

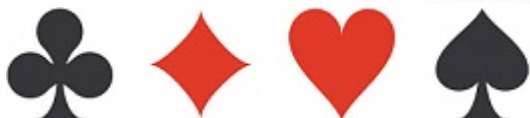
The OREGON TRAIL

Regional

FIFTH EDITION FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2014



TODAY'S SCHEDULE



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TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

John.McLoughlin Compact Brktd KOS (3/final sess.) 9 a.m.
 MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 9 a.m.
 Mt. Hood Bracketed KO TEAMS (3rd session) 1 p.m.
 Ridgefield Compact Brktd KOS (1st/2nd session) 1 p.m.
 AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 1 p.m.
 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified) 1 p.m.
 OPEN PAIRS (stratified) 1 & 7 p.m.
 Mt. Hood Bracketed KO TEAMS (final session) 7 p.m.
 Ridgefield Compact Brktd KOS (3rd/final session) 1 p.m.
 EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 7 p.m.
 SINGLE-SESSION SWISS TEAMS (stratified) 7 p.m.
 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified) 7 p.m.



STRATIFIED A/B PAIRS (Open/2500)

| 26.0 Tables / Based on 46 Tables | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|--|--------|
| A | B | | |
| 19.60 | 1 | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA | 60.73% |
| 14.70 | 2 | David Brower, Portland OR; Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA | 59.42% |
| 11.03 | 3 | 1 Ray Johnston, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR | 56.95% |
| 8.27 | 4 | Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery, Portland OR; Connie Coquillet, Vancouver WA | 56.69% |
| 6.53 | 5 | Andrea James - Charles James, Auburn WA | 56.40% |
| 5.60 | 6 | Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA | 55.55% |
| 4.90 | 7 | Regenia Butler - Greg Trautman, Olympia WA | 55.22% |
| 5.84 | 8 | 2 Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT | 55.19% |
| 4.38 | 9 | 3 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR | 53.96% |
| 3.56 | 10 | Robert Kroning - Susan Kroning, Seaside OR | 52.94% |
| 3.27 | 11 | Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR | 52.76% |
| 4.20 | 12 | 4 Beverly Van Nice - Colleen Fredrickson, The Dalles OR | 52.73% |
| 2.80 | 13 | Judy Kay, Beaverton OR; Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR | 52.65% |
| 4.12 | 5 | Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Fullerton CA | 52.38% |
| 2.31 | 6 | Jerry McVay - Valerie McVay, Lacey WA | 51.59% |

Parking: A reminder that the 4th and Columbia lot is open for our use. Be careful to park inside the chain link fence. **Wine and cheese (& beer & soda) reception:** District 20 is honoring its members with a after tonight's session. Congratz to all of you who reached masterpoint milestones in 2013. I know there are many of you, but there has been quite some buzz about three members who went over 10,000 points: Hendrik Sharples, Ed Ulman, and Jeff Taylor. So stop in after the game and celebrate all the new Life Masters and other masters!

Marie

THE OREGON TRAIL (Jumping Off, from the DVD "The Oregon Trail")

Many emigrants made the 2,000 mile trek for patriotic reasons, to colonize Oregon for the country they loved. They got land, and the U.S. got Oregon. By 1846 thousands of people had settled there, and the British ceded everything south of the 49th parallel. But the emigration continued. Every year in the early spring, Oregon-bound travelers from the East converged on St. Louis, the last big city most would ever see. They loaded their wagons onto steamships for the journey up the Missouri River. The boats struggled upward against the rapid current, snagging and grounding on sandbars. This was the easiest leg of the journey, but just after 200 miles the Missouri jogs north, and the emigrants were headed west. So, they unloaded at small towns; Independence, Westport, St. Joseph, Omaha, and Council Bluffs were "jumping off" places. Each spring these hamlets became raucous boom towns while emigrant campers prepared for their journey west.

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

| | A | B | C | 11.0 Tables | |
|------|-----|---|-----|--|--------|
| 3.19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA | 61.61% |
| 2.39 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; Diane Jones, Silverdale WA | 57.74% |
| 1.79 | 3 | | | Andrew Dubay - William Dubay, Voorheesville NY | 57.44% |
| 1.62 | 4/5 | 3 | 3 | Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Anant Rathi, San Diego CA | 55.36% |
| 1.18 | 4/5 | | | Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV | 55.36% |
| 0.76 | 6 | | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 54.46% |
| 1.22 | | 4 | | John Krah - David Taylor, Seattle WA | 52.98% |
| 0.98 | | 5 | | Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Susan Bradford, Dallas OR | 52.08% |
| 1.09 | | | 4 | Marjorie Gilmore, Richland WA; Marilyn Toher, Kennewick WA | 51.19% |
| 0.84 | | | 5/6 | Shirley Freeman, Coeur D Alene ID; James Vandergriff, Seabeck WA | 50.00% |
| 0.84 | | | 5/6 | Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA | 50.00% |

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | SECTION O | | | EAST-WEST | | | |
|-------------|-----|---|---|--------|---|-----------|-----|--|-------|
| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA | 103.50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; Diane Jones, Silverdale WA | 97.00 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Anant Rathi, San Diego CA | 93.00 | 2 | | | Andrew Dubay - William Dubay, Voorheesville NY | 96.50 |
| 3 | 3 | | Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Susan Bradford, Dallas OR | 87.50 | 3 | | | Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV | 93.00 |
| 4 | | | Bob Peery, Corvallis OR; Samuel Jones, Portland OR | 86.50 | 4 | | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 91.50 |
| | 4/5 | | Marjorie Gilmore, Richland WA; Marilyn Toher, Kennewick WA | 86.00 | | 2 | | John Krah - David Taylor, Seattle WA | 89.00 |
| | 4/5 | | Atanas Todorov, Portland OR; Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR | 86.00 | | 3/4 | 2/3 | Shirley Freeman, Coeur D Alene ID; James Vandergriff, Seabeck WA | 84.00 |
| | | | | | | 3/4 | 2/3 | Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA | 84.00 |

Points Won through Thursday (Excluding Ongoing Events)

| | | | | | |
|----|-------|------------------------------------|----|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 60.84 | Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ | 26 | 30.13 | Donald Tofte, Portland OR |
| 2 | 59.66 | Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV | 27 | 28.32 | Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR |
| 3 | 58.59 | Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV | 28 | 28.06 | Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA |
| 4 | 57.53 | Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ | 29 | 28.06 | Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA |
| 5 | 47.92 | Richard Carle, Longview WA | 30 | 27.86 | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR |
| 6 | 47.92 | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR | 31 | 27.86 | Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA |
| 7 | 43.31 | Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA | 32 | 27.11 | Irene Pickett, Portland OR |
| 8 | 43.31 | Ed Ulman, Portland OR | 33 | 25.25 | Regenia Butler, Olympia WA |
| 9 | 43.31 | George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA | 34 | 25.25 | Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA |
| 10 | 43.31 | Betty Rossmann, Portland OR | 35 | 23.98 | Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA |
| 11 | 43.31 | Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV | 36 | 23.98 | Jon Schneider, Suquamish WA |
| 12 | 40.67 | John Ashton, Portland OR | 37 | 22.48 | Howard Epley, Kent WA |
| 13 | 39.81 | Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA | 38 | 22.48 | Barbara Nist, Seatac WA |
| 14 | 39.81 | Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA | 39 | 22.08 | G Gard Hays, Veradale WA |
| 15 | 38.31 | Dennis Groden, Surrey BC | 40 | 21.80 | Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA |
| 16 | 38.31 | Doug Hansford, Delta BC | 41 | 21.80 | Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA |
| 17 | 37.65 | Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR | 42 | 21.26 | Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR |
| 18 | 37.65 | John Lusky, Portland OR | 43 | 21.21 | Jack Bradshaw, Courtenay BC |
| 19 | 37.65 | Eric Stoltz, Portland OR | 44 | 20.58 | Catherine Creer, Spokane WA |
| 20 | 37.65 | Randy Pickett, Portland OR | 45 | 20.50 | Carole Bradshaw, Courtenay BC |
| 21 | 35.22 | Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA | 46 | 20.27 | Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR |
| 22 | 33.66 | David Brower, Portland OR | 47 | 20.27 | Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR |
| 23 | 33.66 | Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA | 48 | 20.22 | Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR |
| 24 | 31.70 | Amy Casanova, Portland OR | 49 | 20.22 | Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT |
| 25 | 31.70 | Charles Swart, Portland OR | 50 | 20.20 | Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV |

MUSIC TO FLEE FROM

The train station in Portland, Oregon, must be a happening place, because young men have taken to hanging out in it. Many attempts to disperse the crowds there all failed. Now, though, the authorities must have delved into their own past youths for a solution by asking themselves, "What would drive me away?" The answer: opera. Classical music blared over the station's speakers during a pilot program did the trick! There was a drop in 18- to 25-year-olds loitering around the station once the fat lady sang. One young guy hastily stormed out just as Bizet's Carmen proclaimed her love for the one who did not love her.

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EARLY BIRD BRKTD KNOCKOUT TEAMS (Final Rnd)

6 Tables

EARLY BIRD KNOCKOUTS BRACKET 1

Irva Neyhart - Brian Breckenridge - Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR;
Rich Carle, Longview WA

vs

Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Dave Slegel, The Dalles OR; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR;
Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA



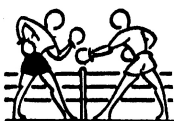
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EARLY BIRD KNOCKOUTS BRACKET 2

B J Kolkman - Anne Henrichs, Spokane WA; Carol Goodrich, Vancouver WA; Karen Frogner, Nine Mile Falls WA

vs

Tom McGuire - Allen Carter, Salem OR; James Fuller, Coos Bay OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR



299ER STRATIFIED PAIRS

11.0 Tables

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

| | D | E | F | | |
|------|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 2.97 | 1 | | | Chris Neilsen - Tom Neilsen, Portland OR | 75.00% |
| 2.23 | 2 | 1 | | Mark Huth, Tualatin OR; Matt McCloud, Portland OR | 62.80% |
| 1.67 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Benjamin Levy - Donna Nodine, Vancouver WA | 59.23% |
| 1.25 | 4 | | | Charles Guse, Tigard OR; Sharon Hodges, Vancouver WA | 57.14% |
| 0.94 | 5 | | | Vicky Fine - Wendy Saville, Eugene OR | 55.36% |
| 1.20 | 6 | 3 | 2 | Larry Jones - Donna Winter, Portland OR | 53.27% |
| 0.90 | | 4 | | Elsie Chan - Barbara Utz, Vancouver WA | 52.98% |
| 1.07 | | 5 | 3 | Ginny Peterson, Vancouver WA; Anne Gail, Portland OR | 50.89% |

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION A

EAST-WEST

| D | E | F | | D | E | F | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|---|--|--|-------|
| 1 | 1 | | Mark Huth, Tualatin OR; Matt McCloud, Portland OR | 105.50 | 1 | | Chris Neilsen - Tom Neilsen, Portland OR | 126.00 | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Benjamin Levy - Donna Nodine, Vancouver WA | 99.50 | 2 | | Charles Guse, Tigard OR; Sharon Hodges, Vancouver WA | 96.00 | |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | Larry Jones - Donna Winter, Portland OR | 89.50 | 3 | | Vicky Fine - Wendy Saville, Eugene OR | 93.00 | |
| 4 | | | Elsie Chan - Barbara Utz, Vancouver WA | 89.00 | 4 | 1 | 1 | Ginny Peterson, Vancouver WA; Anne Gail, Portland OR | 85.50 |
| | | | | | | 2 | | Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR; Susan Bradford, Dallas OR | 79.50 |
| | | | | | | 3 | | Carol Juckeland - Sally Anderson, Portland OR | 78.50 |

Leading MP Winners in 299er Events

| | | |
|----|------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 8.92 | Chris Neilsen, Portland OR |
| 2 | 8.92 | Tom Neilsen, Portland OR |
| 3 | 7.34 | Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA |
| 4 | 7.34 | Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA |
| 5 | 4.93 | Shirley Porter, Port Ludlow WA |
| 6 | 4.93 | Sandra Flaherty, Port Ludlow WA |
| 7 | 4.80 | Susie Nadeau, Kent WA |
| 8 | 4.80 | Paul Evanoff, Kent WA |
| 9 | 4.28 | Mark Huth, Tualatin OR |
| 10 | 4.17 | Lorraine Almy, Edmonds WA |
| 11 | 4.17 | Donald Almy, Edmonds WA |



ASBAF is your insurance against disaster:
All Strange Bids Are Forcing! Jerry Helms



6.0 Tables

THURSDAY EVENING 299ER PAIRS

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 2.26 | 1 | 1 | | Carroll Vaughan - Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA | 63.33% |
| 1.70 | 2 | 2 | | Susie Nadeau - Paul Evanoff, Kent WA | 60.00% |
| 1.27 | 3 | 3 | | Fran Allen, US; Dick Root, Portland OR | 56.67% |
| 0.95 | 4 | 4 | | Matt McCloud, Portland OR; Mark Huth, Tualatin OR | 53.33% |
| 1.37 | | | 1 | Zack Woodbury - Gabriel Engel, Portland OR | 52.50% |
| 1.03 | | | 2 | Janice Fallen, Arlington WA; Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA | 48.33% |

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION A

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|--|-------|---|-----|--|-------|
| 1 | 1 | | Fran Allen, US; Dick Root, Portland OR | 68.00 | 1 | 1 | Carroll Vaughan - Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA | 76.00 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Zack Woodbury - Gabriel Engel, Portland OR | 63.00 | 2 | 2 | Susie Nadeau - Paul Evanoff, Kent WA | 72.00 |
| | | | | | | 1/2 | Jason Lackey, Washougal WA; Aaron Cohen, Portland OR | 52.00 |
| | | | | | | 1/2 | Ellie Halloran - Joe Halloran, Portland OR | 52.00 |

Special Newcomer Program!!!

At noon today: **Half-hour Mini Class**

by Kevin Kacmarynski

"Deducing the Secrets of the Auction"

At 6:15 p.m. today: **Guest Speaker - Paul O'Brien**

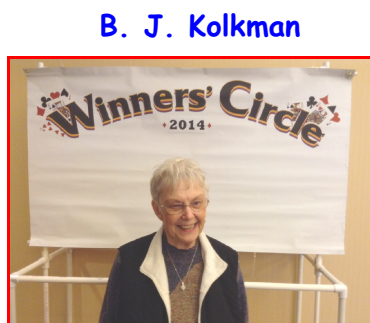
"When is 4NT Not Asking?"



Congratulations to five new Life Masters!!!! **Ray and Penny Lepp**, from Bellevue, WA achieved the rank in Bracket 3 of the Vancouver KOs playing with John Emmerson, Federal WA and Melinda Wesgate, Mercer Island, WA. **B.J. Kolkman**, from Spokane, WA, earned her points playing with Anne Henrichs, also from Spokane, and Carol Goodrich, Vancouver, WA, and Karen Frogner, Nine Mile Falls, WA in Bracket 2 of the Early Bird Morning KOs. **Margaret Evenson**, from Portland, OR, went over playing in Bracket 4 of the Vancouver KOs with Dawn Campbell, Betsy McCormick, and Jonathan Bean, all from Portland. And **Marodean Herzman**, from Gresham, OR, rose in rank playing with Renee Ferrera, Ram Kashyap, and Harriet Anderson, all from Portland, OR in Bracket 3 of the Beaverton KOs. Thanks, ACBL, for having bracketed knockout events! 😊



Ray & Penny Lepp



B. J. Kolkman



Margaret Evenson



Marodean Herzman

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

| | A | B | C | 9.0 Tables | |
|------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 2.88 | 1 | | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 63.89% |
| 2.73 | 2 | 1 | | Bob Law, Tigard OR; J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL | 61.11% |
| 2.05 | 3 | 2 | | Douglas Smith - Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV | 58.80% |
| 1.77 | 4 | 3 | | Felicia Wershba - Jerold Wershba, Portland OR | 56.94% |
| 2.12 | 5 | 4 | 1 | William Dippert - Jean Dippert, Portland OR | 55.32% |
| 0.89 | | 5 | | Renaë Gunstone-White - Tim White, Mercer Island WA | 52.78% |
| 1.59 | | | 2 | Inez Weiss - JoAnn Marks, Portland OR | 52.31% |
| 1.19 | | | 3 | Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA | 51.62% |

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTION C | | | EAST-WEST | |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|--------|
| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | |
| 1 | 1 | | Felicia Wershba - Jerold Wershba, Portland OR | 123.00 | 1 | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 138.00 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | William Dippert - Jean Dippert, Portland OR | 119.50 | 2 | 1 | Bob Law, Tigard OR; J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL | 132.00 |
| 3 | 3 | | Renaë Gunstone-White - Tim White, Mercer Island WA | 114.00 | 3 | 2 | Douglas Smith - Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV | 127.00 |
| 4 | | 2 | Inez Weiss - JoAnn Marks, Portland OR | 113.00 | 4 | 3 | 1 Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA | 111.50 |
| | | | | | | | 2 Margi Redden, Portland OR; Jason Lackey, | |

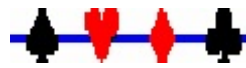


THURSDAY A/B OPEN PAIRS FIRST SESSION

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTIONS O D | | EAST-WEST | | |
|-------------|---|--|---|--------------|----|-----------|--|--------|
| A | B | | | A | B | | | |
| 1 | | | David Brower, Portland OR; Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA | 418.74 | 1 | | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA | 388.10 |
| 2 | 1 | | Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT | 374.10 | 2 | | Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery, Portland OR; Connie Coquillet, Vancouver WA | 385.90 |
| 3 | 2 | | Jerry McVay - Valerie McVay, Lacey WA | 366.49 | 3 | 1 | Ray Johnston, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR | 383.98 |
| 4 | | | Judy Kay, Beaverton OR; Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR | 364.97 | 4 | | Andrea James - Charles James, Auburn WA | 370.87 |
| 5 | | | Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR | 354.14 | 5 | | Regenia Butler - Greg Trautman, Olympia WA | 363.48 |
| 6 | | | Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR; Tuba Unlu, Portland OR | 347.08 | 6 | | Debbi Myers, Billings MT; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA | 360.11 |
| 7 | | | Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA; Hank Gagnon, Newberg OR | 346.75 | 7 | | Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA | 357.01 |
| 8 | | | Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA | 341.34 | 8 | | Charlene Martindale - Ian Martindale, Boise ID | 354.36 |
| 9 | | | Jim Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Laverne Kittilson, Portland OR | 335.85 | 9 | 2 | Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR | 343.00 |
| 10 | | | Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI; Joerg Schneider, Vancouver BC | 335.32 | 10 | | Katie Christie, Vernon BC; Jack Bradshaw, Courtenay BC | 342.00 |
| | 3 | | Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Fullerton CA | 319.81 | 3 | | Larry Sullivan - Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR | 324.37 |
| | 4 | | Pat Dennis - Ron Dennis, Beaverton OR | 315.98 | 4 | | Bruce Brownfield - Susan Ohman, Graham WA | 319.58 |
| | 5 | | Jerry Brown - Jeanie Bettis, Vancouver WA | 314.81 | | | | |

THURSDAY A/B OPEN PAIRS SECOND SESSION

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTIONS F O | | EAST-WEST | | |
|-------------|---|--|---|--------------|----|-----------|--|--------|
| A | B | | | A | B | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | Beverly Van Nice - Colleen Fredrickson, The Dalles OR | 384.29 | 1 | | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA | 401.43 |
| 2 | | | Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA | 365.18 | 2 | 1 | Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Fullerton CA | 361.17 |
| 3/4 | | | Andrea James - Charles James, Auburn WA | 362.39 | 3 | | Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR | 356.29 |
| 3/4 | | | Jean Groome, Delta BC; Rose Bolson, Lake Forest Par WA | 362.39 | 4 | | Sandy Scholes - Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA | 355.77 |
| 5 | 2 | | Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR | 358.44 | 5 | | Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery, Portland OR; Connie Coquillet, Vancouver WA | 351.03 |
| 6 | 3 | | Ray Johnston, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR | 356.38 | 6 | | Ian Kirk, Portland OR; Lynn Hays, Veradale WA | 349.97 |
| 7 | | | Robert Kroning - Susan Kroning, Seaside OR | 355.09 | 7 | 2 | Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT | 343.39 |
| 8 | | | Regenia Butler - Greg Trautman, Olympia WA | 354.37 | 8 | | Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA | 339.24 |
| 9 | | | David Brower, Portland OR; Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA | 353.68 | 9 | 3 | Pat Dennis - Ron Dennis, Beaverton OR | 338.22 |
| 10 | 4 | | Fred Dorr - Katherine Morris, Portland OR | 352.15 | 10 | 4 | Lynne Annett - Mike Annett, Hood River OR | 337.36 |
| | 5 | | Bruce Brownfield - Susan Ohman, Graham WA | 324.98 | 5 | | Karen Elias, Phoenix AZ; Jason Metzker, Beaverton OR | 324.15 |



If you push the opponents into a questionable game, when they would have stopped in a partial, you must double. It's going to be a top or a bottom anyway, and it might make declarer nervous enough to botch the play. The same is true for questionable slams.

THURSDAY RHODENDRON GOLD RUSH PAIRS FIRST SESSION

| | | NORTH-SOUTH | | SECTION E | | EAST-WEST | |
|-----------|-----|--|--------|-----------|---|---|--------|
| 7 | 3 | | | 7 | 3 | | |
| 1 | | Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR | 232.87 | 1 | 1 | William Bergh, Tenino WA; Matthew Edwards, Olympia WA | 216.83 |
| 2 | | Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA | 222.87 | 2 | 2 | Katharine Hammond, Walnut Creek CA; Libby Tomar, Kailua HI | 202.50 |
| 3 | 1 | Dick Nichols, Tumwater WA; Kathleen Doench, Olympia WA | 205.50 | 3 | | Patrick Howard - Carol May, Beaverton OR | 201.13 |
| 4 | | Brad Johnson - Judy Iams, Vancouver WA | 191.37 | 4 | | Michael Schultz, Clio CA; Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR | 185.63 |
| | 2 | Joan Eck - Theresa Eck, Seattle WA | 191.13 | | | | |
| SECTION F | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3 | | | 7 | 3 | | |
| 1 | 1 | Sheila Moore, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR | 228.00 | 1 | | Genevieve Leary, Brookings OR; W Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA | 215.07 |
| 2/3 | 2/3 | Joe Rivlin, Portland OR; Bruce Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR | 190.50 | 2 | 1 | Brad Hanna - Jeanette Hanna, Clackamas OR | 202.33 |
| 2/3 | 2/3 | Gayanne Alexander - Ann Larson, Corvallis OR | 190.50 | 3 | 2 | Susan Lee - Dennis Lee, Smithers BC | 200.33 |
| 4 | | Barbara Ball - Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR | 189.67 | 4 | | Judith Ferguson, Salem OR; Jeanette Brandt, Monmouth OR | 193.00 |



THURSDAY RHODENDRON GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND SESSION

| | | NORTH-SOUTH | | SECTION D | | EAST-WEST | |
|-----------|---|---|--------|-----------|---|---|--------|
| 7 | 8 | | | 7 | 8 | | |
| 1 | 1 | Janet Meader - Norma Clark, The Dalles OR | 214.30 | 1 | 1 | Norma Desmarais, Foster City CA; Ginny Gainer, Port OR | 184.17 |
| 2 | 2 | Susan Lee - Dennis Lee, Smithers BC | 213.00 | 2 | 2 | Joan Eck - Theresa Eck, Seattle WA | 183.80 |
| 3 | | Rita Fontaine, Longview WA; Wanda Burness, Rainier OR | 204.30 | 3 | | Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA; Morgan Collins, Yakima WA | 183.70 |
| 4 | | Kent Livingston - Mark Giovannozzi, Vancouver WA | 198.43 | 4 | | Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR | 183.20 |
| SECTION E | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 | | | 7 | 8 | | |
| 1 | 1 | William Bergh, Tenino WA; Matthew Edwards, Olympia WA | 220.93 | 1 | | Ralph Henderson - David Castles, Portland OR | 246.20 |
| 2 | | Elaine Pollock, Anchorage AK; Sylvia Miller, Bethesda MD | 189.57 | 2 | 1 | Gayanne Alexander - Ann Larson, Corvallis OR | 219.07 |
| 3 | | Michael Schultz, Clio CA; Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR | 184.50 | 3 | | Harriett Kessinger - Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR | 217.03 |
| 4 | 2 | Beverly Hilts, Olympia WA; Kathleen Matsubara, Lacey WA | 178.00 | 4 | 2 | Sheila Moore, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR | 186.50 |



B O N E

**A SIMPLIFIED GUIDE FOR
REMEMBERING BOARD VULNERABILITY**

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| board set: | 1-4 & 17-20 | 5-8 & 21-24 | 9-12 & 25-28 | 13-16 & 29-32 |
| pattern: | ONEB | NEBO | EBON | BONE |

O = noone vulnerable E = E-S vulnerable
N = N-S vulnerable B = both vulnerable



PORTLAND BRACKET 2

WINNERS - Chris & Beth
Cookson, Nanaimo BC; Jack &
Carol Bradshaw, Courtenay, BC



**WEDNESDAY AB OPEN
PAIRS WINNERS**

Gregory Trautman & Regenia
Butler, Olympia, WA

WEDNESDAY ROSE GOLD PAIRS--CORRECTED

| | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|---|---|--------|
| | 7 | 3 | 1 | 20.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables | |
| 7.91 | 1 | | | Harriett Kessinger - Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR | 60.21% |
| 5.93 | 2 | | | Morgan Collins, Yakima WA; Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA | 58.33% |
| 5.01 | 3/4 | 1/2 | | Dennis Lee - Susan Lee, Smithers BC | 57.78% |
| 5.01 | 3/4 | 1/2 | | Bryce McMurdo - Carolyn Murphy, Portland OR | 57.78% |
| 2.64 | 5 | | | William Moore, Lake Oswego OR; Pat Culpepper, Portland OR | 57.15% |
| 2.26 | 6 | | | Carolyn St Claire - Linda Larkin, Lacey WA | 57.01% |
| 1.98 | 7 | | | Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR; Michael Schultz, Clio CA | 56.11% |
| 3.22 | | 3 | | Sandy Thor, Seattle WA; Christine McKenna, Issaquah WA | 55.76% |
| 2.41 | | 4 | | Mark Giovannozzi - Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA | 55.69% |
| 1.91 | | 5 | | Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR; Jim Carr, Ridgefield WA | 54.79% |
| 1.95 | | 6 | | Gayanne Alexander - Ann Larson, Corvallis OR | 52.36% |

♦ The word "kibitzer" derives from the German word for a green plover, an inquisitive bird which likes to watch other birds building their nests. Modern dictionaries define the term as someone who likes meddling in the affairs of others. Under bridge laws, a bridge kibitzer may be removed at a player's request without cause.

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

| | A | B | 5.0 Tables | |
|------|---|---|--|--------|
| 2.28 | 1 | 1 | Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR; Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR | 58.00% |
| 1.71 | 2 | 2 | Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Douglas Laird, North Bend OR | 56.50% |
| 1.40 | 3 | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 54.00% |
| 1.19 | 4 | 3 | J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL; Julian Dupuis, Kelso WA | 52.50% |

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTION C | | EAST-WEST | |
|-------------|---|---|-------|-----------|---|---|-------|
| A | B | | | A | B | | |
| 1 | 1 | Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR; Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR | 58.00 | 1 | | John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID | 54.00 |
| 2 | 2 | Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Douglas Laird, North Bend OR | 56.50 | 2 | 1 | Paula Strand, Kirkland WA; Margi Redden, Portland OR | 52.00 |

Grant Baze's Six Guides (1985)

(continued)

3) With 6-5, come alive. I once said, "with 6-5, keep bidding until somebody doubles. Either they double you, or your partner doubles them." I meant this as an exaggeration, of course, to stress the point that with huge distributional hands you bid a lot. Balanced hands are defensive in nature. The offensive potential of a 4-3-3-3 hand is basically just a function of its power. This power is just as useful, often more useful, on defense. If the power is split between the partnerships, and all hands are balanced, the first pair to get to the three level loses (Providing the other pair has the common sense to defend). The law of total tricks clearly explains this concept.

Distributional hands, however, are offensively orientated. If you are 6-5, add an ace to the high-card-point total of your hand. Add another ace if you have twelve cards in two suits, and add a third ace if you have thirteen cards in two suits. Even then, your hand is stronger than the adjustment indicates.

Also, with distributional hands, there is a much greater chance of a double game swing if you defend. **At IMPs or total points, never risk a double game swing.** If you go down one when they were going down one, it is no big deal. This does not mean you randomly overrule partner's decision; if he is aware your hand is distributional and doubles the opponents anyway, you need a very good reason to pull his double.

The corollary to this guide is "with 6-4, bid more." Appreciate the power of distribution in competitive and constructive auctions. Temper with common sense and, in competitive auctions, with vulnerability. Do not blame me if you go for 1700 because you kept bidding "until somebody doubled," when you have 6-5 distribution and no high cards, especially now that the powers that be have (inadvisably) changed the scoring rules.

4) Three notrump ends all auctions. 3NT is usually a good choice of contract. It requires only nine tricks, it is not susceptible to a bad trump split, and more than other game contracts, it will make in practice more often than it should make in theory. If the contest is matchpoints, there is another advantage to 3NT; 430 versus 420 will often be worth half a board to your score. The bid of 3NT is a slam-depressant for suit play. In slam-going auctions, a 3NT bid is trying to slow the auction down. The message it conveys is that the 3NT bidder has slow cards and no redeeming fit.

5) The 5-level belongs to the opponents. Be very slow to jeopardize the possible plus position you create when you push the opponents to the five level. If the decision is close whether to push on, double them, or pass, then you should pass. If you push on and go for too much, or it is a phantom, or you double them and they make it, you have a terrible result. If you double them and beat them one, you may have gained little or nothing. If you pass, in most cases the worst that will happen to you is that you break even. This is almost analogous to a statement made by Daryl Royal: "If the (foot)ball is in the air, only three things can happen, and two of them are bad."

6) Aces, spaces, and His Majesty's faces. The standard 4-3-2-1 point count is wrong. It underestimates Aces, overemphasizes everything else, and does not factor in spot cards. The ace is by far the most important card in the deck, representing trick-taking power, control power, tempo power, and conjunctive power. Depending upon how many cards you have in the Ace-suit, you can take the Ace whenever you want. An Ace stands alone in its power; it does not need a companion card or care about position. The trick-taking power of a King, however, may be worth nothing. Without a companion card, the trick-taking power of a King may be strictly positional, and depend upon the location of the Ace. Queens and Jacks have no tempo power and at best third- or fourth-round control power. Their primary power is conjunctive and, to a lesser extent, positional.

Voids and singletons are next in importance. I will limit this discussion to singletons; you can extrapolate the information to voids. The opponents cannot lead a Queen through your singleton. If you had the King instead of a singleton, the power of the King would be positional, and there would be no control left once the King was gone. The singleton retains power until that hand runs out of trumps; not only does the singleton retain power, it may be a source of several tricks, which is even beyond the power of an Ace. Furthermore, partner's knowledge of the location of your singleton will help him in determining how the two hands mesh. I think singleton-showing bids are the biggest advance in bidding theory since I have been playing bridge. A singleton opposite my KQ10 -- how many NT can we play? A singleton opposite my three little -- what suit and how high can we fly?

Next in importance are Kings. They lead a suit, you win the Ace and lose a trick somewhere, and they run their suit or at least cash a trick or two. They cannot do that if you own the King as well. The King is not only a trick, it has real power as a control card.

Aces, singletons, and Kings are suit cards, indicating you should make a serious effort to play the hand in a suit. It is in suit contracts that the standard point count is most ineffective. I strongly suggest you adjust the way you evaluate your high-card points. Add a half point for every Ace. If it is clear the contract is going to be in a suit, add a full point for every Ace, and give negative weight to Queens and Jacks. Give positive weight to good spot cards, particularly for notrump contracts.

Choices of suit or notrump and selection of level are matters of judgment -- evaluation of the trick-taking potential and control power of a hand. In suit contracts and high level notrump contracts, tricks and controls are the true measures of the worth of the combined hands of a partnership.

♠ The only reason to lead a suit bid by the opponents is if you "own" the suit ... or if you have a singleton and a real shot at getting some ruffs. Leslie Shafer, *Bridge Bulletin*, June 2008, p. 43

BEAVERTON BRKTD KNOCKOUT TEAMS (Round 3)

BRACKET 1 11 Tables

Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus - Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Yatindra Sahoo
Carmel Valley CA; Catherine Creer, Spokane WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA

vs

Edmund Wu - Steve Smolen - Mike Develin - Eric Mayefsky, San Francisco CA

James Newfield - Kathleen Mather - Janie Pearcy - M Duane Meador, Vancouver WA

vs

Patrick Dunn - Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Dennis Groden, Surrey BC



BRACKET 2 10 Tables

Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Charles Hilding, Renton WA; Bert Adams - Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA

vs

Christina Jordan, Mount Vernon WA; Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK; Nelda Linman, Bend OR;
Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC

William Campbell, Mercer Island WA; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Charles Burns - Gary Todd, Vancouver WA

vs

Tai Eng, N Vancouver BC; Beverley Hall, North Vancouver BC; Melinda Ponto - Glenn Ponto, Coquitlam BC

BRACKET 3 12 Tables

Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Renee Senior, Vancouver WA; Mike Mills - Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR

vs

Renee Ferrera - Ram Kashyap - Harriet Anderson, Portland OR; Marodean Herzman, Gresham OR

Alan Hendrickson, North Bend WA; Kent Harold, Redmond WA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Raynor
Christianson, Burton WA

vs

Brenda Olsen - Mary Beth Bartel, Creswell OR; Sharron Lyons, Springfield OR; Randy Jean Hiltbrand,
Eugene OR

BRACKET 4 14 Tables

Thomas McGuire - E Allen Carter, Salem OR; James Fuller, Coos Bay OR; Amar Chopra, Portland OR

vs

Steve Estvanik - Audrey Wass - Peter Brown - Janet Brown, Seattle WA

Wanda Knight - Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR; Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR

vs

Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Regina Miller, Raymond WA; Maureen Greeley - Cheryl Waters, Olympia WA

Welcoming and Training Your New Puppy

Marti Ronemus wrote an amusing column for new players at the Las Vegas NABC (*Daily Bulletin*, July 23, 2008, p.3). She spoke of how a pamphlet for puppy training could also apply to the care of bridge partners. See if you don't agree.

- Treat your new puppy with respect and love if you want an enduring relationship.
- Catch your puppy doing something RIGHT.
- Remember, sometimes you need to leave your puppy alone to play.
- Keep training sessions short, otherwise your puppy will lose interest.
- Small morsels of food are useful in modeling good behavior.
- Your puppy cannot learn a new command right away.
- Never use harsh words. Your puppy is trying to do the right thing. If he isn't learning, it's YOUR fault!

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
3. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
4. Take naps.
5. Stretch before rising.
6. Run, romp, and play daily.
7. Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
8. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
9. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
10. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
11. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
12. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
13. Be loyal.
14. Never pretend to be something you're not.
15. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
16. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.



VANCOUVER BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS

15 Tables

BRACKET 1

| | | |
|-------|-----|---|
| 37.65 | 1 | John Ashton - Dennis Metcalf - John Lusky - Randy Pickett - Eric Stoltz, Portland OR |
| 26.36 | 2 | Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Donald Tofte - Irene Pickett, Portland OR |
| 15.06 | 3/4 | Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Curtis Cheek - Geoff Hampson - Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV |
| 15.06 | 3/4 | Betty Rossmann - Ed Ulman, Portland OR; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV |



12 Tables

BRACKET 2

| | | |
|-------|-----|--|
| 18.59 | 1 | Amy Casanova - Ray Robert - Charles Swart, Portland OR; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR |
| 13.01 | 2 | Ginny Stark - Steven Pessin, Eugene OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR |
| 7.44 | 3/4 | Dwayne Brackhahn - Ron Senn - D Senn, Beaverton OR; Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR |
| 7.44 | 3/4 | Chip Dombrowski - Douglas Laird, North Bend OR; Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR; Eugene Chan, Richmond BC |



12 Tables

BRACKET 3

| | | |
|-------|-----|---|
| 12.96 | 1 | Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; James Weider, Portland OR; Don Brockhaus - Judy Lathrop, Salem OR |
| 9.07 | 2 | Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Mary Alice Seville - Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR |
| 5.18 | 3/4 | Bill Russell - Larry Liewer, Scappoose OR; Dave Pinch - Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR |
| 5.18 | 3/4 | John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Ray Lepp - Penny Lepp, Bellevue WA |



13 Tables

BRACKET 4

| | | |
|-------|-----|--|
| 10.74 | 1 | Darrell Graham, Portland OR; Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR; Robert Miller, Haines AK; Paul Kulpa, Vancouver WA |
| 7.52 | 2 | Dawn Campbell - Margaret Evenson - Betsy McCormick - Jonathan Bean, Portland OR |
| 4.30 | 3/4 | Nancy Crawford - George Crawford, Portland OR; Thomas Bush - Joseph Jebbia, Tigard OR |
| 4.30 | 3/4 | Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Hatsumi Whitehead, Camas WA; Daniel Poore - John Krah, Seattle WA |



THURSDAY RHODODENDRON GOLD RUSH PAIRS

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|------|---|---|---|--------|
| | 7 | 3 | 20.0 Tables | |
| 7.42 | 1 | 1 | William Bergh, Tenino WA; Matthew Edwards, Olympia WA | 60.80% |
| 5.57 | 2 | | Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR | 57.79% |
| 4.17 | 3 | 2 | Sheila Moore, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR | 57.57% |
| 3.13 | 4 | 3 | Susan Lee - Dennis Lee, Smithers BC | 57.41% |
| 2.47 | 5 | 4 | Gayanne Alexander - Ann Larson, Corvallis OR | 56.88% |
| 2.12 | 6 | | Genevieve Leary, Brookings OR; W Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA | 56.75% |
| 1.55 | | 5 | Kent Livingston - Mark Giovannozzi, Vancouver WA | 54.16% |
| 1.33 | | 6 | Brad Hanna - Jeanette Hanna, Clackamas OR | 53.31% |



What distinguishes experts from good players and good players from average players is the frequency of mistakes.

Mary Smith

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (Thursday Evening)

| | | | | | |
|------|-----|---|---|---|-------|
| | A | B | C | 22 Tables | |
| 4.25 | 1/2 | | | Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Curtis Cheek - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV | 60.00 |
| 4.25 | 1/2 | | | John Cox, St Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Debbi Myers, Billings MT | 60.00 |
| 2.73 | 3 | | | Christopher Class - Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA; Michael Boruta - Suzanne Boruta, Anacortes WA | 54.00 |
| 3.94 | 4/5 | 1 | | Jack Sands - Gregory Smith - Marilee Smith, Portland OR; Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR | 53.00 |
| 1.79 | 4/5 | | | Anant Rathi, San Diego CA; Glen Perry - Andrew Dubay - William Dubay, Voorheesville NY | 53.00 |
| 2.96 | 6 | 2 | 1 | Connie Sloper - Daniel Grossbard - Donna Andrews - Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR | 52.00 |
| 2.22 | | 3 | | Veronica Reeves - Paul Reeves, Tigard OR; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Mona Hubble, Vancouver WA | 45.00 |
| 1.66 | | 4 | | Dwayne Brackhahn - Ron Senn - Dena Senn, Beaverton OR; Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR | 43.00 |
| 2.16 | | 5 | 2 | Bill Russell - Larry Liewer, Scappoose OR; Dave Pinch - Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR | 40.00 |
| 1.62 | | 3 | | Sandra Baker, Seaside OR; Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Ann Marie Gramson - Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR | 38.00 |
| 1.22 | | 4 | | Carrie Margolin, Olympia WA; Jeanine Graham, Tumwater WA; Lyn Tierney, Federal Way WA; Bernice Sharp, Seattle WA | 37.00 |

