

# 2019 MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL MAY 20-26

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



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Room Rate: \$99 Single/Double - \$129 Suite  
For reservations call (952) 854-9000 Please ask for  
Minnesota Gopher Regional Bridge Tournament rates!  
Use Group Code: MGB  
(Please call Patti if you have any Hotel Issues!)

♣ 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 - Monday through Saturday.
- ♠ 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 1905020

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 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: 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 Stratified Swiss: A: Unlimited; A/X: 0-5000; B: 0-2500; C: 0-1500; D: 0-750.

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

- ♠ Play in Single Session (Red Points) games.
- ♠ Separate 0-49 Game... if there are enough tables!
- ♠ Daily Education Program.
- ♠ Mini-Lessons 2:00 - 2:20 PM in the I/N area - Tuesday through Friday.

♠ THE 2019 MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL IS A ZERO TOLERANCE TOURNAMENT ♠

# 2019 MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

## MONDAY, May 20...

- ♠ Afternoon Side Game Series - 1st of 5 Sessions..... 2:30 PM
- ♠ I/N Pairs 0-300 MPs ..... 2:30 PM
- ♠ Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions ..... 2:30 & 7:15 PM
- ♠ Monday Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions ..... 2:30 & 7:15 PM
- ♠ Monday 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 21...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 1st of 4 Sessions ..... 10:00 AM
- ♠ Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - Semi Final Session ..... 10:00 AM
- ♠ I/N Pairs 0-300 MPs ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Tuesday Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Tuesday Gold Rush - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Tuesday 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
- ♠ Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss\* - 1st of 2 Sessions..... 7:15 PM

## WEDNESDAY, May 22...

- ♠ 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 Pairs 0-300 MPs ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
  - ♠ John Westrom Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
  - ♠ Wednesday 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
  - ♠ Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss\* - 2nd of 2 Sessions ..... 7:15 PM
- \* If possible, the Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss will be Bracketed.

## THURSDAY, May 23...

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

## THURSDAY, May 23 (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
- ♠ Thursday Evening Single Session Swiss ..... 7:15 PM

## FRIDAY, May 24...

- ♠ Morning Side Game Series - 4th of 4 Sessions..... 10:00 AM
- ♠ I/N Pairs 0-300 MPs ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Carol Cummings Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Friday Gold Rush Pairs - 2 Sessions ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Bracketed Sky Blue Swiss Teams - 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
- ♠ Friday Evening Single Session Swiss ..... 7:15 PM

## SATURDAY, May 25...

- ♠ I/N Pairs 0-300 MPs ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Saturday Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Saturday 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
- ♠ Magenta Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions ..... 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
- ♠ Charity Pair/Team Game - Red Point Event ..... 7:15 PM

## SUNDAY, May 26...

- ♠ Weekend Side Game Series - Sessions 3 & 4 of 4 Sessions  
(Stratification C = 0-499 MPs) ..... 10:00 AM & 2:15 PM
- ♠ Terry Lijewski A/AX Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions..... 10:00 AM & TBA
- ♠ B/C/D Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions ..... 10:00 AM & TBA

