

2009 SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Pre-Bulletin



JULY 22-AUGUST 2, 2009

WASHINGTON, DC

Welcome to Washington DC! All events will be played at the Marriott Wardman Park.

Wednesday, July 22, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS			
(CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	1-2 Q	\$17	—

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

Thursday, July 23, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	1st single	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$16	\$18
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

Thursday, July 23, 1 & 8 p.m.

GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	Rd. 2	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	Rd. 2	\$17	—
Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)	Rd. 2	\$17	—
Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)	Rd. 2	\$17	—

All: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.

Thursday, July 23, 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.*

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).

Friday, July 24, 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	\$16	\$18
Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Friday-Tuesday Morning Side Game Series	1st single	\$16	\$18

Friday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

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

Friday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
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Friday, July 24, 1 p.m.

Educational Foundation Pairs	3rd sing.	\$16	\$18
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Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series

Friday, July 24, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS	1-2 Q	\$20	—
Bruce LM-5000 Pairs	1-2 Q	\$17	—
Young LM-1500 Pairs	1-2 Q	\$17	—
<i>All LM Pairs: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>			
GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)	Rd. 3	\$20	—
Morehead Grand National Teams (Flight A)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams (Flight B)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams (Flight C)	Rd. 3	\$17	—
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
Betty Dudka Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, July 24, 3 p.m.

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

Friday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Pairs	4th sing.	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 24, 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.*

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).

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 **\$20** 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 **\$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.



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.

Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to Washington DC!

The DC staff has many special events planned. 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 IN playing area.

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 last Sunday). On Thursday, July 23 at 7:15 p.m., **Allan Mazer** will discuss “You Have the Right to Remain Silent.” On Friday, July 24 at 9:45 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will present “Ask Jerry.” And at 6:45 p.m., **Julian Laderman** will present “What Are Inspirational Features?”

On Friday, July 24, play in the **Free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 10:30 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 25, a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons** from these great teachers:

- Sunday, July 26, 9:45 a.m.: **Jerry Helms**.
- Monday, July 27, 9:45 a.m.: **Amy Nellissen**.

On Thursday, July 30, win **gold points** in the **National 199er 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 July 24-26 will receive a half-priced entry for games held July 31-Aug. 2.

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:

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, 2009 Summer NABC

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight:

Warren Spector, Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

GNT, Flight A: Valentin Carciu, John Ramos, James Scott, Sorin Pleacof, Kelley Hwang, Harry Afel

GNT, Flight B: Gerard Geremia, Joseph Viola, David Kempe, Matt Klimesh

GNT, Flight C: Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, Sandy Bigg, Debbie Romero, Jonathan Goldberg

Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Jan Jansma, Ricco Van Prooijen

David Bruce LM-5000 LM Pairs: Steve Johnson, Mark Teaford

Sally Young LM-1500 LM Pairs: Ken Llacera, Mick Friedberg

Spingold Knockout Teams: Aleksander Dubinin, Andrew Gromov, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki

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

Mini-Spingold I (0-5000) KO Teams: Joyce Hampton, Lucas Lebioda, David Grainger, Jon Rice, Mike Rice

Mini-Spingold II (0-1500) KO Teams: Brian Duran, Ivanie Yeo, Lon Sunshine, Gloria Tsoi

Wernher Open Pairs: K.R. Venkataraman, Sunit Chokshi

NABC+ Fast Pairs: Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky

Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams: Mark Lair, Fred Hamilton, John Carruthers, Reanette Frobouck, Allan Graves

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby, Chris Willenken, Migry Zur-Campanile

Open Swiss Teams: Jason Feldman, Josh Donn, Phil Gordon, Joergen Molberg, Terje Aa

National 199er Pairs: Terri & Mitch Miladinovich