



Las Vegas NABC Daily Bulletin

Schedule of Events & Meeting Notices (Issue 0)

Welcome to the Summer North American Bridge Championships in Las Vegas NABC! The American Contract Bridge League and District 17 want to be the first to wish you good luck at the upcoming tournament.

On Friday, July 18, join us after the evening session to kick off the NABC in true Vegas fashion with Greg Miller as Elvis! Miller is the true No. 1 Elvis tribute artist, singer and performer. It will be a fun night with food, drinks and dancing.

All events will be held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino (formerly the LVH).

NABC+ and NABC events will be played in Ballrooms A, B & C. Regional events at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. will be played in the Paradise Event Center.

Regional events at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. will be played in the Pavilions. I/N events (0-299) will be played in the Ballrooms E, F & G.

Registration and Information desks are located at the entrance to the playing space. The Partnership Desk is located outside of the Paradise Event Center.

See you at the bridge table!

Robert Hartman
Chief Executive Officer



Opening Reception

On Friday, July 18, join us after the evening session for a night of fun, food, drinks and dancing with Greg Miller as Elvis in Vegas! The most popular Elvis performer in Vegas for 17 years, Miller's tribute to the King is not to be missed. *Location: Pavilion 7.*



Playing in an NABC+ pairs game? Buy your entry early!

In an effort to speed up the start of all NABC+ pairs events – which requires time to allow for proper seeding – the ACBL asks participants to please buy their entries at least 15 minutes before game time. This is especially true if you expect to be a seeded pair.

Pre-registration required for Spingold and Mini-Spingold KOs by 6 p.m. Sunday, July 20

Entries for the Spingold Knockout Teams and the Mini-Spingold KO Teams (500 and 1500) are required before **6 p.m.** on Sunday, July 20.

Entries may be purchased in Ballrooms A, B & C in the playing site.

LAS VEGAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 16, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, July 17, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	1st single	\$16	\$20
<i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>			
International Fund Stratified Swiss Teams	single	\$16	\$20
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	\$15	\$19

Thursday, July 17, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

MOREHEAD GNT (CHAMP. FLIGHT)	Rd. 2	\$20**	—
Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C)	Rd. 2	\$17	—
<i>All: Knockout matches continue through Sunday.</i>			
Stratified Open Pairs (3000+/-3000)	1-2	\$16	\$20
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750/0-300; Gold for 0-750)	1-2	\$16	\$20

Thursday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.

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

Strati-Flighted open events: A/X (3000+/-3000); separate from B/C/D (1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500).

Stratified events: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750). Stratification based on the average for the pair/team.

BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events (Platinum points)
UPPER CASE = NABC events (Gold & Red points)
Green = Regional events (Gold & Red points)
Blue = Gold Rush Pairs (Gold & Red points)
Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events

Senior Events Notice

To be eligible to play in Senior events, players must have been born before Jan. 1, 1959.

Non-members pay more

The entry fee for non-members (with more than 20 masterpoints) is \$4 more per session compared to current ACBL members. Join now!

LAS VEGAS SCHEDULE

Friday, July 18, 9 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Event	Session	Entry/player/session	
		ACBL members*	Other
Educ. Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$20
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	1st single	\$16	\$20
299er/199er/99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

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

Stratified Daylight Open Pairs (3000+/0-3000)	1-2	\$16	\$20
---	-----	------	------

Friday, July 18, 1 p.m.

Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	3rd single	\$16	\$20
299er/199er/99er & 49 Pairs	single	\$15	\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

Friday, July 18, 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>			
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	1-2	\$16	\$20
Gold Rush Swiss (300-750/0-300; Gold for 0-750)	1-2	\$16	\$20
0-3000 Stratified Pairs (3000/2000/1000)	1-2	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	\$16	\$20

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

Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$19
Thursday-Friday Side Game Series	4th single	\$16	\$20
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$19
299er/199er/99er & 49 Pairs	single	\$15	\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free

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

Zip Knockout Teams	single	\$12 / team / match	
--------------------	--------	---------------------	--

*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.

Welcome Intermediate/ Newcomer Players to Las Vegas!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games will begin at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. on most days. All I/N events will be held in Ballrooms E, F & G.

The **I/N Partnership Desk** will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Don't forget to pick up your **registration gift**.

Celebrity bridge speakers will give free mini-lessons at 12:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on most days. On Friday, July 18, Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will present "Splinter Raises" at 12:15. At 6:45, Audrey Grant, one of the world's best-known bridge teachers, will present "A Balanced Daily Diet."

Players with 0-5 masterpoints can play **free** in the Newcomer games on Friday, July 18.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons (10 a.m. to noon)** by renowned ACBL teachers in Pavilions 9 & 10:

- Saturday, July 19 Jerry Helms
- Sunday, July 20 Audrey Grant
- Monday, July 21 Barbara Seagram

Learn Bridge in a Day? Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Sunday, July 20, from 1-6 p.m. Fee: \$20.

I/N Reception. Join us for light refreshments on Saturday, July 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Ballrooms E, F & G.

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.

Seminars & Meetings in Las Vegas

Club & Cruise Director 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.

Tuesday, July 15 1 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Thursday, July 17 9 a.m. - Noon

Location: Conference Room 11

Teacher Accreditation Program

Introduction to the 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. **Fee: \$125.** (*Free to players 25 and younger. ACBL Accredited Teachers can retake for no course fee.*)

Thursday, July 17
1 - 5 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19
8:30 a.m. - Noon

Location: Conference Rooms 7-9

Club and Teacher Reception

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.**

Friday, July 18 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Pavilions 9 & 10

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 Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the 0-10,000 NABC Pairs, the 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, 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, and **\$20** for non-members. All other events are **\$15** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$19** for non-members.

*Notice to players who reside 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 prior to the commencement of the contest.

For waiver information, please see the Director-in-Charge at the selling site at least one hour prior to the commencement of the event. Please note that players who have been waived into previous Life Master Pairs do not have to re-apply.



Buy Your Entry Online

BridgeWinners.com offers a service that allows players to buy entries in advance for the following events: von Zedtwitz LM Pairs, Bruce LM-5000 Pairs, Young LM-1500 Pairs, Spingold KO Teams, 0-5000 and 0-1500 Mini-Spingold KO Teams, Wagar Women's KO Teams, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, NABC+ Fast Pairs, Freeman Mixed BAM Teams, 0-10,000 NABC Pairs, 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams.

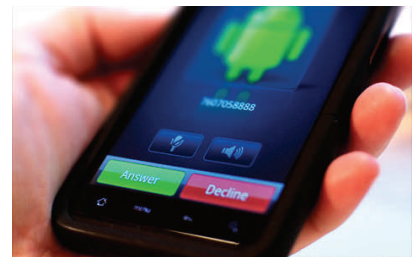
Except for the Spingold and Mini-Spingolds (see page 1), entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the morning the event begins (Friday, July 18, for all flights of the LM Pairs). There is a no service charge.

See BridgeWinners.com for details.

Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are **turned off**. Further, any such equipment **must not be visible** during the session.

A violation of the policy will result in an **automatic disciplinary penalty** of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event.



NABC Results by Email

Would you like to be notified the minute results and Daily Bulletins from the NABC are posted online? Do you want information on your performance in the events you played in? ACBL is introducing new features that will do just that.

When you opt-in to these new notification systems, you will receive two emails each night with links that go directly to the information you're looking for.

The results email will contain two links. The first will go directly to your MyResults page in your MyACBL. This page will show how you did at each event during the NABC. The second link will direct you to the NABC results page where results for all players in the event will be listed. The Daily Bulletin email notification will contain a direct link to Daily Bulletin for that day.

To opt-in, go to www.acbl.org/privacysettings and change the settings for NABC Bulletin notices and NABC Results notices from "unsubscribe" to "send via email".

Bid Box Alerts & 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 all North American Championships, ACBL monitors 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.

Slow Play

Slow play, especially habitual slow play, is a violation of law and subject to penalty. When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of a penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play. While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director's authority to issue a penalty.

Players are expected to be aware, in a general sense, of time used and remaining in a segment in which they are playing regardless of whether a clock is in use or a time announcement has been made. An excuse of "no announcement" or "no clock immediately visible" will not be considered persuasive.

In consultation with the DIC of the tournament, the TD may require that a particular pair not play in a specified segment, not play against a specified pair or not play together as a pair. The foregoing is expected to be applied only due to egregious circumstances or to unduly repetitious offenders.

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be taken to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further.

For NABC+ KO events, the TD is charged with the responsibility to ensure that each KO match segment finishes within the allotted time. While a time monitor may be employed, the lack of a monitor in no way limits the TD's authority to apply one or more of the remedies listed below. The TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish.

The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. The TD may award no score (when neither team is more at fault), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve) or an artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table, but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.