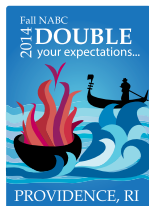




Daily Bulletin



87th Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Nickell leading in Reisinger

Nick Nickell will try to win his eighth Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams as the final two sessions of the event are played today. Nickell is playing with Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein.

Nickell starts play today more than four boards over the second-place team, captained by Sjoert Brink. Nickell's carryover is 49.84. Brink has 45.27. Brink's teammates are Dutch countryman Bas Drijver plus Daniel Zagorin and Kevin Bathurst.

Just one one-hundredths of a board behind Brink is the Richard Schwartz team: Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Lotan Fisher and Ron Scharzt.

Lynch cruises in NA Swiss semifinal

Carolyn Lynch's squad led the pack of semifinalists throughout day two of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams and will enjoy the largest carryover – 40 victory points – in today's two-session final.

The Lynch team finished Saturday evening with a four-session total of 205.59 VPs, more than 25 VPs ahead of the squad currently in second place captained by Stan Tulin.

Lynch and Tulin have each notched a second-place finish in other events in Providence: Lynch in the Baze Senior KO and Tulin in the Mitchell Open BAM Teams.

Thirty-eight teams made the cut to the final day of the event.

Jablonski leads 10K Swiss

The Massachusetts-based squad captained by Daniel Jablonski posted the best score in the qualifying round of the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams to lead the field of 36 finalists.

Jablonski and company scored 124 victory points in yesterday's two-session qualifier. They have a carryover of 30 VPs in today's final.

In second is Howard Kahlenberg's team, a foursome from the Philadelphia area. Kahlenberg scored 113 VPs in the qualifier and has a carryover of 22.33.

The 0-10,000 Swiss Teams event is now held twice each year, once at the Spring NABC and once in the Fall.

Attendance through Saturday
9018 tables

Thanks for coming to Providence!

By NABC Co-Chairs Helen Pawlowski and Joe Brouillard

On behalf of the NABC host committee, we'd like to thank everyone for attending the Fall North American championships in Providence. We hope your stay was enjoyable and successful. We have received so many compliments about Providence and the Convention Center, which has been so nice to hear.

We are especially grateful to our local volunteers who went above and beyond to make the tournament a success. We could not have done this without them.

A very special thanks to the Providence/Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau for their help in bringing the NABC to Providence and for all the work they did to help make this a success. We are also pleased that we got such terrific service from the staff of the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Players have repeatedly commented on how



much they enjoyed playing in this beautiful and modern facility.

Thanks also goes to the experienced ACBL staff for all their guidance and help in running this event.

Thanks for coming!

Youngest champ impresses with maturity and demeanor

Just about a month ago, 18-year-old Michael Klukowski became the youngest-ever world champion as a member of the Marcin Mazurkiewicz squad that won the Open Teams for the Rosenblum Cup at the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series in Sanya, China.

Far from being impressed with his own accomplishments, Klukowski is certain he has a lot to learn about bridge.

"Each board I play," he says, "can easily prove that there's a lot of practice before me."

Klukowski's teacher and regular partner, three-

time world champion Piotr Gawrys, says the young man is a good student. "He is extremely talented," Gawrys said, "but at his age you can't have a lot of experience." Klukowski reckons that Gawrys, a World Grand Master, has been



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Bridge is going to the dogs



Keira



Jean Harlow



Not yet named!



She-Who

It's not unusual to hear "ruff" at the bridge table, but in some cases, it's not the players who are making that sound, but their pets instead.

Several well-known tournament players regularly bring their dogs – service animals – into the playing area with them.

Keira, an 80-pound black Russian terrier, and Jean Harlow, a blonde schipperke, are visiting Providence with their human servants GS Jade Barrett and Karen Barrett.

Lynn Deas is rarely seen without one her little dogs, and this tournament is no exception. Deas

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Sandy DeMartino, Goodwill Chair

MARVIN GRABEL MORNING SIDE GAME

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1	1		Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA	62.80%
2.39	2			Bruce Fischer, Rumford RI; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI	61.86%
2.27	3	2		Magnus Weiman - Maureen Weiman, Eden Prairie MN	61.01%
2.43	4	3	1	Stephanie Williams, Delta BC; Reid Fleming, Arlington MA	60.12%
1.37	5			John Cotty, McCormick SC; Hugh Brown Jr, McCormick SC	56.51%
1.82	6	4	2	C Stephen Banwarth, Aiken SC; Richard Baum, Wellesley MA	56.42%
1.37		5	3	Robert Orvis - Gayle Orvis, Burleson TX	55.57%
1.03		6	4	Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA; Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	55.14%

SATURDAY MORNING BOB SIMPSON 299ER PAIRS

16.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.82	1	1	1	James Anderson, Mystic CT; Samuel Cuscovitch, Coventry CT	64.88%
2.87	2		2	Christiane Bertrand - Marielle Lemoine, Montreal QC	61.90%
2.15	3	3		Geraldine Averill, Vineyard Hvn MA; Diana Dozier, Edgartown MA	59.03%
1.61	4			Marguerite Gousie, Woonsocket RI; Joan Papazian, Smithfield RI	58.33%
1.21	5			Karen Kupersmith, Warwick RI; Peter Buonfiglio, Cranston RI	57.29%
1.47	6	4	3	Joel Rankin - Verna Rankin, Weston MA	56.85%
1.11		5	4	Linda McCabe - Deirdre Flannery, Weston MA	56.55%
0.79		6		Philip Pane, Harwich MA; Robert Magher, Eastham MA	56.25%
0.83			5	Jon Hundertmark, W Berlin NJ; Elvira Kudia, La Grange Park IL	55.65%
0.79			6	Michael Ramella - Sharon Strassfeld, Northampton MA	55.16%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.64	1	1	1	Joseph Shulman, Canton MA; Mitch Blaustein, Sharon MA	61.64%
2.73	2	2	2	William Niemi, Wakefield RI; Timothy Yentsch, Jamestown RI	60.10%
2.05	3			Bill Langlois, San Jose CA; Barbara Grantham, Houston TX	58.41%
1.79	4	3		Jan Loftin - William Smith, Lincoln NE	57.13%
1.70	5	4	3	C Stephen Banwarth, Aiken SC; Richard Baum, Wellesley MA	56.68%
1.12	6/7	5/6	4/5	Sheila McCrossin, Rumson NJ; C C Dyer, Marion MA	56.17%
1.12	6/7	5/6	4/5	Maureen Berkman, Rye Brook NY; Leon Weisburgh,	56.17%
1.24			6	Timothy Pettus, Northborough MA; Thomas Greehan III, Southborough MA	50.56%

SATURDAY EMBA OPEN PAIRS

38.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

	A	B	C		
17.15	1			Charles Sharf, North Baldwin NY; Mel Colchamiro, Merrick NY	61.54%
12.86	2			Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminson NJ; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA	60.52%
9.65	3			Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Bob Crossley, Corte Madera CA	60.17%
13.23	4	1		Howard Sloan - Linda Rothstein, New York NY	59.50%
5.72	5			Fred Hoffer, Montreal QC; Don Pfafsky, Toronto ON	59.22%
4.90	6			Douglas McCormac, North Dartmouth MA; Mark Gallagher, Fairhaven MA	58.43%
9.92	7	2		Ken Camilleis, South Yarmouth MA; Bradford Barnes, East Falmouth MA	57.53%
3.81	8			Hiroko Yanagisawa, Tokyo Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken Japan	57.05%
3.43	9			Stuart Whittle, Waltham MA; Kathy Benjamin, Bedford MA	56.90%
7.44	10	3		Gennifer Binder - Randi Adelman, New York NY	56.82%
5.58	11	4		Jacqueline Chang - Sharon Goldman, New York NY	56.12%
4.41		5		Yeong-Long Shiue, Manchester CT; Hollis Barry, Old Lyme CT	55.88%
3.84		6		Thomas Knier, Burnsville MN; John Miller, Stillwater MN	55.66%
3.31		7		Stuart Treworgy, Cumberland RI; Hoda Baron, Providence RI	55.30%
5.48		8		Anthony Curtis - Todd Fisher, Chicago IL	54.93%
4.76		9		Kathy Centorino, Chestnut Hill MA; Dan Rice, Milton MA	54.75%
5.44			1	John Lombardo, Cranston RI; David Crossley, East Greenwich RI	51.53%
4.08			2	Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA; Susan Lincoln, Boxford MA	50.54%
3.06			3	Sevil Kokturk - Uygur Kokturk, Poughkeepsie NY	50.29%
2.30			4	Dorothy Briggs, Concord MA; JiTu Nathwani, Chelmsford MA	49.77%
1.81			5	David Hogan, Marlborough MA; Roger Zessis, Westwood MA	47.98%
1.90			6	Susan Banghart - Ruth Banghart, Weston MA	47.71%

Young champ

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playing bridge roughly five times as long as he has.

The soft-spoken high school senior lives Wroclaw, in western Poland, about 165 miles from Dresden, Germany. At age 10, he learned bridge at the urging of his parents and was hooked immediately.

He played a lot on the Internet, routinely logging 100 or more boards on weekends.

Curiously, Klukowski never thought about why he liked the game so much, let alone how he developed his expertise so quickly.

All he knows is that he has had fun since his talent came to the attention of the better players in Poland.

"It's very nice to know a lot of good players want to play with me," he says. "It was a good choice for me to start playing."

Klukowski has won several medals in youth competitions, including gold in the Youngsters Teams at the 2012 World Youth Teams Championships in Taicang, China. At age 12, he earned a bronze medal in the School Pairs at 11th European Youth Pairs Championships in Opatija, Croatia.

"When I was 15," Klukowski says, "I could not imagine that in three years I would win a world championship. I couldn't even dream about it."

It came to pass in Sanya with the veteran Mazurkiewicz team, although there were some anxious moments. At the end of the Swiss qualifying, Mazurkiewicz was in 26th place out of 27 teams that made it through to the KOs. They won their opening match in comfort but had three difficult matches before landing in the final.

None was as tense as the round-of-16 match against the Nick Nickell squad. With one board to go, Mazurkiewicz was ahead 50-48. At one table, Steve Weinstein and Bobby Levin bid the final deal to 3♥, making three for plus 140.

At the other table, Klukowski and Gawrys got to 4♥ against Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. If Gawrys went down, minus 50 would mean a 4-IMP loss and the sidelines for Mazurkiewicz.

As play slowly progressed, Klukowski was anything but a casual observer. Gawrys made his dicey contract on a squeeze, but Klukowski was not surprised. "I knew he was going to make it," Klukowski says. "I knew it at the seventh trick. The situation was clear."

Reflecting on the Rosenblum Cup triumph, Klukowski says, "We had a lot of good endings."

There were two more close matches, but in the final, the Mazurkiewicz team hit their stride and defeated Monaco 131-80.

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The keys to success

Ginny and Jeff Schuett of Riverwoods IL won the Senior Mixed Pairs Thursday evening. It was their second consecutive win in the event. Some deals from the final:

Dlr: North ♠ J 10 6 5
Vul: None ♥ 7 4 3
♦ 2
♣ A J 10 7 5

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

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 8
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ 3 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Jeff</i>		<i>Ginny</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dbl	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Jeff aggressively competed to 3♥, and Ginny received the ♦5 lead. Capturing the king with the ace, Ginny decided against trying for diamond ruffs because of the lack of quick entries to her hand, so she tried a club to the jack next. East won the king, cashed the ♠A K and played a third spade. Declarer ruffed and repeated the club finesse. When that held, a trump was played to the king and ace. West continued with a trump to reduce the number of diamond ruffs declarer might get, but Ginny was in control. Winning the trump shift, she ruffed a diamond in dummy, cashed the ♣A to pitch a low diamond, then ruffed a spade in her hand to draw the last trump before enjoying the master diamond.

Making three for 35 out of 51 matchpoints.

Dlr: North ♠ Q 7 5 4
Vul: None ♥ 10 9 7
♦ Q 9 5 3
♣ 5 3

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

♠ 8 2
♥ 3
♦ 10 6 2
♣ A Q J 8 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginny</i>		<i>Jeff</i>	
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣ (1)	Pass	3♥ (2)	Pass
3♣ (3)	Pass	3NT (4)	Pass
4NT (5)	Pass	5♣ (6)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- (1) Puppet Stayman.
- (2) Five hearts.
- (3) General slam try.
- (4) Slam interest.
- (5) Roman Key Card Blackwood.
- (6) 2 key cards + ♠Q.

South led the ♣A and continued with the ♣Q. Declarer pitched a spade from dummy and won the ♣K in hand. Three top trumps were next, followed by the ♦K, a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff to get a count on the suit. A club ruff in dummy was followed by another diamond ruff, giving Schuett a complete count on the hand. North was known to be 4=3=4=2 and South was 2=1=3=7. This meant that North was twice as likely to hold the ♠Q, so Jeff played his RHO for that card to make the slam.

Plus 980 was worth 42.5/51.

After three very good rounds in the second final, the Schuett's ran into a buzzsaw with two complete zeros on the same round. Jeff made an aggressive bid and Ginny doubled what appeared to be a sacrifice by the opponents, but a distributional dummy led to minus 790. On the next deal, Jeff was defending 3NT and had one chance to find a good shift at trick two. Not only did he shift to the wrong suit, but he gave up a valuable overtrick and scored another zero. Disappointed, they headed for the next table where an accident by the opponents caused a razor-thin 3NT to go down one for 50.5 out of 51 matchpoints, and the good game was back

Danger, danger, Will Robinson

By Barry Rigal

This deal comes from a qualifying round in the Keohane North American Swiss Teams.

Dlr: East ♠ 7 5
Vul: None ♥ 8 3 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ J 10 8 6

♠ A K 4
♥ A 9
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ A K 5 2

On this deal, declarer is in danger from both opponents, but can navigate his way between Scylla and Charybdis.

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♦ (1)	Pass	3NT

All Pass

(1) Constructive

Let's say you manage successfully to negotiate away from the lure of diamonds (not that 5♦ is a bad spot) to play 3NT. You duck the heart lead (K, 2, J, 9) and if the defenders continue hearts you will take a diamond finesse. If it loses, you will later play clubs from the top to try to keep West off lead.

Instead, the defenders shift to spades at trick two. You win and cash a top diamond then a top club and take a losing diamond finesse. If a heart comes back you revert to the above-mentioned avoidance play strategy to try to keep West out.

But the defenders meanly win the second diamond and play a second spade. You duck, and now with spades 5-3 the defenders have two choices, both bad. If they continue spades you now simply take a club finesse, not caring if it loses because West will not have a spade to play. If the defenders revert to hearts, you play clubs from the top again. This way you make game not only when either finesse wins but also when the ♠Q is offside doubleton.

At is happens, your care is necessary. The full deal:

♠ 7 5
♥ 8 3 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ J 10 8 6

♠ 10 9 8
♥ K Q 10 7 6 5
♦ 9 6
♣ Q 3

♠ Q J 6 3 2
♥ J 4
♦ Q 5 4
♣ 9 7 4

♠ A K 4
♥ A 9
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ A K 5 2

Young champ

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Klukowski remembers being excited but not nervous playing in Sanya against some of the world's best players. It wasn't his first time in such company, after all. He has about half a dozen North American Bridge Championships under his belt, and he has also sat down at the table against Europe's best. "You have to always feel respect for them," he notes, "because they have a lot of achievements, and you have to be careful."

Klukowski is enjoying his partnership with Gawrys, who is well known and highly respected in North America as well as in Poland.

"Some bridge players are talking and talking and shouting," Klukowski says, "but they don't have it right. When Gawrys talks, he is right. I never ignore him."

Gawrys says his protégé's progress is noticeable. "He is mentally older now. We will see." Gawrys adds: "One of the most difficult things in the game is to realize what the opponents can do and what they cannot do." For that, he says, you need experience.

At this tournament, Brian Glubok played on a knockout team with Klukowski and Gawrys and was impressed with the younger player's demeanor. "His maturity and calm temperament are quite extraordinary."

Asked what he considers to be the best part of his game, Klukowski says, "Yesterday, I would have said declarer play is the best part, but I have to change my mind because I have to say, critically, that I'm too creative. I have to remember that all the opponents are not world champions."

Klukowski's big win made the local newspapers in his home town, but he says his fame as a world champion did not travel far past Wroclaw. "Bridge should be more famous in Poland, but it's not. They know more about the NBA than about Polish bridge players."

The new world champion says he isn't sure what the future will bring. He has his eye on a career as a professional bridge player, but he hasn't made up his mind. When he graduates from high school next year, he will have to decide about college and what he might study. Anything is possible, he says.

One thing is for sure: Klukowski will be playing bridge at high levels for a long time. After all, he says, "I'm still hungry for some good results."

Bridge dogs

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is currently holding court at the bridge table with a two-month-old Yorkiepool, a Yorkshire terrier/poodle mix. Deas has yet to name the 12-ounce dog, which is soon to be a gift to a friend.

Ellen Kent is in Providence with a mi-ki named She-Who, short for "she who must be obeyed," of Rumpole of the Bailey fame. She-Who does not suffer rivals gladly, and her tiny bark can occasionally be heard whenever she spots Keira in the vicinity.

Smoking Policy

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