

# New Online Results

## View summaries online and more!

Starting with this tournament we are posting pair game results online using an excellent program called ACBLmerge. Developed by **Matthew Kidd**, a San Diego player and programmer, the program takes data from three sources: the hands dealt by the ACBL computer, the results from ACBLScore, and the results from the Bridgemate machines. From these three data sources, the program does a bunch of very cool things and then posts the results in an HTML file that goes onto the Internet and looks something like this:

**1** Explanation of report features  
Download hands in PBN or GIB format (Right click and choose "Save Link As..." in Firefox or "Save Target As..." in IE)  
Jump directly to board 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Field strength: Mean: 2360 MP Geomean: 1386 MP (based on 91 players, 3 non ACBL players ignored) **2**

Show Faces: Paula Kantor  
Has: 550 masterpoints as of Mar 2011 **3**

13	Gene Summ	Orvala Sankar	C	-	-	-	-	-	138.86	44.31
14	Russ Novak	Anne Terry	A	-	-	-	-	-	158.54	50.61
15	Allice Lane	Dorinda Lindvall	A	3	-	-	-	-	189.25	60.66 3.00(SA)

**4** #84 Q9653 #Q3 #AQ34  
#AT9532 #K3 #RT42 #92 #654 #K65  
#Q76 #87 #AK387 #T98

Double Dummy Makes  
9710 NS: 1♠=1♥=1♠NT=1  
EW: 3INT=0  
9 Left: 16-15=+1  
10 Par: 140-1♠=EW **8**

N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	Contract	Ed
380	8.00	0.00	2♠	S +2	4-Burgesson-Kuzniec vs 7-Blackwell-Pepper
150	7.00	1.00	3♠	S +2	7-Maffia-Maffia vs 2-Zeldin-Reith
130	4.00	4.00	2♠	S +2	1-Garin-Garin vs 1-Saxe-Meyer
130	4.00	4.00	2♠	S +2	5-Gabriel-Wallace vs 9-Malliday-Dakley
130	4.00	4.00	4♠	S	6-Warner-Kunkel vs 11-Greene-Bradley

holdings of the players. A game for newer players will be nearer to the left side, and a strong open pairs will be on the right side. The mean is the average masterpoint holding of all ACBL players in the game. Geomean is a more logical way of showing the data, based on the sound theory that it is much easier for most players (except me...) to win the 100 points between 900 and 1000 than the points between 0 and 100. In this method, the average of 10 and 1000 is not 505, but 100.

--Each deal is shown with the results on the deal listed from the best North-South score at the top to the best East-West score at the bottom. This is better than listing by pair number since it clearly shows how many made a common score and where it sits in the table. This allows you a good trick on most browsers. Type CTRL+F and then type your name as it appears in the lists. It will find each instance of your name and the position in the chart will tell you how well you have done. But there's something even better than that...

--In the list of scores and ranks at the top, clicking on a pair number will bring up that pair's summary in a pop up box, as you can see alongside this column. Names, scores, even colour coding, with red and green shading pinpointing your worst and best scores.

--Below each deal, the highcard points for each hand are listed, along with the double-dummy tricks available in each suit. A suit symbol after a number indicates a contract that can be made. A number after a suit symbol indicates the number of tricks (less than seven) that can be made in that suit. Sometimes, if North and South, or East and West, make different numbers of tricks depending on who declares, the two values are separated by a slash.

--Also listed are the LoTT (Law of Total Tricks) statistics for the hand. In the example above, a total of 16 tricks can be made by the two sides in their best fits, but there are only 15 total trumps (8 in spades for E-W, 7 in the other three suits for N-S), so the hand makes one more trick (+1) than the Law expects.

--The par score for the hand is the highest-scoring makeable contract, or a sacrifice that costs the other side less. The par score is based on the available tricks, which is based on a double dummy analysis. Of course, double dummy tricks sometimes expect you to be a mind reader and play for unlikely

As you can see, there is quite a lot going on here:  
--You can download the PBN (Portable Bridge Notation) file for the hands in the session and play them again in your bridge software.  
--You can jump directly to any board from the top of the page, to see that crazy hand everyone's talking about first. (To jump back to the top, press CTRL + HOME on most keyboards.)  
--In the list of scores and ranks at the top, hovering your mouse over the name of a player will bring up a popup box telling you that player's approximate masterpoint holding. One of the things I'll be able to add as I get more experience with the program is photos of players in this box as well.  
--The rainbow bar near the top shows how strong the field in that game was, based on the masterpoint

# Photo Gallery

## Friday Edition

Photos every evening at the end of play by the north entrance (far end of the pairs end of the room).



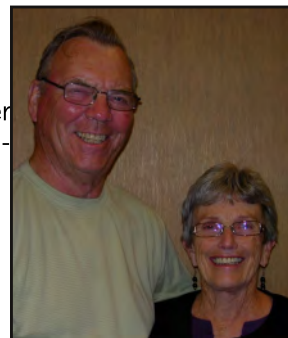
New Life Master **Shelley Burns**, North Vancouver BC. Congratulations!



Wednesday Afternoon 199er winners: Vinette Howell, Kelowna BC; Joy Wilson, Sechelt BC



The Wednesday-Thursday Bracket Seven winners that made Shelley a new LM: Jacqueline Thibert, Osoyoos BC; Kathryn Shannon - Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA



Tuesday Morning 199er winners Ted Saunders - Elaine Saunders, Surrey BC

distributions or get a series of two-way finesses exactly right, so your results might not be quite the same.

--The C near the par score brings up a popup window with the cards in the deal arranged in various formats so that you can copy and paste what you want.

--At the bottom of the example is something I probably won't be able to do here in Penticton: including the contracts and opening leads from the Bridgemate files. It's something I hope to get working in Lynnwood, after a good look at some of the Bridgemate data files produced this week. As you can see, the inclusion of actual contracts and opening leads make the picture much clearer. The ACBLmerge program even checks to see whether the opening lead comes from the correct hand, something that the

Bridgemates (if set up to have opening leads entered) don't do. An opening lead from the wrong hand is highlighted and usually it means the North player has erred in entering the opening lead.

So, if you're playing pairs this week, you'll have lots to check out online at the end of the game. A results web area has been setup at the same spot where the Daily Bulletins are posted...

[www.matchpointer.com/db.htm](http://www.matchpointer.com/db.htm)

...and you'll be able to go from one game to another easily. Plus, the program is free software. Check it out (or have your local club manager do so for you)

[www.lajollabridge.com/Software/ACBLmerge/ACBLmergeAbout.htm](http://www.lajollabridge.com/Software/ACBLmerge/ACBLmergeAbout.htm)