



78th SUMMER NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pre-Bulletin

Chicago 2006 Summer NABC • July 13–23



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

Wednesday, July 12, 1 & 8 p.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	1–2	Grand Ballroom	\$18	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A	1–2	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—

Wednesday, July 12, 8 p.m.

Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	1	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	1	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—

Thursday, July 13, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs* <i>Part of the Thursday–Friday Side Game Series</i>	single	Columbus Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
International Fund 299er Stratified Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50

Thursday, July 13, 1 & 8 p.m.

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	3–4	Grand Ballroom	\$18	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A	3–4	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	1 (cont.) & 2	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	1 (cont.) & 2	Grand Ballroom	\$16.50	—
International Fund / Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs*	1–2	Grand Ballroom	\$18.50	\$19.50

Thursday, July 13, 8 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams <i>Continues Friday-Sunday mornings</i>	1st	Riverside Center	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs* <i>Part of the Thursday–Friday Side Game Series</i>	single	Riverside Center	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation Stratified 299er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$20	\$20

Friday, July 14, 9 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Day 0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!

Friday–Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact KO Teams	1–2	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday–Tuesday Morning Side Game Series*	1st single session	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50

Friday, July 14, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50
0–20 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$14.50
0–5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	Free	Free

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members**	Others
Friday, July 14, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Stratified Senior Pairs*	1-2	Columbus Hall	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday, July 14, 1 p.m. Educational Foundation Pairs* <i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>	single	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday, July 14, 1 & 7:30 p.m. Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs <i>2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions</i>	1-2 Q	Grand Ballroom	\$18	—
Bruce LM-5000 Pairs	1-2 Q	Riverside Center	\$16.50	—
Young LM-1500 Pairs <i>Both: 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions if attendance warrants</i>	1-2 Q	Riverside Center	\$16.50	—
Grand National Teams, Championship Flight	1-2 SF	Grand Ballroom B	\$18	—
Morehead Grand National Teams, Flight A <i>Both: Second session at 8 p.m.</i>	1-2 SF	Grand Ballroom B	\$16.50	—
Sheinwold Grand National Teams, Flight B	QF & SF	Grand Ballroom B	\$16.50	—
Mac Nab Grand National Teams, Flight C	QF & SF	Grand Ballroom B	\$16.50	—
Joan Hasch Memorial Stratified Open Pairs*	1-2	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Cort Larson Memorial Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams 1	1-2	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Friday, July 14, 3 p.m. 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	Free	Free
Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m. International Fund Pairs* <i>Part of the Thursday-Friday Side Game Series</i>	2nd single	Riverside Center	\$15.50	\$17.50
Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Side Swiss Teams	single	Riverside Center	\$14.50	\$16.50
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20 Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	\$14.50	\$14.50
0-5 Newcomer Pairs	single	Columbus Hall	Free	Free
Friday, July 14, 11:30 p.m. International Fund Zip Knockout Teams*	single	Columbus Hall	\$12/team/match	

All events will be played at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

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 for changes.

Celebrity Speaker Program

Columbus Hall

Thursday, July 13

7:15 p.m.

John Herrmann

Third- & Fourth-seat Openings

Friday, July 14

9:15 a.m.

Bruce Greenspan

Bruce's Top Ten Tips

6:45 p.m.

Jerry Helms

Jerry-isms

NABC Seminar Schedule

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

Tuesday–Thursday, July 11–13

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. 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. Columbus Hall H.

Thursday–Friday, July 13–14

Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) with Peg Cundiff

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. Fee: \$125. Time: 1–5 p.m. and 7–10 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.–noon Friday. Columbus Hall G.

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.

Entries

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

Other North American championships \$16.50

Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in the above events.

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

All other events
for ACBL members \$14.50
for all others \$16.50

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.

Defenders, 2005 Summer NABC

Grand National Teams, Championship Flight: Howard Perlman, Chuck Burger, Perry Johnson, Michael Zerbini

GNT, Flight A: Jonathan Slaney, John Lowell, Jeff Ziemer, Robert Fendrick, Hugh Hughes, Gregory Roberts

GNT, Flight B: Li-Chung Chen, Chuck Wong, Clark Millikan, Alex Staykov, Samuel Jeong, Tanakorn Lavanakul

GNT, Flight C: Bob Defreyne, Milt Payne, Paul Beischlag, Reginald Smith

Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs: Pat McDevitt, Stephen Gladyszak

David Bruce LM-5000 LM Pairs: David Maidman, Marin Marinov

Sally Young LM-1500 LM Pairs: Ed Foran, Nicolas Hammond

Spingold Knockout Teams: Russ Ekeblad, Eric Greco, Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson, Ron Rubin, Brad Moss

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams: Lynn Baker, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Daniela von Arnim, Sabine Auken

Mini-Spingold I (0-5000) KO Teams: Walt Murphy, Julie Murphy, Steve DeVico, Gayle Covey, Elliott Grubman, Ava Grubman

Mini-Spingold II (0-1500) KO Teams: Nancy Ferguson, David Bryant, Bruce Blakely, Dmitri Shabes

Wernher Open Pairs: Nagy Kamel, Nader Hanna

NABC+ Fast Pairs: Chris Willenken, Ralph Buchalter

Senior Swiss Teams: Jerry Bare, Gene Freed, Jim Murphy, Mike Savage

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match Teams: Peggy Kaplan, Petra Hamman, Rozanne Pollack, Steve Beatty, Hemant Lall, Marty Fleisher

Open Swiss Teams: Christal Henner-Welland, Michael Kamil, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni, Frederik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau

National 199er Pairs: Ellen Cohen, Genny Whitaker

Hall of Fame Reception

The ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame Reception will be Thursday, July 13, in the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The inductees this year will be Michael Becker, S. Garton Churchill and Richard Goldberg. Also, the Lazard Sportsmanship Award will be presented post-humously to Ralph Cohen.

The reception, which begins at 5:30 p.m., is black tie optional. The event is open to those who purchased tickets in advance.



Entertainment and Special Events Schedule

On Thursday, July 13, enjoy an exotic between-session event: belly dancers!

On Friday, July 14, Chicago's own Carleton the Mime will perform (quietly) between the afternoon and evening sessions.

Later in the week, be sure to catch the special Chicago-area tours. There will also be three bus trips to ethnic dining neighborhoods in Chicago.

For information and schedules, check the Daily Bulletins or visit the Information Booth.

Parking at the Hyatt Regency

Parking rates for guests at the Hyatt are normally \$39 overnight, but the first 300 parkers each day that identify themselves as part of ACBL will pay only \$19.50, a 50% discount from the regular rate.



Notice to players who live outside North America

Participation in the von Zedtwitz, Bruce or Young Life Master Pairs is limited to those ACBL members who have achieved the rank of Life Master. Players who reside outside of North America and who do not meet this criteria, but feel they are otherwise eligible to participate, must receive a waiver in writing prior to the commencement of the contest. Please contact ACBL Chief Tournament Director Rick Beye.

Please note that players who have been waived into Life Master events previously do not have to re-apply.