



# PRE-BULLETIN

## 77th SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Welcome to the 2005 Summer North American Bridge Championships in Atlanta. Here's a look at tournament events and activities taking place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Wednesday, July 20, 1 & 8 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	1-2	Regency Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A	1-2	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—

### Wednesday, July 20, 8 p.m.

Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	1	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	1	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—

### Thursday, July 21, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
International Fund 299er Stratified Pairs	single	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Naomi & John Lucas 0-5 18-and-under Junior Event	single	Centennial Ballroom	Free!	Free!

### Thursday, July 21, 1 & 8 p.m.

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	3-4	Regency Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A	3-4	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	1 (cont.) & 2	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	1 (cont.) & 2	Regency Ballroom	\$15	—
International Fund / Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Centennial Ballroom	\$17.50	\$19.50

### Thursday, July 21, 8 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Centennial Ballroom	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Friday-Sunday evenings</i>				
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs*	single	Centennial Ballroom	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Centennial Ballroom	\$20	\$20

## Friday, July 22, 10 a.m.

0-5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Educational Foundation Pairs*	1st single session	Regency Ballroom	\$14	\$16
<i>Part of the Lou Bluhm Side Game Series</i>				

## Friday, July 22, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Von Zedtwitz Gold Cup Life Master Pairs	1-2Q	Centennial Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Bruce LM-5000 Pairs	1-2Q	Centennial Ballroom	\$15	—
Young LM-1500 Pairs	1-2Q	Grand Hall	\$15	—
<i>All LM Pair events are two qualifying, two semifinal &amp; two final sessions.</i>				
Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	QF & SF	International Ballroom	\$15	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	QF & SF	International Ballroom	\$15	—
Metro-Atlanta Insurance Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Grand Hall	\$14	\$16
Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Grand Hall	\$14	\$16
Atlanta Bracketed KO Teams 1	1-2	Grand Hall	\$14	\$16

## Friday, July 22, 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Regency Ballroom	\$13	\$15
0-20 Pairs	single	Regency Ballroom	\$13	\$13
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Regency Ballroom	Free!	Free!

## Friday, July 22, 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	1-2SF	International Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A	1-2SF	International Ballroom	\$15	—

## Friday, July 22, 3 p.m.

International Fund Pairs* (analyses)	2nd single	Regency Ballroom	\$14	\$16
<i>Part of the Lou Bluhm Side Game Series</i>				
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Grand Hall	\$14	\$16
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Regency Ballroom	\$13	\$15

## Friday, July 22, 8 p.m.

Coastal Georgia Evening Bracketed KO Teams I	1st	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
<i>Continues Saturday and Sunday evenings</i>				
Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
International Fund Pairs*	3rd single session	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
<i>Part of the Lou Bluhm Side Game Series</i>				
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams*	single	Regency Ballroom	\$13	\$15

## Friday, July 22, 9:30 p.m.

Chuck Whidden Friday-Monday Fast Side Series*	1st	Centennial Ballroom	\$14	\$16
Stratified International Fund Zip Swiss Teams*	single	Centennial Ballroom	\$13	\$15

*All events will be played at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.*

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

*\* Strata breaks for stratified open and Senior events are: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750).*

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

*Events, dates, times and locations are subject to change.*

*Please check your Daily Bulletin or the ACBL web site at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for changes.*

## Playing Area

Generally, NABC+ events will be played in the Centennial Ballroom (Ballroom level), Regional and Senior events will be played in the Grand Hall (Exhibit level) and Intermediate-Newcomer events will be played in the Regency Ballroom (Ballroom level).

## Celebrity Speakers

### REGENCY BALLROOM

#### Thursday, July 21

7:15 p.m. John Herrmann  
Third- & Fourth-seat Openings

#### Friday, July 22

9:15 a.m. Frank Stewart — Who Has the Queen?  
7:15 p.m. Larry Cohen — Lawful Preemption

## NABC Seminar Schedule

Check out these fun and informative workshops and meetings during the Atlanta NABC.

### Tuesday–Thursday, July 19–21

#### 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 (for those who did not pre-register) is \$100 at the door. 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. Hanover Hall F.

#### American Bridge Teachers Assn. Convention

A great opportunity to network with other teachers, gather teaching tips and grow in your chosen profession. Details at [www.abtahome.com](http://www.abtahome.com). International Ballroom.

### Thursday, July 21

#### ACBL Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) with Donna Compton

Learn modern teaching techniques in the ACBL's popular seminar. Pre-registration is required; deadline is July 20. Fee: \$125. Time: 9 a.m.–9:30 p.m. with lunch and dinner breaks. International Ballroom South.

#### Better Bridge Accredited Teacher Course

Audrey Grant will show you a new way to introduce bridge to the absolute beginner and demonstrate modern methods from her new Bridge Basics text. Make your students comfortable at duplicate or Internet games. Earn your Better Bridge accreditation with this nine-hour course.

Fee: \$125 (\$25 for TAP-accredited teachers). Time: 9 a.m.–9:30 p.m. with lunch and dinner breaks. Hanover Hall C.

#### Club Director Update Course with Guillermo Poplawsky

Continuing education for bridge directors to increase their skills with popular tournament director

Poplawsky. Certificate given for successful completion of all three sessions. Time: 9 a.m.–noon (Ruling the Game, a review of frequent rulings), 1–4 p.m. (the Proprieties, running a successful club, dealing with problem people), and 7–9 p.m. (advanced ACBLscore). Registration is \$20 in advance until July 20 or \$25 at the door for all three sessions or \$10 per session for one or two sessions. Hanover Hall G.

### Friday, July 22

#### Teaching Young People

Informative session on materials and funding available from the ACBL and the ACBL Educational Foundation. Time: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Hanover Hall F.

**FREE!**

#### Bridge Teachers and Bridge Cruises with Peg Cundiff

Become a successful teacher or game director on cruise ships. Note: A pre-registration fee of \$25 was required for this program. Time: 7:30–10:30 p.m. Regency Ballroom V.

### Reception for Teachers and Club Officials

**FREE!**

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: 6:30 p.m. International Ballroom South.

## Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation	\$16.50
Other North American championships	\$15
<i>Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in the above events.</i>	
Regional championships — for ACBL members	\$14
for all others	\$16
All other events — for ACBL members	\$13
for all others	\$15

## Turn 'em off

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.

## 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.

## Slow Play

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents — and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty. In general, pairs who are rarely late will be warned while pairs who are often tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits will be penalized.

### Tours

Group tours will be offered throughout the Atlanta NABC. Schedule and prices:

Saturday, July 23	Discover Mills Shopping	\$30
Tuesday, July 26	Fox Theater Tour, Atlanta Braves	\$25
Wednesday, July 27	Historic Atlanta Broadway Theater: The Music Man	\$45
Thursday, July 28	Historic Atlanta	\$59
Saturday, July 30	Discover Mills Shopping	\$45
		\$30

Tours of Underground Atlanta, an entertainment and shopping complex, begin at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, plus 1 and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Underground is a good place to visit in your free time. By showing your convention card at the Information Booth, you will receive a free coupon book and gift. Tickets may be purchased at the Underground: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors.

Prices are per person. Tours depart from the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Tickets are available at the NABC Tour Desk located in the Centennial Ballroom Foyer.

## Registration hours

The Registration Desk, located in the Grand Hall Foyer, will be open 9–10 a.m., 2–3 p.m. and 7–8 p.m.

## Convention card reminders

- Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.

- 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 ACBL Yellow Card conventions 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.

## Parking

A great deal for NABC attendees! Although the parking rate is usually \$20 per day at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, it has been reduced to only \$10 per day during the NABC.

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## Defenders, 2005 Summer NABC

### Grand National Teams, Championship Flight:

Jim Mahaffey, Michael Seamon, Gary Cohler,  
Barnet Shenkin, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

**GNT, Flight A:** Sumner Steinfeldt, Marshall Kushner,  
Hal Hindman, Mark Chen

**GNT, Flight B:** Sathya Bettadapura, Jim Leuker, Bruce Tuttle,  
Shelley Lapkoff, Tanakorn Lavanakul

**GNT, Flight C:** Grigoriy Blekherman, Amy Kiefer, David Harty,  
Han Peters

**Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs:** Walid Elahmady,  
Zia Mahmood

**David Bruce LM–5000 LM Pairs:** Henry Meyer, Brian Gunnell

**Sally Young LM–1500 LM Pairs:** Robert Frick, Marvin Levine

**Spingold Knockout Teams:** Nick Nickell, Richard Freeman,  
Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth

**Wagar Women's Knockout Teams:** Kathy Sulgrove,  
Pam Wittes, Renee Mancuso, JoAnn Sprung,  
Peggy Sutherlin, Karen Allison

**Mini-Spingold I (0–5000) KO Teams:** Alex Hong,  
Shi Yan, Hao Ge, Yi Liu

**Mini-Spingold II (0–1500) KO Teams:** Ronald Resnick,  
Myron Rimer, Norton Rimer, Mark Teaford

**Lebhar IMP Pairs:** Nikolay Demirev, Jiang Gu

**NABC+ Fast Pairs:** Peter Weiden, Rick Zucker

**Senior Swiss Teams:** Hamish Bennett, Mike Shuman,  
Fran Dickman, Gene Simpson, Bruce Noda

**Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams:**

Steve Robinson, Lynn Deas, Rozanne Pollack,  
Bill Pollack, Bill Pettis, Beth Palmer

**National 199er Pairs:** Matthew Bresler, Steven Winer