



# Pre-Bulletin



JULY 17-27, 2008

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Welcome to Las Vegas! All events will be played at the Las Vegas Hilton.

**All regional-rated games will be 24 boards.**

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 16, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

| Event   | Session | Entry/player/session |        |
|---|---------|----------------------|--------|
|   |         | ACBL members*        | Others |
| <b>GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS<br/>(CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)</b> | 1-2 Q   | \$18                 | —      |
| <b>Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)</b>       | 1-2 Q   | \$16.50              | —      |
| <b>Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)</b>      | 1-2 Q   | \$16.50              | —      |
| <b>Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)</b>        | 1-2 Q   | \$16.50              | —      |

*All: Two-session Swiss qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. Pre-qualification required.*

## Thursday, July 17, 1 p.m.

|   |            |         |         |
|---|------------|---------|---------|
| International Fund Stratified Open Pairs            | 1st single | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| <i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i> |            |         |         |
| International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs           | single     | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |

## Thursday, July 17, 1 & 8 p.m.

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|---|-------|---------|---|
| <b>GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)</b>                | Rd. 2 | \$18    | — |
| <b>Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)</b> | Rd. 2 | \$16.50 | — |
| <b>Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)</b>                 | Rd. 2 | \$16.50 | — |
| <b>Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)</b>                   | Rd. 2 | \$16.50 | — |

*All: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.*

Collegiate Team Championship Round Robin No fee (Pre-qualification required)  
*Note: Four teams advance to Friday afternoon's semifinal. On Saturday and Sunday (July 19-20), the Team Trial event for qualification to the International University Sports Federation's (FISU) World Bridge Competition will be held. Players in the Collegiate Championships are encouraged to play in the FISU trials.*

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| International Fund / Educational Foundation<br>Stratified Open Swiss Teams | 1-2 | \$18.50 | \$19.50 |
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## Thursday, July 17, 8 p.m.

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

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

Friday, July 18, 9 a.m. (0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!)

| Event  | Session    | Entry/player/session |         |
|--|------------|----------------------|---------|
|  |            | ACBL members*        | Other   |
| Fri.-Sat. Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams | 1-2        | \$15.50              | \$17.50 |
| Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams    | 2nd        | \$15.50              | \$17.50 |
| Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series       | 1st single | \$15.50              | \$17.50 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs              | single     | \$14.50              | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs                                   | single     | \$14.50              | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Newcomer Pairs                           | single     | Free                 | Free    |

Friday, July 18, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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| Stratified Daylight Open Pairs | 1-2 | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
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Friday, July 18, 1 p.m.

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| Educational Foundation Pairs                        | 3rd sing. | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| <i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i> |           |         |         |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                     | single    | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs  | single    | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Newcomer Pairs                                  | single    | Free    | Free    |

Friday, July 18, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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| <b>VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS</b>  | 1-2 Q  | \$18                                | —       |
| <b>Bruce LM-5000 Pairs</b>   | 1-2 Q  | \$16.50                             | —       |
| <b>Young LM-1500 Pairs</b>   | 1-2 Q  | \$16.50                             | —       |
| <i>All LM Pairs: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal &amp; 2 final sessions</i>  |        |                                     |         |
| <b>GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)</b>   | Rd. 3  | \$18                                | —       |
| <b>Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)</b>  | Rd. 3  | \$16.50                             | —       |
| <b>Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)</b>   | Rd. 3  | \$16.50                             | —       |
| <b>Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)</b>   | Rd. 3  | \$16.50                             | —       |
| Collegiate Team Championship   | SF & F | No fee (Pre-qualification required) |         |
| <i>Note: On Saturday and Sunday (July 19-20) the Team Trial event for qualification to the International University Sports Federation's (FISU) World Bridge Competition will be held. Players in the Collegiate Championships are encouraged to play in the FISU trials.</i> |        |                                     |         |
| Stratified Open Pairs  | 1-2    | \$15.50                             | \$17.50 |
| Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams   | 1-2    | \$15.50                             | \$17.50 |

Friday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

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| ACBL Continent-wide Game                            | 4th sing. | \$15.50 | \$17.50 |
| <i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i> |           |         |         |
| Stratified Side Swiss Teams                         | single    | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams                        | single    | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs                     | single    | \$14.50 | \$16.50 |
| 0-20 Pairs  | single    | \$14.50 | \$14.50 |
| 0-5 Newcomer Pairs                                  | single    | Free    | Free    |

Friday, July 18, 11:30 p.m.

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| 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:

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.



## 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.

## 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.

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## Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to Las Vegas!

The Las Vegas staff has many special events planned. The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the IN playing area. (Morning games may be different. See the Daily Bulletin for details.)

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 (with the exception of the first Thursday afternoon and the last Sunday). On Thursday, July 17 at 7:15 p.m., **John Hermann** will discuss "Third- and Fourth-Seat Openings." On Friday, July 18 at 12:15 p.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Jerry-isms." And at 6:45 p.m., author **Ed McPherson** will present "A Newcomer's Journey into the World of Bridge."

On Friday, July 18, play in the **Free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 19, a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the IN playing area.

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

- Saturday, July 19, 9:45 a.m.: **Jerry Helms**.
- Sunday, July 20, 9:45 a.m.: **Barbara Seagram**.

On Thursday, July 24, win **gold points** in the **National 199er 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 July 18-20 will receive a half-priced entry for games held July 25-27.

## Electronics ban in effect for 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, effective July 1:

*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 in the following contests will be reminded not to approach the playing area with a personal electronic device in their possession, **even if the device is turned off**: all flights of the Grand National Teams, the von Zedtwitz, Bruce and Young Life Master Pairs, the Spingold Knockout Teams, both Mini-Spingolds, the Wagar Women's Knockout Teams, the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, the Wernher Open Pairs, the NABC+ Fast Pairs, the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, the Open Swiss Teams and the National 199er Pairs.

## 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, 2008 Summer NABC

**Grand National Teams, Championship Flight:** Warren Spector, Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

**GNT, Flight A:** Michael Alioto, Sheldon Kirsch, Barry Lippitt, Frank Sensoli, Robert Cappelli

**GNT, Flight B:** John Barth, Nongyu Li, Michael Develin, Jiang Chen

**GNT, Flight C:** John Heath, Alan Dennis, George Keiller, Don Morgan

**Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs:** Chip Martel, Zia Mahmood

**David Bruce LM-5000 LM Pairs:** Karl Hicks, Brian Alexander

**Sally Young LM-1500 LM Pairs:** William Howard, Gregory Reichert

**Spingold Knockout Teams:** Nick Nickell, Hemant Lall, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway

**Wagar Women's Knockout Teams:** Phyllis Fireman, Tobi Sokolow, Janice Seamon-Molson, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken, Mildred Breed

**Mini-Spingold I (0-5000) KO Teams:** Karl Hicks, Brian Alexander, Jim Gordon, Mike Betts

**Mini-Spingold II (0-1500) KO Teams:** Robert Glickman, Matt Meckstroth, Sam Katz, Daniel Goldfein

**Wernher Open Pairs:** Joan Jackson, Petra Hamman

**NABC+ Fast Pairs:** Robert Levin, Geoff Hampson

**Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams:** Geof Brod, Pat McDevitt, Richard DeMartino, John Stiefel

**Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams:** Don Stack, Linda Eakes, Nancy Spear, Jack Spear

**Open Swiss Teams:** Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson

**National 199er Pairs:** Tom Graff, Roger Koeppel