

# Daily Bulletin

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## Massachusetts men lead Open Pairs II

A regular partnership from Massachusetts takes a slim lead into today's final two rounds of Open Pairs II.

Richard Freedman of Auburndale MA and Chet Davis Jr., who divides his time between Vero Beach FL and Osterville MA, scored 2144.10 matchpoints to 2122.93 for runners-up Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth. They were the only two pairs to top 2100.

The next three pairs were the only ones to top 2000. Bart Bramley-Sidney Lazard had 2031.86, Gunnar Hallberg-Brian Glubok posted 2018.33 and Allan DeSerpa-Bruce Bruce Ruskin scored 2006.93 matchpoints.

Three hundred thirty-two pairs entered this event.

## Former world champs lead Women's Pairs

Two former world champions have a 142-point lead going into today's final two rounds of the NABC Women's Pairs.

Pam Wittes, 1986 World Mixed Pairs winner, and Stasha Cohen, 1990 Venice Cup winner, scored 2513.27 matchpoints to 2391.32 for runners-up Diane Cullen, one of the co-chairs of the Reno NABC, and Irene Pickett.

One hundred seventy pairs entered this event.



Roberta Lyon and Jim Washburn won the first National 49er Pairs yesterday.

## First 49er Pairs title goes to Californians

Roberta Lyon and Jim Washburn, who met while taking bridge lessons, put that knowledge to use yesterday and won the first National 49er Pairs.

The two posted scores of 62.5% and 62.7% to win the two-session event. Their winning score was 209, followed by the 192.50 posted by runners-up Marsh and Lois MacMillan.

Lyon, who lives in Tiberon CA, is the retired president of an investment systems and software company. She has three children and one granddaughter, five-year-old Charlotte Victoria. None are bridge players.

Washburn, a resident of Mill Valley CA, is retired from the Bank of California where he was manager of the special assets division. His wife Rose is not a bridge player.

## Rapee wins again; Schwartz team ousts Shugart

George Rapee, who won his first Vanderbilt title in 1946, moved a step closer to another title when his team dispatched Jeff Wolfson's squad to move into today's semifinal round.

Rapee jumped out to an early 36-7 lead and pounded away for a 145-75 win.

Schwartz and Shugart had a seesaw battle until Schwartz took a 12-IMP lead into the fourth quarter and increased the lead for a 140-104 win.

Robinson trailed early against Baze but a 47-4 third session blew the match wide open. The final margin was 132-99.

Cayne had little trouble with Jacobs, taking an early lead and prevailing 131-62.

In today's semifinal matches, Schwartz meets Robinson while Rapee takes on Cayne.

## Come to the (bridge) cabaret

Lyrics re-written for the bridge scene -- a Frank Sinatra lookalike singing "I'll bid it my way" and Willie Nelson (or a close relative) lamenting "all the bids I've made" -- will be highlights of Joe Jabon's new show, scheduled at 11:30 tonight and Saturday in the Crystal Ballroom.

*The George Burns and Gracie Allen Vaudeville Revue* is produced by Seattle's only Bridge Burlesque and "it is guaranteed 100% that you cannot help but smile and laugh," says producer-director Carol Yager.

The 40-minute show features music, dancing and comedy by the cast -- all bridge players, from novice to Grand Life Master Jabon.



Joe Jabon



Randy Pettit, right, accepts congratulations from CEO Roy Green. Pettit was the winner of the Barry Crane Top 500 last year.

## Double exposure

East-West pairs who arrived at Burt and Fred's table during Wednesday's International Fund Pairs may have thought they were seeing double when they looked at the convention card that read: Hargesheimer-Hargesheimer.

It seems that Burt, who runs a bridge club in Buffalo NY, was checking around to see if there were other ACBL members named Hargesheimer. He located Fred in Grass Valley CA and invited him to play here in Reno.

They didn't place, but they enjoyed their double exposure.

## Looks like a record

Reno '98 -- bidding to become the record-holder for a Spring NABC -- passed 10,000 tables yesterday and continues to gain on Reno '89, the current record holder.

Yesterday's table count was 1524, bringing the total table count to 10,742.5 tables. At this point, Reno '89 had 10,516.3.



Bob Ryder, shown here with his wife Pat, was honored at a reception in President Richard Anderson's suite last night. Bob was the Senior of the Year last year, and as a result won the George Burns Trophy.



Liu Zhong Huan of China, second from left, thanked the ACBL staff working this tournament at a reception last night. Left to right: Jiang Liu, Liu Zhong Huan, Tournament Director Bobbie Shipley, Kathie Wei-Sender and Song Zhao. See story on page 7.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. - Noon Bridge America Directors' Course, Cascade 2

11:00 a.m. - Noon Special series: "A Switch in Time -- How to Take All Your Tricks on Defense" is hosted by *Bridge Today Magazine* editor Matthew Granovetter in the Crystal Ballroom. One-time \$40 charge includes a free copy of the book.

12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Dorothy Truscott: *Bid Better, Play Better*, Carson Ballroom

During the afternoon 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fruit snack will be served to the players. Bridge America Directors' Course, Cascade 2

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bridge America Festival: Workshop with Audrey Grant, Cascade 1

7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- John Blubaugh: *Losing Trick Count*, Carson Ballroom

7:15 p.m. Bridge America Festival: Bridge Tip with Jerry Helms, Cascade 2

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Bridge America Game, Cascade 2

11:30 p.m. Ice cream bars, Main Foyer

Midnight Jabon Review -- Joe's new show: George & Gracie's Vaudeville Revue -- Crystal Ballroom



Dorothy Truscott



John Blubaugh

### Saturday, March 28

10:00 a.m. - Noon Bridge America Festival: Workshop with Audrey Grant, Cascade 1

12:15 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Lowell Andrews: *Where are They Coming From?* Carson Ballroom

During the afternoon 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fruit snacks will be served to the players. Bridge America Festival: Supervised Play, Cascade 2

7:15 p.m. Intermediate/Novice Speakers Program -- Fred Hamilton: *The Magic of Shortness*, Carson Ballroom

7:15 p.m. Bridge America Festival -- David Lindop: Counting at Bridge, Cascade 2

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Bridge America Game, Cascade 2

Midnight Jabon Review -- an encore performance of Joe's new show! -- Crystal Ballroom

### Sunday, March 29

During the afternoon Raffle drawing for two airline tickets and a room for 10 days at the Chicago Hilton during the Summer NABC. All proceeds go to charity.

During the afternoon A special parting gift for the players

## Battle of wits won by defender

When Tobi Sokolow wound up playing 5♥ on this deal, Board 11, from the second final session of the Mixed Pairs, it became a battle between her and Marty Baff, North.

Dlr: South ♠ A Q 9 2  
 Vul: None ♥ 10 9 8 6  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ J 9 7

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

♠ K J 8 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 5 3 2  
 ♣ 3 2

West	North	East	South
			3♠
Dbl	4♠	5♥	All Pass

South's opening lead was ruffed, and East played two rounds of hearts ending in dummy and receiving the bad news. East played two rounds of diamonds. North took the second diamond and pumped declarer with a second round of spades. East had to ruff this in her hand, reducing both herself and the dummy to one trump while North still had two. This was the ending:

	♠ Q 9	
	♥ 10 9	
	♦ --	
	♣ J 9 7	

♠ --		♠ --
♥ J		♥ Q
♦ K 10		♦ Q 6
♣ A K 10 8		♣ Q 6 5 4

♠ K J 8 7  
 ♥ --  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ 3 2

When declarer cashed her two diamond winners, Marty discarded two of his clubs. Now declarer was through. When declarer played on clubs, Marty could ruff the second one and play another spade. Which-ever hand declarer ruffed in, she had only clubs left to lead and Marty scored his last trump.

Note that if Marty ruffs in on either of the diamonds, he allows the contract to make. Declarer has communication in clubs to ruff a spade and then cross to hand to draw the last trump.

## 12 straight KO wins

Five men are having quite a run in the Knockouts -- among them they've won two events and 12 straight knockout matches. This afternoon they're playing in the semifinal of another KO, and they're hoping to add a third.

Three have played in every match -- Lawrence Diamond of Las Vegas, Jack Brawner of Palm Harbor FL and Bob Vollbracht of Clearwater FL. Evan Gewirtz of Concord MA was on the team that won the first KO, and John Harris of Port Huron MI has been playing with the team since then.

Their first triumph came in the Visa Bracketed KO on Saturday and Sunday, and they won 20.55 points. Then came the 0-2000 KO, a six-session event -- victory here was worth 52.9 points. Now they're in the Thursday-Friday Bracketed KO.

Brawner and Vollbracht met at the partnership desk here, as did Diamond and Gewirtz. Harris and Diamond played together for the first time at the Summer Championships in Albuquerque.

They're not superstitious -- they're not afraid that talking about their triumphs will jinx them in the future -- you know calling attention to a pitcher who has a no-hitter going.

When we mentioned that they were playing in the semifinal and maybe the final today, Jack quickly retorted, "No maybe about it!"



12 straight knockout wins -- that's the record compiled by, left to right, Jack Brawner, Bob Vollbracht, Lawrence Diamond and John Harris.

# HALL OF FAME

## Billy Eisenberg

In the 30 years since he moved from New York to Dallas to join the Aces, Billy Eisenberg has accomplished much in competitive bridge, including five world championships. He has also thought a lot about how the game fits into his life.

"One of the great things about bridge," he says, "is that at various times in your life you can re-invent your feelings about the game. It was a passion for me, then it was a job. Lately I've experienced a re-birth of passion for bridge."

When he arrived in Dallas in 1968 to joined the fabled Aces --- the world's first full-time professional bridge team --- Eisenberg was somewhat of a maverick, a New Yorker suddenly thrust into a world of cowboys and guns. His bridge expertise was all that counted, however, and he fit into the program well.

By the time he left the Aces in 1971 to head for California, Eisenberg had two Bermuda Bowl titles to his credit (1970 and 1971) and he would win three more (1976, 1977 and 1979). Significantly, his five world championships were earned with four different partners.

In all, he has represented the U.S. in 10 world championships. He has won numerous European tournaments, including the prestigious London *Sunday Times* invitational (now The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship).

His North American championships include two Spingolds, two Vanderbilts, three Reisingers, two Grand National Teams, the Life Master Pairs and Men's Board-a-Match Teams.

Billy does more than just play bridge. He is one of the official vugraph commentators for the World Bridge Federation. He was

coach to the first ACBL Junior team to attend Junior Camp in Poland in 1987 and he has coached and been teacher to many national teams around the world, including Israel, Panama, Venezuela and the Netherlands.

Billy is also an expert backgammon player. He won a world title in backgammon in 1974 and has been a professional player in the game.

These days, Eisenberg has been playing a lot with fellow Floridian Russ Arnold. In fact, he and Arnold, along with George Rapee and John Solodar, plan to compete in the International Team Trials in Tunica MS (a short distance from Memphis) in June, hoping to win a berth in the Bermuda Bowl scheduled for Bermuda in 2000.

For years, one of Eisenberg's regular opponents was Benito Garozzo of the famed Italian Blue Team. Then later, when Benito moved to the United States, Billy and Benito were regular partners. They still play together occasionally.

Eisenberg considers his days with the Aces as pivotal in his bridge career. "All of us got to be recognized as good players," he says, "and the Aces had an enormous impact on bridge as far as coaching and practicing."

Eisenberg acknowledges that the game has been good to him. "Bridge has been enriching to me," he says, "and I've tried to give something back."

## Mary Jane Farell

Mary Jane Farell, building on a childhood fascination with bridge, has crafted an all-star career that includes four world championships and election to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame.

"I saw bridge at home and was fascinated by the time I was nine," says Farell. Mary Jane was one of the first two American women to earn the rank of World Grand Master, the World Bridge Federation's highest ranking. The other was Dorothy Truscott, also an inductee to the Hall of Fame this year.

Farell earned the rank by winning the 1966 World Mixed Pairs with Ivan Erdos, the 1970 World Women's Pairs with Marilyn Johnson and the 1978 Venice Cup with Johnson and teammates Truscott, Emma Jean Hawes, Jacqui Mitchell and Gail Greenberg.

She added the World Women's Team Olympiad crown in 1980 with the same team.

Those victories were highlights, she agrees, but election to the Hall is "the apex of my bridge career."

It's a career that began in Cincinnati, where Farell grew up. "The weather was always inclement, so we played bridge frequently. I couldn't wait to get home from school to kibitz whenever my mother had the game at our house. I loved it!"

By age 12, she was playing "every Saturday in a two-table game that the mothers provided. They gave prizes to the winners, and I most often won those prizes."

She was introduced to duplicate at age 17 when the family moved to Los Angeles. "We didn't know anybody socially, and since my mother and I adored bridge, she took me to the local rubber bridge club and allowed me to play in very small-stake games.

"Now that same rubber bridge club would run a duplicate game on Sunday evenings and once a month on a Sunday afternoon. I began playing duplicate in those games with the young men I dated. Once I began playing duplicate, I couldn't play often enough."

One of those young men, Arnold Kauder, became her mentor and her husband. They were later divorced but Farell remembers Kauder as "a marvelous bridge player. It was he who put the polish on my game."

After the war, Kauder was transferred to San Diego. "My bridge reputation had followed me," says Farell. "Women used to call me up and ask for advice on bidding, play of the hand, defense --- whatever. Then groups of women would get together at one home and hire me to teach them."

Her professional playing began in much the same way. "People made me a pro. They offered to pay for babysitters and card fees, and they would pick me up and transport me to the tournaments. Soon I had a growing clientele.

"It's really nice to have a hobby that turned into a living. I feel very fortunate. Bridge has been good for me and to me."

She's played with less experienced players and with experts. In 1964, the *Los Angeles Times* named Farell "Woman of the Year" in recognition of her gaining first place among women in the all-time masterpoint rankings.

In 1978 she and Johnson became the first women to win the six-session Life Master Pairs --- they remain the only women's pair to have their names engraved on the von Zedtwitz Gold Cup.

Farell and husband Jules Farell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in January. They met through bridge and Farell says proudly, "It's been a great marriage. We are a very good husband-and-wife partnership."

Today Farell, who describes herself as "a crusader (and) a champion of the less experienced player," plays mostly at the club level with longtime pupils. "My friends are the little people in the bridge world."

## Dorothy Hayden Truscott

As a five-year-old kibitzing the family bridge game, Dorothy Hayden Truscott never dreamed that bridge would lead her to world travel, four international championships and election to the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame.

The election "pleases me no end," says Truscott. "I'm very grateful to bridge in general. I'd like to give back to bridge what it has given to me."

For Truscott, bridge has been a life-long love affair. "I can't remember when I didn't know the game," she says. "My parents played bridge and when I was little -- there were always bridge games going." Truscott was permitted to kibitz "if I would stay very quiet."

She played her first bridge hand at about age seven. A guest was late, "so I was allowed to play for one hour. From then on, I was hooked. I couldn't wait for the next guest to be late."

Today, more than six decades later, Truscott is one of the world's leading players and the only person who has competed in all four forms of major world championship competition.

She has won the Venice Cup three times and the World Olympiad Women's Teams. She also was captain of the 1989 team that won the Venice Cup. She placed second in the 1965 Bermuda Bowl --- the only American woman other than Helen Sobel Smith to represent ACBL in world open team competition --- and third in the Open Pairs at the 1966 World Championships in Amsterdam, the highest finish ever by a woman in open competition.

She has won more than 30 NABC titles --- nine with Emma Jean Hawes, three with B. Jay Becker, three with husband Alan, three with Gail Greenberg and the remainder with "nine or 10 various partners."

She won her first two NABC titles --- the Mixed Pairs with John Crawford and the Women's Pairs with Betty Goldberg, both in 1959 --- before she became a Life Master. In fact, "I had never played a session of bridge with either one of them."

Truscott describes herself as a good partner. "I'm adaptable. I'm pleasant to play with and I'm lucky. Luck is a very big part. When you win any event, you have to be lucky. I must say I've been very lucky with partners."

She remembers a passed-out board from years ago. "We got 25 out of 25. When that happens, you know you're lucky."

Truscott is lucky, concedes former world champion and former teammate Betty Ann Kennedy, but she's also "a tenacious competitor and a very supportive teammate and partner. She's a real student of the game. She's open to new ideas and she uses them."

Among the new ideas attributed to Truscott are an unusual jump to show a singleton or void along with support for partner's suit (a *splinter bid*) and responses to Blackwood after interference (DOPI).

DOPI was developed after the opponents interfered in a Truscott-Becker Blackwood sequence. After 4NT and a bid, responder can double with no aces ("you're more likely to want to defend then") and pass with one ace.

Truscott also receives credit as the author of two bridge books which are considered classics: *Bid Better, Play Better* and *Winning Declarer Play*. She maintains now, however, that there are "too many bridge books around. I'm writing no more bridge books."

Instead, she concentrates on the three NABCs plus teaching "a little bit of bridge" and working with husband Alan. "Bridge has been very good to me," she says. "Bridge is challenging, it keeps my mind stimulated and it also puts me in contact with people."

### Lost

Ann Taylor has lost a pair of reading glasses in a blue case. She offers a reward for their return. The glasses were lost either in the Hilton Pavilion or the ladies room adjacent to the Pavilion. If found, please turn them in at the ACBL Information Desk.

## Appeals Case Six

Subject: Unauthorized Information  
Event: Silver Ribbon Pairs  
First Qualifying Session, March 22, 1998

Board 19 Marilyn Klashman  
Dir: South ♠ J 5  
Vul: E/W ♥ J 8 6 4  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ K 4 3 2

Gloria Brown Shirley Presberg  
♠ A Q 9 ♠ K 6 4 2  
♥ Q 10 2 ♥ A 9 5  
♦ J 10 9 7 4 ♦ 6 2  
♣ Q 6 ♣ A 10 7 5

Barbara Glazerman  
♠ 10 8 7 3  
♥ K 7 3  
♦ A K 3  
♣ J 9 8

Auction	West	North	East	South
West	Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
2NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	All Pass		

1) Limit Raise in Clubs [Alerted]  
Result: Made 4, E/W +630

**The Facts:** West's 2NT bid was properly explained. The players used bidding boxes. West did not notice South's double at the time she bid 2NT. She did notice it after East's 3♣ bid, and realized she had misbid. North led the ♠J to West's queen. On the ♦9 lead, North played the queen and South the king. South continued with the ♦A and ♦3. West eventually came to 10 tricks. N/S called for the Director when they learned of West's doubleton club. The Director ruled that E/W receive Average Minus based on a violation of Law 16A, as the unauthorized information demonstrably suggested to West that 3♣ was not the correct contract. Because of the line of defense, the ruling left N/S with the score earned at the table.

**The Appeal:** Both pairs appealed. West did not realize South doubled the opening bid, and admitted the Alert awakened her. N/S stated their defense was predicated on West's "known" club fit. South overtook the diamond to avoid blocking the suit because on the play so far and the bidding West was "known" to have 3-3 in the majors with at least four clubs.

**The Decision:** The Committee decided the table result, 3NT making four, would stand for both pairs. The Committee explored the law and determined that, although the Alert may have awakened West to her misbid, this was authorized information since it could be derived from a review of the auction and did not need partner's Alert. Further, as a matter of law, West is under no obligation to inform the opponents as to her misbid and she is permitted to attempt to rescue herself. Any damage consequent to the misbid and misinformation is not addressable. (Law 75B)

Committee: Henry Bethe, chair, Dick Budd, Corinne Kirkham, Judy Randel and Nancy Sachs

## Appeals Case Seven

Subject: Tempo  
Event: Stratified Open Pairs  
Second Session, March 23, 1998

Board 6  
Dir: East ♠ 9 7 5 3  
Vul: E/W ♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 5 2  
♣ K J 6 3

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

Auction	West	North	East	South
West	5♥	Pass	Pass	4♣ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass	<i>Dbl</i> <sup>2</sup>
6♥	Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

1) Strong Heart preempt [alerted]  
2) **Break in Tempo**  
Result: Down 2, N/S +500

**The Facts:** There was an agreed break in tempo before South doubled. The Director ruled that under Law 16A the break in tempo demonstrably suggested 5♣ as an alternative to pass. He changed the contract to 5♥, down one, N/S +200. The Director considered the play would be the same at the five level as actually happened at 6♥.

**The Appeal:** N/S appealed. They suggested that pass was not a logical alternative when South doubled 5♥.

**The Decision:** The Committee decided the table result would stand. Law 16A does not allow a player to choose from among logical alternative actions one that is demonstrably suggested by the unauthorized information. However, the information North observes in his own hand is authorized. The three small hearts make it clear South doubled on playing values rather than trump tricks. And the four spades strongly suggest South will have little defense in that suit. North's pass after West's 5♥ bid does not suggest defending. North may be waiting to learn if South has a strong hand. It is difficult to maintain an even tempo in high level auctions such as these. Finally, a 5♠ bid is not nearly so risky as a pass. Bidding figures to be a poor score only if both contracts go down, and then N/S figure to have plenty of company. The Committee decided North did not violate Law 16A, and Pass was not a logical alternative to bidding 5♠. Therefore, it had no reason to adjust the score.

Committee: Michael Huston, chair, Dick Budd, Doug Heron, Judy Randel and Ellen Seibert  
Scribe: Jay Apfelbaum



## Appeals Case Eight

Subject: Claims  
Event: NABC+ Vanderbilt KO Teams  
Second Round, March 23, 1998

Board 8 Harry Steiner  
Dir: West ♠ A K J 4 2  
Vul: None ♥ J 10 2  
♦ 8 7 6 4  
♣ 9

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

Ross Rainwater  
♠ Q 9 7 6 3  
♥ K 9 7 6 4  
♦  
♣ 5 3 2

Auction	West	North	East	South
West	1♣	1♠	Pass	4♠
4NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	Pass	6♦	6♠
7♦	All Pass			

1) Minor suits with longer clubs  
Result: Made 7, E/W +1440

**The Facts:** Against East's 7♦ contract, South led a low heart. East tabled his hand and claimed 13 tricks, but made no statement. N/S did not protest, and the board was scored E/W +1440. This was the final board of the set. After a few minutes, North called for the Director and expressed doubt about the claim. The Director ruled that N/S had acquiesced in the claim (Law 69A), but he would consider the matter because the correction period had not expired (Law 79C). Law 69B allows a player to withdraw acquiescence, but only "for tricks that could not be lost by any normal play of the remaining cards." Normal play "includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved, but not irrational." The Director ruled that any line of play that would fail to take thirteen tricks would be less than normal, and awarded E/W +1440.

**The Appeal:** N/S appealed. They agreed that the contract could always be made by ruffing two spades in the closed hand, but that this was not obvious.

**The Decision:** The Committee decided the table result would stand. East listed some of his previous accomplishments, and the Committee was convinced that he is a player of considerable skill. It is easy for a player of his skill to ruff two spades in dummy and draw trump (two ruffs, one heart, four diamonds and six clubs). A player this skilled would have to adopt an irrational line of play to go down in 7♦.

The Committee then considered whether to keep the deposit. Because it took some time to recognize the winning line of play, the Committee decided there was substantial merit to the appeal. The deposit was, therefore, returned.

Committee: Doug Heron, chair, Dick Budd, Michael Huston, Judy Randel and Ellen Seibert  
Scribe: Jay Apfelbaum

**Dissenting Statement from Michael Huston:** I believe the appeal lacks substantial merit. This Committee accepted the claim in less than one minute. N/S, an experienced pair, did not present a bridge reason not to accept ruffing two spades in dummy and drawing trump. They showed no careless-but-not-irrational error that East could make. The only apparent reason for the appeal was N/S did not understand the Laws covering claims. Lack of knowledge of the Laws by experienced players playing in a major national event should not constitute substantial merit for the appeal.



## Thanks, guys

Neil Scott was playing in the Mixed Pairs with Janice Seamon against Charles and Kathleen Fortney when he encountered a case of extraordinary ethics.

"They gave us misinformation and, as a result, I played 3NT going down for minus 200," said Scott. "Charles called the director on himself and the director ruled that we

should be plus 620 in the proper contract of 4♥."

Scott didn't check his afternoon scores and didn't realize that the correction wasn't made. Charles did check and when he found the correction had not been made, he went back to the directors. Then he sought out Scott to assure him that the score would be corrected.

# Better to be lucky

By Barry Rigal

Jay Apfelbaum and I were ready to start a new partnership in the International Fund game. Before we took cards out of the board I told Jay that in all my really successful partnerships I had bid a slam during the first round of the partnership. Board 13 was the first deal:

Dlr: North ♠ J 6 5 4  
 Vul: Both ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 9 7 3  
 ♣ K Q 8 6

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

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

West Apfelbaum	North	East Rigal	South
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

We were playing basic Acol and Jay was not sure if 3♦ would have been forcing. Still, on a spade lead Jay ran his diamonds and North pitched a spade -- plus 720 was worth 9.5 out of 12.

Not to worry -- still one board left!

Dlr: East ♠ A K J 10 9 4 3  
 Vul: None ♥ 9  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ J 6 3

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

♠ 2  
 ♥ A 10 8 7 5 2  
 ♦ J 10 6 3  
 ♣ 10 7

West Apfelbaum	North	East Rigal	South
		1♣	2♥
3♦	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♥	4♠	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Nobody doubled, thank heavens, and the defense led a trump!! Jay escaped for three down. Surprisingly that was worth 6.5 out of 12.

There was still one more board for the partnership to display its bidding "prowess". Here's Board 6.

Dlr: East ♠ 9 8 6 4  
 Vul: E-W ♥ K Q  
 ♦ 8 6 5 3  
 ♣ A 9 6

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

♠ 3 2  
 ♥ J 4 3  
 ♦ Q J 7  
 ♣ J 10 5 3 2

We messed this one up in the auction (although Jay was certainly blameless).

West Apfelbaum	North	East Rigal	West
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

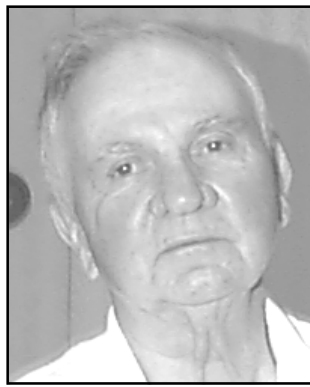
I thought I had suggested a hand which was 4-3 in the majors (else I would have bid 3NT the round

before), but Jay correctly assumed I should be 4-3-3-3 with a double club stop.

Fortunately the cards lay amazingly well for me. I got a club lead and the continuation, South's ♣3, suggesting a 5-3 split. Now the correct technique to establish hearts without letting West in is to cross to dummy with a spade and lead a low heart. If North has three hearts, all lies in the heart suit generate 10 tricks. But if North has Q-x or J-x in hearts, leading a low heart from the West hand should persuade him to duck, and now you can keep South off lead in hearts.

## Chet Davis achieves 10,000-point goal

Chet Davis of Osterville MA, one of New England's leading players for many years, recently surpassed the 10,000-point plateau. He won the Knockouts and finished third in the Swiss at the regional in Cromwell CT. His teammates in the Knockout win were Lloyd Arvedon, Carolyn Sessler, Glenn McIntyre, Steve Gladyszak and John Saxe.



He does not qualify as a Grand Life Master, however, because he has not won a national event. Not that he hasn't come close -- he finished second in the Blue Ribbon Pairs with Jim Bennet in 1977. He also won the Master Pairs with Bob Tator, but that was back before the Masters Pairs was considered a nationally-rated event. He has represented New England (District 25) in five Grand National Teams and three Grand National Pairs. He may make it six GNTs on April 26 -- that's when his team will play in the New England final.

Nowadays Chet is more often a Floridian than a New Englander -- he and his wife Marion spend seven months a year in Vero Beach. That means he's quite a commuter, playing in New England regionals and the Grand National Teams as he does. He used to have a company that made machinery for the paper industry, but now he is fully retired. His major activity outside of bridge is golf.

Chet started playing cards while still a youngster, but it wasn't until 1952 that he competed in his first duplicate. Four years later he was a Life Master -- and that was back in the days when .24 was all you got when you finished first in a 12-table club game.

His regular partner these days is Dick Freedman, but he still recalls the old day when he played with the likes of John Benoit, Jim Bennet, Bob Tator and Frank Westcott.

## ACBL elections

The ACBL Board of Directors, meeting before the start of the Spring NABC here in Reno, has elected Glenn Smith ACBL Treasurer for 1998-99.

Don Moeller and Chuck Wilkinson were elected as ACBL Pension Trustees. Moller was elected for a four-year term ending Dec. 31, 2001 and Wilkinson was elected for a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 1999.

Al Levy and Dan Morse were elected as 401-K Plan Trustees. Levy was elected for a three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2000 and Morse was elected for a one-year term ending Dec. 31, 1998.

## Helping partner

Hugh Ross is a great believer in helping partner. Try his latest test:

♠ J  
 ♥ A K Q 10 3  
 ♦ J 8 3  
 ♣ A K 9 3

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

You are East, defending 4♠ after this auction:

West	North	East	South
			2♠
Pass	2NT (1)	Pass	3♦ (2)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Asks for further description  
 (2) Bad hand, good suit  
 Partner leads the ♣Q and declarer wins dummy's ace and leads the ♠J. Plan your defense.

"Well," you begin, "I play low on the club lead and the spade."

"Wrong," says Ross. "You just blew it. Play the 10. Partner has the K-9-6-2 of spades. Let him know about his two trump tricks. Now he'll cash out diamonds and not try to develop anything in clubs."

This was the full deal:

♠ J  
 ♥ A K Q 10 3  
 ♦ J 8 3  
 ♣ A K 9 3

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

♠ A Q 8 7 5 4  
 ♥ 7 6 2  
 ♦ 6 2  
 ♣ J 5

## A grand follow-up

Yesterday we published an article entitiled *Diabolical Opening Lead* on Board 29 from Tuesday evening. John Macchi of Stuart FL recognized the hand when he read about it -- he made 7NT on the same deal on a double squeeze.

Dlr: North ♠ 10 5 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ K 2  
 ♦ Q 8 6 5  
 ♣ Q J 6 4

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

♠ 7 4  
 ♥ J 10 9 6 5 4  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ 10 5 3

West	North Jan	East	South John
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Yesterday's report told of the opening lead of the ♥2 against 7♠, a lead almost guaranteed to drive declarer into the wrong line of play. But there was no problem in the hearts when John played 7 NT. He was playing with his wife Jan, who drove to the grand. The opening lead, not unnaturally, was the ♥J to the queen. John cashed the ♥A and his top diamonds, then began running spades. On the last spade, North had to come down to three cards, and one of them was the ♦Q to cover declarer's jack. So he threw a club. John of course pitched the ♦J from his hand, and now declarer's threat card, the ♥7, forced South to pitch a club. So the ♣ 8 took the 13th trick.



The road to gold points was a long one for, left to right: Vipin Acharya, Meena Acharya, George Campbell, John Parker and Nancy Raznick.

## The road to gold was a long one

Many thrills await bridge players. At one end is victory in a world championship or, on a more local level, a triumph in a North American championship. At the other end is the beginner who wins his or her first gold point..

It's even more of a thrill when the new player lives far, far from an area that awards gold points. And certainly Newfoundland meets that criterion. So George Campbell of Mount Peach and John Parker of St. John's were elated when they earned their first gold in the Morning Knockouts. And it wasn't easy -- they were down 22 at the half before coming back to win by 13. Nancy Raznick of San Francisco, also on the team, was winning her

first golds as well. The other team members were Vipin and Meena Acharya of St. John's.

The four Newfoundlanders certainly traveled the longest distance of any North American players to get to this tournament -- Newfoundland is more than 5000 miles from Reno. Newfoundland occasionally has a sectional tournament, but there has never been a regional there. The closest regionals for them are the Can-Ats, which are held in either New Brunswick or Nova Scotia.

Vipin learned his bridge from his uncle, Dhinughai Acharya of Kenya, who has captained teams that have played for Kenya in the world championships.

## Highlights of Board meeting

Management is requested to seek sponsorship and/or alternative revenue sources to provide appropriate uniforms for members of all teams representing Zone 2 in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Team Olympiad and Junior championships.

Management is requested to study the feasibility, advisability, effectiveness, cost and what other sports organizations do in reference to drug testing.

The Board of Directors and the new CEO will attend a training seminar conducted by a professional executive consultant. This seminar will be run at the first Board meeting after the new CEO has been engaged. Cost is estimated at \$10,000.

Management is authorized to consult with and hire a telemarketing company to assist ACBL in the following areas: membership retention, solicitation of new members and tournament promotion. An initial budget of \$5000 for organization and promotion and \$3000 per month for an initial three-month trial period will be allocated.

The present surcharge of \$1 per session per player (team events considered to be four players) is increased to \$1.50 starting with Reno. Persons with free entries or reduced entry fee coupons pay the same surcharge.

An increase of \$1.00 for NABC events will become effective at the Summer NABC.

A revised masterpoint plan was approved. Details will be available in the Board minutes.

ACBL Management shall attempt to avoid scheduling the Fall NABC to end on the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.

The current efforts of Bridge America shall proceed pending further review of the program and recommendations by the CEO at the Fall Board meeting.

Management, with the approval of the appropriate unit and district, is authorized to award a sectional sanction to an organization sponsoring a special event such as, but not limited to, a Senior or Junior Olympic event that is otherwise restricted in participation.

All clubs may purchase a current diskette containing the masterpoint holdings of all members in their district or an adjoining district. The diskette will contain only player names, ACBL numbers and current masterpoint totals.

Each first-term member of the Board will be invited to the meeting prior to joining the Board.

## How to score 90% on the last round

Joan Eaton and Leslie Amoils, in the top five going into the final round of the Mixed Pairs, knew they needed a big last round to win the event. Their 90% round was good enough to win the event by half a board.

The two Toronto residents were acquainted but had never played together. "Ten minutes before game time, neither of us had a partner," said Eaton. "We traveled all the way to Reno to have our first game." She is a manager of the Water Resources Division of Hydroelectric. This was her first NABC win.

Amoils buys and sells heavy manufacturing equipment. He has lived in Canada for the last seven years but is originally from South Africa. "I love Canada but in my heart I'm a South African," said Amoils. "I always will be."

He is the first South African to win a North American championship.

This was Board 9 of that massive last round:

Dlr: North ♠ A 10 7  
 Vul: E-W ♥ K J 7 5 2  
 ♦ 9 7 6 3  
 ♣ 3

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

West	North	East	South
	Amoils		Eaton
	Pass	1♦	2♥
3♣	4♥	Dbl (1)	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(1) Eaton-Amoils play weak notrumps. The double shows a good hand.

"5♣ just wasn't going to get it," said Amoils. "I knew we needed a good last round."

The slam was cold -- seven club tricks and five diamond tricks. Plus 1370 was worth 74 out of 90 matchpoints.

The next board:

Dlr: East ♠ 10 8 4 2  
 Vul: Both ♥ A K Q 10 3  
 ♦ --  
 ♣ Q J 9 7

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

West	North	East	South
	Amoils		Eaton
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbl	3♦ (1)	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
	All Pass		
	(1) Preemptive		

South, looking at an ace, four trumps and a partner who had made a takeout double, doubled the final contract. Amoils lost a heart and a spade. "All I had to do was ruff two clubs high -- that was all there was to it," said Amoils. Plus 750 was worth 88 of 90 matchpoints.

## Silence is golden

By Barry Rigal

Included in the upset of MILES over NICKELL was this example of how to revalue a poor hand in the face of opposition intervention.

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

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

For NICKELL, Freeman opened 1♦ in fourth seat and was raised to 3♦ for a quiet 150. In the other room, Marshall Miles also raised 1♦ to 3♦, but East doubled for takeout. When West responded 3♥, Miles bid 3♠, suggesting his actual hand type, Bartusek re-evaluated his grotty 12-count. With partner marked with a singleton heart, his side was playing with a three-suited deck, and there had to be a play for game.

All that the diamond game needed was 2-2 trumps or for West to follow to three spades and three clubs. As the cards lay Mark had an easy 11 tricks for a 10-IMP pickup.

## NEW SWAMI GOES TWO AND TWO, HERITAGE QUESTIONED

After going two and two in the quarterfinals, the Swami was served a Subpoena Duces Tecum by League Counsel and requested to submit to DNA testing. Allegations are flying that the Swami is a fraud, with no known ties to either Iowa Corn or Coffee Shops. At 3:00 a.m., after a two-hour hearing, the League released the following announcement:

Allegations questioning the heritage of the new imitation Swami recently have been brought to the attention of the League. After thorough review, the Swami agreed to submit to DNA testing while remaining in the tenuous position of Probationary Swami. Also under the agreement, if Swami perfectly predicts the semifinals, the probation will be lifted and results of DNA test will remain under seal until after the 1998 Vanderbilt concludes. Both parties have high expectations of avoiding litigation and have agreed to make no further comment.

Exhausted and distracted, new Swami tries anew to turn the focus of the Tournament to the bridge. Three of the top four seeds remain in the Final Four:

### Conditions revised for Knockout Teams

Effective immediately at this NABC, the General Knockout Team Conditions of Contest have been revised.

In knockout play, any player meeting the individual participation requirements will receive the full overall award earned by his team. However, the rules by which an individual player fulfills his participation requirement have changed.

To fulfill the participation requirement, a player must meet each of the following conditions:

1. For any given overall award, a player must play at least 50% of all the boards played by the team at the time he (and the team) earned that award. (As in previous editions of these conditions, no player may play in a match past a time when he is unable to meet this condition.)

2. For any given overall award, a player must have played at least 50% of the boards in the match in which the team earned that award.

3. For a first-place award when the team wins the final, a player must also play at least 50% of the combined boards in the semifinal and final matches.

Combining the logic of conditions 2 and 3 means that a first-place award requires a player to play at least (a) 50% of each of the semifinal and final matches, or (b) all of the final match.

Players are reminded that a player may not enter any concurrent championship event while his team is participating in any match of the knockout.

In practice, this means that a player may miss an entire match without prior permission at any time during the event. However, depending on when a team is eliminated, a player who has sat out an entire match may not be awarded the overall position earned by the rest of his team members.

### The Alert strip

It is ACBL policy to have players tap the Alert strip and say Alert out loud at the same time. When an announcement is made, once again the player must tap the Alert strip. When using spoken bidding, players are required to announce and Alert out loud.

If a player notices any reluctance about complying, he or she should summon a tournament director rather than get into a hassle with an opponent.

#### #1 Schwartz v. #4 Robinson

Schwartz started slowly, but came on strong against a predictably tired Shugart. Congrats again to Reets and the boys, but playing four handed is tough stuff. Mutt and Jeff were too much, and GoldWay had their normal solid game. Keep those jerseys out of retirement another day, as the 1997 Vanderbilt winners show they are here to defend their title.

The Little People made a shambles of the Swami by plowing through the Polish Front Four whose names contain exactly twice as many consonants as vowels. The 1997 Spingold champions are gone, after leading at the half.

Look for the "Little People" to be emotionally drained from yesterday, rally in the third, but run out of gas as the Horse goes to the whip and saves himself for a strong fourth quarter. Schwartz by 12.

#### #2 Rapee v. #3 Cayne

Hats off to the Grand Old Man, his performance befitting his status as a Hall of Famer. Retro Precision will prosper again, this was blasting off the rust. The Icelanders froze out the scoring early on, and Broadway Billy, a Hall of Famer himself, showed his normal classy style.

Cayne showed the European Pair champions that that you can't come to Madison Square Garden and win the first time out. Home court simply can not be over-rated. Chuckles and the President led the way with their solid style. The Mikes got hot, and the rest was history.

Look for Cohen-Berkowitz to save in 7 hearts against 6 spades on the last board in their 8 card fit based on knowledge of their opponents holding 20 cards in two suits. Larry writes another book, but trumps don't split - Russ draws trumps and claims 'em all. Rapee wins by 1 to return to the Vanderbilt Final, an unbelievable 52 years after winning the 1946 Vanderbilt Cup.

### They're the queens of the Novice games

Four young ladies from Minnesota have taken to the Intermediate/Novice games like a duck to water.

Amy Staska of Apple Valley is the leading I/N masterpoint winner with 19, and she has had three overall firsts. Both Janice Ellis of Lakeville and Jackie Moneypenny of Burnsville won two events. Janice has earned 11 points and Jackie has 10. Edie Siemens of Prior Lake had only one first but several seconds to wind up with 13 masterpoints.

"We like Swiss Teams," said Amy. "And Swisses give us the opportunity to play as a foursome."

"Back home we do most of our bridge playing in each other's homes, but we play duplicate when we can. This was my first North American championship, and I sure have enjoyed it."

The other three also went to the Philadelphia NABC. "And all four of us are going to Vancouver next year. We can hardly wait."

Unhappily they had to leave for home yesterday. But they're bringing home some great memories.

## Results of yesterday's Vanderbilt matches

1.	Schwartz	27	53	101	140
8.	Shugart	28	71	88	104
4.	Robinson	20	58	105	132
5.	Baze	34	76	80	99
3.	Cayne	34	75	118	131
6.	Jacobs	9	37	48	62
2.	Rapee	36	72	105	145
7.	Wolfson	7	21	42	75

## TODAY'S MATCHES

126 Teams

Richard Schwartz, E Elmhurst NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Bobby Goldman, Highland Vlg TX; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA

vs

Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Ed Manfield, Hyattsville MD

James Cayne, New York NY; Chuck Burger, W Bloomfield MI; Mike Passell, Dallas TX; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL; David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL

vs

George Rapee - John Solodar, New York NY; Bill Eisenberg, Boca Raton FL; Russell Arnold, Miami FL; Jon Baldursson - Magnus Magnusson, Iceland

## Bad break? No problem!

Liu Zhong Huan, a real estate developer from China, is playing in his first North American championship tournament. He was looking for a partner in the Mixed Pairs with the help of Kathie Wei-Sender, and he wound up playing with none other than Juanita Chambers, a many-time world champion. They qualified for today's final. This hand, Board 22 from the first qualifying session, certainly helped them advance.

Dir: East	♠ 10 6 5 3
Vul: E-W	♥ K J 10 5
	♦ --
	♣ K 9 6 5 3
♠ A J 7	♠ K Q 9 8
♥ 3	♥ A 8 7 2
♦ A K Q 9 7 6	♦ 8 3 2
♣ A 8 4	♣ Q 10
	♠ 4 2
	♥ Q 9 6 4
	♦ J 10 5 4
	♣ J 7 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣ (1)	Pass	6♦	
All Pass			

(1) Zero or three aces.

Liu won the opening spade lead and cashed the ace of trumps, discovering the 4-0 break. He saw that his spot cards were good enough to pick up South's trumps, but he was a bit worried about a spade ruff if he tried to get to dummy with that suit. So he tried a club toward the queen. North decided he had to take his king, and after that it was all over. Liu won the spade return and pushed a diamond through South. South covered, of course, but Liu won and got back to dummy with a club. Another diamond through and he had his slam.

**VISA INTERNATIONAL KOS****Bracket A**

16 Teams  
 Marc Culberson - Andrea Culberson, Weston FL; Bert Newman - Kathy Newman, West Bloomfield MI  
 vs  
 Lilly Lachter, Culver City CA; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV

Gerald Sosler, Purchase NY; John Mohan - Kay Schulle, Santa Monica CA; Sigurdur Sverrisson, Tulsa OK; Adalsteinn Jorgensen, 107 Reykjavik  
 vs  
 Eddie Wold, Houston TX; George Rosenkranz, Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Mexico; Westra - Leufkens, Poland

**Bracket B**

16 Teams  
 Ronald Schick - Joy Miller - Chris Shanklin, Naples FL; Robert Bridger, Raleigh NC  
 vs  
 Barbara Shepard - Stephen Shepard, Houston TX; Sherwin Moscow - Connie Coquillet, West Linn OR

Frederic Pollack - Nancy Sachs - Jodie Kieffer - Gerald Ungar, Cincinnati OH  
 vs  
 Michael Gilbert - Susan Gilbert, Sarasota FL; Marie Filandro - Peter Filandro, Smyrna DE

**Bracket C**

16 Teams  
 Allan Schuster, Coronado CA; Samuel Williams Jr, Vista CA; Noe Mallari, San Diego CA; Robert Rinehart, Northumberland PA  
 vs  
 John Anderson, Baton Rouge LA; Randy Jordan, Burnaby BC; James Barry, Twain Harte CA; Diane Audeon, Venice CA; Robert McPhee, Belleville ON; Howard Miller, Virginia Bch VA

Dave Sackett, Cave Creek AZ; Marilyn Schiffer, Salem OR; Charles Achilles, Petaluma CA; Earl Gurnack, Sonoma CA  
 vs  
 Jim Howie - Deborah Thomas-Howie, Toronto ON; Florine Atkins, Pelham NY; Walter Rassbach, Westminster CO

**Bracket D**

16 Teams  
 Noreen Sugarman, Kingston ON; Heidi Wegman - Jack Brown, Ottawa ON; R Elwin Brown, Gloucester ON; Angela Underwood, Medicine Hat AB  
 vs  
 James Craig, Arlington WA; Carol Zogg, Clyde Hill WA; Karol Monroe - Guy Monroe, Bellevue WA

Wayne Shaw, Edmonton AB; Matthew Kofsky - Sharon Bahry, Irvine CA; Ruth Gittelman, Marina Del Rey CA  
 vs  
 Robert Dean - Marcia Dean - Jeffrey Hu, San Jose CA; Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA

**Bracket E**

16 Teams  
 Robert Vollbracht, Clearwater FL; Lawrence Diamond, Las Vegas NV; John Harris, Port Huron MI; Jack Brawner Jr, Palm Harbor FL  
 vs  
 Terry Currie, Houston TX; Angie Knechtges, Grafton OH; Greg Parker, Spokane WA; John Cox, Kellogg ID

Arnold Kohn, Somerset NJ; Stephen Maltzman, N Plainfield NJ; Harvinder Sidhu, Basking Ridge NJ; Mani Gupta, Bridgewater NJ  
 vs  
 Kathleen Brown, Wichita Falls TX; Jean Phillips, Newcastle TX; Samuel Wang, Monterey Park CA; Susan Gehring, San Diego CA

**Bracket F**

16 Teams  
 Michael Starr - Penelope Smith, Charlotte NC; Fabrice Lecomte, New York NY; Alan Epley, Kent WA; Jason Ciano, Boston MA  
 vs  
 Robert Brower - Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA; Carol Schroeder, Redmond WA; Jules Bue, Kent WA

Roberta Paup, Lakeside AZ; Pamela Schicketanz, Show Low AZ; Mary Jane Brown, Bedford NS; Winnie Nickerson, Halifax NS  
 vs  
 Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA; Jacques Printz, Vancouver BC; James Sremba - Nancy Sremba, Reno NV

**Bracket G**

16 Teams  
 Richard Timmons - Judith Timmons, Alamo CA; John Becchetti Md, Oakland CA; Caryn Villalon, Walnut Creek CA  
 vs  
 Carrie Touslee, Roseville CA; Darlene Roby, Auburn CA; Evelyn Thomas, Sacramento CA; Laura Raczek, Joliet IL

Judith Moore, Dol Des Ormeaux PQ; Peter Benn, Doll-Des-Ormeau PQ; Pierre Beauregard - Nicole Beauregard, St Lazare PQ  
 vs  
 Andrew Krasuski, Southington CT; Janusz Jablonski, Hartford CT; Barbara Plummer, Paradise Valley AZ; Rita Stephens, Cave Creek AZ

**Bracket H**

16 Teams  
 Howard Mion - Grace Mion, Auburn CA; Alfred Goldspiel - Joanne Brown, Alameda CA  
 vs  
 David Rottmayer - Ken Wimett - Swanda Wimett, Spokane WA; William Rottmayer, Cheney WA

Tina Kaminsky - Ralph Isaacs - Daniel Kieffer, Cincinnati OH; Rose Simon, Ft Mitchell KY  
 vs  
 Steven Greenstein, New York NY; Venki Ramachandran, Norcross GA; William Rittenberg, Atlanta GA; Guru Shyarusundar, Roswell GA

**Bracket I**

16 Teams  
 Kenneth Baher, Calgary AB; Tom Markham, Burnaby BC; Tom Miyaoka, Los Angeles CA; Edwin Hagerman, Las Vegas NV  
 vs  
 Marianne Caldwell - Geoffrey Cross, Fernandina FL; David Hurst, Palm Springs CA; Tom Shannon, Victoria BC

Carl Bialorucki - Terry Bialorucki, San Jose CA; Margaret Irvine, Plano TX; Marjorie Beasley, Austin TX  
 vs  
 Bernard Zions - David Nurenberg, Dallas TX; Robert Cramer - Nell Jane Cramer, Davenport IA

**Bracket J**

9 Teams  
 David Aubel, Leesburg VA; Marilyn Thomas, Mc Lean VA; Margie Purkerson, Herndon VA; Donna Meyen, Reston VA  
 vs  
 Lani Staab - Richard Tulley, Portland OR; Deborah Cosier, Lake Oswego OR; Gloria Pliska, Gresham OR

Roberta Vance - Marilyn Castelli, Danville CA; Joan Patterson, Walnut Creek CA; Valerie Thibault, Moraga CA  
 vs  
 Cynthia Sinn - Jane Barber, Beaverton OR; Kenneth Dunbar - Duane Schroeder, Portland OR

**VISA TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY KOs**

These events concluded on Wednesday. The results were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's Daily Bulletin. We apologize for the omission.

**Bracket 1**

16 Teams  
 58.56 1 Steve Beatty, Destrehan LA; Adam Wildavsky, Flushing NY; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Allan Falk, Okemos MI  
 43.92 2 Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver BC; Dan Jacob, Burnaby BC; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Gordon McOrmond, Delta BC  
 28.83 3/4 Neil Ballard, Mercer Island WA; Steven Campau, Federal Way WA; Paul Erb, Austin TX; Ben Blacik, Phoenix AZ  
 28.83 3/4 Betty Rossmann - Tony Glynne - Ed Ulman - Stu Swan, Portland OR; Ken Monzingo, San Diego CA

**Bracket 2**

15 Teams  
 42.00 1 William Roberts - John Roberts - George Tornay Jr, New York NY; Stephen Goldstein, Elkins Park PA  
 31.50 2 Anita Torrence, Bexley OH; Larry Paisley, Westerville OH; Terry James - Paula Justl, Columbus OH  
 20.68 3/4 Ronald Schick - Joy Miller - Chris Shanklin, Naples FL; Robert Bridger, Raleigh NC  
 20.68 3/4 Roy Baldwin, Dublin OH; Louis Vild - William Mosure, Columbus OH; Lee Secrist, Powell OH  
 9.09 5/8 John Blubaugh, Indianapolis IN; J Villman, Yorba Linda CA; Jean Cole, Richards TX; Ron Woodsum, Houston TX

**Bracket 3**

16 Teams  
 31.74 1 Maurice De La Salle - Susan Culham - Thomas Gandolfo - Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB  
 23.81 2 Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; Nicholas Martino, Venice CA; Andy Clough, Valley Village CA; Daniel Hugh-Jones, Santa Monica CA  
 15.62 3/4 James Sylvester, Gilbert AZ; Shirley Seals, Ponte Vedra FL; Lourane Loran, Mesa AZ; Evelyn McDowell, Anchorage AK  
 15.62 3/4 Kent Mignocchi, Glendale CA; Beverly Perry, New York NY; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA  
 6.87 5/8 Allan Schuster, Coronado CA; Samuel Williams Jr, Vista CA; Noe Mallari, San Diego CA; Robert Rinehart, Northumberland PA

**Bracket 4**

16 Teams  
 23.38 1 Stewart Dresch Jr - Linda Wiener - Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Barney Gorter, Portland OR  
 17.54 2 Molly Kerr, Lynnwood WA; Tom Ottley - Charles Heilig, Anchorage AK; Harvinder Sidhu, Basking Ridge NJ  
 11.51 3/4 Robert Wiley, Waverly OH; John Nesser, Lockbourne OH; H Cummins - Marjorie Harkins, Columbus OH  
 11.51 3/4 Dorsey Shaw, Plano TX; David Dye, Dallas TX; G Cowart - Gayle Cowart, Richardson TX

**Bracket 5**

16 Teams  
 16.25 1 Arnold Malasky - Ronnie Malasky, Westport CT; Alice Wegman - Richard Wegman, Bethesda MD  
 12.19 2 Kathleen Brown, Wichita Falls TX; Jean Phillips, Newcastle TX; Gary Rosmini, San Francisco CA; Lynn Blumenthal, Bel Tiburon CA; Susan Gehring, San Diego CA  
 8.00 3/4 Wayne Stewart - Cathy Stewart - Gail Shotton - Doug Shotton, Thompson MB  
 8.00 3/4 Joseph Libman, Pembroke Pines FL; David Grober, Vero Beach FL; Gerty Grotte - John Mincher, Miami FL

**Bracket 6**

16 Teams  
 11.39 1 John Mc Connell - Carol Mc Connell, De Soto TX; Adi Wadia - Rani Shroff, Vancouver BC  
 8.54 2 Laurence Carlson - Warren Anderson, Grand Marais MN; Gail Schwartz, Boynton Beach FL;









WEDNESDAY EVENING ZIP KOs

16 Teams
3.64 1 Zhong Huan Liu, Shen Yang CH; Zhao Song - Yu Cheng Ding, ; Lu Jiang, Beijing P.C. 1 00; Xo Qiao - Dong Lu, Beijing CH
2.73 2 John Aslin - G Aslin, Mercer Island WA; Arnold Yager - Carole Yager, Woodinville WA
1.80 3/4 Robert Abend, Arcadia CA; Carol Szazynski, Glenshaw PA; Joy Balsler, Tempe AZ; Adele Verkamp, Phoenix AZ
1.80 3/4 Barbara Boswell - Nathaniel Reid, Cincinnati OH; Michael Roberts, Victoria BC; Angela Underwood, Medicine Hat AB

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDNITE KOs

14 Teams
3.94 1 Michael Starr - Penelope Smith, Charlotte NC; Jeffrey Carter, Lombard IL; Marcia Aspinall, Naperville IL
2.96 2 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Jeffrey Blond, Montreal PQ; Kent Mignocchi, Glendale CA
1.94 3/4 John Nesser, Lockbourne OH; Jennifer Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Marjorie Harkins - H Cummins, Columbus OH
1.94 3/4 Deborah Murphy, San Francisco CA; Neil Goldstein, New York NY; Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys CA; Nancy Kreps, Lilburn GA

Not luck this time!

By Bob Clement, Stratham NH

Liam Johnstone of Birmingham, England was certainly unlucky when his late appearance caused him to miss qualifying in Open Pairs I. I remember him from an earlier knockout match because of a hand he played.

Dlr: North A K Q 9 8 7 3 2
Vul: N-S
A 4
A 5 4
K 8 7 5
Q 5 4
J 8 7
A 10 6
K 10 9 6 3
K 10 3 2

West North East South
4 (1) 4 4
5 Pass Pass 5

Dbl All Pass
(1) Transfer to spades

I was East and Liam was South. My partner led the K. Since declarer didn't rate to have the K and the K Q, I put the K in partner's hand.

Accordingly, I overtook the opening lead and shifted to the A and another diamond. Alas, declarer won the king. After six rounds of spades, this four-card ending produced a textbook double squeeze.

3
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J
A 4
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Q
J 8 7
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9
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K 10 3

On the lead of the last spade, I had to hold the 10 and was forced to discard a club. Partner was forced to hold on to the Q and also discarded a club.

Liam, of course, discarded his 9 and took the last three tricks with clubs.

Apologies to my partner -- if I continue hearts at trick two, there is no squeeze.

THURSDAY MORNING VANCOUVER CONTINUOUS PAIRS

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name. Lists 42 pairs and their scores.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name. Lists 112 pairs and their scores.

THURSDAY EVENING 50/100/200 PAIRS

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name. Lists 48 pairs and their scores.

TEAM HAVOC STRATIFIED PAIRS

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name. Lists 204 pairs and their scores.

Thanks, guys

Neil Scott was playing in the Mixed Pairs with Janice Seamon against Charles and Kathleen Fortney when he encountered a case of extraordinary ethics.

"They gave us misinformation and, as a result, I played 3NT going down for minus 200," said Scott. "Charles called the director on himself and the director ruled that we should be plus 620 in the proper

contract of 4."

Scott didn't check his afternoon scores and didn't realize that the correction wasn't made. Charles did check and when he found the correction had not been made, he went back to the directors. Then he sought out Scott to assure him that the score would be corrected.







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Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION O, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Marlene Bucholtz, Campbell CA; Dan Hertz, Harrison NY and Larry Lemmon, Salt Lake Cty UT; George Simmons, Salt Lake City UT.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION P, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Richard Schutte, Reno NV; Paul Nagel, Sparks NV and Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI; Carlos D' Assumpcao, San Francisco CA.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION Q, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like J David King, Miami Beach FL; Muriel Richens, San Mateo CA and Lynn Ryan, Glendale CA; Mary Terell, Albuquerque NM.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION R, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Veronica Salvesen - Earle Ziskin, Santa Monica CA and M Jeanne Ashcraft, Richardson TX; June Barnebey, Plano TX.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION S, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Tom Randolph - Mary Randolph, Menlo Park CA and Mic Weiss - Ed Weiss, Chesterfield MO.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION T, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Lena Jelusich - Anita Burgis, San Diego CA and Halina Jamner, Hawthorne NY; William Epperson, Sarasota FL.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION U, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Mark Bailey - Donna Bailey, Bothell WA and Harold Emme - Carol Emme, Carbondale IL.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION JJ, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Charlotte Baff - Martin Baff, Beachwood OH and Ernie Ivey - Joan Ivey, Santa Maria CA.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION O, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Lawrence Pigula - Rena Pigula, Newton NJ and Larry Lemmon, Salt Lake Cty UT; George Simmons, Salt Lake City UT.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION P, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Steve Lawrence, Athens TX; Ed Groner, Duncan OK and Walt Lamb - James Gatz, Auburn CA.

Table with columns A, B, C, NORTH-SOUTH, SECTION Q, EAST-WEST. Rows include names like Jean Flocks, Menlo Park CA; Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA and Howard Hertzberg, Alpine NJ; Richard Celler, Madison NJ.









# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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## Friday, March 27, 1998, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Entry	Sold
<i>Visa International</i> Morning Bracketed KO Teams	final	\$40 team	Hilton Pavilion
<i>Visa International</i> Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams	3rd	\$40 team	Hilton Pavilion
Vancouver Morning Continuous/Side Pairs*	2nd	\$20 pair	Hilton Pavilion
Team Havoc Stratified 199, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$18 pair	Hilton Pavilion

## Friday, March 27, 1998, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Grand Ballroom, Tahoe
Age 65+ Stratified Senior Pairs*	1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Grand Ballroom, Tahoe

## Friday, March 27, 1998, 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Semifinal	\$100 team	Mezzanine, Sierra Room
OPEN PAIRS II	1st & 2nd F	\$50 pair	Grand Ballroom, Reno
WOMEN'S PAIRS	1st & 2nd F	\$50 pair	Grand Ballroom, Reno
Terri Plant Stratiflighted Open Pairs *	1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Hilton Pavilion
<i>Visa International</i> Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	1st & 2nd	\$80 team	Hilton Pavilion
<i>Visa International</i> Bracketed KO Teams III	3rd & 4th	\$40 team	Hilton Pavilion
Thur.-Fri.-Sat. Continuous/Side Pairs*	3rd & 4th	\$20 pair	Hilton Pavilion
0-200, 0-100, 0-50, 0-20, 0-5 Pairs**	single	\$18 pair	Grand Ballroom, Carson

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## Friday, March 27, 1998, Midnight

Sally Jessy Raphael Zip Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	\$36 team	Grand Ballroom, Carson
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# TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

## Saturday, March 28, 1998, 9:00 a.m.

Event	Session	Entry	Sold
<i>Visa International</i> Daybreak Bracketed KO Teams	final	\$40 team	Hilton Pavilion
Vancouver Continuous/Side Pairs*	3rd	\$20 pair	Hilton Pavilion
Kelley's Olympian Stratified 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	\$18 pair	Hilton Pavilion
<i>Visa International</i> Stratified 299er, 99er, 49er Swiss Teams	single	\$36 team	Hilton Pavilion

## Saturday, March 28, 1998, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Mid-Columbia Unit Stratified Senior Pairs*	1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Crystal Ballroom
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## Saturday, March 28, 1998, 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Final	\$100 team	Grand Ballroom, Carson 3
OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1st & 2nd Q	\$88 team	Grand Ballroom, Reno
WOMEN'S SWISS TEAMS	1st & 2nd Q	\$100 team	Grand Ballroom, Reno
NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS -- B & C (Pre-qualification required)	1st & 2nd Q		Hilton Pavilion (near section HH)
<i>Visa International</i> Bracketed KO Teams IV (continues Sunday)		\$40 team	Hilton Pavilion
Clint Eastwood Stratiflighted Open Pairs*	1st & 2nd	\$40 pair	Hilton Pavilion
Thur.-Fri.-Sat. Continuous/Side Pairs*	5th & 6th	\$20 pair	Hilton Pavilion
0-200, 0-100, 0-50, 0-20, 0-5 Pairs**	single	\$18 pair	Grand Ballroom, Carson 1

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## Saturday, March 28, 1998, 8:00 p.m.

<i>Visa International</i> Stratified Board-a-Match Teams*	single	\$36 team	Hilton Pavilion
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## Saturday, March 28, 1998, Midnight

Vranizan's JM Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$9tm/match	Grand Ballroom, Carson 1
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