

2010 SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



JULY 21-AUGUST 1, 2010

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Welcome to New Orleans! All events will be played at the New Orleans Marriott and Sheraton New Orleans. *Strati-Flighted Open Events are divided: A/X (5000+/0-5000); separate from B/C/D (1500-3000, 750-1500, 0-750). Strata breaks for stratified events are A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). All stratification will be based on the average for the pair or team. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's masterpoint total may exceed that upper limit.*

Wednesday, July 21, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS			
(CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	1-2 Q	\$17	—

All: Two-session Swiss qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. Pre-qualification required.

Thursday, July 22, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	1st single	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

Thursday, July 22, 1 & 8 p.m.

GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	Rd. 2	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	Rd. 2	\$17	—
Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)	Rd. 2	\$17	—
Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)	Rd. 2	\$17	—

All: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.

Thursday, July 22, 8 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Friday-Saturday at 9 a.m.</i>			
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	2nd single	\$20	\$20
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	\$20	\$20

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

Friday, July 23, 9 a.m. **0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!**

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Other
Fri.-Sat. Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18
Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Friday-Tuesday Morning Side Game Series	1st single	\$16	\$18

Friday, July 23, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 23, 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Wes Busby Memorial Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
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Friday, July 23, 1 p.m.

Educational Foundation Stratified Pairs	3rd sing.	\$16	\$18
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Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series

Friday, July 23, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Bruce LM-5000 Pairs	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Young LM-1500 Pairs	1-2 Q	\$17	—
<i>All LM Pairs: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>			
GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	Rd. 3	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Louis Fiorella Memorial Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, July 23, 2:30 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 23, 7:30 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Pairs	4th sing.	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
Strati-Flighted Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 23, 11:30 p.m.

International Fund Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$12/team/match
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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:

Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams, Wagar Women's Knockout Teams, Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, NABC+ Fast Pairs, Chicago Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are **\$20** per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the National 199er Pairs, the Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the Bruce LM-5000 Pairs and the Young LM-1500 Pairs. The entry fee is **\$17** per player per session.

Regional championships are **\$16** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$18** for non-members.

All other events are **\$15** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$17** for non-members.



Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say "Alert" at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word — such as "transfer" — and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or Announces a bid should make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

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.

Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to New Orleans!

The New Orleans staff has many special events planned. The starting times will be 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the IN playing area.

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 last Sunday). On Thursday, July 22 at 7:15 p.m., **Allan Mazer** will discuss "The Art of Finding Queens." On Friday, July 23 at 9:15 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Ask Jerry." And at 6:45 p.m., **Barbara Seagram** will present "Common Errors to Avoid."

On Friday, July 23, play in the **Free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 24, a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Check the Daily Bulletin for location.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons** from these great teachers:

- Saturday, July 24, 9:45 am-noon: **Jerry Helms**
- Sun., July 25, 10 am-noon: **Barbara Seagram**

On Wednesday, July 28, win **gold points** in the **National 199er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry July 23-25 will receive a half-priced entry for games held July 30-Aug. 1.

Electronic Device Policy

1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs:

Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.

2. For all events at an NABC other than a

NABC+ rated event: Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

3. The restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL) and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.



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 partner.

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.

Defenders, 2010 Summer NABC

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight:

Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Sally Woolsey, Kit Woolsey

GNT, Flight A: David Kempe, John Ramos, Matt Klimesh, Chien-Yao Tseng

GNT, Flight B: Danny Barnett, Lamar Hamilton, Beve Smith, John Clark

GNT, Flight C: Zach Scherr, Brian Wyman, Benjamin Weiss, Zachary Wasserman, Max Glick

Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Michal Kwiecien, Roald Ramer

David Bruce LM-5000 LM Pairs: Carolyne Fox, George Fox

Sally Young LM-1500 LM Pairs: Peter Litchfield, Paul Gutterman

Spingold Knockout Teams: Jan Jansma, Russ Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Matthew Granovetter, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees

NABC+ Fast Pairs: Dick Bruno, Peggy Kaplan

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams: Val Covalciuc, Joann Glasson, Betty Ann Kennedy, Lisa Berkowitz, Cindy Bernstein, Linda Lewis

Mini-Spingold I (0-5000) KO Teams: Jay Whipple, Kevin Dwyer, Owen Lien, Jon Rice, David Grainger

Mini-Spingold II (0-1500) KO Teams: Jason Bribitzer-Stull, Matthew Bribitzer-Stull, Andy Caranicas, Eric Hendrickson

Wernher Open Pairs: Nikolay Demirev, Nicholas L'Ecuyer

Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams: Benito Garozzo, Lea Dupont, Karen Allison, Mike Ledeen

Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: Robert Hampton, Jenny Wolpert, Sabine Auken, Joel Wooldridge, Sylvie Willard, John Hurd

Open Swiss Teams: Robert Hampton, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Krzysktof Buras, Grzegorz Narkiewicz

National 199er Pairs: Roy Robson, Ken Marshall