



Congratulations to D17 National Winners!

Three national events were won by D17 members:

The Nail Life Master Pairs by Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas, playing with perennial partner Eric Greco of Wynnwood, Pennsylvania.



Spencer Jones

The 0-10K IMP Pairs by Spencer Jones, playing with partner Theri Andino of Niceville, Florida, but a frequent player in D17 tournaments.

The Baze Senior Knockout Teams by John Mohan, Las Vegas, with teammates Rose Meltzer, Dan Morse, John Sutherland, Steve Garner and Ron Smith.

National Noteables

Nail Life Master Pairs

11 Harvinder Sidhu, Scottsdale - Markland Jones, Phoenix

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs

7 Brad Moss, Denver

Super Senior Pairs

- 5 Markland Jones, Phoenix
- 7 Rebecca Rogers, Henderson, Nev.
- 8 David Corbin, Boulder, Colo. - Judith Hardie, Broomfield, Colorado
- 10 Chuck Henke, Aurora, Colo. - Allen Kane, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Senior Mixed Pairs

- 6 Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton, Colorado
- 8 Patricia Norman - Jeffrey Holligan, Lone Tree, Colorado
- 14 Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque
- 18 Rebecca Rogers, Henderson, Nevada
- 20 Anne Brenner - David Caprera, Denver

5K Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs

- 4 Laura de Vesine, Westminster, Colo.
- 12 Jon Gustafson - Neil Petrie, Fort Collins, Colorado

Whitehead Women's Pairs

- 2 Linda Lewis, Las Vegas
- 4 Carol Ward, Arvada, Colorado - Jeanne Gray, Niwot, Colorado
- 13 Nancy Rassbach, Westminster, Colo. - Linda Sundbye, Broomfield, Colorado

10K IMP Pairs

15 Roy Weinstein, Denver

10K Fast Pairs

3 Roy Weinstein, Denver

Mitchell Open BAM Teams

4 Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas
9/10 Roger Lee, Las Vegas & Bobby Levin, Henderson, Nevada

Reisinger B-A-M Teams

6 Billy Miller, Las Vegas
7 Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas
10 Brad Moss, Denver

Marsha May Sternberg Women's BAM Teams

3 Jill Levin, Henderson, Nevada

Keohane North American Swiss Teams

2 Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas
3 Ishmael DelMonte - Curtis Cheek, LV
4 John Mohan, Las Vegas

Mixed Swiss Teams

3 Josh Donn, Las Vegas
4 Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas
8 Adam Wildavsky, Dillon, Colorado
15 John Bugay, Parker, Colorado
16 Jill Levin, Henderson, Nevada
17 Anam Tebha, Las Vegas

10K Swiss Teams

3 Kay Enfield, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Improve Your Play



By Larry Matheny

Fort Collins, Colorado

Trumps Must Wait

While many hands are straightforward, others take tender loving care. In this hand it was necessary to take a finesse before dealing with the trump suit.

♠K
♥Q98542
♦Q2
♣QJ83

♠J9874
♥K
♦J754
♣1065

♠Q102
♥1063
♦10986
♣K97

♠A653
♥AJ7
♦AK3
♣A42

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♠7

Bidding: After *South's* 2NT opening, *North* made a mild slam try by transferring to hearts and then raising to game. With no slam interest, *North* would have simply used a four-level Texas Transfer bid. *South* loved his hand and accepted the invitation.

Play: *West* led a low spade to dummy's ♠K. As is often the case, declarer thought it would be easier to set up the long trump hand. Declarer saw he could discard two of dummy's clubs on the spade ace and a high diamond, so that left the club finesse and the heart suit. If the club finesse succeeded, he could take a safety play in hearts by starting with the ace to guard against either opponent having ♥K10xx. So at trick two, declarer led the queen of clubs. When that won, he followed with a low heart to his ace. He was delighted to see the king come down and was now able to draw the other trumps. Next, he played three rounds of diamonds and the ace of spades to discard two small clubs from dummy. Making all thirteen tricks earned a great score.

If the club finesse had failed, declarer would have had to bring in the heart suit without loss, and he would surely have taken a losing finesse.

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A Mile High Thank You also to Ruth Pana and Frank Queen, who were recognized and honored at the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Reception. Ruth, for her service as volunteer coordinator at both the 2005 & 2015 Denver NABCs

and her many contributions to Denver Unit 361 and Frank for his many years of devotion and service to Denver Unit 361, the Western Conference and the ACBL Board of Governors.

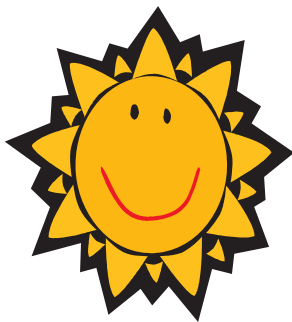


Ruth Pana & Bonnie Bagley



Bonnie Bagley & Frank Queen

Yuma Sunshine Sectional



January 28 to 31, 2016

Chairpersons: Wayne & Cathy Stewart 928-328-1690
Partnerships: Larry Gealy 928-580-1944

199ers will get \$2 discount in all 199er events

Stratifications: C=0-500 B=500-1500 A=1500+

Sanction# \$1601020

Airport Inn, Yuma Arizona
711 East 32nd St.; Yuma, Arizona
(phone 928-726-4721 for reservations)

Entry Fees: \$10/session 199ers \$8

Non/unpaid ACBL Members \$3 extra

This is a scent-free tournament

Schedule of Events:

(NOTE: KO events will not be handicapped)

Thursday, January 28

1:00 p.m. Bracketed KO Teams 1st of 3 rounds
Stratified Open Pairs
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

7:00 p.m. Bracketed KO Teams 2nd of 3 rounds
Stratified Open Pairs
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

Friday, January 29

10:00 a.m. Bracketed KO Teams Finals
Stratified Open Pairs
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

3:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

Saturday, January 30

10:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

3:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs
199er game (every session if sufficient numbers)

Sunday, January 31

10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (by team average MPs)
p.m. TBA



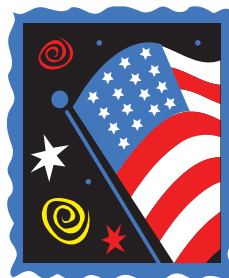
Never ending cookies will be available.



There will be a sandwich lunch available for purchase Sunday between sessions.

Directions to Yuma Airport Inn: From Interstate 8 take the 16th St. exit. Turn west on 16th and continue to 4th Ave. Turn left (south) on 4th for about 2 miles and follow 4th around the curve, where it becomes 32nd St. Follow 32nd past 2 signals to Yuma Airport Inn on your right.
Hotel Bridge Rate: \$59 + tax
Restaurant on premises and others nearby

PHOENIX PRESIDENTS' DAY SECTIONAL



February 12 - 15, 2016

ASU West Campus
4701 West Thunderbird Drive
Glendale, AZ 85306 (602) 543-7751

Friday, February 12

10 am & 3 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Stratified 199er Pairs	Single Sessions
7:30 pm	Silver Bracketed KOs	1st Round

Saturday, February 13

10 am & 3 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Stratified 199er Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Silver Bracketed KOs (cont'd)	2nd and 3rd Rounds

Sunday, February 14

10 am & TBD after lunch break	Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	2 Session Event
10 am & TBD after lunch break	Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	Single Sessions

Dining options available

Monday, February 15

10 am & 3 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Stratified 199er Pairs	Single Sessions
10 am & 3 pm	Compact KOs	2 Session Event

Stratified Events:
A = 2000+ D = 100-200
B = 500-2000 E = 50-100
C = 0-500 F = 0-50

Strati-Flighted Events:
A = 3000+ B = 750-2000
X = 0-3000 C = 300-750
D = 0-300

Note: Stratifications for all events are based on average MP holdings. If an event has an upper MP limit, every player must fall within that limit. Top KO bracket may be handicapped.

Entry Fees:
\$12 per session for current paid up ACBL members
\$15 for all others
• Free parking in designated lot

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Sanction # 1602034

- Members with < 10 MPs play FREE!
- Dining options available
- Hospitality breaks every session
- Non-smoking facility
- No alcohol allowed on campus

