



Pre-Bulletin



NOVEMBER 17-27, 2005

DENVER, COLORADO

Welcome to Denver and the Fall 2005 North American Bridge Championships.
Here's a look at tournament events and activities taking place Thursday and Friday.
All events will be played at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Thursday, November 17, 1 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Others
International Fund Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Plaza Ballroom D	\$15	\$17
International Fund Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom D	\$15	\$17

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

International Fund/Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Plaza Ballroom D	\$35	\$39
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Thursday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Plaza Exhibits	\$20	
Educational Foundation Stratified Pairs*	single	Plaza Ballroom D	\$20	
Educational Foundation 299er Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom F	\$20	

Friday, November 18, 9 a.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Dallas Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	1-2	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series *	1st single	Plaza Ballroom D	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom D	\$13	\$15

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

Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Governor's Square 14	\$14	\$16
Daylight Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Governor's Square 17	\$14	\$16

Friday, November 18, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Bobby Nail Life Master Open Pairs	1-2Q	Plaza Ballroom A	\$16.50	
Helen Sobel Smith Life Master Women's Pairs	1-2Q	Plaza Ballroom D	\$16.50	
<i>Both events: 2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.</i>				
Rufus L. "Skinny" Miles Jr. Non-Life Master Pairs	1-2Q	Plaza Ballroom D	\$15	
<i>2 qualifying, 2 final sessions (entries permitting)</i>				
Fortune Valley Casino Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Plaza Ballroom D	\$14	\$16
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams I	1-2	Plaza Exhibits	\$14	\$16
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series*	1st & 2nd	Plaza Court 1	\$14	\$16
299er, 199er, 99er, 49er Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom F	\$13	\$15
0-20 Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom F	\$13	\$13
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Plaza Ballroom F	Free!	Free!

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

Stratified Open Swiss Teams*	single	Plaza Exhibits	\$13	\$15
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Plaza Ballroom F	\$13	\$15

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

International Fund Zip Swiss Teams*	single	Plaza Ballroom F	\$13	\$15
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*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, NOV. 15-17

Club Director Course with Priscilla Smith

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. Registration is \$100 at the door. Registration includes instruction, study materials and the exam. Time: 1-10 p.m. Tuesday with dinner break; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday with lunch and dinner breaks; 9 a.m.-noon Thursday followed by lunch break and testing. Location: Governor's Square 16.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 17-18

ACBL Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) with Donna Compton

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! Leave with the tools needed to develop a successful teaching career. Time: 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. - noon Friday. Pre-registration required. Location: Plaza Court 1.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises with Peg Cundiff

Peg Cundiff, host of more than 100 bridge cruises, will educate you on the in's and out's of being a successful teacher/game director on a cruise ship. An interesting morning program for current and prospective teachers and directors. Fee: \$25. Time: 9 a.m. - noon. Pre-registration required. Location: Tower Court B.

Reception for Teachers and Club Officials

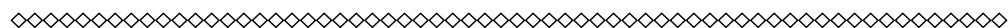
This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. All teachers are welcome, along with club directors, managers and owners. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Windows (Tower Building).

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 member of the partnership. 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.
- The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.



No calls, please — Cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge of the tournament or event.



Parking — Players will receive a discounted parking rate of \$11 per day at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Hotel guest parking will include in-and-out privileges. Non-hotel guests will pay a maximum of \$11 each time they park. Stop by the Information Desk on the concourse level of the Plaza building to pick up a coupon for the discounted rate.



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: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are \$16.50 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is \$15 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$14 per player per session for ACBL members, \$16 for non-members. All other events are \$13 per player per session for ACBL members, \$15 for non-members.



Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 0-5000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification (or for those members on the Life-time Top 100 masterpoint list).

Participation in the Life Master Open and Women's Pairs is restricted to ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Foreign players who do not meet these criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible, must receive a waiver in writing prior to the commencement of these contests.

Previously granted Blue Ribbon waivers *will not* be honored. Previously granted Life Master waivers *will* be honored. Please contact ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye here at the tournament. He may be contacted through the Tournament Operations office and he will be available at the selling sites.

Welcome, IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) Players, to the 2005 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Denver!

The Denver staff has many special events planned for your entertainment and pleasure.

The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m. on most days. All IN events will be played in Plaza Ballroom F except for the 9 a.m. games which will be in Plaza Ballroom D.

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

The IN Partnership Desk will guarantee players a partner if they sign up one hour prior to game time.

Celebrity Bridge Speakers will give free mini-lessons at 12:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week (with the exception of the first Thursday afternoon and the final Sunday). Don't miss these free bridge lessons.

On Friday, November 18, there will be free Newcomer games (0-5 MPs) at 1 and 7:30 p.m.. On Saturday, November 19, at 10 a.m. Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will give a free two-hour lesson entitled "Taking Your Tricks — The Art of Making Partner's Bids Look Good." Later there will be a free Bridge Plus+ game (0-5 MPs, 14 boards) at 1 p.m. At 5 p.m., a free IN reception with food and special celebrity guests will be held.

On Sunday, November 20, ACBL Accredited Teacher Marti Ronemus will give a free two-hour lesson at 10 a.m. entitled "Where Is the Hand You Were Bidding With?" Marti will also present a short, free Easybridge! Game (0-50 MPs) at 1 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 21, don't miss the last of the free two-hour lessons. This one will be presented at 10 a.m. by ACBL Accredited Teacher Barbara Seagram, "Defense Against Notrump."

IN events continue every day. On Friday, November 25, win gold points in the National 99er Pairs, a two-session event, held at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

All special IN games and events will be held in Plaza Ballroom F.

Entry fee special! Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry Nov. 18-20 will receive a half-priced entry for games held Nov. 24-27.



Health Note: High-Altitude Sickness

Sometimes people get sick at high altitudes. This is called mountain sickness or high-altitude sickness.

This is caused by lack of oxygen. As altitude increases, the air becomes “thinner,” which means less oxygen is in the atmosphere. You get less oxygen in your lungs with each breath, so the amount of

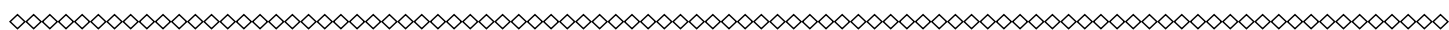
oxygen in your blood declines. All people can experience mountain sickness, but it may be more severe in people who have heart or lung problems.

Symptoms usually begin within 48 hours of arriving at high altitude. Symptoms include:

- headaches, breathlessness, fatigue
- nausea or vomiting
- inability to sleep
- swelling of the face, hands and feet

Most people adjust or “acclimatize” to the high altitude within a few days. Here are some tips:

- Avoid strenuous activity for the first day or two.
- Drink extra fluid.
- Be careful of drinking alcohol. Its effect is magnified at high altitude.
- Your doctor may prescribe medication to help prevent or treat altitude sickness.

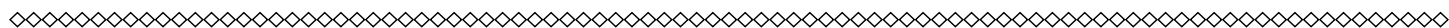


Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring 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. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.



Defenders, 2005 Fall NABC

Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs: Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams: Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Keohane North American Swiss Teams: Larry Mori, Venkatrao Koneru, Marty Fleisher, Vincent Demuy, Barnet Shenkin, Gavin Wolpert

Marsha May Sternberg Women’s Board-a-Match Teams: Hansa Narasimhan, Sue Picus, Irina Levitina, JoAnna Stansby, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg

Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams: Christal Henner-Welland, Michael Kamil, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom

Senior Knockout Teams: John Koch, Mary Egan, Rod Beery, Tony Ames

Nail Life Master Open Pairs: Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr.

Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs: Cynthia Hinckley, Diana Schuld

Miles Non-Life Master Pairs: Jadwiga Polujan, Bernie Weiss

National 99er Pairs: Janet Kay, Ray Wise

Herman Trophy: Jeff Meckstroth