

2010 SPRING NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



MARCH 10-21, 2010

RENO, NEVADA

Welcome to Reno! All events will be played at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino.

Wednesday, March 10, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 11, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

Thursday, March 11, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A	1-2 F	No fee	—
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Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Fri.–Sun. at 9 a.m.</i>	1st	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	single	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$20	\$20

Friday, March 12, 9 a.m.

0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	single	\$16	\$18

Friday, March 12, 10 a.m.

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

Friday, March 12, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Pairs	1–2	\$16	\$18
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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.

Friday, March 12, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	single, 1 of 4	\$16	\$18

Friday, March 12, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

NABC+ Platinum Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal and 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required in one of three ways: players must have earned at least 50 platinum points in the last three years OR must have earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime OR must be a Platinum or Grand Life Master.</i>	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Lebhar IMP Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, March 12, 3 p.m.

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

Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Jo Heller Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	single, 2 of 4	\$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 12, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$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 Reno!

All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in the Carson Room at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. 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 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week. On Thursday, Mar. 11, at 6:45 p.m., **David Berkowitz** will discuss "Partnerships." On Friday, Mar. 12, at 9:15 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will present

"Ask Jerry." And at 6:45 p.m., **Audrey Grant** will discuss "What's Forcing?"

On Friday, March 12, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 13, at 9:45 a.m., *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**. On Sunday, March 14, at 9:45 a.m., **Audrey Grant** will also give a **free two-hour lesson**.

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 12-14 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 19-21.

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: NABC Platinum Pairs, 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 **\$20** per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Bean Red Ribbon 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.

(Note: There is no entry fee for any flight of the North American Pairs, but participants are still required to be paid-up members.)



Defenders, Spring North American Bridge Championships

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A:

Jim Krekorian, John Rengstorff

Golder North American Pairs, Flight B:

Robert McCaw, Lewis Gamerman

President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C:

Elenalani Lam, Michael Bodell

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams:

George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams:

Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams:

Janice Seamon-Molson, Phyllis Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, Jill Levin, Tobi Sokolow, Jill Meyers

Silodor Open Pairs:

David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen

Revised Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy is revised as follows:

- 1. For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs:** Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.
- 2. For all events at an NABC other than a NABC+ rated event:** Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.
3. These restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL) and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.
4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Whitehead Women's Pairs:

Lisa Berkowitz, Joann Glasson

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs:

Dan Suty, Jim Hilton

Rockwell Mixed Pairs:

Karen Walker, Tom Kniest

Lebhar IMP Pairs:

Nikolay Demirev, Nicolas L'Ecuyer

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs:

Daniel Jackson, Bill Gervais

Mott-Smith Trophy:

Jeff Meckstroth



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 9–11. 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: Ruby 1 & 2.

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 11–12. Time: 1 and 7 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.–noon Friday. Location: Whitney.

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 12. Time: 4:30–6 p.m. Location: Ruby 1 & 2.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

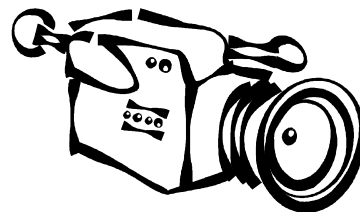
When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

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.

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.