

2009 FALL NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



North American Bridge Championships

Pre-Bulletin



NOV. 26-DEC. 6, 2009

SAN DIEGO, CA

Welcome to San Diego! All events will be played at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.
Thursday: All games will be played in the Douglass Ballroom.
Friday: Check the Daily Bulletin for game locations.

Thursday, November 26, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i>	1st single session	\$16	\$18
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

Thursday, November 26, 7:30 p.m.

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

Friday, November 27, 9 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	1st single session	\$16	\$18

Friday, November 27, 10:30 a.m.

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

Friday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
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Friday, November 27, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	3rd single session	\$16	\$18
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Unless otherwise noted, strat 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 27, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs	1-2 Q	\$20	—
<i>Above events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>			
Rufus "Skinny" Miles Jr. Non-Life Master Pairs	1-2	\$17	—
Senior Knockout Teams	Round 1	\$20	—
<i>Pre-registration required by 11 a.m. One two-session match per day until completed.</i>			
<i>Continues daily at 10 a.m.</i>			
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, November 27, 3 p.m.

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

Friday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th single session	\$16	\$18
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, November 27, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$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 **\$20** 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 **\$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.



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 TD Millard Nachtwey here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Headquarters office, and he will also be available at the selling sites.



Defenders, Fall North American Bridge Championships

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

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

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek, Bart Bramley, Eddie Wold

Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams: Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Karen McCallum, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina, Beth Palmer

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Zia Mahmood, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Senior Knockout Teams: P.O. Sundelin, Matthew Granovetter, Fred Chang, John Carruthers, Reese Milner, Sam Lev

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Nikolay Demirev, Ralph Katz

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Lynn Deas, Betty Ann Kennedy

Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs: Chris Coffman, Roger Coffman

Miles Non-Life Master Pairs: Debbie Crisfield, Karen Haines

National 99er Pairs: Stephen Drodge, Andrew Rodriguez

Goren Trophy (formerly Herman Trophy): Eric Rodwell



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

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

The starting times will be 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the Manchester 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 9:45 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 lessons! On Thursday, Nov. 26 at 6:45 p.m., **Barry Harper** will discuss "The 30-Point Deck." On Friday, Nov. 27 at 9:45 a.m., **Allan Mazer** will discuss "2 Club or Not 2 Club," and at 6:45 p.m., **Barbara Seagram** will present "Common Pitfalls to Avoid."

On Friday, Nov. 27, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0–5 MPs) at 10:30 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 28, at 9:45 a.m., *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Barbara Seagram** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Friday, Dec. 4, win **gold points** in the **National 99er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 27–29 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Dec. 4–6.

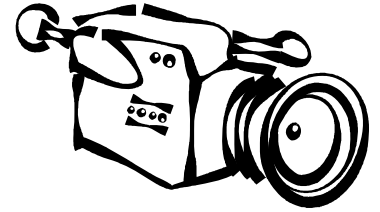
Pre-registration required for Senior KO Teams

Teams that wish to enter the Senior Knockout Teams event on Friday, Nov. 27, must pre-register no later than 11 a.m. on that date.

Pre-registration will be located in the Douglass 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.