

2018 MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL MAY 21-27

“MINNESOTA BRIDGE ♠ A COOL STATE ♠ A VERY COOL GAME”

**NEW LOCATION IN BLOOMINGTON
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**3 Appletree Square - I494 & 34th Avenue
Bloomington, MN 55425**

Room Rate: \$95 Single/Double - \$125 Suite

**For reservations call (952) 854-9000 Please ask for
Minnesota Gopher Regional Bridge Tournament rates!**

Book on-line and use group code: MGR

(Please call Patti if you have any Hotel Issues!)

EVERY DAY...

♣ Team Games ♣ Pair Games ♣ Gold Rush ♣

♣ Intermediate/Newcomer Games ♣

Join the fun at the Minnesota Gopher Regional!

PLEASE NOTE: “NEW KO FORMAT” GUARANTEES 2 OR MORE BRACKETS!

- ♠ Brackets without 10+ teams will play a two-session full Round-Robin qualifier on the first day. KO Events will not be Handicapped.
- ♠ On Day 1, teams play all teams in their bracket - Round Robin. The top four teams in each bracket advance to the 2nd Day, 3rd Session for a semi-final KO, followed by the KO Final and a Consolation match for 3rd Place. Any team may request to play up in any team event.

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS & HOSPITALITY...

- ♠ Gold Rush Pairs or Gold Rush Swiss Teams every day.
- ♠ Multi-Session Side Game Series Events with Overall Gold Point Awards.
- ♠ New Sunday Side Games Series Pair Game 10:00 AM and/or 2:15 PM.
- ♠ New Strat C: 0-499 MPs in the Evening and Weekend Side Game Series.
- ♠ Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs Events.
- ♠ FREE PARKING!
- ♠ FREE Coffee, Tea and Candy... **ALL SESSIONS!**
- ♠ ICE CREAM TREATS - Evening Sessions - Monday through Saturday.

TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS...

- ♠ Patti Stuhlman...
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PARTNERSHIPS...

- ♠ Diane Henson...
Phone (952) 237-0952 or Email - Bridgemaestro@gmail.com
- ♠ It is important to call or write ahead for partners. Once the tournament has started, please go to the Tournament Partnership Desk at least 45 minutes before game time to arrange for a partner.

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE...

- ♠ Peter Wilke
- ♠ Sanction Number: R 1805018

ENTRIES...

- ♠ \$14.00 Per Person/Per Session for current ACBL Members.
\$10.00 Per Person/Per Session for Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs.
\$5.00 Per Session for students under 25 with proper ID.
- ♠ 0-5 Master Point players play free in the I/N 0-300 single sessions Monday through Saturday.
- ♠ Extra \$4.00 Per Session for non or unpaid ACBL Members.

GOLD POINT EVENTS...

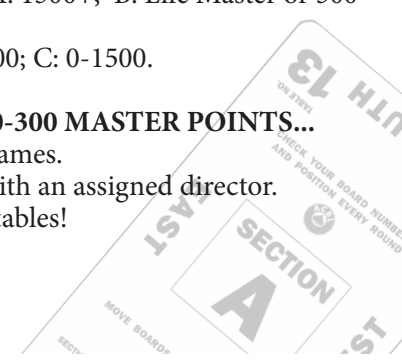
- ♠ Consult with the Tournament Director for criteria to earn Gold Points. Events of two or more Sessions are required.
- ♠ Please note that in the Side Game Series Events, you must play in at least 2 Sessions, within the same Series, to be eligible for Overall Gold Points.

STRATIFICATION...

- ♠ All Events are stratified by the average Master Points of either the Pair or top four Team members.
- ♠ Intermediate/Newcomer: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300.
- ♠ Gold Rush Pairs and Gold Rush Swiss Teams: A: 300-750; B: 100-300; C: 0-100. No player, with over 750 Master Points, can play in these events.
- ♠ Stratified Open Pairs/Swiss: A: 3000+; B: 1500-3000; C: 0-1500.
- ♠ Evening and Weekend Side Game Series: A: 1500+; B: Life Master or 500-1500; **C: NLM 0-499 MPs.**
- ♠ Sunday Open Swiss: A: 3500+; B: 1500-3500; C: 0-1500.

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAM 0-300 MASTER POINTS...

- ♠ Play in single session (Red/Black points) games.
- ♠ I/N games are played in their own room with an assigned director.
- ♠ Separate 0-49 Game... if there are enough tables!
- ♠ Daily Education Program.



2018 MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“ A NEW LOCATION WITH NEW IDEAS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY BRIDGE PLAYER ”

MONDAY, May 21...

- ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 1st of 5 Sessions..... 2:30 PM
- ♠ I/N Game 0-300 MPs 2:30 PM
- ♠ Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions 2:30 & 7:15 PM
- ♠ Purple Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 2:30 & 7:15 PM
- ♠ Purple Gold Rush Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 2:30 & 7:15 PM
- ♠ Evening Side Game Series - 1st of 5 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 7:15 PM

TUESDAY, May 22...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 1st of 4 Sessions 10:00 AM
- ♠ Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - Semi Final Session 10:00 AM
- ♠ I/N Games 0-300 MPs..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Blue Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Blue Gold Rush - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Orange Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - Final Session & 3rd Place Playoff..... 2:30 PM
- ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 2nd of 5 Sessions 2:30 PM
- ♠ Evening Side Game Series - 2nd of 5 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 7:15 PM
- ♠ Brown Evening Swiss* - 1st of 2 Sessions 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 23...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 2nd of 4 Sessions..... 10:00 AM
 - ♠ Memorial Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ I/N Games 0-300 MPs..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Green Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Green Gold Rush - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 3rd of 5 Sessions 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Evening Side Game Series - 3rd of 5 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 7:15 PM
 - ♠ Brown Evening Swiss* - 2nd of 2 Sessions 7:15 PM
- * If possible, the Tuesday/Wednesday Brown Evening Swiss will be Bracketed.

THURSDAY, May 24...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 3rd of 4 Sessions 10:00 AM
- ♠ Memorial Knockout - Semi Final Session 10:00 AM
- ♠ I/N Games 0-300 MPs..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Magenta Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Larry Oakey Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

THURSDAY, May 24 (Continued)...

- ♠ Larry Oakey Gold Rush Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 4th of 5 Sessions 2:30 PM
- ♠ Memorial Knockout - Final Session & 3rd Place Playoff 2:30 PM
- ♠ Evening Side Game Series - 4th of 5 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 7:15 PM
- ♠ Kelly Green Evening Swiss** - 1st of 2 Sessions 7:15 AM

FRIDAY, May 25...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 4th of 4 Sessions..... 10:00 AM
 - ♠ Sky Blue Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ I/N Games 0-300 MPs..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Maize Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Maize Gold Rush Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 5th of 5 Sessions 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Evening Side Game Series - 5th of 5 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 7:15 PM
 - ♠ Kelly Green Evening Swiss** - 2nd Session of 2 Sessions 7:15 AM
- ** If possible, the Thursday/Friday Kelly Green Evening Swiss will be Bracketed.

SATURDAY, May 26...

- ♠ Sky Blue Knockout - Semi Final Session 10:00 AM
 - ♠ I/N Games 0-300 MPs..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Rust Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Rust Gold Rush Pairs - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Weekend Side Game Series - Sessions 1 & 2 of 4 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Black Swiss Teams*** - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- *** If possible, the Black Swiss Teams will be Bracketed.
- ♠ Sky Blue Knockout - Final Session & 3rd Place Playoff..... 2:30 PM
 - ♠ Pair/Team game - Red Point Event..... 7:15 PM

SUNDAY, May 27...

- ♠ Weekend Side Game Series - Sessions 3 & 4 of 4 Sessions
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) 10:00 AM & 2:15 PM
- ♠ Ocean Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & TBA
- ♠ Ocean Gold Rush Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 AM & TBA

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