

Region 3 Director Report – September 2024

The summer NABC in Toronto was successful from every perspective. The location was terrific, the playing areas were fabulous, and a great time was enjoyed by all the players. The new Bridge Mania and Beyond Bridge events were well attended and the fun spirit of these events added to the players' enjoyment.

The ACBL discussions at the board meetings prior to the NABC focused on two major issues – the future of the online game and EDGAR.

Discussion around the online game focused on the BBO contract which will expire June 30th of 2025. Management talks with BBO are not finalized, but it is unlikely that ACBL will be renewing the existing contract. Under the current contract BBO pays ACBL an annual fee for masterpoint exclusivity and BBO's ability to control the table fees ACBL charges BBO for their games. If the contract is not renewed, ACBL will forego that income to allow other platforms to compete for players by awarding ACBL masterpoints, but more important will be the ability of the ACBL to control the pricing of table fees to all platforms awarding masterpoints. What management is most focused on in these ongoing negotiations is providing our members with the best possible product for online play

BBO will continue to host online games so the players will not see any changes, there will just be additional options for play available to our players.

The other hot topic is EDGAR, the computer based cheating detection program that the ACBL is using to detect online cheating. For information about how EDGAR works, read the article in August's Bridge Bulletin. 17,500 players have been run through EDGAR. There are 83,000 bridge players playing online and it will take about 18 months to review everyone's playing records. EDGAR is very effective in weeding out cheaters and also is an effective deterrent.

The full report from the Toronto board meetings is available [here](#).

Congratulations to all Region 3 players who were successful in Toronto:

NATIONAL EVENTS IN TORONTO

NABC Robot Individual: 15 - Zachary Madden, 51 - Jiang Gu

GNT – Flight B: 5/8 - James Koss, Glenn Fuhrman, Gerald Abelow, Michael Minoff

Life Master Pairs: 5 - Ron Gerard, 16 - Yinghao Liu, 37 - Jeff Aker, 50 - Daniel Boye, Richard Popper

Bruce LM 6000 Pairs: 6 - Randi Adelman

Young 0-2500 Pairs: 5 - Donald Boyce, Stephen Younger, 15 - Steven Siegel, Jason Tokuda, 25 - George Biris

NABC+ Open Pairs: 39 - Will Ehlers, Scotch Plains NJ

Senior Swiss Teams: 17 - Joann Glasson – Bob Glasson, Will Ehlers

Wehrner Open Pairs: 7 - Richard Oshlag, 28 - Nancy Molesworth, Ron Gerard, 37 – Louis Glasthal, 44 - Himanshu Joshi, Bharat Rao

Spingold: 5/8 - Connie Goldberg

0 – 10,000 Pairs: 7 - Barry Dehlin, Yan Zhang

0-2500 Mini-Spingold: 3/4 - Greg Warden

0-6000 Mini Spingold: 5/8 - Randi Adelman

Oshlag Fast Pairs: 6 - Jiang Gu, 16 - Richard Oshlag, 23 - Louis Glasthal

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: 6 - Aaron Liebhaber

Roth Open Swiss Teams: 11 - Lynda Nitabach, 23 - Parag Saxena, 33 - Connie Goldberg

O-10,000 Swiss Teams: 1 - Xiaowen Li

REGIONAL EVENTS IN TORONTO

Educational Foundation Teams Bracket 7: 3 - Robert Davenport Jr., Jane Detra Davenport, Kurt Meyer, Richard McMullin

Friday Open Pairs: 1 - Jiang Gu

Friday Bracketed Teams, Bkt 1: 1 – Connie Goldberg

Friday Bracketed Teams, Bkt 7: 3 Bobbie Goodyear, Raymond Rizzo, Kamrul Khan, William Even

Saturday Open Pairs: 6 - Michael Otte, 10 - Bob Glasson, Joann Glasson

Friday Evening Side Game: 6 - Fred Shubert, Fred Douglass

Saturday Morning Side Game: 6 - Raleigh O Connor, Helen Raleigh

Top Flight Swiss Teams: 6/7 - Connie Goldberg

Sunday Morning Side Game: 7 - Bob Cole, Ala Hamilton-Day

Monday Open Pairs: 4 0- Lisa Mita

Sunday Evening Side Game: 7 - Lynn Ackerman, Mary Miller

Monday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 6: 1- Michael Haas, Brandon Fong

Top Flight Swiss Teams: 5/6 - Sarik Goyal

Tuesday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 5: 1 - Todd Thorsen, Bobette Thorsen

Tuesday Topflight Pairs: 5 - Jason Ji, 6 - Alex Perlin

Tuesday Morning Side Game: 4 - George Biris

Wednesday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 5: $\frac{3}{4}$ - Jane Pelullo, Helen Walker, Margaret Cooke, Bobette Thorsen

Wednesday Morning Side Game: 2 - Robert Gray, Rusty Vilk, 6 - Cynthia Martin

Thursday Morning Cardroom Pairs: 3 Rian Souffrant – Kiarra Jeffries, 4 - Kyra Smartt – Asani Sanford-Green

Thursday Afternoon Cardroom Pairs: 1 - Kiarra Jeffries – Rian Souffrant, 2 - Faith Mathis – Sahara Hafiz-Kendall, 2 Kyra Smartt – Asani Sanford-Green

Thursday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 2: 2 - William Golush

Thursday Topflight Pairs: 3 - Jeff Aker

Thursday Evening Side Pairs: 5 - Yan Zhang

Friday Morning Cardroom Pairs: 1 - Faith Mathis – Sahara Hafiz-Kendall, 4 - Arianna Shivers, Mackyse Duverge

Friday Afternoon Cardroom Pairs: 3 - Kyra Smartt, Asani Sanford-Green

Friday Collegiate Pairs: 1 - Tianyang Chen

Friday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 1: 1/2 Chaim Kozlovsky, Joseph Rich

Friday Bracketed Teams – Bkt 10: Marla Lawson

Friday Evening Side Pairs: 1 - Jiang Gu, 2 - Yan Zhang

Tuesday-Friday Evening Side Series: 5/6 - Yan Zhang

Saturday Afternoon Youth Pairs: 3 - Rian Souffrant – Kiarra Jeffries,
4 - James Fu

Collegiate Pairs Championship: 3 - Ziheng Yun

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs: 7 - Steven Stark, Marian Stark

Sunday Fast Pairs: 10 - Lisa Mita

Sunday A/X/Y Swiss Teams: 6/7 - Alex Perlin, Igor Savchenko