

# San Antonio Holiday Regional Sunday Bulletin



## ALERT Procedure Updates

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It's been a while since many of us have played live tournament bridge, so remember that there was a comprehensive update to the ACBL Alert Procedure passed by the Board of Directors in 2020 that went into effect in 2021. The highlights are below, but the full document is available online at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org).

## New Pre-Alerts

1. You now are required to pre-Alert if you play a system that includes at least one one-level opening bid that is not natural or that is forcing.
2. Leading low from doubleton is no longer a pre-Alert, but it does need to be included in any answer about carding methods.

## Announcement Changes

1. Instead of saying the word "transfer," the Announcement is now the name of the suit being transferred to. For example, in the auction 1NT-2H, where partner's 2H showed spades, instead of Announcing "transfer," you will now Announce "spades." This Announcement is used in any situation where your partner is showing length in a specific other suit, as well as for doubles or re-doubles that show the next suit up. For example, if you play that 2S shows clubs in the auction 1NT-2S, then you would announce "clubs." However, if you play that 2S shows either minor in the auction 1NT-2S, then you must say "Alert," even if the 1NT opener is expected to always bid clubs. Note this does not apply to any bid that asks for partner to bid the next suit; in order for the suit name to be Announced, the bidder must be showing length in that suit.

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## Alert Changes

1. In an uncontested auction, no natural jump-shift (whether weak, intermediate or strong) requires an Alert.
2. A direct cuebid that is not Michaels (showing both majors over a minor, or a major and an unspecified minor over a major) requires an Alert.
3. Support doubles and redoubles no longer require an Alert.
4. An opening 2C bid that does not meet the definition of Very Strong on the ACBL Convention Chart requires an Alert. (This tends to apply to partnerships who agree to open 2C on hands with good playing strength, but many fewer high cards than normal. See the Convention Chart for the exact definition to see if it applies to you.)

## Today's Schedule (also Mon. thru Wed.)

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- 10am** ➔ Stratified 299er Pairs  
➔ Morning Side Series (2/5)  
➔ Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)  
➔ A/X/Y Pairs (1/2)  
➔ Bracketed Swiss (1/2)
- 2:30pm** ➔ Stratified 299er Pairs  
➔ Afternoon Side Series (3/6)  
Gold Rush Pairs (2/2)  
A/X/Y Pairs (2/2)  
Bracketed Swiss (2/2)
- 7pm** ➔ Evening Side Series (3/6)



**Today's  
Speaker**

1:45pm  
La Joya

**Announcement Changes (continued)**

2. Instead of saying "could be short" for a non-forcing minor-suit opening that might contain fewer than three cards, you must say the minimum number of cards in the suit, as in "Could be one."

3. If you have the agreement to routinely bypass a four-card spade suit to bid a forcing or semi-forcing 1NT over a 1H opening, then you add "could have four spades" to the "forcing" or "semi-forcing" Announcement. This is most likely applicable to pairs playing Flannery.

**Delayed Alerts**

The rules for delayed Alerts have slightly changed, with the main difference being that at the end of the auction, the declaring side should explain any delayed Alerts and point out any control bids that were made during the auction without a requirement for the defense to ask about them. By having the declaring side explain these calls without prompting, there should be fewer cases of the person not on lead asking about calls before they should.



**Speakers**



**Whoa! Think Before You Use a Natural Trump Winner to Ruff or Over-Ruff**

Sunday 1:45pm (La Joya Ballroom)

**Ed Rawlinson**, our Sunday speaker, is a Platinum Life Master and 14-time winner of the George Gray Award. This award is given annually to the male player earning the most masterpoints from Unit 172 sectional tournaments.



**Losing Trick Count**

Rosemary Kelley



**Finer Points on Negative Doubles**

Hank Eng



**50% Better Bridge**

Thomas Rush

*Many thanks to Ed Rawlinson for stepping in to be our Sunday speaker. Larry Levin was originally scheduled, but unfortunately could not be available because of other commitments.*

## Saturday Morning Pairs Series

2.65	Gold Red	1	1	48.00	66.67	Carol Ellis <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Rena Lunke <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
1.99	Red	2		47.50	65.97	Richard Southworth <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Rosemary Kelley <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
1.57	Red	3	2	37.00	51.39	Andrea Williams <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Carey Cole <i>Boerne, TX</i>

## Saturday Morning Gold Rush Pairs

1.45	Gold	1	1	1	99.50	59.23	David Holcomb <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Mary Massey <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
1.45	Gold	2			94.50	56.25	John Foley <i>Austin, TX</i>	W Kenneth Davis <i>Austin, TX</i>

## Saturday Afternoon Gold Rush Pairs

4.13	Gold	1	1	205.00		Susan Wheeler <i>Victoria, TX</i>	Pat Roeh <i>Victoria, TX</i>
2.71	Gold	2/3	2	185.50		Scott Carpenter <i>Austin, TX</i>	Ivan Popivanov <i>Austin, TX</i>
2.71	Gold	2/3		185.50		Richard Day <i>Horseshoe Bay, TX</i>	Liz Hinkle <i>Horseshoe Bay, TX</i>
1.74	Gold	4	3	185.00		George Holmes <i>Woodway, TX</i>	Pamela Holmes <i>Woodway, TX</i>
1.78	Gold Red	5	4	182.50		Michael Beldon <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Louise Beldon <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
0.73	Red		5	181.00		Mary Jane Gelpi <i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>	Sheila Boyne <i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>

## Saturday Afternoon Pairs Series

2.46	Gold Red	1	32.50	65.00	Danuta Parzych <i>Houston, TX</i>	Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba <i>Houston, TX</i>
1.85	Red	2	31.00	62.00	Roxie Tom <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Roxana Tom <i>San Antonio, TX</i>

## Saturday Evening Pairs Series

2.65	Gold Red	1	1	46.00	63.89	John Nader <i>Ferndale, WA</i>	Veronica Deskey <i>Ferndale, WA</i>
1.99	Red	2	39.50	54.86	Edwin (Ted) Bain III <i>Cypress, TX</i>	Linda Rensi <i>Katy, TX</i>	
1.85	Red	3	2	39.00	54.17	Forrest Gray <i>Van Vleck, TX</i>	Susan Young <i>Shreveport, LA</i>

## Saturday A/X/Y Pairs

16.19	Gold	1	1	1	213.81	Robert Martin <i>Spring Branch, TX</i>	Barbara Morgan <i>New Braunfels, TX</i>
12.14	Gold	2	2		207.06	Kalyan Venkat <i>Round Rock, TX</i>	Charlene Sands <i>Pflugerville, TX</i>
9.11	Gold	3			206.14	Ron LaCour <i>Georgetown, TX</i>	Anne LaCour <i>Georgetown, TX</i>
6.83	Gold	4	3	2	200.56	Kathryn Bailey <i>Dripping Spring, TX</i>	Wiley McMinn III <i>Austin, TX</i>
5.40	Gold	5	4	3	192.48	Robert Hauger <i>Tulsa, OK</i>	Alice Hauger <i>Tulsa, OK</i>
3.50	Gold Red		5		189.06	George Watkins <i>Austin, TX</i>	R Harry Akin <i>Paige, TX</i>

## Saturday Bracketed Swiss (Bracket 1)

18.68	Gold	1	87.00	Jerrold Harrington <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Carolee O'Connor <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Sheryleen Grothus <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	C David Mitchell <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
14.01	Gold	2	85.00	Ed Rawlinson <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Gary Anziani <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Dave Swarouth <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Donna Swarouth <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
10.51	Gold	3	64.00	Patty Hinze <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Kay Enfield <i>Santa Fe, NM</i>	Ira Hessel <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Ellen Hessel <i>San Antonio, TX</i>

## Saturday Bracketed Swiss (Bracket 2)

9.80	Gold	1	84.00	Ann Roe <i>Austin, TX</i>	Lazaro Brener <i>Austin, TX</i>	Pravina Jani <i>Austin, TX</i>	Sharon Dameron <i>Cedar Park, TX</i>
7.35	Gold	2	78.00	Thomas Trudeau <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Victor Press <i>Shavano Park, TX</i>	Richard Curtin <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Kay Laird <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
5.51	Gold	3	70.00	Elisabeth Kay <i>Spring Branch, TX</i>	Catherine McGaffic <i>New Braunfels, TX</i>	Cindy Cummins <i>Seguin, TX</i>	Ann Kuehler <i>New Braunfels, TX</i>

## Saturday Bracketed Swiss (Bracket 3)

6.23	Gold	1	82.00	Zane Bolen <i>The Woodlands, TX</i>	Teresa Bolen <i>The Woodlands, TX</i>	Georgia Baron <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	James Cuccia <i>Schertz, TX</i>
4.09	Gold	2/3	78.00	Jan Wingate <i>New Braunfels, TX</i>	Beverly Yoehle <i>McKinney, TX</i>	Lew Spurlock <i>Fair Oaks Ranch, TX</i>	Yesh Singh <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
4.09	Gold	2/3	78.00	Sunny Won <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Paul Fafoutakis <i>Universal City, TX</i>	Barbara Haley <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	Sandy Souchon <i>San Antonio, TX</i>