

Dallas 2006

Pre-Bulletin Dallas TX



2006 Spring NABC • March 31–April 9

Welcome to the 2006 Spring North American Bridge Championships in Dallas TX. Here's a look at tournament events and activities taking place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All events will be played at the Hyatt Regency Reunion here in Dallas.

Note that times and places of events are subject to change.

*Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for in 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.

Wednesday, March 29, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Other
Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A <i>Pre-qualification required. Continues Thursday.</i>	1–2	Reunion Ballroom B	\$18	

Thursday, March 30, 1 p.m.

International Fund Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund 299er Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$15.50	\$17.50

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

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A	3–4	Reunion Ballroom B	\$18	
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Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Friday–Sunday mornings @ 9 a.m.</i>	1st	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$20	\$20
ACBL Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$20	\$20
ACBL Educational Foundation 299er Stratified Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$20	\$20

Friday, March 31, 9 a.m.

Louise Childs Freed Day

0–5 Newcomer Pairs Play Free Today!

ACBL Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Marsalis Hall B	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday–Sunday Morning Side Game Series I	1st single session	Marsalis Hall A	\$15.50	\$17.50
Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Marsalis Hall A	\$14.50	\$16.50

Friday, March 31, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Senior Pairs	1–2	Reunion Ballroom A–D	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Friday, March 31, 1 p.m.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Entry/player/session</i>	
			<i>ACBL members**</i>	<i>Other</i>
Friday–Saturday Side Game Series	1st single session	Marsalis Hall A	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er and 49er Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	Free!	Free!

Friday, March 31, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Silodor Open Pairs I	1–2 Q	Landmark Ballroom A–C	\$18	
<i>2 Qualifying, 2 Final Sessions</i>				
Stratified Open Pairs	1–2	Marsalis Hall A	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday–Saturday Bracketed KO Teams I	1–2	Marsalis Hall B	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams	single	Marsalis Hall B	\$14.50	\$16.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Landmark Ballroom D	\$14.50	\$16.50
Friday–Saturday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Marsalis Hall A	\$15.50	\$17.50
299er, 199er, 99er and 49er Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Landmark Ballroom D	Free!	Free!

Friday, March 31, 11:30 p.m.

Zip KO Teams	single		\$14	\$16
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Note: Entry for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams required by 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

Dallas Celebrity Speaker Schedule

Thursday, March 30	6:45 p.m.	John Herrmann	<i>Weak Two-Bids</i>	Landmark Ballroom A–C
Friday, March 31	12:15 p.m.	Jerry Helms	<i>Jerry-isms</i>	Landmark Ballroom D
	6:45 p.m.	Larry Cohen	<i>Lawful Preemption</i>	Landmark Ballroom D

Defenders, 2006 Spring NABC

Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A: David Yang, Nikolay Demirev

Golder North American Pairs, Flight B: Pete Whipple, Jamie Radcliffe

President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C: Jiang Chen, Nongyu Li

Silodor Open Pairs I: Bob Morris, Eddie Wold

Lebhar IMP Pairs: Blair Seidler, Kevin Wilson

Whitehead Women's Pairs: Gail Greenberg, Laurie Vogel

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs: Bill Esberg, Marla Chalkin

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: Yeong-Long Shiue, David Margolin

Rockwell Mixed Pairs: John Kranyak, Laurie Kranyak

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams: James Cayne, Michael Seamon, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Larry Cohen, David Berkowitz,

Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams: Hansa Narasimhan, JoAnna Stansby, Debbie Rosenberg, Irina Levitina, Sue Picus, Jill Levin

NABC 49er Pairs: Joan Dixon, Bernie Weiss

Mott-Smith Trophy: Eddie Wold

Entries

All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$18

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events.)

Other North American championships: \$16.50

(Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.)

Regional championships: \$15.50 for ACBL members, \$17.50 for all others

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Monitoring

At all North American championships, ACBL monitors 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. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Parking

Hotel parking is valet only with a discounted price for ACBL members of up to \$15 a day. Parking is available in the Reunion Arena lot across East Reunion (ballroom side of the hotel). The rate is \$4 per entry on non-event days (\$10 on event days). Note that if you do not move your car, there is no additional charge per day. Parking at Union Station is \$5 per day. Parking in the "H" lot is \$4 per day.

Restaurant/Transportation Information

There are many restaurants in the West End including Landry's Seafood House, On the Border, Spaghetti Warehouse and The Butcher Shop. The West End is a few minutes from the Hyatt on the DART light rail system. DART rail passes can be purchased from the ticket vending machines on the platform at Union Station. Single-trip tickets are \$1.25 and are valid for 90 minutes. Day passes are \$2.50. Fares for seniors 65 and older are .50 for a single trip ticket and \$1 for a day pass.

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.

Convention card reminder

- 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 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.

Dallas NABC Seminar Schedule

There's more to the NABCs than just playing bridge! Check out these fun and informative workshops and meetings in Dallas.

Tuesday–Thursday, March 28–30 *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.
Room: Bryan–Beeman.

Thursday–Friday, March 30–31 *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! There are even techniques to move your students into duplicate faster. Leave with the tools needed to develop a successful teaching career. Pre-registration is required; deadline is March 29. To pre-register by credit card, contact Dana Norton at 901–332–5586, ext. 1264 or education@acbl.org. Fee: \$125.

Time: 1–5 p.m. and 7–10 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.–noon Friday. Room: Moreno AB.

Friday, March 31 *School Bridge Lesson Program*

Join Julie Greenberg, director of education, and teacher Kitty Cooper for a free informative session on teaching in the schools and the school program funded by the ACBL and the ACBL Educational Foundation. General information: 10–11 a.m.; Cooper's presentation: 11 a.m.–noon. Room: Sanger AB.
ACBL Charity Foundation meeting. 9:30 a.m. – Noon.
Room: Baker.

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. 5–7 p.m. Room: Pegasus.

National Appeals Committee meeting

11 p.m. – 1 a.m. Room: Cotton Bowl.

Welcome, IN (Intermediate-Newcomer) Players, to the 2006 Spring North American Bridge Championships in Dallas!

The Dallas staff has many special events planned for your entertainment. Don't forget to pick up your free registration gift.

The starting times will be 9 a.m., 1 and 7:30 p.m. on most days. The 9 a.m. games will typically be in Marsalis Hall, while the 1 and 7:30 p.m. games will usually be in Landmark Ballroom D.

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, March 31, there will be free Newcomer games (0–5 MPs) at 1 and 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. Bridge Bulletin columnist Jerry Helms will give a free two-hour lesson. Later there will be a free Bridge Plus+ game (0–5 MPs, 14 boards) at noon. At 4:30 p.m., a free IN reception with food and special celebrity guests will be held in Landmark D.

On Sunday, April 2, ACBL Accredited Teacher Marti Ronemus will give a free two-hour lesson at 10 a.m.

IN events continue every day. On Wednesday, April 5, win gold points in the National 49er Pairs, a two-session event, held at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

All speakers and special games will be held in Landmark Ballroom D (except for Thursday, March 30).

Entry fee special! Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 30–April 2 will receive a half-priced entry for games held April 7–9.