



Daily Bulletin



92nd Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Welcome to San Francisco and the Fall NABC

By Jim Leuker, Tournament Chair



The tournament planning committee and I are thrilled to welcome you to our beautiful city.

We have a great tournament planned for you. Our several hundred volunteers are ready to provide you with

hospitality, information, partnerships, entertainment, food and prizes. The schedule of bridge events is better than ever. We have events for you, no matter what your level of play.

Our Intermediate/Newcomer committee has put together a great program, including Junior Day on

Saturday, Nov. 30, with special events followed by a party at 5:30 p.m. Top-flight players can look forward to the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the Super Senior Pairs, and the brand new Soloway Knockout Teams starting today, with two days of Swiss team qualifying play, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches. There are plenty of mid-flight events too for Gold Rush players under 750 masterpoints and others up to 1500, 3000 and 10,000 points.

We hope you'll take time during the 11 days to discover San Francisco, a city unlike any other in the world. Take a ride on our cable cars and on our historic streetcars. Just steps away from our site you'll find Union Square, one of the world's premier shopping districts.

A few steps in the other direction and you can visit Yerba Buena Gardens and its surrounding museums, including the must-visit San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, which has been greatly expanded. Don't miss a walk on the upper deck

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New rules for players in 2020

Players should be aware of some recent decisions by the ACBL Board of Directors which will take effect in 2020.

The ACBL will begin incrementally increasing the age requirement for Senior events to 65. So on Jan. 1, the age for ACBL Senior events increases to 62. In 2021, the Senior age will be 63; in 2022, it will be 64; and in 2023, the Senior definition will be 65. This change was made in part to make the ACBL definition of Senior match the one used by the World Bridge Federation.

Note, however, that the Board added a slight change to this definition at its meetings this week in San Francisco: Anyone who was previously eligible to play in a Senior event will be "grandfathered in," i.e., they will continue to be eligible under the new guidelines. Therefore, anyone born prior to Jan. 1, 1959, may continue to play in Senior contests.

This new definition applies to Senior events

throughout the ACBL, not just the NABCs.

In a related move, the age restriction for the Super Senior Pairs held each year at the Fall NABC has been increased to 75 (from 70) effective Jan. 1. (The Super Senior Pairs in San Francisco is not affected by this new rule: 70-year-olds can still play here.)

Another change approved by the Board requires any player who has won an open NABC contest or equivalent event (such as a world championship title or the U.S./Canadian team trials) to be treated as if they possess at least 10,000 masterpoints (if they haven't already acquired that total) for the purposes of fighting, stratification and KO bracketing. Essentially, anyone who has won an open NABC title can't play in a masterpoint-restricted event, including the so-called "10K" events at NABCs, where participation is limited to players with less than 10,000 points.

Soloway KO premieres today

The inaugural Soloway Knockout Teams gets underway today in San Francisco. The new, top-tier ("NABC+") contest begins with a two-day Swiss qualifying round, reducing the field to 32 squads, followed by five days of head-to-head knockout matches to produce a single winner.



The contest awards platinum points, which are even available from match awards in the Swiss qualifier.

The Soloway KO concludes on Thursday, Dec. 5. The contest will not conflict with the venerable

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, which begins Dec. 6, but teams who successfully advance to the quarterfinal round of the Soloway will be unable to play in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, which runs Dec. 3-5.

The new contest is named in honor of late Hall of Famer Paul Soloway, a multiple world and NABC champion, as well as the all-time ACBL masterpoint leader until his death in 2007.

Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Nail Life Master Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet this criterion but feel they are otherwise eligible must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted waivers will be honored. For waiver information, please arrive early and see the Director in Charge at the selling site.

Clayton wins Robot Individual



Phil Clayton

Phil Clayton of Frisco TX won the Fall 2019 Robot Individual held Nov. 23-25 on Bridge Base Online, topping the field of more than 2100 participants. Clayton finished with a three-session average of 70.22%.

In second with 69.55% was



Liam King

Liam King of Rancho Santa Fe CA. Additionally, King was the top scorer for Flight B and Flight C, limited to players with 2000 and 500 masterpoints, respectively.

Consistency pays: Clayton scored 69.83% in the first session, placing him sixth overall. He scored 70.82% in the second session, good for seventh place in the set and pushing him to third overall. Clayton's 70.00% score in the third set (eighth in the session) put him into the winner's circle.

In a piece published on Bridge Winners about the victory, Clayton wrote, "So how does it feel to win one of these things? More relief than excitement. I felt like I made my share of errors. Was I lucky? Of course. There were occasional positions I took along the way, but only once or twice did I feel like I "stepped out." In the end, I probably just sucked less than everyone else.

"My style with the robots is a lot like my style in real life. Fairly aggressive, but I don't play a lot of 'stupid BOT tricks.' I have read Jim Munday's articles and have had many conversations with Ira Chorush about this, but it's just not my approach.

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Opening reception

Join us after tonight's evening session for fun and music featuring the Speakeasies as we welcome you to the 2019 Fall NABC. The reception will be in the Golden Gate Ballroom C on Level B2.

Comprised of some of the most in-demand musicians in the Bay Area, the Speakeasies have become one of California's premier event bands, playing authentic jazz and early soul. The founding members of the band have been playing together for over 15 years and have toured in over 50 countries, with everyone from Herbie Hancock to Lauryn Hill.



Goodwill Message

Welcome to the 2019 Fall North American Bridge Championships in San Francisco. Tournament chair Jim Leuker and his local committee have a great tournament planned for everyone.

Please join us in saying thank you to our hosts.
Sandy DeMartino
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Meetings are at the Marriott Marquis.

Friday, November 29

- 1–5 p.m. **Best Practices Teacher Workshop.** Session one of three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. (*Pacific H, level 4*)
- 4:30–6 pm **Club and Teacher Reception.** Thank-you reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. (*Foothill C, level 2*)
- 10:30 pm–12:30 am **NABC Opening Reception.** (*Golden Gate C, level B2*)

Saturday, November 30

- 8 am–noon **Best Practices Teacher Workshop.** Session two of three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. (*Pacific H, level 4*)
- 8:30–10:30 am **ACBL Educational Foundation meeting.** (*Sierra J, level 5*)
- 9 am–noon **Masterpoint Committee meeting.** (*Sierra I, level 5*)
- 10 am–noon **Free Bridge Lesson with Barbara Seagram** followed by a special game for newer players. (*Foothill C, level 2*)
- 10 am–noon **ACBL Laws Commission meeting.** (*Pacific F, level 4*)
- 10:30 am–noon **ACBL Charity Foundation meeting.** (*Pacific E, level 4*)
- 10:30 am–12:30 pm **ACBL Hall of Fame Committee meeting.** (*Pacific D, level 4*)
- 1–6 pm **Learn Bridge in a Day?™** This popular session is designed especially for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those merely wanting to “test the waters” before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes both class instruction and coached play. No pre-registration required. Fee: \$25 covers textbook and door prizes. (*Foothill C, level 2*)

- 6–8:30 pm **Learn Bridge in a Day?™ Teacher Accreditation.** Teacher training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD as well as maximizing retention rates, writing effective grant requests and the presentation of the seminar. Fee: \$75. (*Foothill C, level 2*)

Sunday, December 1

- 8 am–noon **Best Practices Teacher Workshop.** Session three of three. ACBL's interactive seminar for people interested in learning how to teach bridge. (*Pacific H, level 4*)
- 8:30–10 am **Audrey Grant's Modern Techniques for Bridge Teachers and Club Managers.** Audrey Grant's hands-on approach and creative use of the table, cards and bidding boxes keeps students engaged, excited and focused. She will share these teaching techniques in this 90-minute seminar. Fee: \$20 covers materials. (*Foothill C, level 2*)
- 10–11:30 am **Board of Governors meeting.** All members of the ACBL Board of Governors are invited to attend the Fall NABC meeting. This meeting is also open to the general membership of the ACBL. (*Yerba Buena 9, lower level B2*)
- 10 am–noon **Free Bridge Lesson with Audrey Grant** followed by a special game for newer players. (*Foothill C, level 2*)
- 1–5 pm **Doubles in a Day.** Fee: \$20 if you preregister (acbl.org/reglbiad), \$25 at the door. (*Foothill C, level 2*)
- 1–5 pm **Best Practices Teacher Assessments.** People who complete the Best Practices Teacher Workshop can sign up for an assessment during this time. (*Pacific G, level 4*)
- 2:30–6:30 pm **World Bridge Federation meeting.** (*Pacific E, level 4*)

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Talks will be held in the SoMa Room, level 2. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Friday, Nov. 29

- 9:15 am Barbara Seagram *The Killing Lead*
- 6:45 pm Ken Monzingo *Aunt Lucy*

Saturday, Nov. 30

- 9:15 am Lisa Berkowitz *Signaling*

Sunday, Dec. 1

- 9:15 am Patty Tucker *Help-Suit Game Tries*
- 6:45 pm Jeff Hand *Declarer Play in Notrump*

HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, Nov. 29

- 10:30 pm–12:30 am **NABC Opening Reception.** (*Golden Gate Ballroom C, level B2*)

Food will be served after the evening session through Saturday, Dec. 7.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Pizza.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Hot dogs.



NABC results by email/text

Want to be notified when results and the Daily Bulletins from the NABC are posted online? Want to see your results in the events you played in? ACBL Live does just that.

With the ACBL Live notification system, you will receive emails and/or text messages after each session with links that go directly to the information you're looking for. The email/text message will contain your score for the session and a link to your results. (These results will also be available on your

MyResults page at MyACBL.) Players will also receive a notification to indicate when the Daily Bulletin for that day is available.

This service is automatic for members unless they have specifically opted out. To receive text messages, go to MyACBL at acbl.org and select Update My Information to enter your email address and/or cell phone number.

Also at MyACBL, visit the Privacy Settings tab to make sure you've selected the Subscribe setting for General Email Communication and Cell Phone Text Communication to receive these notifications.

Bridge Bucks and check cashing

Bridge Bucks and check-cashing services will be available on level B2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Check-cashing limit is \$500.

Players may purchase Bridge Bucks using all major credit cards.



Parking

Parking is difficult in San Francisco. The Marriott offers valet parking only, for \$79.99 a day. There is a municipal parking garage on Mission between Fourth and Fifth streets. Rates are \$3/hour, with a \$34 daily maximum.

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JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Welcome, Intermediate/ Newcomer Players, to San Francisco!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. on most days. All I/N events will be held in the SoMa Room on the second floor of the Marriott.

The I/N Partnership Desk guarantees you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Don't forget to pick up your registration gift from both the I/N and Welcome desks.

Celebrity bridge speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (on most days). Today, Barbara Seagram presents "The Killing Lead" at 9:15 and Ken Monzingo presents "Aunt Lucy" at 6:45.

Players with 0-5 masterpoints can play free in the **Newcomer games today**.

Bridge-Plus+

Don't miss these free two-hour lessons (10 a.m. to noon) by renowned ACBL teachers in Foothill C on the second floor:

- Saturday, Nov. 30 *Barbara Seagram*
- Sunday, Dec. 1 *Audrey Grant*

A special game for 0-20 players will be held immediately following these lectures (14 deals, free!).

Learn Bridge in a Day?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1-6 p.m. in Foothill C on Level 2. Fee: \$25.

Doubles in a Day

Learn two useful doubles that come up every time you play in this workshop from Patty Tucker on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 1-5 p.m. in Foothill C on Level 2. Fee: \$25.

Take All Your Chances

By *Eddie Kantar*

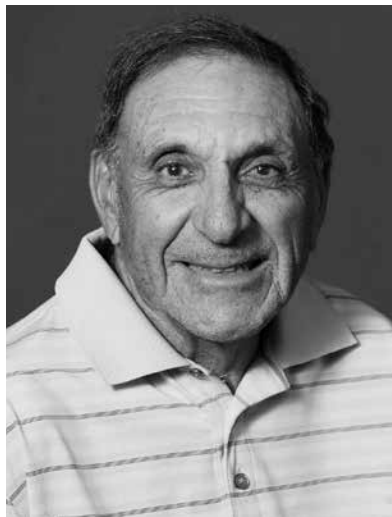
North (Partner)

♠ 10 9 8
♥ Q J 8 7 5
♦ A J 10
♣ 5 4

South (You)

♠ 7
♥ A K 10 9 4
♦ K 9 3
♣ A K J 3

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



After you open 1♥, partner makes a limit raise (3♥, you try 4♣, partner cooperates with 4♦. You check for key cards and discover that partner has an ace (5♣) and the ♥Q (6♥).

West leads the ♠K, gets an encouraging

signal, and continues with a low spade to East's ace, and you ruff, making both opponents unhappy. Hearts are 2-1. How do you plan to keep them unhappy?

Don't you dare put all of your eggs in one finesse basket! After drawing trumps, the way to stay alive is to play the ♣A K and ruff a club. If the queen appears (think 37%), the ♣J is high and can be used to discard a diamond. If the ♣Q remains at large, go fishing for the ♦Q. A 70% chance is better than a 50% "too quick finesse" chance.

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

Tip: When faced with a two-way finesse for a queen (diamonds), the idea is to try to determine which opponent started with the longer diamonds and play that opponent for the queen. In other words, you have to count! If you can't tell, might as well play the opponent you dislike the most for the queen. At least if the finesse works, it gives you more satisfaction. Good luck!



American Bridge Teachers' Association

Call for Entries

The American Bridge Teachers' Association welcomes submissions for our annual book and technology awards. Presentation will be made at our annual convention, to be held in conjunction with the 2020 ACBL Summer NABC in Montréal.

Winners are determined based on the value of the product to bridge teachers and/or students. A winner may be selected in each of the following categories:

- Beginner/Novice Book of the Year**
- Intermediate to Advanced Book of the Year**
- Technology of the Year (software, media, etc.)**

Works published since May 1, 2019, are eligible. Reprints will not be considered unless there are substantial revisions. Authors or publishers may contact Awards Committee chair, Karen Walker, bookofyear@abthome.com for information on how to submit an entry.




Entries close on May 1, 2020.

abthome.com

NABC Electronic Device Policy

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

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

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

NABC+ events

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

Other events

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

Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session. This policy applies to all events at NABCs.

Welcome

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Salesforce Park, which is new since your last visit. It's only a few blocks away.

There is an incredible diversity of restaurants and cuisines within easy walking distance of the playing site, including one of the most unique food courts in the country at the Westfield San Francisco Centre just across Fourth Street. Find all you need to know in the restaurant guide at the Welcome or Information desks.

Explore our other distinctive neighborhoods in this most diverse and fascinating city. Try to score a ticket to "Beach Blanket Babylon," the zany musical revue. Its 45-year run is coming to close at the end of this year.

This tournament is the culmination of many months of planning by the ACBL central staff and my colleagues on the tournament planning committee. My sincere thanks go to everyone who has helped plan this exciting event and to the hundreds who are assisting us over the next 11 days.

Please let our volunteers know what they can do to make your visit the best possible. Good luck at the tables and enjoy our great city.

Buy your NABC entry online

Don't wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events at BridgeWinners.com.

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

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



WWW.BRIDGWINNERS.COM



The 2018 winners of the Nail Life Master Pairs: Greg Hinze and David Grainger.

Nail Life Master Pairs begins today

Play begins today in the Nail Life Master Pairs. The event, restricted to Life Masters, consists of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions.

Before 1963, the event was restricted to National Masters and players of higher rank. It was a men's event until 1990, when it was changed to an open event.

At stake is the Bobby Nail Trophy, designated by the ACBL Board of Directors to honor the diminutive Texan (1925–95) who won this event in 1974 with longtime friend and partner Gerald Michaud.

Nail, inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame in 2001, won four other North American championships and represented North America twice in the Bermuda Bowl. His team was second in 1963.

Past winners and runners-up:

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| 1961 | 1. G. Gard Hays, Max Manchester;
2. Martin J. Cohn, Hampton Hume |
| 1962 | 1. Sam Fuoto, Victor Mitchell;
2. Hal Kandler, Kelsey Petterson |
| 1963 | 1. Sami R. Kehela, Eric R. Murray;
2. Harry J. Fishbein, Charles J. Solomon |



CHANGE AND CHOICE IN 2020

Looking for a tournament that gives you everything you are looking for? Come to Gatlinburg, **Apr. 20–26, 2020**. Here are some of the major schedule changes aimed at providing you, our players, with the events and times you've asked for — at the ACBL's largest Regional for the past 19 years.

9:30, 1:30 and 7:30 starting times

- ♠ KOs moved to prime starting times of 9:30 and 1:30 (after Monday)
- ♥ Bracketed Round-Robin Teams Tuesday–Sunday
- ♣ Two-Session Open Pairs morning and afternoon daily
- ♦ Two-Session Stratified Pairs (Open, Mid-Flight, and Gold Rush) daily afternoon and evening
- ♠ Third strata added to Gold Rush events
- ♥ Mid-Flight range increased to 3500 MPs
- ♣ New Zip Swiss on Friday & Saturday

All the above and more for \$12/person/session for ACBL members

Visit our website for the complete schedule and hotel information

www.gatlinburgregional.org

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|------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1964 | 1. Charles Coon, Bobby Goldman;
2-3. Mervin Key, Harold Rockaway;
2-3. Jack Blair, Col. William Christian | 2. Jonathan Green, Mark Aquino | |
| 1965 | 1. Paul Soloway, Alex Tschekaloff;
2. Edgar Kaplan, Victor Mitchell | 2005 | 1. Zia Mahmood, Jill Meyers;
2. Robert Levin, Louk Verhees |
| 1966 | 1. Carl J. Hudecek, Ray Zoller;
2. Gaylor Kastle, Ed Theus | 2006 | 1. Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein;
2. John Armstrong, Paul Hackett |
| 1967 | 1. Harlow S. Lewis, Peter A. Pender;
2. Donald R. Faskow, William L. Flannery | 2007 | 1. Zia Mahmood, Bjorn Fallenius;
2. Michael Prahin, Alex Perlin |
| 1968 | 1. Henry Bethe, John Solodar;
2. Don Pearson, John Swanson | 2008 | 1. Nikolay Demirev, Ralph Katz;
2. Eric Rodwell, John Diamond |
| 1969 | 1. Chuck F. Burger, James Cayne;
2. Norman H. Fischer, Christopher G. Jeans | 2009 | 1. Tor Helness, Martin Andresen;
2. Hemant Lall, Justin Lall |
| 1970 | 1. Ron E. Andersen, Hugh C. MacLean;
2. Curtis K. Smith, E. Lowell Yost | 2010 | 1. Hiroaki Miura, Kazuo Furuta;
2. Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman |
| 1971 | 1. Alan Sontag, Peter Weichsel;
2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey | 2011 | 1. Ishmael Del'Monte, Justin Lall;
2. Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky |
| 1972 | 1. Leslie C. Bart, Marc S. Jacobus;
2. Stephen W. Robinson, Kit Woolsey | 2012 | 1. Chip Martel, Zia Mahmood;
2. Cecilia Rimstedt, Meike Wortel |
| 1973 | 1. Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay;
2. Roxy Violin, Ed Weiner | 2013 | 1. Curtis Cheek, Ishmael Del'Monte;
2. Robert Levin, Kevin Bathurst |
| 1974 | 1. Gerald L. Michaud, G. Robert Nail;
2. John Gerber, Daniel Kaim | 2014 | 1. Jim Krekorian, Venkatrao Koneru;
2. Wael Mohsen, Reda Yaacoub |
| 1975 | 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walwick;
2. Marc Culbertson, Robert Visokey | 2015 | 1. Geoff Hampson, Eric Geco;
2. David Gold, Kevin Castner |
| 1976 | 1. Roger Bates, John Mohan;
2. Steve Altman, Thomas M. Smith | 2016 | 1. Marion Michielsen, Zia Mahmood;
2. Tom Hanlon, Leslie Amoils |
| 1977 | 1. David Hoffner, David Schroeder;
2. Roger Bates, John Mohan | 2017 | 1. Alon Birman, Dennis Bilde;
2. Quentin Robert, Godefroy De Tessieres |
| 1978 | 1. Norm Coombs, Tom Hodapp;
2. Kevin Castner, Michael S. Lawrence | 2018 | 1. David Grainger, Greg Hinze;
2. David Gold, Boye Brogeland |
| 1979 | 1. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell;
2. Zeke Jabbour, Dennis McGarry | | |
| 1980 | 1. V. Craig Janitschke, Jan Janitschke;
2. Robert D. Hamman, Paul Swanson | | |
| 1981 | 1. Roger Abelson, Mike Levinson;
2. Robert D. Hamman, Donald P. Krauss | | |
| 1982 | 1. Robert Lipsitz, Dan Gerstman;
2. Lew Mathe, Harold Guiver | | |
| 1983 | 1. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen;
2. Mitch Chandler, Cliff Bishop | | |
| 1984 | 1. Per Olov Sundelin, Peter Pender;
2. Jim Becker, Howard Chandross | | |
| 1985 | 1. John Mohan, Roger Bates;
2. Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth | | |
| 1986 | 1. Jim Krekorian, Paul Kiefer;
2. Marty Bergen, Larry N. Cohen | | |
| 1987 | 1. Bart Bramley, Lou Bluhm;
2. Leslie West, David Ashley | | |
| 1988 | 1. Robert Levin, Larry Cohen;
2. Glen Lublin, Peter Boyd | | |
| 1989 | 1. Steve Lapides, Walt Walwick;
2. Peter Weichsel, Roger Stern | | |
| | In 1990, the event became the Life Master Open Pairs. | | |
| 1990 | 1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross;
2. Tommy Gullberg, Michael Polowan | | |
| 1991 | 1. Zia Mahmood, Hugh Ross;
2. Larry N. Cohen, David Berkowitz | | |
| 1992 | 1. Mike Kamil, Michael Rosenberg;
2. Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell | | |
| 1993 | 1. Brad Moss, Ravindra Murthy;
2. Ed Nagy, Jeff Polisner | | |
| 1994 | 1. Robert Levin, Richard Katz;
2. Michael Polowan, Steve Robinson | | |
| 1995 | 1. John Sutherlin, Bart Bramley;
2. Mark Itabashi, Gene Simpson | | |
| 1996 | 1. Walter Schafer, Ron Smith;
2. Michael Schreiber, Curtis Cheek | | |
| 1997 | 1. Kerry Smith, Jeff Schuett;
2. Dennis Kastle, Garey Hayden | | |
| 1998 | 1. JoAnna Stansby, Lew Stansby;
2. Ron Smith, Richard Schwartz | | |
| 1999 | 1. Paul Soloway, Steve Catlett;
2. Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby | | |
| 2000 | 1. Jill Meyers, Steve Garner;
2. Zia Mahmood, Chuck Burger | | |
| 2001 | 1. Piotr Gawrys, Jacek Pszczola;
2. Zia Mahmood, Sidney Lazard | | |
| 2002 | 1. Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson;
2. Larry Cohen, Steve Weinstein | | |
| 2003 | 1. Jo Morse, Kyle Larsen;
2. Fred Gitelman, Jay Borker | | |
| 2004 | 1. Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr.; | | |

Vugraph operators needed

Experienced vugraph operators are needed for the knockout phase of the Soloway KO Teams broadcast on BBO. The first session each day starts at noon, the second session starts at 7 p.m. ACBL pays operators \$50 per session.

If you are available, please email Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com, or text her at 530-574-5780, and she will answer any questions you may have. Thousands of BBO spectators around the world will appreciate your help!

TAKEOUT & NEGATIVE DOUBLES

Learn two useful doubles that happen every time you play!

This seminar is for players who want to expand their understanding of the game. The goal is to give you a fast, fun and interesting overview of takeout doubles and also teach you how negative doubles work.

Date: Sunday, December 1

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin

Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbiad \$25 at the door. Course includes student workbook, presentation and practice hands.

More info:

Email marketing@acbl.org



American Contract Bridge League



FALL 2019 ROBOT INDIVIDUAL TOP 100

MPs	A	B	C		
48.00	1			Phil Clayton, Frisco TX	70.22
36.00	2	1	1	Liam King, Rancho Santa Fe CA	69.55
27.00	3			Christopher Monsour, Chicago IL	68.96
22.65	4			Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ	68.01
19.20	5			Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ	67.27
17.45	6			David Smith, Lafayette CA	66.94
16.00	7			Joanne Walker, Atlanta GA	66.58
14.77	8			Lin Goldstein, Reno NV	66.37
24.00	9	2		Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON	66.12
12.80	10			Anton Tsypkin, Sherborn MA	66.02
16.05	11			Steven Drew, McMinnville OR	65.98
11.29	12			Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA	65.75
10.67	13			Mark Shaw, Columbia MD	65.27
18.00	14	3		Samuel Jeong, Mountain View CA	65.08
14.24	15	4		Guohui Zhang, Madison AL	64.77
12.80	16	5		Rajendra Agarwal, Cambridge MA	64.75
9.30	17			Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI	64.68
11.64	18	6		Thomas Fagan, Kailua HI	64.67
8.18	18			Leo LaSota, Glen Burnie MD	64.67
7.68	20			John Kozero, Santa Rosa CA	64.63
10.67	21	7		Rolf Swenson, Silver Spring MD	64.58
7.11	22			Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	64.53
9.85	22	8		Andrew Kaufman, Gaithersburg MD	64.53
19.50	24			James Streisand, Wayland MA	64.38
6.40	25			Thomas Rozinski, Brooklyn NY	64.36
6.55	26			Steven Gewirtzman, Ambler PA	64.31
6.34	27			Eric Robinson, Park City UT	64.25
5.98	28			Dominic Connolly, Warwickshire, UK	64.18
5.74	28			Eugene Hung, Sunnyvale CA	64.18
9.14	30	9		Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA	64.09
18.00	31	10	2	Sean McNally, Minneapolis MN	64.08
5.19	32			Jonathan Ferguson, Ottawa ON	63.92
5.05	33			Zachary Madden, Chadds Ford PA	63.82
4.92	34			Bob Black, Beaumont TX	63.80
16.05	35			Bob Feller, Guilderland NY	63.79
8.00	36	11		Santosh Gangwal, Cary NC	63.66
7.71	36	11		Dimitri Bourilkov, Gainesville FL	63.66
5.36	38			Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA	63.60
7.11	39	13		John Mayne, Modesto CA	63.46
6.27	40			Bob Simkins, Decatur GA	63.38
4.17	41			Shelagh Paulsson, Ottawa ON	63.35
5.53	42			Gerald Jacobson, Fullerton CA	63.34
6.74	43	14		Christopher Moh, New York NY	63.24
11.48	44			Bruce Boje, Chanhassen MN	63.22
5.22	45			Drew Becker, Chicago IL	63.17
6.40	46	15		Nancy Sibole, The Villages FL	62.99
4.05	47			Melody Bi, Sherborn MA	62.97
5.22	48			Michael Day, Tiburon CA	62.96
3.56	49			David Willis, Ottawa ON	62.83
6.10	50	16		Leon Yu, Syosset NY	62.80
3.98	51			Michael McDonald, Northville MI	62.76
7.00	51	17		Bruce Williams, Medford Lakes NJ	62.76
5.57	53	18		John Williams, Cincinnati OH	62.70
5.33	54	19		Stephen Kwan, Richmond Hill ON	62.63
4.50	55			Yanong Han, Milpitas CA	62.61
3.89	56			D. Collins, Saratoga NY	62.59
5.17	56			Adam Pawlowski, Kutno, Poland	62.59
6.49	58			Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ	62.45
3.37	59			Nick Krnjevic, Westmount QC	62.39
3.75	60			Fabian Von Lobbecke, Koln, Germany	62.35
5.95	61			Sorina Negulescu, Ellicott City MD	62.33
13.50	62	20	3	Michael Wang, Richmond Hill ON	62.30
4.12	63			Darcy White, Prescott AZ	62.25
6.16	64	21		Qiang Zhang, Dublin CA	62.23
4.74	65	22		Peter Hudson, Coppell TX	62.22
3.66	66			John Gilbert, Kitchener ON	62.17
2.95	67			Vesa Fagerlund, Tampere, China	62.09
10.67	68	23	4	Andre Fargeix, Berkeley CA	62.08
4.50	69	24		Shawn Drenning, Austin TX	62.05
4.63	70			Jeremy Siegel, Philadelphia PA	62.04
3.62	71			Peter Swensson, Uppsala, Sweden	62.02
2.85	71			Willem Mevius, Monaco	62.02
4.98	73	25		Thomas Cupit, Brandon MS	61.99
2.53	74			Bob Lyon, Fishers IN	61.96
4.13	74	26		Felix Schwartz, Rockaway Park NY	61.96
2.57	76			Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON	61.90
4.50	77			Benjamin Pope III, Norfolk VA	61.88
3.75	78			Jarek Wyganowski, Fargo ND	61.84

Robot Individual

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I try to evaluate my hands well and play the backs off the cards. I think if you are a reasonably good technician, you do not have to resort to these antics. Do the robots make mistakes? Of course – similar to a carbon-based life form!

“I had very few bad results over 72 hands (24 boards per session). In Session 1, I had four boards under average (the worst was 25%). In Session 2, I had four boards under average (the worst was 19.64%), and in Session 3, I had three boards under average (the worst was 22.2%).

“Here’s a few deviations that I will make in the bidding. I sometimes open the “wrong” minor with 4–3 pattern for misdirection. I frequently shade 1NT to 14 HCP. I open a four-card major if I’m light. I pass partner’s one-level response if I think game is hopeless, and I preempt heavy if I think slam is remote.”

For second-place finisher and Flight B/C champ King, the result was exciting:

“I first got into bridge when I was teenager. My grandparents taught me, and I played with them and my dad. At the time my grandmother (always my partner) was becoming steadily more demented, but somehow she remained very lucid as a bridge player. I feel like bridge allowed me to connect with the ‘real’ her, before the dementia. I feel like that made me think of bridge as more than just a game, even though I always thought the game itself was fabulous.

“What stands out to me is that I had no idea I could get scores like that. I had only 20 masterpoints when I started the tournament (now I have over 50!), so I have certainly never stood out in the bridge world before. If there is anything I did differently, I think one of the things I noticed was that I focused especially hard on hands after I knew I had already made the contract. My guess is that sometimes there is a sense of relief once you have made the contract, so you can miss the chance at making a potentially hugely important overtrick. Other than that, I honestly have no idea, my consistent scores probably surprised me more than anyone!

“I am mostly an online player entirely because I haven’t been in the US much since I got back into bridge! I was living in Sierra Leone studying Ebola when I started playing again and have since spent a lot of time in Brazil as well. Consequently, I haven’t had much access to live bridge. I am very excited to start playing more live club and tournament bridge though when I move back to San Diego. I’m totally in love with the game and have no plans on stopping playing anytime soon.”

Age requirement for Senior events

You must at least 60 years old to play in ACBL Senior events through 2019.

Masterpoint disclaimer

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

Continuing Education for Teachers



AUDREY GRANT'S
BETTER BRIDGE

Audrey Grant's seminar aids practicing bridge instructors.

Where: Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin

When: Sunday, Dec. 1, 8:30-10 a.m.

Join us for the following:

- ♠ Modern teaching techniques ♠ Elements of Audrey Grant's Better Bridge
- ♠ Live engaging demonstration with free lesson from 10 a.m. to noon
- ♠ Interactive lessons with teacher and student exercises

The cost of the seminar is **\$20** and includes textbook, seminar and breakfast. For more information, visit **betterbridgeteachers.com**

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Monday, Dec. 2

♠ 10 a.m.-noon ♠

Share common challenges, tips and success stories in a roundtable for K-12 teachers. This open discussion is for veteran and new teachers learning from each other and developing a network.

Learn Bridge
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Move quickly along the initial learning curve.

You'll nail the basics of bridge in this interactive class that has both instruction and coached play. If you're just starting, returning to the game or wanting to "test the waters" before taking formal lessons, this course is for you. Leave the class and take on a newcomer game!

Date: Saturday, November 30

Time: 1-6 p.m.

Location: Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin

Cost: Only \$20 when you pre-register at acbl.org/reglbiad - \$25 at door. Textbooks and door prizes included.

More info:

Email marketing@acbl.org



Whirlwind Bridge

6.03	79			Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach FL	61.81
2.58	80			William Bleish, Lenexa KS	61.80
6.19	81			Andy Stark, Toronto ON	61.77
7.50	82			Eric Greco, Northville MI	61.75
3.30	83			Daniel Tataru, Walnut Creek CA	61.71
3.75	84			Bradley Furnish, Kansas City MO	61.69
10.24	85	27		Oyvind Tafjord, Seattle WA	61.66
3.75	86			John Dickenson, North Wales PA	61.62
3.69	87			Divakar Bhargava, Henrico VA	61.58
3.94	88			Richard McCombs, Santa Fe NM	61.56
5.28	89			Helge Larsen, Paradis, Norway	61.55
2.85	90			Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA	61.54
4.05	91	28		Stan Ryckman, Somerville MA	61.50
2.25	92			Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA	61.46
3.76	93	29		James Holzhauer, Las Vegas NV	61.43
4.50	94			Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV	61.41
3.60	95			Ronald Harvey, Naples FL	61.35
2.03	96			Dennis Botch, Henderson NV	61.32
2.40	97			David Yang, Darien IL	61.30
3.66	98	30		Raymond Franks II, Charleston WV	61.28
9.60	99	31	5	Chunyu Wang, Latham NY	61.26
3.30	100			Francisco Plana Estruch, Valencia, Spain	61.20

INTERNATIONAL FUND PAIRS

30.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
13.33	1			Todd Wachsmen, Delray Beach FL; Janis Wachsmen, Jericho NY	61.94%
10.00	2			John Kloke II, Richmond VA; Florin Constantin, Alameda CA	61.74%
7.50	3	1		Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	61.67%
5.62	4			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC	61.34%
4.60	5/6	2/3	1	Anna Ravenscroft - Alex Martelli, Sunnyvale CA	60.41%
4.60	5/6	2/3		John Bishel - Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	60.41%
2.37	7			G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India	58.29%
2.04	8			Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA	58.09%
1.55	9			Paul Nason, Los Angeles CA; Amr Elghamry, San Dimas CA	57.82%
1.55	10/11			Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Sigrid Price, Napa CA	57.23%
1.34	10/11			Phillip King, Harrow UK; Kevin Castner, Mercer Island WA	57.23%
1.34	12			Nancy Gunn, Santa Rosa CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA	57.16%
2.95	13	4		Sandra Macpherson, Halifax NS; James Keegan, Cambridge MA	55.97%
2.24		5	2	Harry Potter, Vienna VA; James Mosley, Falls Church VA	55.77%
1.66		6		Frank Rooney, Madison WI; Cathleen Otvos, Oakland CA	54.77%
1.68		7	3	Jeremy Willans - Jill Skinner, Ticehurst Wad UK	53.38%
1.26			4	Gill Copeland - Tom Copeland, Leeds UK	50.86%
1.15			5	Loren Nordlund, San Francisco CA; Deirdre Nickel, Salt Lake City UT	50.27%

INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER PAIRS

8.0 Tables					
	D	E	F		
2.70	1			David Ouyang, Waianae HI; Herbert Nakagawa, Honolulu HI	66.92%
2.55	2	1	1	Trish Yee - Kevin Yee, San Francisco CA	61.90%
1.91	3	2	2	Yufan Chen - Jiayi Shi, Shanghai People's Republic of China	59.43%
1.43	4	3	3	Shuoming Ma - Ziqian Wang, Shanghai People's Republic of China	58.50%
1.08	5	4	4	Xuyang Zhang - Suhang Li, Shanghai People's Republic of China	56.92%
0.81		5	5	Eric He - Edward He, Bellevue WA	53.83%

INTERNATIONAL FUND SWISS TEAMS

13 Tables					
	A	B	C		
6.13	1			Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Ukiah CA	66.00
4.60	2			Eric Leong, Oakland CA; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Peter Gill, Sydney Australia; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI	50.00
3.02	3/4			Sooja Kwon, Seoul South Korea; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Heights CA; Daniel Takahashi - Kyungwon Yoo, Las Vegas NV	48.00
3.02	3/4			Veronica McMurdie - D Jones, Sacramento CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX	48.00
1.94	5			Jovanka Smederevac - Alexander Wernle, Vienna Austria; Sally Woolsey - Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA	47.00
3.00		1	1	Steve Chen - Charlie Chen, San Jose CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA	46.00
2.25		2		Lei Jun - Xinguo Fang - Yong Xue, Burlingame CA; Yumin Liu, Foster City CA	44.00

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 299ER PAIRS

5.0 Tables					
	D	E	F		
2.25	1	1	1	Suhang Li - Xuyang Zhang, Shanghai People's Republic of China	71.01%
1.69	2	2	2	Ziqian Wang - Shuoming Ma, Shanghai People's Republic of China	60.01%
1.27	3	3		Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Charlie Chen, San Jose CA	57.81%
0.95	4	4		Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Andrew Chen, San Jose CA	50.63%



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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OPEN PAIRS

39.0 Tables		A	B	C		
16.33	1				Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, London England	67.05%
12.25	2				John Fout, Fairfield CA; Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	63.06%
9.19	3				Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI	61.03%
6.89	4	1			Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA	60.98%
5.17	5				Manfred Michlmayr, Orinda CA; Mark Lair, Canyon TX	59.51%
3.88	6				Bob Zeller - Pamela Nisbet, Kanata ON	59.26%
5.06	7	2			Omer Ekinci, Astoria NY; Susan Davison, New York NY	59.11%
2.18	8				Lee Ohliger - Joyce Menezes, Ridgewood NJ	59.06%
2.40	9				David Binney, Seattle WA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	57.14%
1.82	10				GS Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Kenneth King, Pleasanton CA	57.09%
1.57	11				Richard Popper, Wilmington DE; AJ Stephani, Cincinnati OH	56.78%
1.57	12				Nancy Rassbach, Westminster CO; Linda Sundbye, Broomfield CO	56.53%
1.39	13				Mustafa Cem Tokay, Manhattan NY; Ruth Fleischmann, New York NY	56.28%
3.80	14	3			Lily Andre - James Andre, Mercer Island WA	56.22%
2.85	15	4			Hiroaki Miura - Soma Ono, Tokyo Japan	56.12%
1.87	16/17	5/6			Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA; Sheryl McEwan, Summit Point WV	55.97%
1.87	16/17	5/6			Kenneth Zuckerberg, Acton MA; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	55.97%
1.84		7			Malcolm Morris, London England; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA	55.92%
2.45			1		Xin Ge - Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA	51.92%
1.84			2		Guanghao Xiao - Eric Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	51.01%
1.38			3		Larry Whitlow, Saskatoon SK; Andrew Mitchell, Oak Harbor WA	46.10%

Appealing a ruling

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



Club Director Refresher Course

Fee: \$15 covers both sessions. Sign up at the door.

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 3-4

Time: 9 a.m. to noon, both days

Location: Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin

This continuing education course for club directors covers updates to Chapters 4 and 5 of the ACBL handbook. Participants must attend both sessions (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Junior Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members*	Other
Saturday, November 30, 9 a.m.					
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday-Sunday Morning Compact Knockout Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single session	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m.					
Bridge-Plus+	single	Foothill C, 2nd Level	Free		Free
<i>Free two-hour lesson, 14-deal game follows (0-20 MPs).</i>					
East Bay Community Bridge Center 299er & 99er Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$19
East Bay Community Bridge Center 0-20 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$15
					<i>Note: Games NOT played at the East Bay Community Bridge Center</i>
Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.					
Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)	1-2	Golden Gate A, B2 Level	\$20		\$24
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	1-2	Golden Gate A, B2 Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday, November 30, 1 p.m.					
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday, November 30, 1 & 7:30 p.m.					
NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS	1-2 F	Golden Gate C, B2 Level	\$30		—
SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	3-4 Q	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$30		—
0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Golden Gate B, B2 Level	\$22		—
<i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions.</i>					
Susan Wiebe Memorial A/X Open Pairs (unlimited/6000)	1-2	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Flight B/C Open Pairs (3000/1500)	1-2	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	1-2	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday Compact KO Teams	1-4	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Kunio Okui Memorial Saturday-Sunday KO Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams	3-4	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Saturday, November 30, 3 p.m.					
Bill Bussboom Memorial 299er & 99er Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$19
Bill Bussboom Memorial 0-20 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$15
Youth Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free		
					<i>For players under 20. Short game, followed by party.</i>
Saturday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.					
Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Evening Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Strati-Flighted B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single session	Yerba Buena 10, Bottom Level	\$20		\$24
299er Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15		\$15
Saturday, November 30, 11:30 p.m.					
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$16/team/match		
Junior Zip Knockout Teams	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free		

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. *Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

International Fund

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Today's Bridge Events

0-5 Newcomer Pair Games Are Free Today!

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Other
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact Knockout Teams Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	1-2	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	1st single session	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
Friday, November 29, 10 a.m.				
299er & 99er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$19
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$15
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free	Free
Friday, November 29, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.				
Daylight Open Pairs (<i>unlimited/3000/750</i>)	1-2	Golden Gate B, B2 Level	\$20	\$24
Friday, November 29, 1 p.m.				
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single session	Golden Gate A, B2 Level	\$20	\$24
Friday, November 29, 1 & 7:30 p.m.				
NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS <i>2 qualifying & 2 final sessions.</i> SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS <i>2-day Swiss qualifying & 5-day KO</i> Open Pairs (<i>unlimited/3000/750</i>) Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams Educational Foundation Knockout Teams	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9, Bottom Level	\$30	—
	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 7, Bottom Level	\$30	—
	1-2	Golden Gate A, B2 Level	\$20	\$24
299er & 99er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	1-2	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	2-3	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$19
Paul McDaniels Memorial Evening Swiss Teams (<i>unlimited/3000/750</i>) Friday-Sunday Side Game Series 299er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$15
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free	Free
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free	Free
Friday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.				
Paul McDaniels Memorial Evening Swiss Teams (<i>unlimited/3000/750</i>) Friday-Sunday Side Game Series 299er Pairs 0-20 Pairs 0-5 Pairs	single	Yerba Buena 8, Bottom Level	\$20	\$24
	2nd single session	Golden Gate A, B2 Level	\$20	\$24
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$19
	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	Soma, 2nd Floor	Free	Free

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Today's Sponsor

Paul Vincent McDaniels 1945-2019

By Harlan Mohagen

My brother, Paul, led a very eclectic and interesting life. He was actively involved in theater and dance, was a gourmet cook, an electrician, a plumber, a builder, a trivia buff... he was a Renaissance man! His main loves, however, were animals and bridge. Odinn (pictured) and Sally Woolsey's cats, Sunny and Emily, visited with him frequently in his final days. And you, Paul's bridge family, were there to offer love and support.



Thank you all!

Today's evening Swiss Teams are named in memory of Paul McDaniels.

Remembrance of Beth Palmer

We recently lost a longtime friend and colleague in Beth Palmer who passed away Oct. 2. Please join Beth's family and friends in a celebration of her life. Grab a drink at the bar and come join us in Sierra A/B on the fifth floor of the Marriott on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11 p.m. to share your memories.



Email us

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

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

Be scent-sitive!

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

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

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

Smoking Policy

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



This program instructs teachers in methods of administering and presenting LBIAD.

If you wish to be accredited, you must complete the following two requirements:

Serve as a Table Mentor at a LBIAD seminar ♠ Attend a two-hour LBIAD Teacher Training event

Teacher Training includes information on organizing and marketing LBIAD, maximizing retention, writing grant requests and seminar presentation. A light meal will be provided between sessions. To register, or if you have questions, please contact **Patty Tucker** at patty@whirlwindbridge.com.

Fee: \$75 USD (If purchasing a LBIAD license within 30 days of accreditation, \$50 of the \$75 fee will be applied to the first-year license fee.)

Instructor Accreditation

Saturday, Nov. 30 ♠ 6:30-8:30 p.m. ♠ Check page 2 of Daily Bulletin for location