Grosset, Issy-Les-Moulin France; Stefan Skorchev, Sofia Bulgaria  
25.00 17/32 Tony Leibowitz, Woollahra Australia; Espen Erichsen, Tunbridge Wells UK; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway; Tor Eivind Grude, Trondheim Norway  
25.00 17/32 G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India; Sundarram Srinivatan, Chennai India; P. Sridhar, Chennai India; Raju Tolani - Ajay Khare, Mumbai India





FRIDAY COMPACT KO 1

15 Tables		
26.82	1	P. Sridhar, Chennai India; Sundarram Srinivatan, Chennai India; Ajay Khare - Raju Tolari, Mumbai India
18.77	2	Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA; Roland Rohowsky; Daniela von Arnim, Hockenheim Germany; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA
12.07	3	Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Dano De Falco, Rubano Italy; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands
9.39	4	Marty Seligman, Wynnewood PA; John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway

FRIDAY COMPACT KO 2

16 Tables		
15.40	1	Judy Riehs - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; Robert Lass - Tom Fogarty, Chicago IL
10.78	2	Kim Brinkman, Flower Mound TX; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Virgil Massey, Driftwood TX; David Ticen, Victoria TX
6.93	3	Andrew Collins - Somers Collins, Little Rock AR; Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Bo Liu, Irvine CA
5.39	4	Gordon Cable Jr., Monroe Township NJ; Stanley Littlefield, Maitland FL; Steven Picus, Mequon WI; Liga Byrne, Austin TX

FRIDAY COMPACT KO 3

14 Tables		
10.15	1	Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Rick Bingham, Fairfax VA; Stephannie Culbertson - Rachael Moller, New York NY
7.11	2	Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR; Nely Johnson - Stuart Director, Portland OR
4.57	3	Paul Perkowski, Highlands Ranch CO; Edward Yosses, Aurora CO; Sundaresan Ram, Tucson AZ; Murali Nair, Phoenix AZ
3.55	4	Jacob Karno, Metairie LA; Wayne Weisler – J.F. Lowenstein - Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA

FRIDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS


36 Tables				
	A	B	C	
9.81	1			Alan Watson, Lexington MA; Rick Binder, Waltham MA; Barbara Murphy, Newton MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA 76.00
6.44	2/3			Marcia Andreychuk - David Johnson - Dorothy Mersereau, Calgary AB; Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton SK 55.00
6.44	2/3			Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY; Sadik Arf, Saratoga CA; Meng Kang, Beijing People’s Republic of China; Xiaojing Wang, China 55.00
4.14	4			Janusz Gawecki, Kielce Poland; Stanislaw Pajak, Starachonice Poland; Maciej Klis, Krakow Poland; Piotr Kucharski, Krakow Poland 54.00
3.10	5			Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Richard Henty, Moneta VA 53.00
2.33	6			Kate Hill - Shelly Dunietz, Santa Rosa CA; Sara Rothmuller, North Occidental CA; Sigrid Price, Napa CA 52.00
1.75	7			Tim Edwards-Davies - Peter Clark, Ottawa ON; John Baker, Augusta SC; Brian Mason, Crossville TN 51.00
1.31	8			Brenda Griffiths - Doug Darnley, Pickering ON; Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Hudson NH 50.00
1.09	9			Joanne Wicker - Kenneth Johnson, Morgan Hill CA; Greg Caucutt, Rochester MN; Shirley Scott, Colorado Springs CO 49.00
6.40		1		John Steffan, Marco Island FL; Mel Volmert, Springfield MO; Thomas Suter, Street MD; Robert Suter, Bel Air MD 48.00
4.20		2/3		Joerg Rottenbacher, Arcadia CA; Andrew Rottenbacher, South Pasadena CA; Kenneth Geisler - Arlene Geisler, Clarkston MI 47.00
4.20		2/3		Larry Newman, Blue Ash OH; Terry Brausch, West Chester OH; John Williams, Cincinnati OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH 47.00
2.70		4	1	Simon-Pierre Goulet - Julien Bosse - Ashot Harutyunyan - Shih-Chieh Fuh, Montreal QC 46.00
2.03		5		Carmon Lee Woodley, Franklin TN; David Stevens, Charleston IL; William Hill - Sylvia Jackson, Oklahoma City OK 45.00
1.52		6		Shameine Ali, Vancouver BC; Tom McKenna, Hillsboro OR; Lucia Enica, Belmont MA; Thomas Bandy, Jonesboro AR 44.00
1.58			2	Xiaoyuan Niu - Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA; Albert Tu, Markham ON; Tony ST Wong, North York ON 39.00

IN HONOR OF FRIENDS AFFECTED BY ALZHEIMER’S FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS


52.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
31.00	1			Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Harriet Smith, Solana Beach CA 61.85%
23.25	2			Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL 61.15%
17.44	3			Michael Christensen, Seattle WA; Robert Christensen, Dewitt MI 58.62%
13.08	4			David Rodney, Fairfax VA; Rusty Krauss, Vienna VA 58.42%
10.33	5			Carol Hamilton, Sarasota FL; Donna Rodwell, Clearwater FL 58.38%
8.86	6			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL 58.04%
7.75	7			Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN; Jack Wynns, Hot Springs Village AR 57.46%
6.89	8			Fu Zhong, Beijing People’s Republic of China; Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL 57.35%
6.20	9			James Griffin, Sausalito CA; Anne Stein, Mill Valley CA 57.34%
5.64	10			Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA 56.88%
12.00	11	1		Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Aaron Mohrman, Seattle WA 56.61%
4.77	12			Theri Andino, Niceville FL; Steven Wallis, Wesley Chapel FL 56.50%
4.43	13			Jim Munday, Southaven MS; Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL 56.47%
4.13	14			Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Mark Lair, Canyon TX 56.23%
3.88	15			Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Franklin Merblum, Bloomfield CT 56.22%
9.00	16	2		Lynn Blumenthal, Santa Rosa CA; Lee Stokes Hilton, Austin TX 55.96%
3.68	17			Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Robert Kent, Chicago IL 55.50%
3.26	18			Mark Bumgardner, Dallas TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX 55.37%
3.10	19			Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA; Bill Irvine, Quincy MA 55.23%
3.51	20			David Moss, New York NY; Sohail Hasan, Forest Hills NY 55.04%
6.75	21/22	3	1	Mee Warren - James Keiger, New York NY 54.77%
2.80	21/22			Patrick Williams, Greenbrier TN; Thomas Greene, Memphis TN 54.77%
5.25	23			Margie Cole, New York NY; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina 54.66%
5.06	24	4		Sharon Beynon, Los Angeles CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA 54.52%
2.38	25			Karen Erlanger, St. Louis MO; John Burgener, Lake Worth FL 54.35%
2.26	26/27			William Boynton, Tallahassee FL; Jimmy Pelham, Conley GA 53.58%
5.25	26/27			Steven Schatzow, Washington DC; Linda Marshall, Bethesda MD 53.58%
4.00		5		Ned Paul, Twickenham England; Brian McGuire, United Kingdom 53.24%
5.25		6		Todd Wachsmen, East Meadow NY; Jeffrey Liu, Coconut Creek FL 52.85%
3.00		7		Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Lynn Bartz, San Jose CA 51.99%
2.67		8		Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR 51.88%
3.68		9		Jim Leuker, San Francisco CA; Alan Kraus, Philadelphia PA 51.58%
3.33	10	2		Mark Rappaport - Larisa Rappaport, Beverly Hills CA 51.27%
2.00	11			Jacqueline DeRouin, Okemos MI; Suzanne Siebert, Little Rock AR 50.81%
2.36		3		Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL; Sarik Goyal, Evanston IL 50.77%
1.77		4		Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA 50.04%

# Player Memos


Many ways to file:



Fill out a paper memo, and drop it into the lockbox.



Use the computer here, or use your own computer.



Use your smart phone. Scan the QR code HERE.

**acbl.org/player-memo**

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

12.0 Tables	A	B	C		
4.77	1	1		Emelie Quennell, Calgary AB; Melissa Martin, Whitefish MT	60.19%
3.58	2	2		Janice Atterberry - Travis Atterberry, Little Rock AR	56.25%
2.68	3	3		Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA	55.79%
2.01	4			Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS; Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	55.56%
1.74	5/6	4		Bonnie Gellas - Amy Rhodes, New York NY	52.31%
1.32	5/6			Patti Martin, Richmond VA; Gloria Brown, Virginia Beach VA	52.31%
1.14		5/6		Bill Archambo - Timothy Luce, Springfield MO	52.08%
1.14		5/6		Chris Kleis, Lyndhurst OH; Toby Sternheimer, Shaker Heights OH	52.08%

FRIDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables	A	B	C		
2.25	1	1	1	Rick Londeree, Maryland Heights MO; Michael Isserman, St. Louis MO	65.00%
1.69	2	2		Carol Low, Purchase NY; Lisa Leffell, Scarsdale NY	56.00%
1.11	3/4	3/4		Lee Lin - Pei Lin, New York City NY	55.00%
1.11	3/4	3/4		Lynn Steffen, El Paso IL; Patricia Lebeck, Normal IL	55.00%
1.14			2	Joel Scroggy - Debra Scroggy, Memphis TN	53.50%

Changing the Guard

By Barry Rigal

♠ Q J 6 2	
♥ J 6	
♦ 9 7 3	
♣ 9 8 7 2	
♠ A K 9 7	♠ 8 5
♥ A 10 9 4 3 2	♥ K 8
♦ J	♦ A K Q 8 2
♣ K 5	♣ A J 4 3
♠ 10 4 3	
♥ Q 7 5	
♦ 10 6 5 4	
♣ Q 10 6	

Howie Weinstein brought in this interesting example of squeeze pressure. Playing with Jeff Juster, Weinstein played 6NT from the East seat after West had showed the majors and Weinstein had bid diamonds. South gave him a chance for the overtrick by leading a low club. That let Weinstein win the ♣J, unblock the ♦J and the ♠K, cash one top spade and come to the ♥K to run the diamonds.

This was the position as East plays the last diamond:

♠ Q J	
♥ J	
♦ —	
♣ 9 8	
♠ K 9	♠ 8
♥ A 10 9	♥ 8
♦ —	♦ 8
♣ —	♣ A 4
♠ 10 4	
♥ Q 7	
♦ —	
♣ Q	

The defense has no answer. If South releases a club, declarer pitches a heart from dummy, and North must discard a spade. But then comes the ♣A, and South falls victim to a simple squeeze. If South instead lets go of a spade on the last diamond, dummy again lets go of a heart, and North – forced to guard both black suits – must discard the ♥J. However, this then exposes South to a heart finesse, allowing declarer to take the rest of the tricks.

This position is known as a guard squeeze. Note that if declarer cashes the ♣A before playing the last diamond, the ending is ruined. After both defenders follow to the ♣A (dummy pitching a heart as before), South can simply pitch a spade on the last diamond. Whatever suit declarer chooses to pitch from dummy, North will do the same, and 12 tricks will be the limit.

B  
B  
O  
.  
♥  
.  
O  
B  
B

ACBL  
MASTERPOINTS

Inexpensive  
Fast and  
Around the Clock

WWW.BRIDGEBASE.COM

UNLIMITED  
FREE  
BRIDGE

Duplicate and  
Social

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO 1

15 Tables		
57.79	1	Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang, Melbourne FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Justin Lall, Little Elm TX
40.45	2	James Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy
23.12	3/4	Phyllis Fireman, Chestnut Hill MA; Jenny Wolpert, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Marion Michielsen, Stockholm Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Enskededalen Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden
23.12	3/4	Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Jacek Romanski - Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; P. Drew Cannell, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO 2

9 Tables		
21.03	1	John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Tom West, Savannah GA; Ann Romeo, Seattle WA; Hugh Hendrickson, Renton WA
14.72	2	Alan Godes, Needham MA; Calvin Konner, Bethesda MD; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; William Belanich, Glen Allen VA
8.41	3/4	Kenneth Salter, Norristown PA; Thomas Salter, Hatfield PA; Patricia Andrews, Lumberville PA; Stephen Becker, Anacortes WA
8.41	3/4	Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN; Ron Sholes - Carole Sholes, Springfield IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL

THURSDAY-FRIDAY KO 3

9 Tables		
12.43	1	Mark Stein, Skokie IL; Sidney Levin, St. Louis MO; Sherry Steigmann - Robert Steigmann, Urbana IL
8.70	2	Peter Tuttle - Ken Bowlby, London ON; Arda Kabaca - Ilgaz Ciftci, Toronto ON
4.97	3/4	Randy Ryals, Menlo Park CA; Linda Nemmer, San Jose CA; Mary Kocovar, Hobart IN; Laurence Dunford, Dyer IN
4.97	3/4	Jerry Kraemer - John Kraemer, Ballwin MO; John Levis - Fritz Gebhard, St. Louis MO

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

17<sup>TH</sup> HCL  
INTERNATIONAL  
BRIDGE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | JW Marriott Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi

www.hcl-bridge.com

WHERE  
THE SHARPEST  
MINDS PARTNER  
TO CONQUER

PRIZE MONEY:  
₹1.8CR (\$275,000)

HCL

# Vanderbilt Round of 32: Pavlicek vs. Fleisher

By Paul Barden

This match featured six slam swings. It started quietly enough, with two cold slams in the first quarter competently bid by both teams. Pavlicek led 25-14 after 14 boards. The slam swings started on Board 21:

Dlr: North	♠ A 6		
Vul: N-S	♥ A K Q		
Bd: 21	♦ K J 4		
	♣ A Q J 9 3		
♠ Q J 9 8 5		♠ K 10 4 2	
♥ 8 4		♥ 5	
♦ 10 6		♦ A 9 3 2	
♣ 8 5 4 2		♣ K 10 7 6	
	♠ 7 3		
	♥ J 10 9 7 6 3 2		
	♦ Q 8 7 5		
	♣ —		
West	North	East	South
Munday	Hampson	Pavlicek	Greco
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Geoff Hampson showed about this strength of balanced hand with a Kokish sequence (the man himself calls it “Birthright”). Eric Greco made a single-suited heart slam try with 4♦, and they soon reached 6♥.

West	North	East	South
Martel	Merblum	Fleisher	Doub
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dbl	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the first five bids carried the same overall message as in the Open Room. Doug Doub’s transfer to hearts proved less effective than Greco’s explicit slam try.

## Masterpoint Milestones

**Bob Babb** of Georgetown TX became a new Life Master playing in the Gold Rush Swiss Teams on Friday. Babb was playing with his wife, Laurie Babb (who is just 0.25 masterpoints away from becoming an LM herself), and teammates Emil and Marie Russiello of Austin TX.



Babb needed 2.75 masterpoints to earn his gold card, but earned 4.84 in the event.

**Bella Ionis-Sorren** of Fort Lauderdale FL became a Platinum Life Master on Friday playing in the Silodor Open Pairs. The rank requires 10,000 masterpoints, of which a certain number must be platinum. Ionis-Sorren has almost 13,000 MPs, but she lacked the necessary number of platinum until yesterday.



It’s curious Marty Fleisher declined to bid spades after his partner’s double. Perhaps he did well not to encourage his opponents to bid higher.

6♥ was cold barring a diamond ruff: 13 IMPs to Fleisher, who took the lead.

Pavlicek regained the lead four boards later:	
Dlr: North	♠ Q 8 7 2
Vul: E-W	♥ 9
Bd: 25	♦ Q 4 3
	♣ A 10 8 5 2
♠ 10 9 6 4 3	
♥ 10 7 4 3	
♦ 7 5	
♣ Q 6	
	♠ A J 5
	♥ 8 6 5
	♦ K J 10 6 2
	♣ J 9
	♠ K
	♥ A K Q J 2
	♦ A 9 8
	♣ K 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
Munday	Hampson	Pavlicek	Greco
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Dbl	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Martel	Merblum	Fleisher	Doub
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Doub guessed to bid 6♣ and found that it depended purely on playing K-x-x-x opposite A-10-8-x-x for no loser, a 46% proposition at single dummy – it makes if clubs are 2-2 unless East has both honors, or if East has a singleton honor. Clubs were good, so Pavlicek gained 11 IMPS to retake they lead. They finished the half 59-47 ahead.

Board 8 in the third set was the stuff of nightmares for Joe Grue:

Dlr: West	♠ A 10 8 4
Vul: None	♥ A
Bd: 8	♦ A Q 5
	♣ K Q J 6 4
♠ K J 9 2	
♥ J 6 4	
♦ 9 8 6	
♣ 10 9 3	
	♠ 7 6 5 3
	♥ 5
	♦ K 10 7 3
	♣ 8 7 5 2
	♠ Q
	♥ K Q 10 9 8 7 3 2
	♦ J 4 2
	♣ A

West	North	East	South
Munday	Grue	Pavlicek	Moss
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Dbl	7NT	All Pass	

The auction was going well when Brad Moss invited grand slam. With a source of tricks in clubs, Grue naturally accepted, and seeing no need to ruff anything, chose 7NT. He hadn’t considered the possibility that South’s ace of clubs would be singleton. Nor did Richard Pavlicek on lead: Jim Munday had asked for a

spade, so he led one. “I’m not sure why Richard would think my lead-directing doubles are any better than my leads. We try to help out when possible, but it’s hard to envision that position,” Jim later commented.

Grue won his ♠A, cashed the ♥A to check they weren’t 4-0, and claimed, “ruffing a spade to dummy.” Unfortunately his choice of contract had disallowed this line, so he had to lose two spade tricks.

West	North	East	South
Martel	Merblum	Fleisher	Doub
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Doug Doub and Frank Merblum failed to get to grips with the hand, subsiding in 6♥ where at least nothing could go wrong in the play. 15 IMPs to Pavlicek, rather than the more likely 11 to Fleisher.

Another slam swing on Board 12:	
Dlr: West	♠ —
Vul: N-S	♥ A Q J 8 7 6 4 3
Bd: 12	♦ A 10 9
	♣ A J
♠ J 6 5 4 3 2	
♥ 10 5	
♦ 7	
♣ K 7 4 3	
	♠ A 9 7
	♥ 2
	♦ K J 6 5 3
	♣ Q 9 6 5
	♠ K Q 10 8
	♥ K 9
	♦ Q 8 4 2
	♣ 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
Munday	Grue	Pavlicek	Moss
2♠	4♦	4♠	Dbl
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Grue’s 4♦ was described as “running hearts,” and Moss’s double of 4♠ was “regressive.” If that means “penalties,” Grue was somewhat fortunate to find the ♥K in dummy. Pavlicek led his trump: West was able to cover dummy’s ♥9, so declarer won, crossed to the ♥K, and ran the ♠K to Pavlicek’s ace, discarding his club loser. Subsequently, he found that he couldn’t misguess diamonds.

West	North	East	South
Martel	Merblum	Fleisher	Doub
3♠	4♠	5♠	Dbl
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Merblum seems to have been just as lucky with dummy, but a level higher. 6♥ is a fair contract on a spade lead, but poor otherwise. Fleisher led a spade, and it was the ace, so Merblum drew trumps ending in dummy and had 12 tricks to win 13 IMPs.

With those two slam swings, Pavlicek’s lead had grown to 97-73 at the end of the third quarter.

Dlr: North	♠ J 10 4
Vul: N-S	♥ K 4
Bd: 21	♦ 10 8 7
	♣ J 10 8 6 2
♠ A 3	
♥ J 8 5 2	
♦ A K J 9 5 2	
♣ 3	
	♠ K Q 5 2
	♥ A Q 9 7 6
	♦ —
	♣ A K Q 4
	♠ 9 8 7 6
	♥ 10 3
	♦ Q 6 4 3
	♣ 9 7 5



West	North	East	South
<i>Merblum</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Doub</i>	<i>Greco</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Doub stayed true to his style of guessing what he could make. He guessed right – Greco led the ♥10 and Doub claimed his contract one trick later. The percentage play in the suit is low to the queen, picking up K, K-3, K-4, K-10 or K-4-3 onside. The alternative of running the jack then if it's covered finessing against the 10 gains when K-10-3 or K-10-4 are onside, but loses to K, K-3, or K-4, so long as North covers the jack. So Greco's lead did not cost if declarer was going to make the technical rather than the psychological play.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Munday</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Pavlicek</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

Moss got the steps wrong in a relay sequence and thought Grue was showing a different 5-4-4-0 shape from the one he had, so he bid 7♦. Grue might have rescued him, but didn't. "I thought I was facing solid diamonds. I should have made the safety play of bidding 7NT," said Grue afterwards. Moss did well in the play to lose only one diamond trick, but that made no difference to the IMP result: 17 to Pavlicek.

With boards running out, Fleisher had one more shot at slam:

Dlr: West	♠ A
Vul: N-S	♥ J 10 8 5
Bd: 28	♦ A K 7 5
	♣ A 10 7 5

♠ Q 9 4 3	♠ 10 8 5
♥ K 9 7 2	♥ 6
♦ J 4 3	♦ Q 10 8 6 2
♣ 3 2	♣ K J 8 4
	♠ K J 7 6 2
	♥ A Q 4 3
	♦ 9
	♣ Q 9 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Merblum</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Doub</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

In the closed room, Munday chose to handle his awkward 1=4=4=4 shape by opening 1NT. Pavlicek bid Stayman and might have splintered in diamonds when Munday bid 2♥, but the slam try would have been rejected in any case. Munday made 10 tricks quite comfortably. In the open room, Hampson and Greco, expecting to be behind after the grand on Board 21, bid to a thin slam, which looked hopeless on the lie until Doub led the ♠4. Hampson won cheaply in dummy, crossed to the ♠A, and cashed diamonds discarding dummy's remaining club. A winning line from there would be ♠A, diamond ruff, ♠K, spade ruff, club ruff high, spade ruff with the ♥8. When that passes off peacefully you're home on a crossruff, losing only to the ♥K. The most doubtful element in this line is the second spade ruff, which would be overruffed with the 9 on some lies.

However, Doub-Merblum's opening lead agreement against suit contracts is third and fifth. Hampson had noted the ♠4 lead: When Merblum played the 3 and 2, he assumed the clubs were 3-3, despite Merblum's echo to show even length – a club lead from the king seemed unlikely after declarer had cuebid the suit. So he ruffed a club in dummy, expecting to establish the suit. When that got overruffed he went two off. "I thought clubs were J-8-4 and K-3-2 from the spot led and the trick one play ... I probably should have cashed the ♠A and ruffed the diamond anyway, since the play of the ♦A K made it clear that they were not 6-2 on my left, otherwise opening leader would have had a diamond sequence to lead from," Hampson explained.

13 IMPs to Pavlicek. They'd gained 56 IMPs on the slam boards, and won by 39.

## Appealing a ruling

Players in NABC+ events who want to appeal a director's ruling initiate the process by speaking with the director who delivered the original ruling. The table director will fill out paperwork regarding the appeal, and the appellants will explain what they believe to be wrong with the initial ruling. From there, the case may be handled by a variety of means. When the appeals reviewer receives the case, the circumstances of that particular case will determine whether the case can be resolved by the original staff (in the case of misapplication of Law or regulation, for instance), a panel of directors, or even a committee-type hearing which could include bridge experts.



**Mark Dahl and Richard Oshlag won the NABC+ Fast Pairs back-to-back in 2017 and 2018.**

## Start your engines!

The NABC+ Fast Open Pairs, which requires players to finish their two-board rounds in 11 minutes, begins today. The event consists of two qualifying sessions followed by two final sessions tomorrow.

### Previous winners:

<b>2000</b>	Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken
<b>2001</b>	Mark Itabashi, Jim Robison
<b>2002</b>	Alan Kleist, Leo LaSota
<b>2003</b>	John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
<b>2004</b>	Peter Weiden, Rick Zucker
<b>2005</b>	Ralph Buchalter, Chris Willenken
<b>2006</b>	Robert Lebi, Nick L'Ecuyer
<b>2007</b>	Geoff Hampson, Robert Levin
<b>2008</b>	Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky
<b>2009</b>	Dick Bruno, Peggy Kaplan
<b>2010</b>	Dan Jacob, Nagy Kamel
<b>2011</b>	John Diamond, Geoff Hampson
<b>2012</b>	Tom Kniest, Ed Schulte
<b>2013</b>	Jim Munday, Larry Sealy
<b>2014</b>	Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack
<b>2015</b>	Igor Savchenko, Irina Kislitsyna
<b>2016</b>	Marty Nelson, Gil Cohen
<b>2017</b>	Richard Oshlag, Mark Dahl
<b>2018</b>	Mark Dahl, Richard Oshlag

## Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

When using bidding boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as "transfer") and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

Larry Cohen  
and Alice Travel  
**Regional**  
at Sea

Host: Larry Cohen

Details:

[www.AliceTravel.com](http://www.AliceTravel.com)  
888-816-2457

Introducing...our first-ever "European Collection"  
aboard the stupendous 6-Star Crystal Serenity  
...take one, two, or all three!

ACBL Sectional: Rome to Athens - October 10-23, 2019  
ACBL Sectional: Athens to Barcelona - October 23-November 5, 2019  
ACBL Regional: Barcelona to Ft. Lauderdale - November 5-24, 2019

Details at: [www.AliceTravel.com](http://www.AliceTravel.com) or call: 888-816-2457





**Winners of the 2018 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: Sjoret Brink, Jacek Kalita captain Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola, Bas Drijver, Michal Nowosadzki and (not pictured) Josef Blass.**

## Open Swiss teams begin play today

The Jacoby Open Swiss Teams begin play today with the Jacoby Trophy honoring the winners. This is a four-session event with two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

The trophy is named for Oswald and Jim Jacoby – one of the premier father-son pairs in ACBL history, the first father-son to win a national championship together and the first



father-son to be elected to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame.

The senior Jacoby (1902–1984) won his first major title – the National Team Championship of the American Whist League – in 1929 and his last major title – the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams – in 1983.

In between, he won the McKenney Trophy (now the Barry Crane Top 500) four times. He was the first player to win 1000 masterpoints in a single year and the first player to earn 10,000 masterpoints.

Oswald Jacoby won seven Spingolds, seven Vanderbilts, two Reisingers and more than a dozen other major titles. He was named to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame in 1965.

He and son Jim are the co-authors of Jacoby transfer bids, Jacoby 2NT and other bidding ideas. Together, they won the Reisinger in 1955 – when Jim was 22 – and the Vanderbilt in 1965.

Jim Jacoby (1933–1991), elected to the Hall of Fame in 1997, won the Bermuda Bowl in 1970 and 1971, the World Mixed Teams in 1972 and the World Team Olympiad in 1988. He won more than 14 NABC titles and captured the Barry Crane Top 500 in 1988 – the same year he won the Olympiad title.

The history of the event became more complicated in 2015, when it was one by a team including a pair who were later convicted of cheating and stripped of the title. The other members of the team announced they wished to renounce the title.

### Previous winners:

- 1982** Allan Stauber, Jan Janitschke, Ross Grabel, Mike Smolen
- 1983** Mike Albert, Ira Rubin, Grant Baze, Barry Crane
- 1984** Bart Bramley, Mark Cohen, Milt Rosenberg, Ralph Katz
- 1985** John Devine, Alan Sontag, John Mohan, Roger Bates
- 1986** Mark Cohen, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey
- 1987** Eddie Kantar, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, John Mohan, John Devine
- 1988** Ron Sukoneck, Doug Fraser, Kamel Fergani, Bill Pettis
- 1989** Jim Mahaffey, Ron Andersen, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell (became Open Swiss Teams)
- 1990** John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley, Gerald Michaud, Larry Richardson, Bob Hamman
- 1991** George Rosenkranz, Eddie Wold, Mark Lair, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway, Bobby Goldman
- 1992** Richard Schwartz, Drew Casen, Michael Seamon, Richard Pavlicek, Fred Stewart, Steve Weinstein
- 1993** Tony Kasday, Michael Seamon, Steve Sion, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith
- 1994** Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Chip Martel, Eric Rodwell
- 1995** Ralph Cohen, Billy Cohen, Peter Nagy, George Mittelman, Marty Sklar, Hugh

- 1996** Ross Jimmy Cayne, Bjorn Fallenius, Brian Glubok, Chuck Burger, Mats Nisland, Mike Passell
- 1997** Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay, Brian Glubok, Bart Bramley, Walter Schafer, Geir Helgemo
- 1998** Edith Rosenkranz, Ralph Cohen, Ron Smith, Bob Etter, Bob Morris
- 1999** Sam Lev, Brian Glubok, Michael Polowan, John Mohan, Barnet Shenkin
- 2000** Mike Cappelletti Jr., Gary Cohler, Mark Lair, Richard Finberg
- 2001** George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin
- 2002** Perry Johnson, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway
- 2003** Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom, Christal Henner-Welland, Fred Gitelman
- 2004** Jacek Pszczola, Michal Kwiecien, Piotr Gawrys, Sam Lev, Michael Polowan, Chris Willenken
- 2005** James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein
- 2006** Bob Hamman, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Steve Weinstein
- 2007** David Maidman, Marin Marinov, Kalin Karaivanov, Ruman Trendafilov
- 2008** Perry Johnson, Chris Compton, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2009** Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
- 2010** John Diamond, Brian Platnick, Brad Moss, Fred Gittleman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
- 2011** Greg Hinze, Dan Morse, Jacob Morgan, Michael Polowan, Steve Shirey, David Yang
- 2012** Gaylor Kastle, Larry Kozlove, Peter Boyd, Steve Robinson, Fred Stewart, Kit Woolsey
- 2013** Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Jon Baldursson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Espen Lindqvist, Boye Brogeland
- 2014** Sabine Auken, Josef Piekarek, Christina Madsen, Alexander Smirnov, Roy Welland
- 2015** Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist
- 2016** Richard Schwartz, Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Daniel Korbel, Huub Bertens
- 2017** Tim Verbeek, Danny Molenaar, Bob Drijver, Bart Nab, Dano De Falco, Patricia Cayne
- 2018** Jacek Pszczola, Josef Blass, Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki, Sjoret Brink, Bas Drijver

## Notice to players

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

# THE LONGEST DAY

alzheimer's association

## IN 2019, YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR LONGEST DAY!

Clubs can select **one day**  
**between June 16-23**  
to run unlimited Alzheimer's  
games and support Alzheimer's  
disease research and care.  
Sanctions are not required.

Visit [acbl.org/longestday](http://acbl.org/longestday)  
for more information.

## NABC Electronic Device Policy

Except by permission of the director in charge, any electronic equipment or device capable of receiving or sending an electronic signal, or capable of communicating in any way, may not be operated or functioning in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play. Further restrictions and requirements apply in events involving live internet and/or yugraph coverage.

A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

### NABC+ events

- First offense of any kind (ringing, answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing) in a session: One full board, 12 IMPs or 20% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.
- Second offense in the same session or third offense within the event, disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

### Other events

- First offense, in the same session – ringing only: one-quarter board, 3 IMPs or 1 VP, at the respective form of scoring; first offense in the same session – answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing: one-half board, 6 IMPs or 2 VPs, at the respective form of scoring.
  - Second offense in the same session: two full boards, 20 IMPs or 50% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.
  - Third offense in the event: disqualification of the pair or team from the event.
- Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

This policy applies to all events at NABCs.



## Slow play

Slow play, especially habitual slow play, is a violation of law and subject to penalty. When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness.

In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of a penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play.

While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director's authority to issue a penalty.

Players are expected to be aware, in a general sense, of time used and remaining in a segment in which they are playing regardless of whether a clock is in use or a time announcement has been made. An excuse of "no announcement" or "no clock immediately visible" will not be considered persuasive.

In consultation with the DIC of the tournament, the TD may require that a particular pair not play in a specified segment, not play against a specified pair or not play together as a pair. The foregoing is expected to be applied only due to egregious circumstances or to unduly repetitious offenders.

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be taken to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further. For NABC+ KO events, the TD is charged with the responsibility to ensure that each KO match segment finishes within the allotted time. While a time monitor may be employed, the lack of a monitor in no way limits the TD's authority to apply one or more of the remedies listed below.

The TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish. The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. The TD may award no score (when neither team is more at fault), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve) or an artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table, but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.



**Compliance Coordinator Sabrina Goley leads the Recorder focus group.**

## Recorder focus group held in Memphis

**By Robb Gordon, National Recorder**

The Office of National Recorder is dedicated to properly training unit and district officials involved in the disciplinary process. We conducted a focus group here in Memphis to help us determine what kind of training will be most effective. We want to make the process uniform and in accordance with our Code of Disciplinary Regulations no matter where it is applied.

One of the subjects was choosing the "right" candidates for the roles of recorder and disciplinary chair within units and districts. Among many attributes, a significant one is having current email address and phone number on file, as well as reliably viewing and responding to communications from the National Recorder and Compliance Coordinator.

Over the past year, we have developed a lot of resources for everyone involved in the process. We want to make it as easy and standardized as possible. We hope to use what we learned today and what we learn from similar projects to make it even easier.

## Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

## Age requirement for Senior events

You must at least 60 years old to play in ACBL Senior events.



# WELCOME ACBL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

- From your Downtown Safety & Hospitality Officers



**DOWNTOWN  
MEMPHIS  
COMMISSION**

Developing a Downtown for Everyone! | [downtownmemphiscommission.com](http://downtownmemphiscommission.com)





**Yanping Zhang and Henry Zhang from District 12 won the North American Pairs, Flight C, back to back in 2017 and 2018.**

## NAP-C Pairs compete for President's Cup

Players in the North American Pairs Flight C, a grassroots event limited to players who have not yet become Life Masters and have less than 500 masterpoints, will begin competition today for the President's Cup.

The trophy was presented in 1942 by Morgan Howard, ACBL president that year. The trophy previously honored the winners of the President's Pairs event, held at the Summer NABC.

The competition began last summer at the local club level and qualifiers then advanced to

unit competition. Those qualifiers advanced to the district finals and three pairs from each district – more, depending upon attendance – qualified for the North American final.

### Previous winners:

<b>1987</b>	1-2. David Deaderick, Bill Thomas
	1-2. Leo Austern, Bernard Pollack
<b>1988</b>	Brad Moss, Aaron Silverstein
<b>1989</b>	Jeffrey Brown, Warren King
<b>1990</b>	Moske Harel, Philip Leung
<b>1991</b>	Eric Greco, Philip Greco
<b>1992</b>	Gail Joelson, Alan Kasner
<b>1993</b>	Everett Boyer, Mark Micheli
<b>1994</b>	Weizhong Bao, Jingdong Guo
<b>1995</b>	Edward Lee, Brett Roby
<b>1996</b>	Ruoyu Fan, Yue Zuo
<b>1997</b>	Michael Corker, Thomas Franklin
<b>1998</b>	Tien-Chun Yang, Fang Wu
<b>1999</b>	James Gunn, Harry Shaffer
<b>2000</b>	Meredith Beck, John Johnson
<b>2001</b>	Hailong Ao, Jian-Jian Wang
<b>2002</b>	Jacek Leznicki, Jerry Owczarek
<b>2003</b>	John Christensen, Robert Wissman
<b>2004</b>	Ryan Connors, Daniel Wilderman
<b>2005</b>	Jiang Chen, Nongyu Li
<b>2006</b>	Stanislaw Kolesnik, Vladimir Reznik
<b>2007</b>	Jon King, Dayou Zhou
<b>2008</b>	Dmitri Bourlikov, Abraham Pallas
<b>2009</b>	Michael Bodell, Elenalani Lam
<b>2010</b>	Vladimir Oudalov, Stanley Weiss
<b>2011</b>	Rajeev Bansal, Michael Hughes

<b>2012</b>	Chase Bonnette, Jeffrey Tsang
<b>2013</b>	Julie Arbit, Jordan Kaye
<b>2014</b>	Donald Richards, Sharlene Tyler
<b>2015</b>	Blake Schwartzbach, Adam Gann
<b>2016</b>	Benjamin Kompa, Robert Thorstad
<b>2017</b>	Yangping Zhang, Henry Zhang
<b>2018</b>	Henry Zhang, Yanping Zhang

## ACBL Shuttle Bus Service

Shuttle runs every 15 minutes

**Friday, March 22– Saturday, March 30**

Pickup at Memphis Cook Convention Center (Main St. on Sheraton side of the street)

**4–8:45 p.m.**

Drop off and pickup at the intersection of Union Ave. & Main St.

Drop off and pickup at Beale St. & 2nd St. (by Hard Rock Café)

**9–11pm**

Shuttle drop off at the following hotels:

Comfort Inn Downtown

Courtyard Court Square

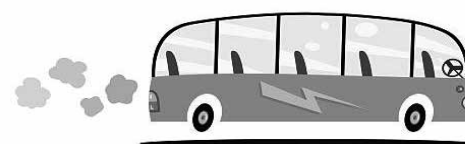
Moxy Court Square

Springhill Court Square

Hu Hotel

Residence Inn Downtown

Doubletree Downtown



### Playing site

All events will be played at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

### Host hotel

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas  
3708 S. Las Vegas Blvd. • Las Vegas NV 89109  
\$159/night plus taxes and fees  
Valet parking: \$18/day  
Self parking: \$10/day

**ONPEAK** Call onPeak at 855-992-3353 or email [acbl@onpeak.com](mailto:acbl@onpeak.com) to reserve a room. You can also book online at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org). Please check the ACBL website for the latest housing information.

### Hotel cancellation policy

A one-night room deposit will be charged to your credit card when booking your stay. This charge is refundable for reservations canceled before or on May 15, 2019 (additional cancellation charges from the hotel may apply).

### Air travel

Omega World Travel is the official travel agency for the ACBL. For air travel assistance, call 800-969-4152, fax 866-445-6705 or email [info@owt.net](mailto:info@owt.net).



## THE VEGAS EXPERIENCE

Type "Las Vegas" in your search engine and you'll find any number of guides and discount promotions at your fingertips. One such resource, for example, is [lasvegas-entertainment-guide.com](http://lasvegas-entertainment-guide.com). Here are a few ideas for memorable ways to spend your time away from the bridge table.

### See a show

Entertainment on the Las Vegas Strip is world famous. There are magicians and comedy clubs and theatrical productions – whatever suits your taste.

### Be a high roller

Get an aerial view of the entire Las Vegas Strip on the **High Roller**, the world's largest observation wheel. Your 30-minute ride offers unbeatable 360-degree views of the dazzling city, complete with audio commentary. Each air-conditioned, 225-square-foot cabin on the High Roller holds up to 40 people. Happy half-hours with an open bar are available in a different pod (and price) from the general ride pass.

Located at the east end of The LINQ Promenade, 3545 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

**Day ride:** 11:30 a.m.–5:59 p.m. • **Night ride:** 6 p.m.–2 a.m.

### Visit The Secret Garden

The Mirage is home to **Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat**. Admire the white tigers, white lions, and black and spotted leopards. The dolphin habitat is a research facility designed to educate people about these amazing animals. And although the dolphins don't perform on a regular schedule, visitors are entertained by their natural playfulness. This animal sanctuary's exotic environment is surrounded by palm trees, lush foliage and waterfalls.

Mirage Hotel and Casino, 3400 Las Vegas Blvd. South  
Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

**See [acbl.org/nabc](http://acbl.org/nabc) for complete information.**



Obituaries

continued from page 7

years, they raised three children and founded and operated Kenilworth Creations Inc., a jewelry manufacturing business.

Florida bridge professional Mike Becker says, “I was Russ’s teammate from 1992 to 1996. He was a good teammate and we won a Spingold, which led to playing in the Bermuda Bowl in 1993, where we finished 5/8. When we stopped teaming up, he became an opponent, and my record against him was an amazing 0–5!”

Bart Bramley, a world champion living in Dallas, says he knew Russ for over 40 years. “Regardless of the setting, Russ was good company. I looked forward to his chortle and the twinkle in his eye – he always seemed to be enjoying himself. Even though our political views were diametrically opposite (Russ didn’t mind being called ‘neanderthal’ politically), he reveled in the difference. Russ had a wonderful way of being serious and playful at the same time.”

Bramley tells of a bidding problem that Russ faced playing in the New England NAP finals many years ago. “I opened 6♠(!), catching Russ with three aces (all but clubs). Of course he raised

to seven, but he wisely made it seven notrump. I had 13 black cards, solid except for the ♠A. Many pairs bid a grand slam, but only a few bid it in notrump. That was typical of Russ’s thoughtful approach to the game.”

Spanish bridge professional Diego Brenner says, “A good friend and a warrior at the bridge table, Russ was a sharp and intelligent character.”

Eric Greco recalls Ekeblad as a kind, generous and fun man with a heart of gold.

“I vividly remember all the occasions he would take my wife and I out on his boat for many good times,” says the Beverly Hills world champion. “Then, after we had kids, he would take our whole family out on his boat. This was the first time I had ever been fishing in my life, and my son loved it and would get to know him as Uncle Russ. We knew we always had an open invitation to his house in Rhode Island or his apartments in Florida.

“Russ was a true romantic. He loved old movies, writing letters and long talks. He was very old-fashioned in that way, which is truly rare these days.”

A contribution in Russ’s name may be made to New England Youth Bridge Inc. c/o Barbara Doyle, 280 Boylston St., Apt. 503, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

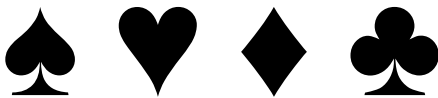
Sheila Rose Ekeblad  
1940–2019

Sheila Rose (Bernstein) Ekeblad of Providence RI died peacefully March 3, surrounded by her family.

A Grand Life Master with more than 15,000 masterpoints, Sheila won the GNT Championship Flight in 2002 playing with her husband, Russ Ekeblad; Michael Seamon and Mark Molson; and Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell.

She was a graduate of Hope High School and Boston University. She enjoyed an early career in advertising at W. Moseley in New York, and Bo Bernstein and Co. in Rhode Island. With Russ, her late husband of 37 years, Sheila raised three children and co-founded and owned Kenilworth Creations Inc and Ekko Inc.

Sheila is survived by her children, Eric Soloff (Alexis) of Providence RI; Rachel Soloff (Patrick Lavelle) of Lincoln RI; and Elizabeth Ekeblad of New York; her brother, Michael Bernstein (Mary) of Rumford RI, and grandchildren Zachary and Ryan.



Tomorrow’s Bridge Events

Event	Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m.		Entry/player/session	
	Session	Sold	Current members*	Inactive members
A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Playthrough with half-hour break.	1-2	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Bracketed Flight B Teams No player over 3000. Brackets of 8 teams by average MPs, 3 teams in each bracket earn gold. Playthrough with half-hour break.	1-2	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	5th single session	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$15
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.				
Fast Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT B	1-2 F	Ballroom B, Level 2 Convention Center	No fee	
PRESIDENT’S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT C	1-2 F	Ballroom B, Level 2 Convention Center	No fee	
Sunday, March 31, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.				
NABC+ FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Ballroom C, Level 2 Convention Center	\$25	
Sunday, March 31, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Ballroom A, Level 2 Convention Center	\$25	
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Final	Heritage Ballroom, 2nd floor Sheraton Hotel	\$25	
Sunday, March 31, 2 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	6th single session	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$15
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19

Unless otherwise noted: The three-flight events (two-session) are divided: A/X (unlimited/6000) separate from B/C (3000/1500) and the Gold Rush (750/300/200). Two-flight events are divided: A/X/Y (Unlimited/6000/4000), B/C/D (3000/1500/500) if no Gold Rush; A/B/C (Unlimited/3000/1500), Gold Rush (750/300/200).

Open events: A (Unlimited), B (750-3000) and C (0-750). In B/C and B/C/D events, no player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no player may be over 750.

299er and lower events are stratified at the discretion of the director.

**BOLD , UPPER CASE** = NABC+ events. **UPPER CASE** = NABC events.

\*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

**International Fund**

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

See you in Las Vegas  
for the Summer NABC July 18-28  
and the Youth NABC July 25-27.

Today's Bridge Events				
Richard & Mary Oshlag Day				
Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m.				
Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session Current members*	Inactive members
Morning Side Swiss Teams	single	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m.				
Backbeat Tours 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
Backbeat Tours 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$15
Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Richard & Mary Oshlag Daylight A/B/C Open Pairs <i>(unlimited/3000/1500)</i>	1-2	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/300/200)</i> <i>Gold points for 0-750.</i>	1-2	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Daylight Compact KO Teams	1-4	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1-2 SF	Heritage Ballroom, 2nd floor Sheraton Hotel	\$25	
Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m.				
	3rd single session	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Saturday, March 30, 1 & 4:30 p.m.				
NABC+ FAST PAIRS <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom C, Level 2 Convention Center	\$25	
Saturday, March 30, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Ballroom A, Level 2 Convention Center	\$25	
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT B <i>Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	No fee	
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT C <i>Pre-qualification required. 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	No fee	
Richard & Mary Oshlag Open Pairs <i>(unlimited/3000/750)</i>	1-2	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Saturday Compact KO Teams	1-4	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
Saturday, March 30, 3 p.m.				
Afternoon Side Swiss Teams	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$15
Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.				
Evening Side Swiss Teams	single	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single session	East Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$16	\$20
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Southwest Ex Hall, Level 2 Convention Center	\$15	\$15

Unless otherwise noted: The three-flight events (two-session) are divided: A/X (unlimited/6000) separate from B/C (3000/1500) and the Gold Rush (750/300/200). Two-flight events are divided: A/X/Y (Unlimited/6000/4000), B/C/D (3000/1500/500) if no Gold Rush; A/B/C (Unlimited/3000/1500), Gold Rush (750/300/200). Open events: A (Unlimited), B (750-3000) and C (0-750). In B/C and B/C/D events, no player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no player may be over 750. 299er and lower events are stratified at the discretion of the director. **BOLD , UPPER CASE** = NABC+ events. UPPER CASE = NABC events. \*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

### Today's Sponsor

#### Richard and Mary Oshlag

Richard Oshlag is not only an expert player – he is a four-time NABC champion – but he is also a longtime ACBL employee, a computer wizard who has worked for the League for almost 50(!) years. Wife Mary Oshlag – the developer of the hugely popular “Eight Is Enough” team game format that balances the field in mixed-level competitions by restricting the experience level of the participating squads – is a top-level player, too. She also earned an NABC title, playing with Richard on the winning squad in the 2011 Senior Swiss Teams.

The accompanying photo is of their team from that year: Mark Dahl, Leonard Meander (now deceased), and the Oshlags.

This is, perhaps, Richard’s favorite photo, a memory of a happy time. But in the years following that victory, Mary began to show signs of age-related dementia – Alzheimer’s, specifically – that eventually robbed her of



her skill, her memories and even her ability to recognize friends and family.

“That is a great picture,” Richard said, “and a reminder of how vicious Alzheimer’s can be.”

Today’s events at the Memphis NABC are held in celebration of the talent, work and lives of Richard and Mary Oshlag, a salute from their friends in Memphis and across the entire ACBL.

### be scent-sitive!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances.

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it’s a real health problem.

Please, if you’re going to play in a club or a tournament, don’t wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.