

Long Island Spring Regional ♠♥♦♣ April 21-26, 2009

at the **Sheraton Long Island Hotel**

Results posted nightly

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Room Rate: \$129, **Cutoff date:** March 21, 2009 (ask for Nassau Suffolk Bridge rate.)

DIRECTIONS: *FROM THE SOUTH* Take Sagtikos Pkwy to I-495 East, then follow directions "From the West."
FROM THE WEST Take I-495 to Exit 53. Take service road, and keep slightly right at fork, towards the ramp to Wicks Rd. Left at 1st light. Quick right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 0.2 miles on left. *FROM THE EAST* Take I-495 to Exit 55. Take service road towards Central Islip/Motor Pkwy. Turn right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 1.7 miles on right.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Lm/non-LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have an LM and an under-300 player.) 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (1 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
3 Session Open Bracketed KO (continues 9 AM Thurs.)
(6-8 teams/bracket, 24 boards/match) 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (Single-Session, Red) 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (2 & 3 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Final KO Round (begun yesterday) 9 AM
Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (7 rds of 8 bds, 4+3) 1 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (4 & 5 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Bracketed Round-Robin Swiss Teams (7 rds of 7 or 8 bds) 10 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 6:45 PM)
Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.
The top bracket is a SWISS event and is open to all teams that want to play in the top bracket.
***GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (1 & 2 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (7 rds of 8 bds) 10 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 6:45 PM)
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (3 & 4 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

(Lunch available during 30-minute break)

***Flighted / Bracketed Round Robin Swiss* (not stratified)** 10:30 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 6:30 PM)
Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.
Open Top Flight (A/X) Swiss, A(5000+) / X(0-5000), (7 rds of 8 brds)
Bracketed* Round Robin: (0-4000), teams play a round robin *within* their bracket (7 rds of 7 brds)
***GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**
All **Stratified Events** (unless otherwise indicated): A(2000+) B(750-2000) C(0-750, Red)
All **Newcomer Events** (single-session, Red): A(100-200) B(50-100) C(0-50) (if possible)
Tournament Chairman: Steve Conrad 516-365-5656 • e-mail: SRConrad@aol.com

PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament only)

Gold pts: all events, except as noted.

SIDE GAME SERIES: Best 2 of 4 (Overall gold • Session red • Different partners OK)

SESSION FEE: \$14 ACBL, \$16 non and unpaid ACBL

FREE UNLIMITED COFFEE and TEA

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

BRACKETED EVENTS

In these events, very popular today, teams are grouped by their average masterpoint holdings, *not* by the masterpoint holding of the highest ranked player (as is done in stratified events). This allows the players to compete mainly against their equals, while allowing for a reasonable number of contestants in each bracket.

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT (3-4 Sessions) & COMPACT KO TEAMS (2 Sessions)

In KO events, about 25% of the players get gold points. *A team winning its first two 24-board matches gets gold points.* KO Team events are 2, 3, or 4 sessions long. (A compact KO team event last 2 sessions; teams play two 12-board matches each session.)

BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly *35% of the players receive gold points!* Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, *not* by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Below the top, the 8 teams in each bracket play only against other teams in that bracket. This playthrough event is *not* a knockout. In an 8-team bracket, each team plays once against every other team in its bracket. This is called a complete round-robin within a bracket. *In the highest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams.*
* *The highest bracket, open to ANY team, is played as a traditional Swiss Team event.**

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS & STRATIFIED OPEN SWISS TEAMS

These events usually have three mutually exclusive strata. For a pair or team, the player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which they play. In these events, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. All stratified events are playthrough. Only the top two strata of a stratified event pay gold points. The C stratum pays red points.

SIDE GAME SERIES

These are single-session red point stratified pairs games. For those who play more than one session of the same series, a bonus is: *Gold points are given to individuals, not partnerships, with the best performance in any two single sessions of the same series.* For gold point "bonus" purposes, the event is NOT stratified. Also, any player who earns a stratum If you win a section top during these events, you get gold points for the section top as long as you play at least two sessions in the same series.