

2006 FALL NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



NOVEMBER 16-26, 2006

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Welcome to Honolulu! All events will be played at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.
See page 2 and the back page for information on room location.

Thursday, November 16, 1:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, November 16, 8 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Coral Ballroom	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Fri.– Sun. at 9 a.m.</i>				
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Coral Ballroom	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom	\$20	\$20

Friday, November 17, 9 a.m.

The Big Island's Joanne W. Clark Memorial Day. 0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
Jim & Joe Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
<i>Continues Sat. morning at 9 a.m.</i>				
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series*	1st single sess.	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
R. Blaine Thomas Memorial				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	Coral Ballroom	Free	Free

Friday, November 17, 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Peg Slocum Memorial Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Friday, November 17, 1:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday Side Game Series*	2nd single sess.	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
R. Blaine Thomas Memorial				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	Free	Free

*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750–2000), C (0–750).

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

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Friday, November 17, 1:30 & 8 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs	1-2 Q	Tapa Ballroom	\$18	—
Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs	1-2 Q	South Pacific Ballroom	\$18	—
<i>Both events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>				
Rufus L. "Skinny" Miles Jr. Non-Life Master Pairs	1-2 Q	Coral Ballroom	\$16.50	—
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions (entries permitting)</i>				
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
Ray Lo Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, November 17, 8 p.m.

Hal Good Memorial Stratified Open Swiss Teams*	single	Coral Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
Aloha Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Honolulu Suite	\$14.50	\$16.50
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series*	3rd single sess.	Coral Lounge	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Pairs	single	Honolulu Suite	Free	Free

Friday, November 17, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams*	single	Coral Ballroom	\$12 / team / match
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Location information: The Coral Ballroom, Coral Lounge, Sea Pearl Suite and South Pacific Ballroom are in the Mid-Pacific Conference Center. The Honolulu Suite and the Tapa Ballroom are in the Tapa Tower.

Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to the 2006 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Honolulu!

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

The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1:30 and 8 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in Honolulu Suite except for the 9 a.m. games which will be in the Coral 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 12:45 p.m. and 7:15 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. 16 at 7:15 p.m., **Barry Harper** will discuss "Opening Leads." On Friday, Nov. 17 at 12:45 p.m., **Ken Monzingo** will discuss

"Hand Patterns," and at 7:15 p.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Jerry-isms."

On Friday, Nov. 17, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 9 a.m., 1:30 and 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**. At 5 p.m., a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held.

IN events continue every day.

On Friday, Nov. 25, win **gold points** in the National 99er Pairs, a two-session event, held at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 17-19 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Nov. 23-25.

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.



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 in writing prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted Blue Ribbon waivers will *not* be honored. Previously granted Life Master waivers *will* be honored.

Please contact ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Operations office and he will be available at the selling sites.



Defenders, Fall North American Bridge Championships

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Gavin Wolpert, Jenny Ryman

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Shawn Quinn, Joe Quinn, Barry Rigal, Pamela Granovetter, Becky Rogers, Renee Mancuso

Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Lynn Baker, Kay Schulle, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki

Senior Knockout Teams: Morris Chang, Bobby Wolff, John Schermer, Neil Chambers

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Zia Mahmood, Jill Meyers

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Malle Andrade, Jill Levin

Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs: Marty Harris, Jacob Morgan

Miles Non-Life Master Pairs: Mike Develin, John Barth

National 99er Pairs: Kathy Rolfe, Eric Rolfe

Herman Trophy: Zia Mahmood



Special Events

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 16–17

Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) with Peg Cundiff

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.

Time: 1–5 p.m. and 7–10 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. Location: Nautilus 1.

Friday, Nov. 17

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.

Time: 5–7 p.m. Location: *see the Daily Bulletin*.

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.

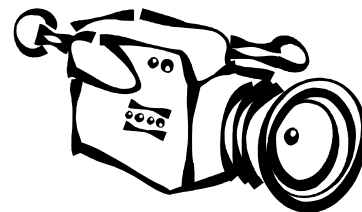


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Monitoring

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.