



Roberts & Aves Stake Early Lead in Pelau Pairs

There were 29 table in play last night as Bruce Roberts of London Ontario and Dianne Aves of Waterloo, Ontario racked up a 67.09% game to stake themselves to an early lead in the 2-session Pelau Pairs.

Tonje and Boye Brogeland of Norway tallied a 66.71% game to claim second place. Henry Deutsch from NY and Neal Rechtman from Barbados had 62.70% to claim third place while Jim and Constance McAvoy from Victoria, BC hold fourth place with 60.43%.

It is close at the top so there is lots to fight for when action resumes on Tuesday even in the final session.

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Entry Fee
Tue, Feb 13th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	7:00 PM	Pelau Pairs (2/2)	
Wed, Feb 14th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	2:30 PM	Rum Pairs (1/1)	\$30.00
Thu, Feb 15th	9:30 AM	Teams Game (1/2)	\$120.00
	2:30 PM	Teams Game (2/2)	
Fri, Feb 16th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	2:30 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (1/3)	\$90.00
Sat, Feb 17th	9:30 AM	Lady Burton Pairs (2/3)	
	2:00 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (3/3)	

Note: Entries are per Pair or team for the entire event. Some are 2 or 3 sessions.

Leading the Ace From AKx is Only at Trick One

By Barbara Seagram

We only lead the ace from AKx(x) against suit contracts at Trick 1. In the middle of a hand, if you have the AKx(x) and decide to lead the suit, then you should actually lead the king. You should also lead the king if you have the KQx(x), but partner will be able to tell by the end of the trick whether you have the ace or the queen.

For example, if your king wins the trick or if the queen is in dummy or in partner's hand, it is obvious that you also have the ace.

The reason for this switch is as follows. You may be on lead partway through the play and want to switch to a suit in which your only honor is the ace. Especially against a trump contract, it would be normal to start this suit by playing the ace. If you do so, partner will know that you do not have the king, since with both the ace and king, you would have led the king.

And now from Larry Cohen...

Once dummy is visible, it is often a viable defensive strategy to cash an ace (without the king). While you wouldn't lead an ace from ♠Axx, you certainly might want to cash it at trick 3. Maybe declarer took a losing trump finesse, and you won your H King. You looked at the dummy and saw running diamonds. You needed to take tricks. You quite often would need to bang down an ace (without the king). You don't want partner to think that you have the king when you bang down an ace in the middle of the deal.

Why does this matter? Suppose you are East, and it is your play at trick 5 (against the contract of 2♠) in this position:

Vul: Dlr:	♠ ♥ Q107 ♦ ♣	
♠ ♥ 653 ♦ ♣		♠ ♥ AKJ2 ♦ ♣
	♠ ♥ 984 ♦ ♣	

Suppose you mistakenly lay down the ♥A (erroneously thinking ace-from-ace-king applies). Now, you try to get partner in (with some other suit) so that he can play another heart. However, he won't play another heart. He will think that you have only ♥Axx and were cashing the Ace (hoping he could encourage if he had the king). You are denying the ♥AKx if you lay down the ace. The correct card is the King. Then, when partner gets in, he will know you started with Ace-King.

This is just one layout/example of many, but the bottom line is: **Ace-from-ace-king is only at trick one.**

Careful Play is the Order of the Day

Submitted by Jack Rhind

Dealer North. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 652

♥ KQT975

♦ K3

♣ T6

♠ T9

♥ J832

♦ J976

♣ K83

♠ J8743

♥ 64

♦ 5

♣ J9754

♠ AKQ

♥ A

♦ AQT842

♣ AQ2

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

South's 2NT enquired and North's 3♦ promised both the king of diamonds and a maximum weak two.

West led the ten of spades and, when dummy appeared, declarer was a little disappointed not to be in 7NT. After winning the first trick with the queen of spades, declarer cashed his singleton ace of hearts then led a diamond to dummy's king. Declarer now cashed dummy's king and queen of hearts on which he threw the two and queen of clubs respectively.

Now declarer called for the three of diamonds from dummy. Disaster: East discarded a spade. From this point on, declarer had to lose two tricks to West's red suit jacks, and the contract failed by one trick.

"How unlucky was it that West had jack to four in both red suits?" complained South. "When West turned up with four hearts to the jack the odds must be overwhelming that I would make at least five tricks in diamonds."

North was having none of this and said, "If the contract had been 7NT then your chosen line would be the best hope of making thirteen tricks. However, as you were in a small slam, you should have played more carefully. Instead of playing a diamond to the king on the first round of the suit, you should have made the safety play of ducking a diamond at trick three. As the cards lay, you would then make three spades, three hearts, five diamonds and a club for your contract."

MON MORN OPEN PAIRS

37.0 Tables / Based on 51 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.98	1			David Baker, Kitchener ON; Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON	65.31%
10.49	2	1		Viviane Arking - Barbara Lebwohl, Potomac MD	63.33%
7.86	3			Richard Zucker, NY; Pamela Furtsch, NY	62.52%
5.90	4			Neal Rechtman, Barbados; Henry Deutsch, Dobbs Ferry NY	61.68%
4.42	5			Bruce Roberts, London ON; Dianne Aves, Waterloo	61.01%
3.32	6			Robert Griffiths, Elora ON; Kathy Russell, Waterloo ON	60.63%
2.49	7			Mary Stricker, Mississauga ON; David Longstaff, ON	60.18%
1.87	8			William Watkins, Gatineau QC; Dave Blackman, Barbados	58.01%
1.60	9			Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Jennifer Verdam, Listowel ON	57.84%
3.82	10	2		Brenda Griffiths - Doug Darnley, Pickering ON	56.85%
2.18	11			Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON; Sharon Boyd, Cambridge ON	56.20%
2.86	12	3	1	Joanne Palmer, Almonte ON; Isabelle de Zamaroczy, DC	56.16%
1.53	13			Constance McAvoy - James McAvoy, Victoria BC	56.15%
2.15	14	4		Clive Hammans - Marcia Hammans, St Peter Barbados	56.07%
1.61		5		Rahat Mahmood, Markham ON; Libby McWilliams, ON	55.17%
1.21		6		Roy Dandyk, Waterloo ON; Suzanne Edwards, Innerkip ON	54.74%
1.98		2		Carlee Lehna, Norvell MI; Ann Bragg, Dickinson TX	54.43%
1.49		3		Mary Althoff - Monica Smith-Unger, New York NY	54.22%
1.11		4		Bonnie Wittner, New York NY; Betty Ketner, FL	53.78%
0.84		5		Marlene Gage - Doreen Wigle, Toronto ON	52.45%
0.63		6		Lynne Vallacher - Michael Rodley, San Diego CA	51.90%

MON MORNING 0-300 PAIRS 13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.48	1			Vanessa Brown - Anna Stachon, Durham NC	66.33%
1.86	2	1	1	Joseph Brantley, Greensboro NC; Gwen Brady, Charlotte NC	65.04%
1.40	3			Kathryn Nolan - Michael Maddalena, Halifax NS	64.35%
1.17	4	2		Barry Stevenson - Deborah Stevenson, Cookstown ON	64.28%
1.24	5	3	2	Morten Hansen - Teresa Hansen, Jonesborough TN	59.13%
0.87	6			Barb Neibert, Kitchener ON; Anita Hanson, Waterloo ON	58.43%
0.66		4		Ann Boland, Chicago IL; Reade White Spinner, Marietta GA	57.44%
0.49		5		John Mullin - Susan Ahlquist, San Diego CA	52.22%
0.63		3		Betty Barrons, North York ON; Martha Kneider, Toronto ON	47.03%

MON MORN OPEN PAIRS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION A	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		A	B	C	
1			Robert Griffiths, Elora ON; Kathy Russell, Waterloo ON	60.63%	1		Mary Stricker, Mississauga ON; David Longstaff, ON 60.18%
2			Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge ON; Mary McClelland, Kitchener ON	55.43%	2		Constance McAvoy - James McAvoy, BC 56.15%
3	1		Norma Morris, St Philip Barbados; Adele Springer, St Michael	49.47%	3	1	Clive Hammans - Marcia Hammans, Barbados 56.07%
4	2		Helen Sophianopoulos, North York ON; Karen Kline, Thornhill ON	49.45%	4	2	1 Carlee Lehna, Norvell MI; Ann Bragg, TX 54.43%
		3	1 Sheila Marcantonio, St Catharines ON; Dorian Shillingford, Toronto ON	47.62%		3	Rufus Cole - Silvia Szanto, CT 53.93%
						2	Joanna Greenspan, Southsea ; Janet Midwinter, UK 48.25%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION B	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1		David Baker, Kitchener ON; Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON	65.31%	1		Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON; Sharon Boyd, Cambridge ON
56.20%				2		Mary Daniher - Roslyn Stollery, Toronto ON
52.90%		ON; Dianne Aves, Waterloo ON	61.01%	3	1	Donna Morris - Richelle Sajovec, Raleigh NC
52.82%	1	1 Joanne Palmer, Almonte ON; Isabelle de		4		Amanda Storey, Bridgetown Barbados; Alesandro Rivas, Barbados
49.59%	2	Zamaroczy, Washington DC Tom Jolliffe - Susan Wark, London ON	56.16% 54.72%	2		Jennifer Street - Noreen Franklin, ON 46.79%
	3	2 Marlene Gage - Doreen Wigle, Toronto ON	52.45%	1		Bernie Fernandes, Toronto ON; Judith Hackett, ON 45.95%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION C	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
63.33%	1	1 Brenda Griffiths - Doug Darnley, Pickering ON	56.85%	1	1	Viviane Arking - Barbara Lebwohl, Potomac MD
	2	Helen Richards - Margot Holden, Toronto ON	53.36%	2		Adrian Record, Fergus ON; Jennifer Verdum, Listowel ON 57.84%
	3	2 Roy Wiseman, Brampton ON; Barbara Dance, Toronto ON	53.15%	3	2	Roy Dandyk, Waterloo ON; Suzanne Edwards, Innerkip ON 54.74%
	4	Barbara Benson, Santa Ana CA; Carol Hellebrand, Yorba Linda CA	52.65%	4	3	Hazel Turner - Alan Turner, CA 52.46%
		1 Doreen Kemp, Port Perry ON; Lisa Lammert, Naples FL	46.61%		1	Carole Smith, Washington DC; Eleanor Young, MD 46.86%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
	1	Neal Rechtman, Christ Church Barbados; Henry Deutsch, Dobbs Ferry NY	61.68%	1		Richard Zucker, Dobbs Ferry NY; Pamela Furtsch, NY 62.52%
	2	Barbara Seagram - Alex Kornel, Toronto ON	55.59%	2		William Watkins, Gatineau QC; Dave Blackman, Barbados 58.01%
	3	1 Penny Robinson - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	52.35%	3	1	Rahat Mahmood, Markham ON; Libby McWilliams, ON 55.17%
	4	2 1 Jocelyn Macdonald - Claire Holloway, Toronto ON	49.66%	4	2	1 Mary Althoff - Monica Smith-Unger, NY 54.22%
					2	Bonnie Wittner, NY; Betty Ketner, FL 53.78%

MON MORNING 0-300 PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION F	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
	1	Vanessa Brown - Anna Stachon, Durham NC	66.33%	1	1	1 Morten Hansen - Teresa Hansen, TN 59.13%
	2	1 Joseph Brantley, Greensboro NC; Gwen Brady, Charlotte NC	65.04%	2		Barb Neibert, Kitchener ON; Anita Hanson, ON 58.43%
	3	Kathryn Nolan - Michael Maddalena, Halifax NS	64.35%	3		Martha Scupham, Flat Rock NC; Rosiane Read, Toronto ON 54.15%
	4	2 Barry Stevenson - Deborah Stevenson, Cookstown ON	64.28%	4		Joan Roberts - Margaret Smith, NC 53.80%
	5	3 Ann Boland, Chicago IL; Reade White Spinner,		5		Penny Jane Richards - Cynthia Webb, ON 52.68%

6		Marietta GA	57.44%	6	2	John Mullin - Susan	
		Pamela Rogacki - Marsha				Ahlquist, CA	2.22%
		Raubvogel, Toronto ON	47.92%				
4	2	Betty Barrons, North					
		York ON; Martha					
		Kneider, Toronto ON	47.03%				

MON-TUE PELAU OPEN PAIRS 29.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1			Bruce Roberts, London ON; Dianne Aves, Waterloo ON	67.09%
2			Tonje Brogeland, Norway; Boye Brogeland, 4400 Norway	66.71%
3			Henry Deutsch, Dobbs Ferry NY; Neal Rechtman, Barbados	62.70%
4			James McAvoy - Constance McAvoy, BC	60.43%
5			Anders Brogeland - Geir Austad, Flekkefjord Norway	59.74%
6	1		Luci McEachern - Lucia McCurdy, Toronto ON	58.42%
7			Douglas Rotchell, Levis QC; Julie Rotchell, Barbados	58.37%
8	2	1	Mary Stricker, Mississauga ON; Brenda Burnett, Toronto ON	57.53%
9			Kathy Russell - David Longstaff, Waterloo ON	57.49%
10	3	2	Jocelyn Macdonald - Claire Holloway, Toronto ON	57.15%
11			Barbara Seagram - Alex Kornel, Toronto ON	56.36%
12			Jackie Thompson, Silver Spring MD; Norma Springer,	56.22%
13	4	3	David Piper, Wolfville NS; David Wolfe, Halifax NS	56.09%
14	5	4	Roy Wiseman, Brampton ON; Barbara Dance, Toronto ON	56.00%
15			William Watkins, Gatineau QC; Dave Blackman, Barbados	55.93%
16	6		Tom Jolliffe - Susan Wark, London ON	55.81%
17	7		Penny Robinson - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	55.11%
18			Robert Griffiths, Elora ON; Diane Bourdeau, Cambridge O	55.01%
19	8	5	Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI	54.78%
20	9	6	Peter Nichols - Rakem Lorde, Barbados	54.22%
	10	7	Patricia Hartley - Brenda Johnston, West Vancouver BC	53.34%
	11		Jan Woolfrey - Sheila Hodgkinson, Mississauga ON	52.90%
	12		Carol Hellebrand, Yorba Linda CA; Barbara Benson, CA	52.13%
	13	8	Dave Quarrie - M Rebecca Kalbfleisch, Waterloo ON	51.85%
	14		Eleth Fields - Richard Fields, Tustin CA	51.66%
	15	9	Susanna Westerwick - Greg Westerwick, Durango CO	50.91%
	10		Judith Hackett, North York ON; Bernie Fernandes, Toronto ON	50.79%

MON EVE 0-300 PAIRS 14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.75	1			Mary Althoff - Monica Smith-Unger, New York NY	70.22%
2.27	2	1	1	Ann Boland, Chicago IL; Reade White Spinner, GA	64.53%
1.55	3			Carlee Lehna, Norvell MI; Ann Bragg, TX	58.44%
1.70	4	2	2	Liz MacLeod, Innisfil ON; Dorothy Parnell, ON	57.57%
1.28	5	3		Kathryn Nolan - Michael Maddalena, Halifax	57.41%
0.96	6	4	3	Ludmila Revah, Thornhill ON; Lorna Sagorsky, ON	56.98%
0.72		5		Jacqueline McGregor, Tiverton ON; Donna Banham, ON	55.88%
0.77		6		Beverly Hitchman, Kitchener ON; Laurie McNally, ON	55.32%
0.66			4	Andrew Clark - Julie Clark, Great Britain	51.10%
0.49			5	Joseph Brantley, Greensboro NC; Gwen Brady, NC	48.28%

MON-TUE PELAU OPEN PAIRS FIRST SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION A	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			1			Barbara Seagram - Alex Kornel, ON 56.36%
2			2	1	1	David Piper, NS; David Wolfe, NS 56.09%
			3	2		Tom Jolliffe - Susan Wark, ON 55.81%
3	1	1	4	3	2	Patricia Hartley - Brenda Johnston, Vancouver BC 53.34%
4	2					Jan Woolfrey - Sheila Hodgkinson, Mississauga ON 52.90%
	3	2				Graeme Tindale - Linda Tindale, London ON 48.41%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION B	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1		1			Anders Brogeland - Geir Austad, Norway 59.74%
2	2	1	2	1	1	Jocelyn Macdonald - Claire Holloway, ON 57.15%
3	3	2	3			Jackie Thompson, MD; Norma Springer, 56.22%
4			4	2	2	Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, MI 54.78%
						Rebecca Kalbfleisch, Waterloo ON 51.85%
						Peter Norville, Bridgetown Barbados; Sylvan Hunte, Barbados 51.73%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION C	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			1			Bruce Roberts, London ON; Dianne Aves, ON 67.09%
2			2			Kathy Russell - David Longstaff, ON 57.49%
3	1		3	1	1	Roy Wiseman, Brampton ON; Barbara Dance, ON 56.00%
4			4			William Watkins, Gatineau QC; Dave Blackman, Barbados 55.93%
	2			2		Carol Hellebrand, Yorba Linda CA; Barbara Benson, CA 52.13%
	3			3	2	Susanna Westerwick - Greg Westerwick, CO 50.91%
		1				Richelle Sajovec - Donna Morris, Raleigh NC 43.34%
		2				Joanne Palmer, Almonte ON; Isabelle de Zamaroczy, Washington DC 43.24%
						Douglas Rotchell, Levis QC; Julie Rotchell, Christ Church Barbados 58.37%
						James McAvoy - Constance McAvoy, Victoria BC 60.43%

MON EVE 0-300 PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION E	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1	1	1			Carlee Lehna, Norvell MI; Ann Bragg, TX 58.44%
2	2	2	2	1		Marsha Raubvogel - Pamela Rogacki, ON 54.35%
3	3		3	2		Penny Jane Richards - Cynthia Webb, ON 51.81%
						Jacqueline McGregor, Tiverton ON; Donna Banham, Kingston ON 55.88%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION F	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			1	1		Kathryn Nolan - Michael

2	1	Smith-Unger, New York NY	70.22%	2	2	1	Maddalena, NS	57.41%
		Beverly Hitchman,					Ludmila Revah,	
		Kitchener ON; Laurie					Thornhill ON; Lorna	
		McNally, Perth ON	55.32%				Sagorsky, ON	56.98%
3		Graham Howes - Hazel		3			Bonnie Wittner, New	
		Walker, Wolfville NS	54.86%				York NY; Betty Ketner,	
	2	1 Deborah Stevenson -					FL	51.28%
		Barry Stevenson,						
		Cookstown ON	46.56%					