

2008 FALL NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



NOVEMBER 20-30, 2008

BOSTON, MA

Welcome to Boston! All events will be played at the Copley Connection, which includes the Westin and Marriott Hotels.

Thursday, November 20, 1 p.m.

| Event | Session | Sold | Entry/player/session | |
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| | | | ACBL members* | Others |
| International Fund Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i> | 1st sing. sess. | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |

Thursday, November 20, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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| New England Stratified Open Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

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| Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Fri.-Sun. at 9 a.m.</i> | 1st | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$20 | \$20 |
| Educ. Foundation Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i> | 2nd sing. sess. | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$20 | \$20 |
| Educational Foundation 299er Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$20 | \$20 |

Friday, November 21, 9 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

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| Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams | 2nd | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Pine Tree State Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams | 1-2 | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series | 1st sing. sess. | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |

Friday, November 21, 10 a.m.

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| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | Free | Free |

Friday, November 21, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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| Mt. Katahdin Stratified Daylight Open Pairs | 1-2 | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Acadia National Park Stratified Senior Pairs | 1-2 | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |

Friday, November 21, 1 p.m.

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| Thursday-Friday Side Game Series | 3rd single sess. | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750).

**Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.*

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Friday, November 21, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

| Event | Session | Sold | Entry/player/session | |
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| | | | ACBL members* | Others |
| Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs | 1-2 Q | Westin America Ballroom | \$18 | — |
| Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs | 1-2 Q | Westin Essex Ballroom | \$18 | — |
| <i>Both events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i> | | | | |
| Rufus "Skinny" Miles Jr. Non-Life Master Pairs | 1-2 | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$16.50 | — |
| Senior Knockout Teams | Rd. 1 | Westin Staffordshire | \$18 | — |
| <i>Pre-registration required by 11 a.m. One match per day until completed.</i> | | | | |
| Lobster Stratified Open Pairs | 1-2 | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Moosehead Lake Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams | 1-2 | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |

Friday, November 21, 3 p.m.

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| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs | single | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs | single | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Pairs | single | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | Free | Free |

Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

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| Paul Kinney Stratified Swiss Teams | single | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| Old Orchard Beach Strat. 299er Swiss Teams | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| Thursday-Friday Side Game Series | 4th sing. sess. | Marriott Back Bay Ex. Hall | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Pairs | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | Free | Free |

Friday, November 21, 11:30 p.m.

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| Zip Knockout Teams | single | Marriott Grand Ballroom | \$12 / team / match | |
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Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

Entry fees

Players *must* be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are **\$18** per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life

Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is **\$16.50** per player per session.

Regional championships are **\$15.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$17.50** for non-members.

All other events are **\$14.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$16.50** for non-members.



Electronic Devices Banned in National Events

The ACBL Board of Directors approved a comprehensive ban on electronic devices for all national-level events, but not to regional or Intermediate-Newcomer contests:

Electronic devices, excluding health-related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, cellular phones and minicomputers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session.

These restrictions shall apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, recorders and kibitzers and shall apply throughout any actual playing session or segment.

A violation of this policy shall result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense shall result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team.

Kibitzers violating this policy shall be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Participants will be reminded not to approach the playing area with a personal electronic device in their possession, *even if the device is turned off.*

Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 0-5000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification (or for those members on the Lifetime Top 100 masterpoint list).

Participation in the Life Master Open and Women's Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet these criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible, must receive a waiver prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted waivers will be honored.

For waiver information, please contact ACBL National Tournament Director Rick Beye here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Operations office and he will also be available at the selling sites.



Defenders, Fall North American Bridge Championships

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Steve Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Kazuo Furuta, Hiroki Yokoi, Kelley Hwang, Larry Mori, Rick Kaye, Leonard Melander

Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Jian Wang, Yongmei Zhou, Ping Wang, Shaohong Wu

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Aubrey Strul, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel

Senior Knockout Teams: Robert Hollman, Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Jerry Clerkin, Dennis Clerkin

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Zia Mahmood, Bjorn Fallenius

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum

Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs: Patricia Menefee, Andre De Leon

Miles Non-Life Master Pairs: Metin Gokcen, Sadik Arf

National 99er Pairs: Rebecca Anspach, Nicholas Erpelding

Herman Trophy: Lew Stansby



Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to the 2008 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Boston!

The Boston staff has many special events planned for your entertainment and pleasure.

The starting times will be 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the Marriott Grand Ballroom.

Don't forget to pick up your **registration gift**.

The **IN Partnership Desk** will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Celebrity Bridge Speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week (with the exception of the first Thursday afternoon and the final Sunday). Don't miss these free bridge lessons. On Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6:45 p.m., **G S Jade Barrett** will discuss "The Learning Curve." On Friday, Nov. 21 at 9:15 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will discuss "Jerryisms," and at 6:45 p.m., **Ken Monzingo** will present "Hand Patterns."

On Friday, Nov. 21, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0–5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9:45 a.m., *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, at 9:45 a.m., *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Marti Ronemus** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Friday, Nov. 28, win **gold points** in the **National 99er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 21–23 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Nov. 28–30.

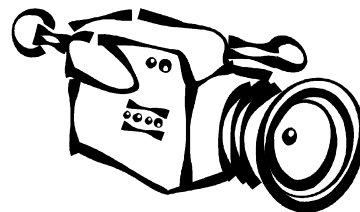
Pre-registration required for Senior KO Teams

Teams that wish to enter the Senior Knockout Teams event on Friday, Nov. 21, must pre-register no later than 11 a.m. on that date.

Entries may be purchased in the Westin America Ballroom.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.



By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Convention card reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.