



Pre-Bulletin



JULY 19-29, 2007

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Welcome to Nashville! Intermediate/Newcomer and Senior events will be played at the Renaissance. All other events will be played at the Nashville Convention Center.

Strati-Flighted Open Events are divided: A/X (3000+/0-3000); separate from B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500). Strata breaks for stratified events are A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

Wednesday, July 18, 1 & 8 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members*	Others
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)				
	1-2	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$18	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	1-2	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
<i>Pre-qualification required for all GNT events.</i>				

Wednesday, July 18, 8 p.m.

Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	1	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	1	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
<i>Pre-qualification required for all GNT events.</i>				

Thursday, July 19, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	single	Convention Center 204	\$15.50	\$17.50
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>				
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Convention Center 204	\$14.50	\$16.50

Thursday, July 19, 1 & 8 p.m.

GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	3-4	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$18	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	3-4	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)	1 (cont.) & 2	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)	1 (cont.) & 2	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Convention Center 204	\$18.50	\$19.50

Thursday, July 19, 8 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Renais. Grand Ballroom	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Friday-Saturday at 9 a.m.</i>				
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	single	Convention Center 204	\$20	\$20
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>				
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	Convention Center 204	\$20	\$20

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

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Friday, July 20, 9 a.m. (0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!)

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members*	Other
Fri.-Sat. Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	1-2	Conv. Cnt. West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Conv. Cnt. West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	1st sing. sess.	Conv. Cnt. West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, July 20, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20 Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$14.50	
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	Free	Free	

Friday, July 20, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Renais. Ballroom Center	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Renais. Ballroom Center	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, July 20, 1 p.m.

Educational Foundation Pairs	single	Conv. Cnt. West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>					

Friday, July 20, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 Q	Conv. Cnt. Center Ex. Hall	\$18	—	
<i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions.</i>					
Bruce LM-5000 Pairs	1-2 Q	Conv. Cnt. Center Ex. Hall	\$16.50	—	
Young LM-1500 Pairs	1-2 Q	Conv. Cnt. Center Ex. Hall	\$16.50	—	
<i>Both: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions if attendance warrants</i>					
GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	1-2 SF	Convention Center 205	\$18	—	
<i>Second session at 8 p.m.</i>					
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	1-2 SF	Convention Center 205	\$16.50	—	
<i>Second session at 8 p.m.</i>					
Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	QF & SF	Convention Center 205	\$16.50	—	
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	QF & SF	Convention Center 205	\$16.50	—	
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Conv. Center West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams 1	1-2	Conv. Center West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	

Friday, July 20, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20 Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$14.50	
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	Free	Free	

Friday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

International Fund Pairs	2nd sing.	Conv. Cnt. West Ex. Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50	
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>					
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Conv. Center West Ex. Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50	
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$16.50	
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$16.50	
0-20 Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$14.50	\$14.50	
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Renais. Ballroom East	Free	Free	

Friday, July 20, 11:30 p.m.

International Fund Zip Knockout Teams	single	Renais. Ballroom East	\$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: 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 **\$18** 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 **\$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.



Bid Box 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.

Turn 'em off

Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.



Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to Nashville!

The Nashville staff has many special events planned for you. The starting times will be 10 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the Renaissance Grand Ballroom East (except for Thursday, July 19).

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 19 at 7:15 p.m., **John Hermann** will discuss "Third- and Fourth-Seat Openings." On Friday, July 20 at 9:15 a.m., **Frank Stewart** will discuss "How To See Declarer's Hand." And at 6:45 p.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Jerry-isms." On Friday, July 20, play in

the **Free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 21, a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons** from these great teachers and *Bridge Bulletin* columnists:

- Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.: **Jerry Helms**.
- Sunday, July 22, 10 a.m.: **Marti Ronemus**.
- Monday, July 23, 10 a.m.: **Barbara Seagram**.

On Thursday, July 26, win **gold points** in the **National 199er 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 July 20–22 will receive a half-priced entry for games held July 27–29.

Special Events in Nashville

Club Directors Course

Comprehensive course that prepares candidates for directing club and bridge cruise games. Anyone interested in becoming a club director or a director aboard a cruise ship is invited to participate. Fee: \$50. Date: Tuesday-Thursday, July 17-19.

Time: 1–10 p.m. Tuesday with dinner break; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday with lunch and dinner breaks; 9 a.m.– noon; Thursday followed by lunch break and testing. Location: Renais., Belmont 2.

Reception for Teachers and Club Officials

This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. All teachers are welcome, along with club directors, managers and owners. Free. Date: Friday, July 20. Time: 4:30–6 p.m. Location: Renaissance, Fisk Room

The "New" TAP: Teacher Accreditation Program

Introduction to the updated ACBL Bridge Series material and other popular teaching products. Learn modern teaching techniques from one of the ACBL's premier teachers in this 10-hour interactive learning course which includes three hours of hands-on experience. Learn the business side of teaching bridge and be introduced to 64 weeks of class material and more! There are even techniques to move your students into duplicate faster. Leave with the tools needed to develop a successful teaching career. Fee: \$125. (ACBL Accredited Teachers can retake for no course fee.)

Date: Saturday–Monday mornings, July 21-23.

Time: 9 a.m. to noon each day. Location: Nashville Convention Center, Room 209

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, 2007 Summer NABC

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight: Bob Hamman, Petra Hamman, Peggy Sutherland, John Sutherland, Hemant Lall, Justin Lall

GNT, Flight A: Doug Baxter, Daniel Korbel, David Grainger, Danny Miles, Andy Stark

GNT, Flight B: Bernard Schneider, Frances Schneider, Allan Wolf, Russell Friedman

GNT, Flight C: Kam Tang, Samuel Lai, Tao Feng, Jack Lee

Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Bart Bramley, Bjorn Fallenius

David Bruce LM–5000 LM Pairs: Andy Kaufman, Mike Cassel

Sally Young LM–1500 LM Pairs: Dan Swartzman, Rick Schoenfield

Spingold Knockout Teams: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams: Judi Radin, Sylvia Moss, Pamela Granovetter, Migry Zur-Campanile, Shawn Quinn, Mildred Breed

Mini-Spingold I (0–5000) KO Teams: Marty Harris, Will Engel, Jim Melville, Jacob Morgan

Mini-Spingold II (0–1500) KO Teams: Edward Foran, Steve Callahan, John Hassett, Nicholas Hammond

Wernher Open Pairs: Jianrong Lin, Julie Zhu

NABC+ Fast Pairs: Robert Lebi, Nick L'Ecuyer

Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams: Geof Brod, Steve Earl, Richard DeMartino, John Stiefel

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: Beth Palmer, Lynn Deas, William Pettis, Rozanne Pollack, Bill Pollack

Open Swiss Teams: Christal Henner-Welland, Roy Welland, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Antonio Sementa, Bjorn Fallenius

National 199er Pairs: Honor Mogul and Leonard Dubin