

# 2007 SPRING NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



# Pre-Bulletin



**MARCH 8-18, 2007**

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Welcome to St. Louis! NABC and Senior events will be played at the Renaissance Grand. All other events will be played in the America's Center.

## Wednesday, March 7, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Others
<b>Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A</b> <i>Pre-qualification required. Continues Thursday.</i>	1-2 Q	Landmark (Renaiss.)	\$18	—	

## Thursday, March 8, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Majestic (Renaiss.)	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Majestic (Renaiss.)	\$15.50	\$17.50

## Thursday, March 8, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A</b>	1-2 F	Landmark (Renaiss.)	\$18	—
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## Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

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

## Friday, March 9, 9 a.m.

*0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!*

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series*	1st sing. sess.	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
<i>1st of 3 sessions</i>				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 220	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 220	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 220	Free	Free

## Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Landmark (Renaiss.)	\$15.50	\$17.50
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### Friday, March 9, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series* <i>1st of 4 sessions</i>	1st single sess.	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 230	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 230	Free	Free

### Friday, March 9, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>Sidney Silodor Open Pairs</b> <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Majestic (Renaiss.)	\$18	—
Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50

### Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

One-Session Stratified Open Swiss Teams*	single	America's Ctr. 220	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	America's Ctr. 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series* 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	2nd single sess.	America's Ctr. 230	\$15.50	\$17.50
0-20 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 230	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-5 Pairs	single	America's Ctr. 230	Free	Free

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

Zip Knockout Teams*	single	Landmark (Renaiss.)	\$12 / team / match	
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\*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.

## Welcome, Intermediate/Newcomer Players, to St. Louis!

The St. Louis staff has many special events planned for you. The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in America's Center 230 except for the 9 a.m. games which will be in the America's Center 220.

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 12:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week (with the exception of the first Thursday afternoon and the final Sunday). On Thursday, March 8 at 6:45 p.m., **John Hermann** will discuss "Weak Two-Bids." On Friday, March 9 at 12:15 p.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Jerry-isms." And at 6:45 p.m., Peg and Dewy Cundiff will discuss "The Ever-

changing Bridge Hand."

On Friday, March 9, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**. At 5:30 p.m., a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held.

On Sunday, March 11, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Marti Ronemus** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Wednesday, March 14, win **gold points** in the **National 49er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

**Entry fee special!** Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Mar. 9-11 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Mar. 16-18.

## 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: Baldwin North American Pairs (Flight A), Silodor Open Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, and the Machlin Women's 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 49er Pairs, the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs, the Golder North American Pairs (Flight B) and the President's Cup North American Pairs (Flight C). 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.



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## Defenders, Spring North American Bridge Championships

**Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A:** Gordon Campbell, Piotr Klimowicz

**Golder North American Pairs, Flight B:** Fletcher Thompson, Bruce Todd

**President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C:** Stanislaw Kolesnik, Vladimir Reznik

**Vanderbilt Knockout Teams:** Fred Chang, Seymon Deutsch, Gunnar Hallberg, Jack Zhao, Fu Zhong

**Jacoby Open Swiss Teams:** Bob Hamman, Robert Levin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Steve Weinstein

**Machlin Women's Swiss Teams:** Mildred Breed, Pamela Granovetter, Sylvia Moss, Shawn Quinn, Judy Radin, Migry Zur-Campanile

**Silodor Open Pairs:** David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen

**Whitehead Women's Pairs:** Sylvia Moss, Judy Radin

**Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:** Lew Finkel, Gaylor Kasle

**Rockwell Mixed Pairs:** Tom Kniest, Karen Walker

**Lebhar IMP Pairs:** Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson

**Bean Red Ribbon Pairs:** Chris Buchanan, B.J. Trelford

**National 49er Pairs:** Eric Sieg, Jim Thompson

**Mott-Smith Trophy:** Fred Chang



## Special Events

### 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. Study materials included. Fee: \$80.

Date: Tuesday–Thursday, March 6–8.

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: Westmoreland, Renaissance

### 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: Thursday–Friday, March 8–9.

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

Location: Pershing, Renaissance

### 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, March 9.

Time: 5:30–7 p.m.

Location: America’s Center 240

### Free Bridge Lessons

Check out this series of free lessons with some of the best of ACBL’s Accredited Teachers.

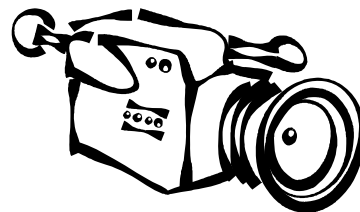
Jerry Helms: Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. – noon.

Marti Ronemus: Sunday, March 11, 10 a.m. – noon.

Location: America’s Center 230

## 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.