

2007 FALL NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 2, 2007

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Welcome to San Francisco! All events will be played at the San Francisco Marriott.

Thursday, November 22, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members*	Others
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i>	single	Golden Gate	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$15.50	\$17.50

Thursday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Fri.-Sun. at 9 a.m.</i>	1st	Golden Gate	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs <i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. Side Game Series</i>	single	Golden Gate	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$20	\$20

Friday, November 23, 9 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	1st sing. sess.	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, November 23, 10 a.m.

In Honor of Walter Miller II

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	Free	Free

Friday, November 23, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Golden Gate	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, November 23, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	3rd single sess.	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$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, November 23, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members*	Others
Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9-15	\$18	—
Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs	1-2 Q	Yerba Buena 9-15	\$18	—
<i>Both events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>				
Rufus "Skinny" Miles Jr. Non-Life Master Pairs	1-2	Nob Hill	\$16.50	—
Senior Knockout Teams	Round 1	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$18	—
<i>Pre-registration required by 11 a.m. One match per day until completed.</i>				
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, November 23, 3 p.m.

In Honor of Walter Miller II

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	Free	Free

Friday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Swiss Teams	single	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$16.50
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th sing. sess.	Yerba Buena 1-8	\$15.50	\$17.50

In Honor of Walter Miller II

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Pairs	single	Golden Gate	Free	Free

Friday, November 23, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Golden Gate	\$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 **\$18** 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 **\$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.



Pre-registration required for Senior KO Teams

Teams that wish to enter the Senior Knockout Teams event on Friday, Nov. 23, must pre-register no later than 11 a.m. on that date.

Entries may be purchased in the Yerba Buena foyer.

Reception for Bridge Teachers of Junior Players

Friday, Nov. 23

Interested in teaching the game of bridge to Juniors? Currently teaching Juniors? Meet officials from The School Bridge League and the ACBL Education Department staff to exchange ideas and find others interested in pursuing junior bridge activities in their areas.

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon.

Location: Pacific A, 4th Floor.

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 ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Operations office and he will also be available at the selling sites.



Defenders, Fall North American Bridge Championships

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Gary Cohler, Jacek Pszczola, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Tony Kasday, Disa Eythorsdottir, Jon Baldursson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Bjarni Einarsson, Sigurbjorn Haraldsson

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

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Michael Rosenberg, Zia Mahmood

Senior Knockout Teams: Amos Kaminski, George Mittelman, Melih Ozdil, Pinhas Romik, Yeshayahu Levit

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs: Sara Sivelind, Cecilia Rimstedt

Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs: Joe Houde, Divakar Bhargava

Miles Non-Life Master Pairs: Robert Bertoni, William Nason

National 99er Pairs: Shen Wan, Yihan Xiong

Herman Trophy: Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian



Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to the 2007 Fall North American Bridge Championships in San Francisco!

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

The starting times will be 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in the Golden Gate 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 9:15 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 bridge lessons. On Thursday, Nov. 22 at 6:45 p.m., **G S Jade Barrett** will discuss "The Learning Curve." On Friday, Nov. 23 at 9:15 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will discuss "Jerryisms," and at 6:45 p.m., **Lynn Yokel** will present "The 1-2-3's of Counting."

On Friday, Nov. 23, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0–5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Jerry Helms** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. *Bridge Bulletin* columnist **Barbara Seagram** will give a **free two-hour lesson**.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, win **gold points** in the **National 99er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 23–25 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Nov. 30–Dec 2.

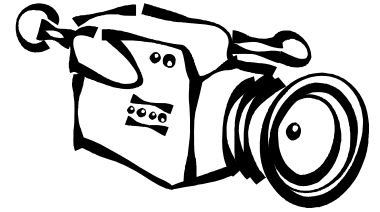
Turn 'em off

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.



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.