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Editors: Brent Manley and Paul Linxwiler

Stout on a mission for masterpoints



Alan Stout moved from Iowa to Arkansas about three years ago, and really enjoys the fact that his home is very close to a lake. Says Stout: "My wife and I can hop in the bass boat and go fishing any time we want."

These days, what Stout is fishing for mostly is masterpoints as he pursues the Barry Crane Top 500 title. He figures he will be at tournaments, mostly regionals, all but 10 weeks of the year in 2005 – and he might not get that much time off if he needs an extra push toward the end.

As of the April masterpoint cycle, Stout was in the Top 500 lead with 530 masterpoints, about 100 ahead of second place.

He figures he will need about 3000 to earn the title he has helped several others win during the 35 years he has been playing bridge. Stout has been part of successful campaigns by Grant Baze, Jim Barrow, Randy Pettit, Zeke Jabbour – even the late Ron Andersen.

It took a bit of preparation – and negotiation – for Stout to get started on his 2005 quest.

He started exploring the possibilities in November of 2003, checking with various top players to see who, if anyone, would be going for

the masterpoint title in 2005.

When he found the way clear for him to make a run this year, he had to discuss things with his wife, Anne.

They worked out a deal for him to stay at home a lot more than usual in 2004, preparatory to the grueling travel schedule he would embark on this year.

From his base in Mountain Home AR, Stout has been driving to most tournaments – he didn't find a sponsor for his quest who could help with airfares.

Stout has lined up an impressive array of partners to help him win more masterpoints than any other ACBL player during the calendar year. Don Stack will be his most frequent partner during the year, but Stout also has plans to play with Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell, Allan Siebert and two Omaha NE friends, Jim Nash and Pierre Flatowicz.

Stack has created a web site tracking Stout's progress toward his goal: www.geocities.com/donstacker.

So far this year, he has played in regionals in Charleston SC, Tampa FL, Albuquerque NM, Biloxi MS, Sandestin FL and Wilmington NC, plus sectionals in Hutchinson KS and Birmingham AL.

Less than three months into the year, Stout has found the Top 500 campaign to be an emotional roller coaster at times.

"There are tremendous ups and downs each day," he says. "It's very depressing not to do well, and it's hard to keep the right focus when you're not having a good run."

One major requirement, he says, is sleep. "You have to be able to sleep well," Stout says, "or you're in big trouble. You also have to be able to focus – and relax."

The gravest danger, he adds, is letting the setbacks – or errors at the bridge table – get to you. Whatever happens, he says, "It's done. You must let it go or you'll blow the next event."

Stout knows it's a long haul from here to his

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Big Timber comes down in Vandy action

Yesterday's round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams saw plenty of upsets, including the ousting of the defending champions.

The squad of Larry Mori, Venkatrao Koneru, Neil Chambers and John Schermer brought down the top seed of Ralph Katz, George Jacobs, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein, Alfredo Versace and Lorenzo Lauria 163–140.

Other victims in the top 10:

Roy Welland's #3 seed got bounced out of the event by the original #35 seed led by Bill Pettis. Pettis played with Fred Allenspach, Ai-Tai Lo and Alan Schwartz. Welland's teammates were Bjorn Fallenius, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski. Final score: 128–122.

The #6 seed led by Rose Meltzer also bit the dust. Meltzer, playing with Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel, lost 82–77 to the original #41 seed captained by Rich DeMartino. The other members of the winning squad are Tom Smith, Eugene Saxe, Geoffrey Brod, Stephen Earl and John Steifel.

The #10 seed of Reese Milner, John Mohan, Jacek Pszczola, Sam Lev and Mark Molson got booted by the #23 seed of John Onstott, Jim Robison, Drew Casen, Chris Compton, Sam Cohen and Jim Krekorian 173–122.

Also out is the #12 seed led by Bart Bramley. Sixteen teams remain in the event.

Maryland-Connecticut duo lead Mixed Pairs

Margaret Williams of Forest Hill MD and Victor King of Hartford CT took a slim lead into the second and final day of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. Their score of 829.54 was just ahead of Fred Chang of Flushing NY, playing with Bin Dai of Mountain View CA, who posted a two-session score of 828.

The only other pair to top 800 were two players from Illinois: Joshua Stark of Grays Lake and Suzanne Dunn of Crystal Lake.

Seeing Double



Twin talents Jon and Mike Rice

Jon and Mike Rice seem to have a very casual attitude about bridge. Yet the 23-year-old twin brothers from Winston-Salem NC have a natural talent for the game that belies their laid-back attitude.

At last year's fall NABC in Orlando, the Rice brothers finished ninth overall in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, the six-session contest regarded as one of the toughest pair games in the world. Jon and Mike are also slated to represent the United States in the World

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Today's Goodwill Gesture: Compliment opponents' play



Lefty beautifully executed a triple squeeze and deserves an attaboy: "Nicely played."

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Wednesday, March 16

- 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Club Directors Update Course** with Guillermo Poplawsky. Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills. Certificate given for successful completion of all three days. Wednesday: *The Proprieties, Running a Successful Game, Dealing with Problem People.* Lawrence Room, Westin Hotel.
- 9:15 a.m. - noon. **Guided Tour of the Frick Mansion "Clayton."** Cost: \$20. (For details, see story on page 6.)
- 10:30 a.m. **Senior International Team Trials Committee**, Westin Hotel, Armstrong Room, 2nd floor.

Thursday, March 17

- 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Club Directors Update Course** with Guillermo Poplawsky. Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills. Certificate given for successful completion of all three days. Thursday: *Advanced ACBLScore.* Lawrence Room, Westin Hotel.
- 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Guided Tour of the Heinz History Center.** Cost: \$8. (For details, see story on page 6.)

Friday, March 18

- 7:45 - 9:45 a.m. **National Aviary Breakfast with the Birds.** Cost: \$15. (For details, see story on page 6.)
- 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Guided Tour of the Andy Warhol Museum.** Cost: \$10. (For details, see story on page 6.)

BRIDGE TALKS

Wednesday, March 16

- 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Haig Tchamitch, *Splinter Bids.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.
- 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Michael Huston, *Overcalls.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

Thursday, March 17

- 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Karen Walker, *Guidelines for Opening and Rebidding Minor Suits.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

- 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Judi Sonon, *Attitude Signals.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

Friday, March 18

- 12:15 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Dick Early, *Disappearing Matchpoints.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.
- 6:45 p.m. **Intermediate-Newcomer Speakers Program:** Zeke Jabbour, *Winsome and Loathsome.* Rooms 319 - 321, Convention Center.

LATE NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, March 16

- 5 - 7:30 p.m. **Cabaret featuring Karen Dryer.** Vocals and piano. Fourth floor foyer.
- 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Jazz ensemble, the Better's Quartet,** featuring Harold and Jerry Better's. Rooms 403 - 405. **After-game snacks:** pretzels and chips after the Senior game, fruit after the evening session.

Thursday, March 17

- 5 - 7:30 p.m. **Barbershop chorus, the Harmony Line Chorus,** a capella choir. Fourth floor foyer.

- 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Jazz ensemble, the Karen Dryer Trio.** Piano, bass, drums. Rooms 403 - 405. **After-game snacks:** cheese after the Senior game, pizza after the evening session.

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2005 Bridge Championships

Who can compete for the opportunity to represent the United States or Canada in world championship play? You! Members from these countries are represented by their national bridge organizations: the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF). Here are their schedules of championship qualifying events for this year.

USBC

The U.S. Bridge Championship will be held at the Marriott Westchase in Houston beginning either May 12 or 13, depending on the number of teams entered, and ending May 22. Entries close April 15. All members of the USBF are eligible to play. The USBC will be held in conjunction with a regional tournament and a "Dream Team Extravaganza" to benefit the USBF.

USWBC

The U.S. Women's Bridge Championship will be held at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas beginning either June 4 or 5, depending on the number of teams entered, and ending June 12. All female members of the USBF are eligible to play. Entries close April 15.

USSBC

The U.S. Senior Bridge Championship will be held at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio July 4-7 following the San Antonio Regional. Entries close June 24. The event is open to all USBF members born in 1949 or earlier.

U.S. Juniors

Two events are open to Juniors. The U.S. World Youth Team Trials will be held July 30-31

at the Summer NABC in Atlanta for players born in 1985 or later. No pre-registration is required. The U.S. Junior Team Trials will be held at the Fall NABC in Denver.

Visit www.usbf.org for more information on all events.

CBF

The open, women's and seniors championships are held during the annual Canadian Bridge Week, which this year is May 28-June 4 at McGill University in Montreal. The CBF process is different with a variety of qualifying rounds at club, unit and zonal levels. The CBF International Fund Regional to raise additional funds for world competition will be held March 21-27 in Calgary.

Canadian Juniors

The Junior Team Trials will be held Sept. 3-5 at the Toronto Games Sectional.

Visit www.cbf.ca for more information on all events.

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Estoril: a chance to play in a world championship

In the past, world championships were open only to qualifying teams and pairs. In Estoril, Portugal, this fall, you can play in a world championship right along side the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup without having to go through a team trials.

The 5th World Transnational Open Teams is scheduled for the second week of the tournament, beginning Oct. 31 and concluding on Nov. 5.

The WTOT is open to all players approved by their national bridge organizations. Players from any nations may play as teammates, and there are no quotas from different countries.

The format is a qualifying Swiss teams, normally 15 10-board rounds. The quarterfinal phase of the event begins Nov. 3. The event concludes Nov. 5.

Estoril, located 30 minutes from Lisbon, is a resort known as "the land of kings and fishermen."

All bridge will be played at the modern Estoril Conference Centre.

For information about nomination to play in Estoril, e-mail international.events@acbl.org.

For complete information on the world championships in Estoril, including the WTOT, visit www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Estoril.05/Estoril/htm





JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Partners reunite



Mark McDermott and Bernie Gorkin

Back in the mid-Sixties, Bernie Gorkin and Mark McDermott were college buddies at the University of Syracuse. They were also bridge partners.

One weekend in 1967, they went to their first tournament together – a sectional in nearby Oswego. They played in the Men’s Pairs, leaving before the scores were posted. They learned later that they had won.

They played bridge a bit more after that, but upon graduation, McDermott more or less gave up the game while career and family concerns took precedence. Gorkin continued to play and in 1992 became an ACBL tournament director.

The other day, Gorkin – who is working at the Spring NABC – was leafing through the Daily Bulletin when he saw his old pal’s name in the results for one of the Intermediate/Newcomer games.

Gorkin was surprised and delighted to find his old friend had apparently renewed his interest in bridge. As it happened, McDermott started playing again last June. It happened at a Senior Olympics in Cortland NY. McDermott wanted to play volleyball but couldn’t get on a team. A bridge game was available, however, and now he’s hooked all over again.

“I remembered all those days of playing with Bernie,” McDermott said. “I love it.”



Thinking Bridge – 6

By Eddie Kantar

Dir: West ♠ 10 6
 Vul: None ♥ 4 3
 ♦ Q J 7 2
 ♣ J 10 9 8 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	4♥	6♠

All Pass

Opening lead: ♥Q

Bidding commentary: Think “four-level preempt” when looking at an eight-card suit with less than opening bid values. After the 4♥ opening, South bids what he thinks he can make. Four-level preempts do that to you.

Play commentary: At trick one South must play the ♥K under the ace! Why?

When the ♥Q is led, East knows South has the king but doesn’t know who has the jack. From South’s point of view the king and jack are equals once the queen is led.

In order to protect himself, South must play the card he is known to hold – the king. If the king is played at trick one, East may be torn between leading a second heart and trying to cash the ♦A.

If South plays the ♥J at trick one, it’s a no-brainer. East can safely lead a heart for West to ruff as East knows North still has the ♥K.

Declarer and the defenders must be alert to play cards they are known to hold if doing so cannot cost a trick.

When the card you are known to hold (♥K) has an equal (♥J), it is mandatory to unload the one you are known to hold. Why hang on to a card the opponents know you have when you can play it and keep a card the opponents don’t know you have.

The longer you hold “known” cards that can safely be played, the easier you make life for your opponents. Think of known cards that have equals as hot potatoes! Get rid of them!

Duplicate Experiences

By Marshall Pearlman

The partner of he who hesitates is lost – part I

Hesitation or “tanking” is one of the most controversial issues in bridge. Officially referred to as a *break in tempo*, it is vexing to new players and a source of much irritation to experts.

In theory, all bidding must be done smoothly, with consistent timing between calls and without any gesture, mannerism or other means of conveying information.

Your impression of the meaning of partner’s bid or the values in his hand must come solely from his bid, not the manner of his bid. This is fine, but in practice there are problems.

— We are not computers. At times we need to think. Sometimes quite a bit.

— Partner bids and you know what your response will be but the opponent interjects a call which surprises you and makes you stop to consider.

— Your partner makes a call, the meaning of which escapes you. You don’t want to err so you “tank.”

— You were thinking about the last deal and not paying attention.

Some pauses are harmless but many are not. When newcomers pause to be sure their response to an ace-asking bid is correct, no harm is done.

But a long pause followed by a pass almost says aloud, “Partner, I have values but not quite enough to bid.” Even a long pause followed by a minimum response conveys information, especially in response to a forcing call by partner.

What is a break in tempo? Recently, at an NACB, one player took an extra two seconds to bid and was penalized! This seems extreme to many. Fortunately, at the club level, the rule on hesitations is usually not nearly so rigidly

enforced.

But when the break is flagrant, we call the director to establish “table agreement” that a break has occurred.

The one who calls the director says, “*The pause was very, very long*”. The offender says, “*No, not very long. Just a second or two.*” Who is right? Well, since perception is everything, they are probably both right and both wrong.

Some hesitation is almost unavoidable. But you can minimize yours by planning your possible responses while others are bidding. Use the time to think ahead.

Note that the burden and the remedy for hesitation fall not upon the offender (i.e., the hesitator) but upon his partner. Paraphrasing and simplifying Law 16:

“From among the logical alternatives, the partner of the offender must not choose the call reasonably suggested by the hesitation.”

Thus, your partner may be deterred from making his intended bid. Further, if the director is called there may be an adjustment to the score if the non-offending side is injured.

In this brief and oversimplified introduction to a very troublesome and controversial subject, we have described the basic concept of hesitation and why it is an important problem.



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TOURNAMENT APPEALS

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APPEAL CASE 5

Stratified Senior Pairs
First Session
Board 14

Dlr: East ♠ K 9 4 3
Vul: None ♥ Q 10 4
♦ A K
♣ A Q 10 4

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

♠ 10 2
♥ A J 8
♦ Q J 9 8 7
♣ K 9 8

West	North	East	South
2♠	3NT	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Facts: The director was called at the conclusion of play, declarer taking 10 tricks after the lead of the ♠A. Plus 430 North-South. The East-West convention cards described the range for their weak two-bids as 5 to 10 high-card points. During the play North chose not to take the heart finesse, feeling that West was marked with the ♥K on the auction, so he played for an endplay or a squeeze.

Director's Ruling: Law 75B, and similarly Law 40A, allow a player to deviate from his previously announced agreement at his own risk. If opponents are later damaged, by drawing a false inference, they are not entitled to redress. The table result stands.

The Appeal: All players attended the panel hearing. North-South felt that East-West had an agreement, based on East's comment at the end of play that they often open light in third seat. North felt that that information should have been made available to him. East-West readily admitted to frequent light opening in third chair and that they would open similar hands in the future.

The Decision: The panel was convinced by East-West that an implicit agreement existed, namely that they had a different HCP range in third seat. It was determined that this agreement created misinformation for the declaring side, per Law 40C. The panel judged that there was a connection between the implied agreement and the line of play taken by this declarer. The players were instructed to modify their convention cards and that they could not play conventions over their 0 to 9 HCP third-seat agreement.

The play had gone: ♠A, spade to declarer's king, ♦A K, club to the king, diamonds. Declarer returned to the ♣A Q. With three tricks left, West was known to have the ♠Q 8 and a heart left. This was the end position:

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

Poll results: with correct information (the 0-9 HCP agreement) two experts took the heart finesse at trick three. With incorrect information (5-10 HCP), one took the heart finesse and one played as declarer did.

The committee assigned the score of 3NT making six, plus 690 North-South.

Director-in-Charge: Stan Tench

Reviewer: Patty Holmes

Panel: Gary Zeiger and Tom Whitesides

Players Polled: Marc Jacobus, Grant Baze, Joe Grue, Ron Smith

Bluff, double bluff, or what?

By Barry Rigal

From the second round of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, both declarers were faced with an intriguing percentage problem.

♠ A 4
♥ A K Q 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ 3

♠ K Q J 5 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ A 5

With both sides vulnerable, you bid to 6♠. West leads the ♣4 (fourth best). The obvious choice is between ruffing a club with the ♠A (say, a 68% line); ruffing a club low, cashing the ♠A and leading a diamond to the king, and simply drawing trumps and testing the hearts, then trying to guess diamonds.

It's not clear which line is best - both of the first two require a 3-2 split in a suit where you are missing five cards. For better or worse, one declarer followed line three - at the other table they went for line one.

If you draw trumps, you find them 4-1, with the length on your right, so at least you've avoided immediate defeat. On the fourth trump, West pitches a heart to your surprise. That looks ominous, and indeed it is. When you test hearts, you find them 5-1, with the length on your left. This is the ending (you are in dummy).

♠ —
♥ 7 6
♦ Q 10 5
♣ —

♠ 5 3
♥ —
♦ K 9 6
♣ —

You can ruff a heart to set up the suit and lead the ♦K from hand - this brings in the suit for one loser whenever the ♦J is on your right or the ♦A is doubleton on your left, better than a 50% chance. But should you play that way? Would West have allowed you to set up hearts, given that he must have options to pitch a club? Is he trying to persuade you to follow this losing line?

For what is it worth, declarer did ruff a heart to lead the ♦K. East ducked and showed declarer his ♦A J, down one.

Well defended by West (Billy Cohen), albeit for a flat board. The entire deal:

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

Stepping up

Philip Silverstein and Alene Friedman of New York City weren't having much of a game in the first qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs on Tuesday, but Silverstein did have the rare pleasure of executing a stepping stone squeeze for a tie for top. It was reported by Steve Conrad, the victim of the squeeze who appreciated the elegance of the play if not the result.

Dlr: East ♠ 7 2
Vul: N-S ♥ 9 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A K Q 10 4 3

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

♠ 9 6
♥ J 10 7 6 4
♦ A J 4 2
♣ J 2

West	North	East	South
Silverstein		Friedman	
		Pass	Pass
1♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North started with the top two clubs. She could have defeated the game by switching to a diamond, but she continued with a third round of clubs. Silverstein ruffed with dummy's ♠J and, guided by the preemptive jump overcall from North, did not seriously consider simply leading up to dummy's ♦K for his 10th trick.

Instead, he ran off all six of his trumps, reaching this ending, with South still to play.

♠ —
♥ 9 2
♦ Q 8
♣ —

♠ —
♥ K Q
♦ 10 9
♣ —

♠ —
♥ J 10 7
♦ A J
♣ —

♠ —
♥ A 8 5
♦ K
♣ —

South (Conrad) is stuck. If he discards a heart - which is what he did in practice - declarer simply cashes the ♥K and overtakes the ♥Q with the ace to enjoy the ♥8 as his 10th trick. It doesn't help for South to keep his hearts and discard the ♦J. Declarer then cashes the hearts from his hand and exits with a diamond to South's bare ace. South must then play a heart to East's ace for the 10th trick.

Volunteers needed

Bridge Base Online and e-bridge are looking for volunteers for bidding and play entry for online coverage of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams starting Thursday. Volunteers will be paid.

Bridge Base will be doing live broadcast of the Vanderbilt beginning with the round of eight on Thursday. E-bridge coverage begins on Friday.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Daily Bulletin office in Room 333 in the David Lawrence Convention Center.



Erma MacLean

Erma MacLean, co-chair of the 1990 Fall NABC in San Francisco and former president of Unit 506, died Jan. 29. She was 98. MacLean, who played bridge regularly until shortly before her 97th birthday, was a Silver Life Master.

Stout

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objective, but he is resolute and happy to be pursuing the masterpoint goal.

"Nobody is making me do this," he says. "I want to do it."

Alan Stout has been a tournament regular for many years – he's closing in on 25,000 masterpoints – and he earned some notice a few years ago as the unofficial King of the Sectionals. He figured at the time that he had probably won more sectional titles than any other ACBL player – and he even kept track of how many.

Stout retired three years ago after 25 years as a Medicaid auditor for the state of Iowa. Because of the profession, he has always kept meticulous records.

In November of last year, Stout went to a sectional in DeGray State Park in Arkansas, where he was part of the winning team in a knockout – the 1000th sectional win of his career. He doesn't have exact numbers, but he guesses that 600 of those wins have been in pairs events.

Twins

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Junior Team Championship in Sydney, Australia later this year. They will join teammates Charlie Garrod, Nobel Shore, Tim Crank and Andrew Hurd as the U.S. II squad.

By their own admission, however, the two play infrequently, an amazing concession considering the strength of their results.

"We attend a lot of District 7 regionals but we really don't practice all that much," said Jon, who recently graduated from North Carolina State with a degree in chemical engineering and chemistry. He also recently completed a two-year stint with the U.S. Navy, one that prevented him from practicing seriously with Mike.

"I had only been back from the navy three months before the Blue Ribbons," said Jon.

Mike, who just graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in computer engineering, said that they learned to play from their father, Richard.

"Dad doesn't play in tournaments very often. He likes online bridge better. We drag him to a live tournament every now and then," he said.

Another remarkable accomplishment of the brothers is that they have achieved this level of expertise despite becoming Life Masters just a few years ago. Jon and Mike, playing on a team with their father and their grandmother, Eleanor Rice of Paso Robles CA, made LM at the Washington DC NABC in the summer of 2002. What made the accomplishment even sweeter was that their father became an LM at the same time.

Cell phones

Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.

Final Hints for the Mystery photo

(See Monday and Tuesday Daily Bulletins):

Author, book, died young.



Marlene Port

Persistence pays off for sponsor hunters

Well before the Spring NACB got under way, Marlene Port and Judy Haffner were named co-chairs of Volunteers and Fundraising – and they have succeeded beyond all expectations in both areas.

Thanks to their hard work and determination, the NABC has attracted more than 65 sponsors (see list below) – and more are coming.

Port said earlier in the week that she had been contacted by Fifth Avenue Place, an office-shopping complex, wanting to add their names to the list.

"We really worked hard at it," said Port, who owned a print broker business before retiring.

Port said the secret to success is enthusiasm and not giving up.

"If you ask people to help, they will," she said, "but you have to be very persistent."

Also, said Port, she and Haffner really sold the NABC. "We were really enthusiastic."

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George Berry
George Lamproplos

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Silver Surfing

Bill Esberg and Marla Chaikin won the Silver Ribbon Pairs Monday night. Their victory came from good play and a little help from the opponents. This deal from the second final session features some of the latter:

Dlr: North ♠ K J 7 4
Vul: N-S ♥ 10 5
♦ Q 7 5
♣ K Q 5 3

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

♠ Q 3 2
♥ K 7 4 2
♦ J 3
♣ A 10 9 2

West	North Esberg	East	South Chaikin
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dbl	Rdbl (1)	2♣
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

(1) Three-card heart support.

Unwilling to settle for defending against 2♦, Chaikin aggressively competed to 2♠ and played a Moysian fit.

West led the ♠10 which rode to declarer's queen. Chaikin crossed to a high club and played a low heart toward the closed hand. East ducked the ace, so Chaikin's king won. She then exited with a low heart. East won the ♥Q and instead of tapping dummy with a third round of hearts – which will defeat the contract – played the ♠A and another spade to dummy's jack. After drawing the last trump, Chaikin ran the rest of the clubs, making two.

The winners earned 48 out of a possible 51 matchpoints.

Later in the session, the winners encountered John Zilic and Tom Peters, the pair who would eventually finish second. Accurate defense by Esberg and Chaikin held declarer to the minimum number of tricks on this deal (rotated):

Dlr: West ♠ A K 8 6
Vul: None ♥ 9 8 4
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 8 2

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

♠ Q 3
♥ A Q 6 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A Q 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
Esberg	Peters	Chaikin	Zilic
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Knowing from the auction that dummy would have four spades, Esberg eschewed a spade lead in favor of his fourth-best diamond. Declarer played low from dummy and Chaikin's king won. She returned the ♣3, allowing Esberg to make the nice inference that declarer's pattern was 2-4-2-5. (South showed four hearts in response to the Stayman inquiry, and the fourth-best ♣2 meant that declarer held five. To open 1NT, therefore, South must have doubletons in the other suits.) Declarer ducked to Esberg's 10.

Esberg returned another diamond to declarer's queen. South then ducked a round of hearts. Esberg won the jack and got out with a low spade. This defense held Zilic to nine tricks. The winners scored 36.5 matchpoints.



The name game



Phil and Cindy Rothman probably know the names of more bridge players than anyone but the clerk who codes new members in the ACBL database.

The Rothmans are Mr. And Mrs. 7notrump.com, a familiar face at the NABCs. He has engraved thousands of players' name badges over the years, a job with a purely self-serving beginning.

Phil formerly was in business making specialty plates for car dealerships.

"I was playing bridge every day and had that little problem that develops. I couldn't remember people's names. So Cindy says, 'Why don't you make a name badge with cards on them?'" That was 15 years ago.

The Florida residents have expanded their business to include bridge paraphernalia from jewelry to party supplies.

"We love the tournaments," Cindy said. "We now have so many friends we see exactly three times a year—at the NABCs."

Sneaky staffer

ACBL staffer Harley Bress is a native Pittsburgher who now works in the Education Department at the Memphis headquarters. On this deal from Monday's Flight A/X pairs, Bress got the opportunity to execute a classic deception play as declarer. Bress was playing with Jenny Lin of the Washington DC area. (Deal rotated.)

Dlr: East ♠ J 9 5
 Vul: Both ♥ 3
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ A Q 7 6 3 2

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

♠ A Q 8 6
 ♥ A K J
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ K 10 4

West	North	East	South
	Lin		Bress
		Pass	1NT
2♥ (!)	3NT	All Pass	

Lin's 3NT showed game-forcing values, but denied a heart stopper.

West lead the ♥7 to the 3, 10 and king. Bress then crossed to the dummy, overtaking the ♣10 with the queen and played a spade to the queen. West won the king. Convinced that her partner held the ♥J, she played another heart. Bress won the jack and played his winners. When spades proved to be 3-3, he scored 12 tricks for a near top.

Childcare

Childcare is available daily from 12:30-5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight. Contact Room 1421 in the Westin for more information.



The hard way

At one table on this deal from the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, declarer had it easy because of the opening lead. Ralph Cohen was subjected to tougher defense, but he still came through to chalk up a well-earned push for his team. Ralph was playing with his son, Jordan.

Dlr: West ♠ 8
 Vul: Both ♥ A J 10 9
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ A K 9 2

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

♠ Q J 10 2
 ♥ K Q 8 5 4
 ♦ K
 ♣ 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
	Jordan		Ralph
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

At the other table, West started with the ♠K, making it easy to take 10 tricks. Against Ralph, West started with a trump, which was taken by the ace.

At trick two, he played a spade to his queen and West's ace. Another trump came back, taken in hand by the king. The ♠J was covered by the king and ruffed. Cohen then played the ♣A, ♣K and a low club. East had to win and was out of good options. If he played a club to give his partner a ruff, Cohen would discard his singleton diamond. If East played a diamond, Cohen would end up losing only a club, a diamond and a spade.

New Life Master

Eslyn Bassuk of New York City earned her gold card playing with Amy Blecher of Scarsdale NY in the Fast Open Pairs Tuesday. Bassuk needed only a fraction of a masterpoint (any color) to go over the top.

Pittsburgh Tours

These morning tours in the Pittsburgh area are available during the Spring 2005 NABC. Tickets are available for sale at the Tour Desk at the Convention Center each day at the following times: 8:30-9:45 a.m., 11 am.-12:30 p.m. and from 6:15-7:15 p.m. continuing through Friday, March 18. Since space is limited on the tours, advance registration and ticket purchase is necessary. All tours using Molly's Trolleys can accommodate wheelchairs.

Wednesday, March 16, 9:15 a.m.-noon.

Guided tour of the Frick Mansion "Clayton."

Cost: \$20. Thousands of visitors have enjoyed the art, elegance, style and warmth of Helen Clay Frick's "dear old home," and so can you. The Frick Art and Historical Center is a fascinating complex of museums and historical buildings located on more than five acres of lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's residential East End. The Center is devoted to the interpretation of the life and times of industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Exhibitions of fine and decorative art are also presented at the center. This magnificent structure is one of the nation's most intact Victorian residences, containing 93% of the original artifacts. The tour leaves from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 9:15 a.m. and will return by noon. Transportation provided by Molly's Trolleys.

Thursday, March 17, 9:45-11:45 a.m. Guided

Tour of the Heinz History Center. Cost: \$8. Step

inside a 1790 log cabin, find out about the Underground Railroad or climb aboard a 1940 Pittsburgh trolley. Five floors of interactive exhibits bring 250 years of our region's history to life. If sports are your thing, a new 20,000 square-foot exhibit has just opened featuring recreated environments, interactive elements, video presentations and artifacts. If your interest is genealogy, the center has extensive archives. This tour will leave from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 9:45 a.m. and travel the few blocks to the History Center by taxi where docents will lead us through the exhibits. Return by 11:45.

Friday, March 18 7:45-9:45 a.m. National

Aviary Breakfast With the Birds. Cost: \$15.

Enjoy a continental breakfast and interactive bird show featuring some of your favorite feathered-friends. Then, take a behind-the-scenes tour with the keepers as they tend to their morning rounds. Learn what the birds eat for breakfast and what's involved in caring for more than 600 exotic and endangered species.

From the smallest of hummingbirds to the towering Red-crowned Crane, the National Aviary features a wide variety of colorful - and camouflaging - birds that will amaze you! The sights and sounds of these winged creatures are both entertaining and educational. This tour will leave from the front of the Westin Convention Center Hotel at 7:45 a.m. and return at 9:45 in time to go on to the Andy Warhol Museum Tour. Transport by Molly's Trolleys.

Friday, March 18, 9:45-11:45 a.m. Guided

Tour of the Andy Warhol Museum. Cost: \$10.

The Andy Warhol Museum presents the work of one of the most influential American artists of the second half of the 20th century. It is also a primary resource for anyone seeking insights into contemporary art and popular culture. This museum features extensive permanent collections of art and archives and is a vital forum in which diverse audiences of artists, scholars and the general public are galvanized through creative interaction with the art and life of Andy Warhol. In addition, there will be a special exhibit of Jack Mitchell's photographs entitled "Icons & Idols: A



Who dealt this?

It's common to hear players complain about computer-dealt bridge hands. Most of the complainers forget the wild deals they have created with their own shuffling and dealing.

Ralph Cohen pointed out two of them from the early stages of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, both dealt by people.

Dir: West ♠ A K Q J 10 8 5 2
Vul: None ♥ J 10
♦ A
♣ A K

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

♠ 9 4 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ J 9 8

North is looking at 11 tricks in his own hand. Naturally, he doesn't get a free ride. Here's how the auction went.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2♥	Dbl	Pass	3♦ (1)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

(1) Showing some values.

As you can see, thanks to the ♠9 in dummy, 7NT is easy, whereas it wouldn't take much imagination for East to find the killing club lead against 7♠.

For the record, 6NT was the bid at the other table as well.

The next deal was also a wild one: East-West can't be defeated in 4♥, and North-South can't be touched in 3NT.

Dir: West ♠ 10 9 5 4
Vul: Both ♥ J 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ Q 10 7 4

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

♠ A 2
♥ A 3
♦ K Q 9
♣ A K J 8 6 5

This was the auction against Cohen.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Jordan C.</i>		<i>Ralph C.</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Dbl
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

Cohen's teammates bid the vulnerable game at the other table, so they gained 10 IMPs – and Cohen noted that South can take nine tricks in 3NT.

After the lead of the ♥K, South wins and runs six club tricks, making hash of the West hand. If West ever discards a heart, declarer can simply dislodge the ♦A for nine tricks. If West clings to all his hearts, he will have to pitch diamonds and spades. Four diamond pitches are easy, as is one of the spade honors, but when the sixth discard must be selected, it's all bad choices.

New pre-Alert/ Disclosure forms

If your partnership plays special overcalls, you must fill out a new pre-Alert/Disclosure form and make it available to your opponents when you play in events that allow Mid-Chart and Super-Chart conventions.

This applies to NABC+, regional or higher knockout and Flight A Swiss games. Look for the light blue forms on the table where convention cards are available.

Key card

Test your defense on this deal from the Bracketed Knockout Teams (hands rotated).

North
♠ Q 10 9
♥ A J 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 10 6 5 4

West
♠ K 8 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ A 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

You are West, and start with the ♦4 to dummy's king. At trick two, North plays the ♠Q, letting it ride to your king. How do you continue? Hint: there is only one card you can play to guarantee a plus for your side.

At the table, Rich Rothwarf, playing with John Diamond, made the killing switch – the ♣9. Check out the complete deal:

♠ Q 10 9
♥ A J 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 10 6 5 4

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

♠ A J 6
♥ K 10 9 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 2

The shift to the ♣9 was essential to unblock the suit. If, for example, West had played the ♣A and the ♣9, East could win the ♣K, dropping the queen, but then dummy's ♠10 6 would be a stopper with East in the lead. Similarly, if West plays a low club to the king and wins the return with the ace, declarer can frustrate the defenders by playing low on the third round.

The play of the ♣9 allows East to win the king and return a low club to the queen and ace. Now West is on lead with the ♣3, while East is poised over dummy's ♠10 6 with the ♣J 8.

Note also that it was an error for South not to play on hearts first.

Parking information

Convention Center Parking is \$10 daily with no in/out privileges. Remember that the Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show will be in the convention center through Sunday, March 13, so give yourself plenty of time to find a spot.

Parking in the lot at 11th and Smallman is \$7 a day. 11th is the street just east of the convention center. There is a lot at 15th and Smallman, priced at \$5 a day. Your Pittsburgh host committee is providing a parking shuttle from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. until midnight each day during the NABC. These lots require payment upon entrance. If you are parking for more than one day, please advise the attendant and pay the entire fee upon entering the lot. The lots are attended until midnight during the week and until 1 a.m. on the weekend. Cars may depart the lot at any time of day.

If you park at the Westin, self-parking is \$20 up to 24 hours with no in/out privileges. Valet parking is \$22 for 8 to 24 hours.

Pittsburgh NABC Parking Shuttle Service:

Shuttle service will be provided from the open air parking lot at 15th and Smallman Streets. Departures every 10 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to midnight.



Jill Meyers, #1 ranked woman player

WITT Committee sponsors Q&A with top women players

Get to know the ACBL's top women players, thanks to the Women's International Team Trials (WITT) Committee. Twelve of America's top women players will be available to answer your questions about bidding, play and defense at this tournament.

It's better than Dr. Phil!!

"Q&A" sessions will be held in the playing area immediately after **both** qualifying sessions of the Whitehead Women's Pairs on Thursday, March 17, after the **first** final session of the Women's Pairs on Friday, March 18, after **both** qualifying sessions of the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams on Saturday, March 19, and after the **first** final session of the Machlin Women's Swiss on Sunday, March 20.

Participants include the latest addition to the ACBL Hall of Fame, Betty Ann Kennedy, and five of the top 20 women players in the world as ranked by the World Bridge Federation (#1 Jill Meyers, #4 Tobi Sokolow, #5 Shawn Quinn, #15 Mildred Breed and #16 Janice Seamon-Molson).

Come to any or all of the sessions – **and you do not have to be playing in an NABC event to attend.** All women players are welcome, regardless of your level of expertise.

The WITT Committee looks forward to seeing you there! Moreover, the WITT Committee invites all women players to participate in the Women's Team Trials to be held in Las Vegas in early June.

Scheduled Participants in Q&A Sessions

	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday 3/17	JoAnn Sprung Peggy Sutherland	Jill Meyers Janice Seamon-Molson
Friday 3/18	Betty Ann Kennedy [NO Q&A Judi Radin AFTER FINAL SESSION]	
Saturday 3/19	Cheri Bjerkan Shawn Quinn	Mildred Breed Tobi Sokolow
Sunday 3/20	Renee Mancuso Pam Wittes	[NO Q&A AFTER FINAL SESSION]

Pittsburgh NABC Hotel Shuttle Service:

Friday, March 11 – Saturday, March 19

Departure from the main entrance of the Omni William Penn to the East Lobby entrance of the David Lawrence Convention Center every 15 minutes beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 12 midnight. More frequent departures between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 20

Departure from the main entrance of the Omni William Penn to the East Lobby entrance of the David Lawrence Convention Center every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Round trips from/to the Omni William Penn will take 15 minutes or less. Returns from the convention center will run every fifteen minutes at :10, :25, :40 and :55 past the hour.



TODAY'S PAIRINGS IN THE VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

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Nick Nickell, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL

vs

Eric Greco, North Wales PA; Geoff Hampson, Los Angeles CA; Ron Rubin, Miami FL; Russell Ekeblad, Boca Raton FL; Brad Moss, New York NY; Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV

Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL; David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Andrea Buratti, Genova Italy; Massimo Lanzarotti, Voghera Italy

vs

Richard Pavlicek, Fort Lauderdale FL; Michael Polowan, New York NY; Yalcin Atabay, Selomigesme Ista Turkey; Gokhan Yilmaz, Istanbul Turkey

James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Aventura FL; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway

vs

Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Jerry Clerkin, New Albany IN; Joe Grue, New York NY; Curtis Cheek, Huntsville AL; Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Peter Fredin, Malmö Sweden; Magnus Lindkvist, Hoor Sweden; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Milano Italy; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV

vs

Peter Schneider, La Canada CA; Grant Baze, San Diego CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Eddie Wold, Las Vegas NV; Walid Elahmady - Tarek Sadek, Cairo Egypt

Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Christal Henner-Welland, New York NY; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm 1124 Sweden; Claudio Nunes - Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy

vs

Richard De Martino, Riverside CT; Thomas Smith, Stamford CT; Eugene Saxe, Briarcliff NY; Geoffrey Brod - Stephen Earl, Avon CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT

Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX; Dan Morse, Houston TX; Stephen Landen, Rochester Hills MI; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Powell OH; Dennis Dawson, Santa Fe NM

vs

Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA

Adam Wildavsky, Jackson Heights NY; Douglas Doub, W Hartford CT; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Mark Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ

vs

John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Robison - Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Samuel Cohen, Lisle IL; Jim Krekorian, New York NY

Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Richard Coren, Hollywood FL; Bryan Maksymetz, Coquitlam BC; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Michael Moss, New York NY; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy

vs

William Pettis, Silver Spring MD; Frederick Allenspach, Ponte Vedra FL; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA; Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA



25.00 17/32 Ralph Katz - George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria, Rome Italy

25.00 17/32 Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Cezary Balicki, Wroclaw Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland

25.00 17/32 Rose Meltzer - Peter Weichsel, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD

25.00 17/32 Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; John Mohan - Jacek Pszczola, Las Vegas NV; Sam Lev, New York NY; Markland Molson, Hollywood FL

25.00 17/32 Bart Bramley - Sidney Lazard, Dallas TX; Mark Feldman, New York NY; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, Voorhout Netherlands

25.00 17/32 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Bob Jones, Hypoluxo FL; Pablo Lambardi, Buenos Aires 102 Argentina; Hector Camberos, Charlotte NC

25.00 17/32 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; David Sacks, Los Angeles CA; Nader Hanna, Willowdale ON; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Thorlakur Jonsson, 200 Kopavogur Iceland

25.00 17/32 Piotr Tuszynski, Warsaw Poland; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw 02 Poland; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA; Edward Wojewoda, Clovis CA; Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa ON; Jaroslaw Piasecki, Buffalo Grove IL

25.00 17/32 Mel Colchamiro - Janet Colchamiro, Merrick NY; Steve Bloom - Betty Bloom, Duanesburg NY

25.00 17/32 Amos Kaminski - Adrian Schwartz, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; Michael Ledeen, Chevy Chase MD; Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; Pinhas Romik, Nes Zidna 74120 Israel

25.00 17/32 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON; Vincent Demuy, Montreal QC; Aaron Silverstein - Chris Willenken - Judith Bianco, New York NY

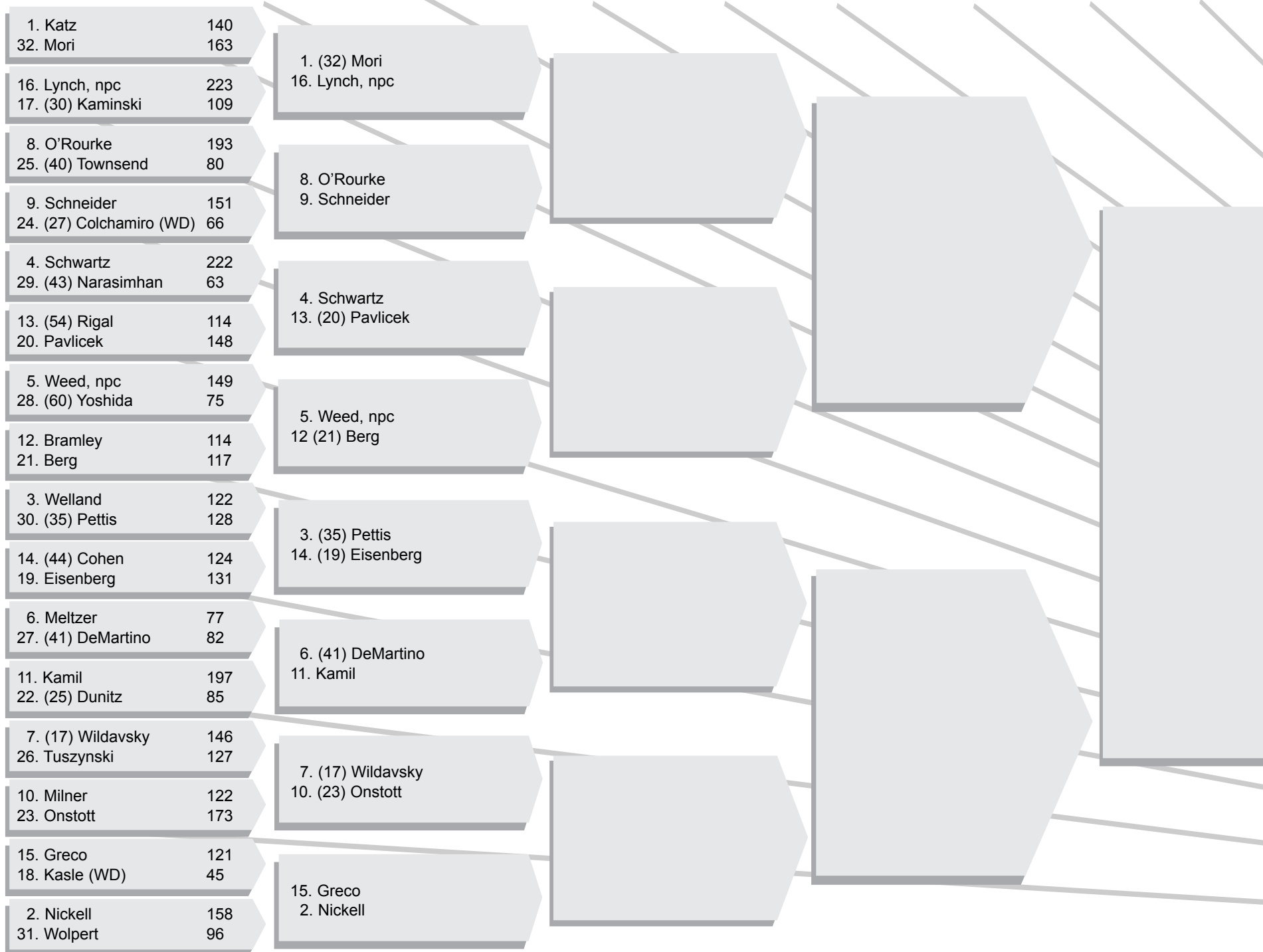
25.00 17/32 Tom Townsend - David Price, London ; David Gold, Reading ; Colin John Simpson, Fulmer Bucks England

25.00 17/32 Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA; Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Jill Levin, Bronx NY; Jill Meyers, Santa Monica CA; Debbie Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; JoAnna Stansby, Castro Valley CA

25.00 17/32 Ralph Cohen, Memphis TN; Jordan Cohen, Thornhill ON; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Armand Barfus, Port St Lucie FL; George Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL

25.00 17/32 Barry Rigal - Jeff Aker, New York NY; Bruce Rogoff, Upper Grandview NY; Joshua Parker, Briarcliff NY; Stephen Sanborn, Poughkeepsie NY; Kerri Sanborn, Stony Point NY

25.00 17/32 Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo 168 Japan; Tadashi Teramoto, Yokohama Japan; Hideki Takano, Tokyo Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 213 Japan



Women's Pairs compete for Whitehead Trophy



2004 Women's Pairs champs Amalya Kears and Jacqui Mitchell

Play begins tomorrow in the Whitehead Women's Pairs with two qualifying sessions, followed by two final sessions on Friday.

This is the 75th Women's Pairs. At stake is the Whitehead Trophy, donated in 1930 by Wilbur C. Whitehead of New York, a great bridge authority and a member of the team that won the Vanderbilt Cup in 1928, the first year it was in play.

Whitehead (1866-1931) was president of the Simplex Automobile Company, but bridge held such a fascination for him that he retired from business in 1910 to devote his life to bridge.

He was the inventor of many bidding and play conventions, the quick-trick table of card values, the Whitehead system of requirements for original bids and responses and the Whitehead table of preferential leads.

Whitehead was instrumental in standardizing procedures in auction bridge and later in contract bridge.

Winners:

- 1930 Olive Peterson, Maud Zontlein
- 1931 Vivi Hanson, Elinor Murdoch
- 1932 Mrs. Jay S. Jones, Olive Peterson
- 1933 Doris Fuller, Mrs. Courtand Smith
- 1934 Helen Bonwit, Helen White
- 1935 Bertine Teichman, Mable Ulbrich
- 1936 Mrs. Jay S. Jones, Sally Young
- 1937 Mable Ervin, Doris Fuller
- 1938 Helen Sobel, Sally Young
- 1939 Helen Sobel, Sally Young
- 1940 Edith Atkinson, Mrs. John Waidlich
- 1941 Mae P. Rosen, Edith Seligman
- 1942 Mae P. Rosen, Edith Seligman
- 1943 Mae P. Rosen, Edith Seligman
- 1944 Ruth Sherman, Margaret Wagar
- 1945 Peggy Golder, Olive Peterson
- 1946 Edith Seligman, Sally Young
- 1947 Gratian Goldstein, Josephine Gutman
- 1948 Gratian Goldstein, Josephine Gutman
- 1949 Kay Rhodes, Ruth Sherman
- 1950 Mrs. John Kelly, Dorothy Thompson
- 1951 Alwina M. Dunphy, Mrs. Edward Minear
- 1952 Shirley Fairchild, Elaine Lee
- 1953 Mrs. Harold P. Swearingen, Barbara Weiner
- 1954 Margaret Alcorn, Sally Neely

- 1955 Kay Rhodes, Margaret Wagar
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 - 1958 Betty Nail, Phyllis Novak
 - 1959 Betty Adler, Dorothy Hayden
 - 1960 Mary Jane Farell, Peggy Solomon
 - 1961 Agnes Gordon, Betty Haddad
 - 1962 Carol Sanders, Sylvia Stein
 - 1963 Mrs. K. L. Sargent, Mrs. Ray Tobin
 - 1964 Margaret Alcorn, Lucille Patterson
 - 1965 Nancy Gruver, Sue Sachs
 - 1966 Virginia Heckel, Edith Kemp
 - 1967 Garner McDaniel, Terry Michaels
 - 1968 Hermine Baron, Rhoda Walsh
 - 1969 Gale Clarke, Gloria Noszka
 - 1970 Robin Klar, Tina Rockaway
 - 1971 Amalya Kears, Jacqui Mitchell
 - 1972 Kerri Davis, Rhoda Walsh
 - 1973 Ann Economidy, Vivian Williamson
 - 1974 Pat Leary, Jan Stansby
 - 1975 Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss
 - 1976 Gail Schaab, Barbara Staton
 - 1977 Jacqui Mitchell, Gail Moss
 - 1978 Babs Charney, Flo Rotman
 - 1979 Anne Burnstein, Edith Kemp
 - 1980 Mildred Boyce, Barbara Norwood
 - 1981 Emma Jean Hawes, Dorothy Hayden Truscott
 - 1982 Hermine Baron, Beverly Rosenberg
 - 1983 Evelyn Levitt, Jo Morse
 - 1984 Judy Tucker, Jacqui Mitchell
 - 1985 Dale Dermer, JoAnne Caplan
 - 1986 Edith Freilich, Nancy Gruver
 - 1987 Tobi Deutsch, Kay Schulle
 - 1988 Sally Wheeler, Georgiana Gates
 - 1989 Nadine Wood, Jeanne Elkner
 - 1990 Tobi Deutsch, June Deutsch
 - 1991 Leslie Paryzer, Nancy Widman
 - 1992 Cheri Bjerkan, Janice Seamon
 - 1993 Carol Sanders, Betty Ann Kennedy
 - 1994 Corinne Kirkham, Ann Kluewer
 - 1995 Lila Perlstein, Juanita Chambers
 - 1996 Nancy Widman, Leslie Paryzer
 - 1997 Susan Wexler, Margie Gwozdzinsky
 - 1998 Judi Radin, Valerie Westheimer
 - 1999 Harriet Eaton, Ellen Crawford
 - 2000 Joan Stein, Eunice Rosen
 - 2001 Judi Radin, Sylvia Moss
 - 2002 Cheri Bjerkan, Sue Weinstein
 - 2003 Joan Eaton, Candace Griffey
 - 2004 Jacqui Mitchell, Amalya Kears
- This event was held at the Summer North American Championships until 1962. A similar event was held at the Spring NABC 1958-1962 with these winners:
- 1958 Kay Rhodes, Margaret Wagar
 - 1959 Bert Epstein, Blossom Grossblatt
 - 1960 Gretchen Feldstein, Jane Mueller
 - 1961 May Belle Long, Effie Woods
 - 1962 Clarice Holt, Mrs. Greeley Warner

Convention card reminder

- 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.

- Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.

Monitoring

At this and future North American championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

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 arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$16.50

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events.)

Other North American championships: \$15
(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships: \$14 for ACBL members, \$16 for all others

All other events: \$13 for ACBL members, \$15 for all others.

Notice to players

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Several games were named in memory of these individuals:

Bill Bazerman
Clint Burns
Sylvia Cazen
Louis Cohn
Bill Flannery
Sidney and Marie Freedman
Dorothy Glick
Sam Gold
Ethel Halpern
Phyllis Heller
Norma Lace
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Grace Moore
Marge Newman
Gloria Noszka
Jean Orr
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Phyllis Post
Jim Shaw
Dave Shenefiel
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Snapshots from yesterday's Vanderbilt action: (top left) Italy's Norberto Bocchi; (top right) USA's Bobby Levin; (bottom left) Canada's Vincent Demuy and (bottom right) USA's Steve Garner.

S.W. RANDALL TOYES & GIFTES KNOCKOUTS

Bracket 1 (Corgi) 16 Teams

Jack Mizel - Andrew Macintosh, London England; Paul Hackett, Manchester M England; John Armstrong, Derbyshire De6 1 England

vs

G Venkatesh, Los Altos CA; Prahalad Rajkumar, Greenbelt MD; Kanningat Krishnakumar, Chennai 6 India; P Ridhar, Chennai 600 India; G Prabhu, Ames IA; R Rajkumar, Pierre Zimmerman, Geneva Switzerland; Pierre Saporta, Meynes France; Jean-Christophe Quantin, Paris France; Franck Multon, Nice France

vs

Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Glenn Groethem, Melhus Norway; Terje Aa, Heimdal 7 Norway; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ

Bracket 2 (Thyme) 16 Teams

Lesley Decker Lucas - Stephen Lucas, Woodbury NY; Jesse Reisman, Montville NJ; Cheryl Angel, Livingston NJ

vs

Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Justin Lall, Plano TX

Maurice De La Salle - Piotr Klimowicz - Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton AB; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC

vs

John Hurd, Charleston SC; Melanie Tucker, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY; Kevin Bathurst, Newbury Park CA

Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land TX; Richard Lesage, Montreal QC; Sebastien Lachance, L'Île-Perrot QC; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Warren Foss, Omaha NE; Peter Clark, Ottawa ON

vs

Mary Savko - Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; Frank Hacker, Barre VT; Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT

ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME

72 Pairs

	A	B	C		
10.73	1			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Sara Parks M D, Owensboro KY	195.50
8.05	2	1	1	Richard Hobart, Columbus OH; Linda Rice, Worthington OH	191.00
6.04	3			Keith Garber, Massapequa NY; Elaine Said, Nashville TN	188.00
4.92	4	2	2	Shoshana Romano - Albert Romano, Haifa Israel	187.00
3.40	5			Sam Greenberg, Moorestown NJ; Arnold Selig, Philadelphia PA	182.00
3.69	6	3		Paul Heller, Marietta GA; Larry Lowell Jr, Knoxville TN	180.50
2.77		4		Roger Harder, Mississauga ON; Florence Belford, Milton ON	179.50
2.29		5		Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	178.50
1.44		6/7		Clarence Kofron, Kunkletown PA; Joseph Collins, Ft Lauderdale FL	178.00
1.64		6/7		Judith Argento, Kingston PA; Beth Rosenthal, Shavertown PA	178.00
1.54			3	Kenneth Dye, San Francisco CA; Christopher Galbraith, Concord CA	171.50
1.15			4	Britt Siem, Houston TX; Lotte Optekamp, Katy TX	167.00
1.06			5	Sidney Turner, Gig Harbor WA; Janet Donovan, Lakewood WA	162.50

MOSITES CO. 299ER PAIRS

28 Pairs

	A	B	C		
3.39	1	1		James Fox - Ruth Ann Fox, Pittsburgh PA	180.00
2.54	2	2	1	John Peternell - Christopher Friday, San Francisco CA	169.00
1.91	3			Lesley Green, Lakewood OH; Marny Schulz, Richfield OH	168.50
1.45	4/5	3/4	2/3	Dora Szabo - Michael Natelson, Pittsburgh PA	166.50
1.45	4/5	3/4	2/3	Mark McDermott, Syracuse NY; Amber Benson, Eugene OR	166.50
0.85	6			Patrick Dutton, Cincinnati OH; John Caster, Westchester OH	160.50
1.02		5		Jeanne Ingraham - Frank Ingraham, Houston TX	151.50
0.90		6	4	Robert Kleinmann, Pittsburgh PA; Robert Edwards, Glen Burnie MD	146.50
0.68			5	Marie Sarsten, Belle Haven VA; Gunnar Sarsten, Bellehaven VA	136.00

TUESDAY EVENING 299ER SWISS

6 Teams

	A	B		
2.26	1		Michael Cokus, Sarver PA; Gretta Donnack - Sarah Wozniak, Pittsburgh PA; Lois Marietti, Lower Burrell PA	65.00
1.73	2	1	Mary Ann Kral, Reston VA; Elizabeth Huffman, Annandale VA; Nancy Swensen, Pittsburgh PA; Carol Stonis, Natrona Heights PA	62.00



Gatlinburg: Thanks, Marlene! Thanks, Judy!

GATLINBURG doesn't "just happen." It takes a huge amount of planning, dedication and old-fashioned hard work to pull off a weeklong party of this magnitude. The Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference is proud to join all of the ACBL in honoring our Gatlinburg regional co-chairs, Marlene Wass and Judy Nolan, winners of the first ACBL President's Medal for Volunteers. A sincere thank you, too, to their great volunteer helpers from Tennessee Valley Unit 165. It's very easy for all of us players to do our part. **Simply show up in the Great Smokies on April 11-17, and help break last year's record of 8,208 tables.**

For tournament details, pick up a flier on an information table, or contact
Marlene, bmw37922@esper.com, 865-966-3292, or Judy, judyolan@chartertn.net, 865-380-8852.

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TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Louis Astorino Day

*Unless otherwise noted, strat breaks for Stratified Open and Stratified Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).
 **Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m.				
Morning Bracketed KO Teams I <i>Continues at 9 a.m. Thursday.</i>	3rd	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Morning Bracketed KO Teams II <i>Continues at 9 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.</i>	1st	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Marge Newman Morning Side Game Series II*	3rd single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Wednesday, March 16, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.				
PNC Bank Stratified Fast Open Pairs* <i>Finish by 5 p.m.</i>	1-2	Room 413	\$14	\$16
Wednesday, March 16, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Louis Astorino Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Room 408	\$14	\$16
Wednesday, March 16, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
Vanderbilt KO Teams	Round 4	Room 308	\$16.50	
Rockwell Mixed Pairs	1-2F	Room 303	\$16.50	
NABC 49er Pairs	1-2	Room 319	\$15	
Café Amante Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
S. W. Randall Toyes & Giftes Tuesday-Wednesday Bracketed KO Teams	3-4	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Compact KO Teams III <i>Continues at 7:30 p.m.</i>	1-2	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series*	3rd single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Phyllis Heller 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$15
Phyllis Heller 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$13
Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.				
Tuesday-Thursday Side Game Series*	4th single session	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Clint Burns Swiss Teams*	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15
Compact KO Teams III	3-4	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Bill Flannery 299er Stratified Swiss Teams	single	Room 319	\$13	\$15
Phyllis Heller 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$15
Phyllis Heller 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Room 319	\$13	\$13
Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Swiss Teams*	single	3rd Floor Ballroom	\$13	\$15

Tomorrow's schedule is on page 15.

Today's Sponsors and Memorials

Caffé Amante

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Phyllis Heller

In memory of Phyllis who always shared her bridge expertise. Bridge, bingo and her family were the loves of her life. Remembered by Herb, Brian and Tammy.

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Bill Flannery

In memory of Bill: What a Guy! What a Bridge Player! What a convention! Remembered by friends and teammates, Stanley Ruskin, Herb Sachs, Alice Williams, Paul Swanson and Dee James.

Louis Astorino

Architecture, Engineering, Interior Design, Design/Build

Marge Newman

In memory of Marge: Creative, clever, charming, a fine bridge player, a hard worker and a wonderful friend. Remembered by members of Unit 107 and Unit 125.

Clint Burns

Clint served with distinction as manager of both the Greensburg and Latrobe Bridge Clubs. A wonderful sense of humor; Clint responded in his later years to the question, "How are you?" by saying, "I've stopped buying green bananas". Remembered by his friends in Greensburg.

Dorothy Glick

In memory of Dorothy: Pittsburgh's first Woman Life Master, First Mother, First Grandmother. Remembered by Edie Weiser and Fran Feldman.

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