



2018 SPRING NABC DAILY BULLETIN



Schedule of Events & Meeting Notices

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WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

Welcome to the Philadelphia NABC! The American Contract Bridge League and District 4 want to be the first to wish you good luck at the tournament.

Join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, March 9. See right for details of that and other entertainment at the NABC.

Please check the Daily Bulletin (online or in print) for the most up-to-date schedule information, lessons, meetings, seminars and much more.

Events will be played at the Philadelphia Marriott and the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

On Wednesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 8, all bridge play will be in the Grand Ballroom on the fifth floor of the Marriott. Here is an overview of event locations beginning Friday, March 9:

- NABC+ and NABC Events** – Grand Ballroom, fifth floor, Marriott
- Regional Teams** (1 & 7:30 pm) – Franklin Hall A, fourth floor, Marriott
- Regional Pairs** (1 & 7:30 pm) – 118 and 119, ground level, Pennsylvania Convention Center
- Regional Events** (10 am & 3 pm) – Franklin Hall 9-12, Marriott
- Intermediate/Newcomer Events** (I/N) – Franklin Hall 5-8, fourth floor, Marriott



The complete tournament schedule is included in the Restaurant Guide, which is available at the Registration Desk. The Registration, Prizes, Information and Partnership desks and vendors are located on the fifth floor.

MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC. Along with one-year and three-year memberships, a new 30-day trial membership is available to new members for \$7.99. Temporary and regular memberships can be purchased from Tournament Operations or the Check-Cashing Desk.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR VANDERBILT, 10K KO

Registration for the Vanderbilt KO Teams is required by 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Entries may be purchased in the Grand Ballroom on the fifth floor of the Marriott.

For the 0–10,000 Knockout, the registration deadline is 10 a.m. Monday, March 12.



On Friday, March 9, join us after the evening session for a night of fun, food, drinks and dancing as we welcome you to the 2018 Spring NABC. It will be on the fifth floor of the Philadelphia Marriott. We aren't eating mashed potatoes, we're doing the mashed potato as we groove to the sounds of the Jersey Tenors.

ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK

We're bringing it to you! Make your way to the fifth floor on Sunday, March 11, after the evening session to enjoy cotton candy, sno cones, hot dogs and much more. Watch the magicians, get a balloon and take a turn in the free photo booth!

COUNTERPARTS

After the evening sessions Wednesday through Friday, enjoy a 30-minute show by a cappella group Counterparts. They are from the University of Pennsylvania and they are amazing! The show combines bridge parodies with other tunes to enjoy.

EVENT SCHEDULE

All Wednesday and Thursday events are in the Grand Ballroom, fifth floor, Marriott.

Wednesday, March 7, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

EVENT

BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A

Pre-qualification required. Two-session final on Thursday.

SESSION

1–2 Qualifying

Entry/player/ session

Current
members*

Inactive
members

No fee

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Thursday, March 8, 1 p.m.

International Fund Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/750)*

single

\$16

\$20

Int'l Fund 299er Pairs

single

\$15

\$19

Thursday, March 8, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A

1–2 Final

No fee

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Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/1500)*

1–2

\$16

\$20

Gold Rush Pairs *(750/500/200)*

1–2

\$16

\$20

Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation KO Teams

1st

\$20

\$20

Continues Friday–Saturday at 9 a.m.

Educational Foundation Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/750)*

single

\$20

\$20

Educational Foundation 299er Pairs

single

\$20

\$20

Friday, March 9, 9 a.m. *O-5 Pairs play free with ACBL number!*

SITE

Friday–Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams

1st

\$16

\$20

M

Educational Foundation KO Teams

2nd

\$16

\$20

M

Friday–Sunday Morning Side Game Series

single

\$16

\$20

M

Friday, March 9, 10 a.m.

Debi & John Klinger 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs

single

\$15

\$19

M

0–20 Pairs

single

\$15

\$15

M

0–5 Newcomer Pairs

single

Free

Free

M

Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Gail Bell Daylight Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/1500)*

1–2

\$16

\$20

M

Daylight Gold Rush Pairs *(750/500/200)*

1–2

\$16

\$20

M

Friday Daylight Compact KO Teams

1st

\$16

\$20

M

Friday, March 9, 1 p.m.

Fran & Al Architzel Friday-Saturday Side Game Series

single

\$16

\$20

CC

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

* ACBL 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.

Site: M = Marriott

CC = Convention Center

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, March 9, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS	1–2 Qualifying	\$25**	—	M
<i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal and 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required in one of three ways: players must have earned at least 50 Platinum points in the last three years OR must have earned at least 200 Platinum points lifetime OR must be a Platinum or Grand Life Master.</i>				
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS	1–2 Qualifying	\$25**	—	M
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions</i>				
0–10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1–2 Qualifying	\$17	—	M
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. No player with more than 10,000 MPs. 10% Platinum points for overall placings (10 Platinum points maximum).</i>				
Jeanne Fisher Open Pairs <i>(unlimited/3000/1500)</i>	1–2	\$16	\$20	CC
Bobbie Gomer Friday–Saturday KO Teams	1–2	\$16	\$20	M
Gold Rush Pairs <i>(750/500/200)</i>	1–2	\$16	\$20	CC

Friday, March 9, 3 p.m.

Afternoon Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$19	M
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$19	M
0–20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15	M
0–5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free	M

Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Swiss Teams	single	\$15	\$19	M
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single	\$16	\$20	CC
299er/199er/99er & 49er Pairs	single	\$15	\$19	M
0-20 Pairs	single	\$15	\$15	M
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Free	Free	M

Stratification is based on averaging the MPs of a pair or team except in any event or flight with an upper limit, when no single player's MP total may exceed that limit. Eligibility for limited events is based on the MP total for the highest player.

► ENTRY FEES

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

Players must be members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Kay Platinum Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, NABC+ Fast Pairs and the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are **\$25** per player per session. For team events, this means **\$100** per team per session for four-person teams, **\$125** per team per session for five-person teams, and **\$150** per team per session for six-person teams.)

Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams and the 0–10,000 Knockout Teams. The entry fee is **\$17** per player per session. This means **\$68** per team per session for teams of four, **\$85** per team per session for teams of five, and **\$102** per team per session for teams of six.

Regional championships are **\$16** per player per session for current members, **\$20** for inactive members. For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is **\$64**, **\$80** or **\$96** per session for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is **\$64** per session.

Other events are **\$15** per player per session for current members, **\$19** for inactive members. (There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.)



► WELCOME, INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER PLAYERS, TO PHILADELPHIA!

Starting Friday, March 9, Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. All I/N events will be held in Franklin Hall 5-8 on the fourth floor of the Marriott.

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

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

Celebrity bridge speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (on most days). On Friday, March 9, Jerry Helms presents "Preempts" at 9:15. At 6:45, Audrey Grant will give a lesson.

ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints can play **free** in the Newcomer games on Friday, March 9.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons** (10 a.m. to noon) by renowned ACBL teachers in the Liberty Ballroom on the third floor:

- Saturday, March 10 Jerry Helms
- Sunday, March 11 Audrey Grant

A special game for 0-20 players will be held immediately following these lectures (14 deals, free!).

Learn Bridge in a Day? Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Saturday, March 10, from 1-6 p.m. in Franklin Hall 9-10 on the fourth floor. Fee: \$20.

► ENTRY FEE SPECIAL

Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 9-11 will receive a half-priced entry for games March 16-18.

► BUY YOUR ENTRY ONLINE

Don't wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events in Philadelphia at **BridgeWinners.com**.

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require pre-registration, in which case the ACBL deadline, or the earlier of the two, applies.

A nice feature: You can buy entries in advance and be charged for the total number of sessions played after the event is over.



► SEMINARS & MEETINGS

CLUB & CRUISE DIRECTOR COURSE

Tuesday, March 6 1-10 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Thursday, March 8 9 a.m.-noon
Location: **Room 404, Marriott**

BRIDGE TEACHING DYNAMICS

Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive learning course which includes three hours of hands-on experience.



Fee: \$125.

Thursday, March 8 1-5 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 8:30 a.m.-noon
Location: **Room 401-403, Marriott**

CLUB AND TEACHER RECEPTION

All teachers, club directors, managers and owners are welcome. **Free.**

Friday, March 9 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Check the Daily Bulletin for location.

CEO MEET AND GREET

Bahar Gidwani, the ACBL's chief executive, will hold sessions to meet with members in Philadelphia. Come find him at these times:

Saturday, March 10 5-6 p.m.
Sunday, March 11 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Monday, March 12 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Check the Daily Bulletin for locations.

► CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Purchase your entries for all events at the NABC via credit card. All major credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold. Charges will appear from PurplePass.

► ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The ACBL's electronic device policy 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.