

2012 SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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# Pre-Bulletin



**JULY 11-22, 2012**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Welcome to Philadelphia! All events will be played at the **Philadelphia Marriott** (except for the 1 p.m. sessions on Fri., July 13, which will be played at the **Philadelphia Conv. Center**).

## Wednesday, July 11, Noon & 6 p.m.

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Others
<b>MOREHEAD GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS</b>			
<b>(CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)</b>	1-2 Q	\$20**	—
<b>Goldman Grand Nat'l Teams (Flight A)</b>	1-2 Q	\$17	—
<b>Sheinwold Grand Nat'l Teams (Flight B)</b>	1-2 Q	\$17	—
<b>Mac Nab Grand Nat'l Teams (Flight C)</b>	1-2 Q	\$17	—

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

## Thursday, July 12, 10 a.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	1st single	\$16	\$18
<i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. 10 am/2:30 pm Side Game Series</i>			
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17

## Thursday, July 12, 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

<b>MOREHEAD GNT (CHAMP. FLIGHT)</b>	Rd. 2	\$20**	—
<b>Goldman GNT (Flight A)</b>	Rd. 2	\$17	—
<b>Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)</b>	Rd. 2	\$17	—
<b>Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)</b>	Rd. 2	\$17	—

*All: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.*

## Thursday, July 12, 2:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	2nd single	\$20	\$20
<i>Part of the Thurs.-Fri. 10 am/2:30 pm Side Game Series</i>			
Educational Foundation Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$20	\$20

## Thursday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Friday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m.</i>			
Thursday-Monday 7:30 Side Game Series	1st single	\$16	\$18
299er/199er/99er/49er/0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17

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

*\*\* \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.*

Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. *0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!*

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Other
Thursday-Friday 10 am/2:30 pm Side Game Series	3rd single	\$16	\$18
299er/199er/99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Jeanne Fisher Stratified Daylight Open Pairs (3000+/0-3000)	1-2	\$16	\$18
Metalworks Jewelry Gold Rush Pairs <i>300-750/0-300; Gold points for 300-750 overalls</i>	1-2	\$16	\$18
Matyson Restaurant Fri.-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$18

Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

<b>VON ZEDTWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS</b>	1-2 Q	\$20**	—
<b>Bruce LM-5000 Pairs</b>	1-2 Q	\$17	—
<b>Young LM-1500 Pairs</b>	1-2 Q	\$17	—

*All LM Pairs: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions*

Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

<b>MOREHEAD GNT (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT)</b>	Rd. 3	\$20**	—
<b>Goldman GNT (Flight A)</b>	Rd. 3	\$17	—
<b>Sheinwold GNT (Flight B)</b>	Rd. 3	\$17	—
<b>Mac Nab GNT (Flight C)</b>	Rd. 3	\$17	—

Friday, July 13, 1 p.m.

Brick American Eatery Side Game	1st single	\$16	\$18
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*Part of the Friday-Tuesday 1pm Side Game Series. Note: This event is played in the Convention Center.*

Friday, July 13, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Oristaglio Family Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	\$16	\$18
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*Note: The 1 pm session will be played in the Conv. Center, but the 7:30 session will be in the Marriott.*

Friday, July 13, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday 10 am/2:30 pm Side Game Series	4th single	\$16	\$18
Strati-Flighted Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17
299er/199er/99er & 49 Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17

Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$18
Thursday-Monday 7:30 pm Side Game Series	2nd single	\$16	\$18
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$17
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$17

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Strati-Flighted open events are divided: A/X (5000+/0-5000); separate from B/C/D (1500-3000, 750-1500, 0-750). Strata breaks for stratified events are A (3000+), B (750-3000), C (0-750). All stratification will be based on the *average* for the pair or team. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's MP total may exceed that upper limit.

## 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, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are **\$20** per player per session.

**Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.**

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.

### \*Notice to players from outside North America:

Participation in the von Zedtwitz, Bruce or Young Life Master Pairs is limited to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master.

Players who reside outside North America and who do not meet this criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible to participate, must receive a waiver in writing prior to the commencement of the contest.

For waiver information, please see National Director Sol Weinstein here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Headquarters office, and he will also be available at the selling sites. Please note that players who have been waived into previous Life Master Pairs do not have to re-apply.



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

The Philadelphia staff has many special events planned. The starting times will be 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played at the Marriott.

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. on most days (see the Daily Bulletin for schedule). On Friday, July 13, at 9:15 a.m., **Jerry Helms** will present "Ask Jerry!" And at 6:45 p.m., **Audrey Grant** will discuss "Hands that Don't Make the Textbooks."

On Friday, July 13, play in the **Free Newcomer games** (0-5 MPs) at 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 14, a **free IN reception** with food and special celebrity guests will be held at 6:30 p.m. Check the Daily Bulletin for location.

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

- Saturday, July 14, 10 am-noon: **Audrey Grant**
- Sunday, July 15, 10 am-noon: **Amy Nellissen**

On Wednesday, July 18, win **gold points** in the **National 199er Pairs**, a two-session event, held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Entry fee special!** Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry July 13-15 will receive a half-priced entry for games held July 20-22.

## 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

ACBL monitors NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The recorded images are 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.

## Electronic Device Policy

### 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. The restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 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 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.



## 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.

## 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.)

Thursday, July 12, 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Friday, July 13, 9a.m.– Noon

## Club and Teacher Reception

A “thank you” reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members will be held Friday, July 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Rooms 401-404 at the Marriott.

All teachers, club managers, directors and owners are welcome to attend. Carol Robertson, ACBL's Director of Clubs and Member Services will host this reception and be available for informal conversation about any issues Club Officials may wish to discuss.

## Junior Reception

A reception for Junior players will be held Saturday, July 14, at 6 p.m. in Rooms 305-306 at the Marriott. All Junior players (under 26) are invited to attend.

Please check Saturday's Daily Bulletin for possible time and/or location changes.