

2008 SPRING NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



MARCH 5-16, 2008

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Welcome to Detroit! All events will be played in the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

Wednesday, March 5, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A <i>Pre-qualification required. Continues Thursday.</i>	1-2 Q	Mackinac Ballroom	No fee	—

Thursday, March 6, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Renaissance Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Renaissance Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, March 6, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A	1-2 F	Mackinac Ballroom	No fee	—
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Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

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

Friday, March 7, 9 a.m.

0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

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

Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1–2	Mackinac Ballroom	\$15.50	\$17.50
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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.

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Friday, March 7, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
The Tom Gardner Friday-Saturday Side Game Series*	single, 1 of 4	Ontario Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	Free	Free

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

Silodor Open Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>	1–2 Q	Renaissance Ballroom	\$18	—
Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	Ontario Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Art Price/Dick Lawrence Memorial Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1–2	Ontario Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50

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

Three-No-Joe Garcia Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams*	single	Ontario Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Tom Gardner Friday-Saturday Side Game Series*	single, 2 of 4	Ontario Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
The Alan Castle Memorial Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Pairs	single	Ambassador Ballroom	Free	Free

Friday, November 7, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams*	single	Ambassador Ballroom	\$12 / team / match	
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Welcome, Intermediate/Newcomer Players, to Detroit!

All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in Ontario Hall at 9 a.m., and in the Ambassador Ballroom at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

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 and 6:45 p.m. all week (except the first Thursday afternoon and the final Sunday). On Thursday, March 6, at 6:45 p.m., **Ellen Kent** will discuss "Simple is Better." On Friday, March 7, at 12:15 p.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Jerry-isms." And at 6:45 p.m., **Barbara Seagram** will discuss

"Common Errors in Bidding."

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

On Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**. On Sunday, March 9, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Barbara Seagram** will also give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Saturday, Mar. 8, there will be a reception for IN players at 5 p.m. See Daily Bulletin for location.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 7–9 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 14–16.

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 Knock-out 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 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.



Defenders, Spring North American Bridge Championships

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A: Dave Abelow, Dick Wegman

Golder North American Pairs, Flight B: Mark Golding, Rob Kitchen

President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C: Jon King, Dayou Zhou

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

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: David Maidman, Marin Marinov, Kalin Karaivanov, Ruman Trendafilov

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams: Lynn Baker, Lynn Deas, Irina Levitina, Karen McCallum, Beth Palmer, Kerri Sanborn

Silodor Open Pairs: Giorgio Duboin, Roy Welland

Whitehead Women's Pairs: Kamla Chawla, Irina Ladyzhensky

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs: Allan Siebert, Alan Stout

Rockwell Mixed Pairs: Mildred Breed, Richard Zeckhauser

Lebhar IMP Pairs: Boye Brogeland, Ishmael Delmonte

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: Jack Hawthorne, Paul Spear

Mott-Smith Trophy: Roy Welland



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: \$50.

Date: Tuesday–Thursday, March 4–6.

Time: 1–10 p.m. Tuesday with dinner break; 9 a.m.–10 p.m. Wednesday with meal breaks; 9 a.m.–noon; Thursday followed by lunch break and testing.

Location: Ambassador 3

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 6–7.

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

Location: LaSalle A & B

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 7.

Time: 5–6:30 p.m.

Location: Ambassador 3

ACBLscore Q&A

Join ACBL staffers for a lively, informative and entertaining 90 minutes on hints to help make your club’s computing problems disappear. Come by for coffee and help us solve problems and find new ideas, too. Free.

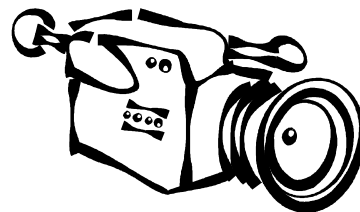
Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: 10:30 a.m.–noon

Location: Marquette B

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.