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Winners of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Pat McDevitt and Sheila Gabay.

McDevitt, Gabay dominate Mixed final

Boston-area players Pat McDevitt and Sheila Gabay tore through the field of finalists in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs to win the contest by almost three boards. McDevitt and Gabay qualified second in Tuesday's opening round. The final saw them turn in 62.21% and 65.91% performances to convincingly claim the victory. Their four-session

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High Vanderbilt seeds remain in control

In yesterday's Vanderbilt play, 10 of the top 11 seeds advanced to today's round of 16. Most of the high seeds cruised to victory, with the exception of Hemant Lall's No.10 seed, who needed a furious fourth-quarter rally to overcome a challenge by Marty Seligman's team (No. 23). Down 33 IMPs, Lall blasted into the lead with a 58-15 score in the last set.

Kevin Castner's team acquired the No. 7 seed by upsetting Richie Coren's squad in round two, but Castner and company were forced to relinquish it to Chen Zhao's team, the 26 seed, 147-119.

George Mittelman (No. 12) was shown the exit

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Anikovich meets Shrive in 10K final

In a reprise of last year's final in the 0-10,000 Knockout Teams, the squads captained by Viktor Anikovich and Albert Shrive will meet for the title.

In the semifinal round, Shrive defeated the squad led by Mac Busby, 128-97. Shrive led Busby through all four quarters of the match.

In the other bracket, however, Anikovich won by forfeit when Richard Gabriel's team failed to appear for the match within time period specified by the conditions of contest. Because the semifinal matches were played behind screens, the start time for the event was noon instead of 1 p.m. as it had been in earlier rounds, but the Gabriel team missed the director's announcements and postings in the Daily Bulletin. Anikovich advanced to the final.

Limerick Contest

St. Patrick's Day is Saturday, March 17, and in honor of the event, the Daily Bulletin is holding a Limerick Contest. Submit your bridge-related limericks to NABCDailyBulletin@acbl.org or the Daily Bulletin office, Room 407 in the Marriott.

The deadline is Friday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. The top three submissions will be published in Saturday's issue.



Hall of Fame adds two more

The ACBL Hall of Fame's 2018 inductee class expands to five. In addition to the three players elected – Ralph Katz, Robert Levin and Eric Rodwell (see issue 6) – the Hall of Fame Committee has made selections for the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz awards.

Mark Molson is the recipient of the von Zedtwitz Award, which honors individuals who were top players in their time and are now either deceased or inactive. The winner of the Blackwood Award, which recognizes long and outstanding contributions to bridge outside of playing ability, is **Bridge Base Online** – the first non-human entity to be inducted into the hall.



Mark Molson

Molson, who died in 2006, was a Grand Life Master with a distinguished record in high-level competition. He had a silver medal in the Bermuda

Bowl in 1995 and a bronze medal in the Rosenblum Knockout Teams in 1990. A native of Canada, Molson won the Richmond Trophy (for the most masterpoints earned in a calendar year by a Canadian) five times. He amassed almost 20,000 masterpoints before his death at 56.



Molson won seven Canadian National Team Championships, one Canadian Open Pairs Championship and seven NABC titles: the Reisinger and Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1989, the 2002 Grand National Teams and four times the Keohane North American Swiss Teams.

At the time of Molson's death, Bermuda Bowl teammate Eric Kokish told the Bridge Bulletin,

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Top players rally over cheating fears

Dozens of top-level players gathered for a public event Wednesday morning at the Philadelphia NABC to raise awareness of what they describe as a threat to "the very soul of the game."

Although well-publicized disciplinary hearings in North America and Europe have resulted in the permanent banning of several top pairs convicted of collusive cheating, some of the accused have turned to civil courts to have their sentences overturned or reduced.

In January, for example, the European Union's Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that the European Bridge League's ban of Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes was invalid, a decision that sent shock waves through bridge world.

Recognizing that world, zonal and national bridge federations could be compelled by courts to allow the participation of players who had previously been banned, some players are trying to take matters into their own hands by demanding that these bridge organizations announce in advance who would be invited to their tournaments. This

would permit players to avoid participating in events in which those previously convicted planned to play.

The group in Philadelphia created buttons that read "Say No to Cheats," and posted a petition that was available for anyone to sign. More than a hundred players proudly sported the buttons throughout the day, and roughly an equal number signed the petition, which read in part, "We appreciate the efforts of the national and international federations in dealing with this cancer. We have no doubt they share our common cause. Yet we also see that there are times when their hands are tied by the red tape of bureaucracy and the maze of legal interpretations. Bridge players around the world have a right to decide where to



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Today is Dave Treadwell Day

ACBL Hall of Famer Dave Treadwell died in 2010. A two-time NABC champion, Treadwell was a Grand Life Master with more than 25,000 masterpoints. This remembrance of Treadwell, masterfully written by fellow Hall of Famer Zeke Jabbour, appeared in the April 2010 issue of the Bridge Bulletin.



Since 1945, the New Hampshire state emblem has been The Old Man of the Mountains, a stone face carved from the mountains of New Hampshire by glacier and erosion, perhaps a million years ago. The old guy has been a nationally recognized icon, honored by a U.S. postage stamp and commemorated on the NH state quarter. In 2003, he collapsed, became a rock

slide, and is no more. Once again proving that nothing is permanent. He is missed by many.

In 1850, Hawthorne used the Old Man as inspiration for his short story "The Great Stone Face," in which he described the formation as "a work of Nature in her mood of majestic playfulness."

Bridge has had its own "work of Nature in her mood of majestic playfulness." What better description for David Treadwell, the Old Man of

the Pasteboards. We wondered if David might not, in fact, be permanent. He *seemed* permanent. But, at age 97, he died prematurely. He, too, is missed by many.

Affectionately known as the "Old Fart," an

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Goodwill Message

It is your responsibility to insure that bridge remains the game you enjoy so much.

Sandy DeMartino, Chair

Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

ATTENDANCE through Wednesday 7055.5 tables

HUGH ROSS WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT A/B/C SWISS TEAMS

70 Tables / Based on 158 Tables

	A	B	C	
38.32	1			Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Martin Rabinowitz, Garnet Valley PA; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ; Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE 95.00
28.74	2			Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; P Drew Cannell, Dol-Des-Ormeaux QC; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden 94.00
21.56	3			Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Benito Garozzo, Wilmington DE; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Kamil Nowak, Kielce Poland; Woaciech Strzemecki, Poland 86.00
16.17	4			Riki Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA; Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH 83.00
12.77	5			Kenneth Chatzinoff, Cinnaminon NJ; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Paul Zebrowski, Naples FL; Patricia Civale, Chesterfield NJ 82.00
10.95	6			Mark Feldman, Austin TX; Ross Grabel, Palm Desert CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA 77.00
20.53	7/8	1		Robert Guerard, Brossard QC; Jean Bellemarre - Michel Morin, Montreal QC; Marius Moldovan, Pointe-Claire QC 76.00
9.05	7/8			Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC 76.00
7.66	9			Christopher Panos, Sacramento CA; Dennis Wick, Greencastle PA; Mac Raczkiewicz, Hilton Head SC; Lech Ekert, Bluffton SC 75.00
15.40	10	2	1	Polly Arnold - Joanna Johnson - Bonnie Kress - Frances Barry, Raleigh NC 74.00
6.15	11/12			Edward White, Grand Blanc MI; Ken Gee, Regina SK; Gerald Lackner, Furstenfeld Austria; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD 73.00
11.55	11/12	3	2	W. Burns III, East Stroudsburg PA; JoAnn Mauger, Effort PA; Wayne Weisler, New Orleans LA; Jacob Karno, Metairie LA 73.00
4.97	13/16			Judith Auer, Dublin OH; Larry Jones, Pickerington OH; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH 72.00
4.97	13/16			Joseph Rice, Winchester KY; Harry Sapienza, Minnetonka MN; E. Bruce Neikirk, Louisville KY; Barry Purrington, Eagan MN 72.00
4.97	13/16			Robert Priest - Linda Ivanoff, Harrisburg PA; Nick Straguzzi, Mullica Hill NJ; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN 72.00
4.97	13/16			Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA; Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH 72.00
8.66	17	4		Margie Cole - Leonardo Fruscoloni, New York NY; Marilyn Fedak, Boca Raton FL; Raluca Dobrescu, Woodside NY 71.00
6.36	18/20	5/6		Sanford Robbins - Betty Triliegi, Pompano Beach FL; Keith Kimball, Nashua NH; John Dunstan, Bloomington MN 68.00
3.84	18/20			Hiroki Yokoi, Shinjuku-Ku Tok Japan; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken Japan; Yasuko Shrenzel - Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI 68.00
6.36	18/20	5/6	3	Larry Plotkin, Elkins Park PA; J. Brill, Voorhees NJ; Peter Schuchman, Chenango Bridge NY; Steve White, Broomall PA 68.00
4.85	7/8			Thomas Andrews, Utica NY; Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA; Melody Henderson - Mark Henderson, Wilmington DE 67.00
4.85	7/8			William Bauer III, Warminster PA; Thomas Salter, Hatfield PA; Kenneth Salter, Norristown PA; Susan Morse, Flourtown PA 67.00
4.11	9			John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC 66.00
4.29	10	4		Hollis Rosenthal, Ambler PA; Erma Waters - John Waters, Doylestown PA; Gina Bresler, Lansdale PA 65.00
3.29	11/12	5/6		Stephen Pope - Ornit Grossman - Edythe Krauss - Ellen Ryan, Ithaca NY 64.00
3.29	11/12	5/6		Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO; Maureen Sabo, Bedford Hills NY; Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Barbara Gallagher, Littleton CO 64.00
2.93	13	7		Susan Kennedy - Patricia Grimek-Stover, York PA; Barrie Callahan, Dover PA; Ivan Hileman, Thomasville PA 63.00
2.15	8/9			Marjorie O'Malley - Charles O'Malley III, San Diego CA; Mordecai Schwartz - Kathy Fisher, Bryn Mawr PA 61.00
2.15	8/9			Debra Lamountain, Forest Hills NY; Allen Greenbaum, Old Bethpage NY; Susan Calabro, New York NY; David Sloane, Glen Cove NY 61.00

BRIDGELADY DBC WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
4.98	1	1	1	Andrea Ventris, Tiburon CA; Jocelyn Startz, San Francisco CA 64.96%
3.74	2	2	2	Susan Bates - Ruthie Shor, Dallas TX 60.04%
2.80	3			Nicole Tremblay - Pierre Gaudreau, Sainte-Sophie QC 57.77%
2.10	4			Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA 56.25%
2.56	5	3		Dorothy Koernig, Summit NJ; Susan Robbins, Morristown NJ 55.68%
2.30	6	4		Leonid Fastovsky, Chevy Chase MD; Phillip Yorston, Albuquerque NM 54.17%
1.61	5			Jane Kirby - Kate Hopkins, Dallas TX 53.98%
1.58	6	3		Roy Goodman, South Huntington NY; Geraldine Macdonald, Los Altos CA 53.41%
1.18	4			Stanley Goodman, Winter Springs FL; Heather Wood, Maitland FL 51.52%

HUGH ROSS WEDNESDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

19.5 Tables

	A	B	C	
4.50	1	1	1	Patricia Mueller, Dresher PA; Dale Scafuro, New Britain PA 63.10%
3.38	2	2		Janet McGlynn - Thomas McGlynn, Catonsville MD 60.89%
2.53	3	3	2	Ann Basch - Michael Basch, Elkins Park PA 59.57%
1.90	4	4	3	Jeanne Thompson - Lori O'Connor, Devon PA 59.52%
1.42	5	5		Joan Zylkin - Carol Greco, Philadelphia PA 58.68%
1.18	6	6	4	Monica Leid, Severna Park MD; William May, Shepherdstown WV 57.28%
0.92			5	Grace Sutherland, Danielsville PA; Janet Morganthau, East Stroudsburg PA 56.85%
0.66			6	Guy Veroli - Bernice Koplun, Philadelphia PA 54.42%

Hall of Fame*continued from page 1*

“Over the course of his career he was able to bring out the best in a wide variety of partners of different abilities. He was also excellent company, which can’t be said of all bridge experts, and a sort of Peter Pan figure in his own way.”

Molson was married to Janice Seamon-Molson, who appeared on the Hall of Fame ballot this year.

Bridge Base Online

Uday Ivatury, the chief executive of BBO, was surprised and confused to learn his company would be inducted into the Hall of Fame. “The corporation?” Of course, the Supreme Court has ruled that corporations are people, too.

Bridge Base Online offers free and premium bridge services to bridge players of all levels. Using their browser on any device, members can play bridge at any time and for any length of time, with or without a partner. People can play with regular partners, strangers from around the world or by themselves with robots.

The member community is large (over 250,000) and active (often over 10,000 people online) and includes speakers of many languages. BBO’s ACBL-sanctioned club games hosted nearly a million tables in 2017: 961,776, a number that has grown steadily over the years.

A significant contribution to the game are the vugraph broadcasts, which present live matches from around the world and are enhanced by expert commentary. BBO provides technical and organizational support and maintains an archive for public use and analysis. It also maintains busy discussion boards, often monitored by volunteers who can help with questions and problems.

A few districts use the BBO platform to hold their North American Pairs and Grand National Teams competitions. Particularly in the districts covering geographically large areas, this enables players to compete without having to travel long distances to a central location.

BBO provides free tools for teachers and students and tools for the developing player, and opportunities to practice at various forms of scoring. It supports ACBL activities with labor and financial contributions.

Although it is a for-profit business, BBO is primarily a labor of love, Ivatury says. “Our goal is to use BBO as a platform to promote the game of bridge throughout the world.”

Mixed winners*continued from page 1*

Runners-up in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Mark Itabashi and Veronica McMurdie.

total was 3419.97 on a 95 top.

In second place with 3149.80 were Mark Itabashi of Murietta CA and Veronica McMurdie of Sacramento.

This was the second victory for McDevitt and Gabay. The pair won the event in 2012. McDevitt now has five NABC titles, as well as world championship (the 2010 World Senior Pairs, also played in Philadelphia). This is Gabay’s third NABC title.

In 2017, McDevitt and Gabay were leading the Mixed Pairs after three sessions, but a poor last set dropped them to eighth place.