



MN GOPHER REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT MAY 18TH - MAY 24TH, 2020

Crowne Plaza Aire Hotel Airport
American Boulevard & 34th Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55425

MINNESOTA GOPHER REGIONAL

MONDAY, MAY 18...

- 2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 1st of 6 Sessions
2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299
2:30 & 7:15 Monday Stratified Pairs
2:30 & 7:15 Monday Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
2:30 & 7:15 Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 1st of 6 Sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

TUESDAY, MAY 19...

- 10:00 Morning Side Game Series - 1st of 5 Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299 - Single Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Mary Meinecke Stratified Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
10:00 & 2:30 Jim Hall Memorial Knockout - Semi & Final Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Tuesday 2 session Swiss Teams
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 2nd of 6 Sessions
7:15 Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss - 1st of 2 Sessions
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 2nd of 6 Sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20...

- 10:00 Morning Side Game Series - 2nd of 5 Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299 - Single Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Wednesday Stratified Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
10:00 & 2:30 Memorial Knockout - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 3rd of 6 Sessions
7:15 Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss* - 2nd of 2 Sessions
* T/W Evening Swiss will be bracketed if possible
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 3rd of 6 Sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

THURSDAY, May 21...

- 10:00 Morning Side Game Series - 3rd of 5 Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299 Single Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Larry Oakey Stratified Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Larry Oakey Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
10:00 & 2:30 Thursday 2 session Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:30 Memorial Knockout - Semi & Final Sessions
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 4th of 6 Sessions
7:15 Thursday Evening Single Session Swiss
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 4th of 6 sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

FRIDAY, MAY 22...

- 10:00 Morning Side Game Series - 4th of 5 Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299 Single Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Friday Stratified Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Sky Blue Swiss Teams
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 5th of 6 Sessions
7:15 Friday Evening Single Session Swiss Teams
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 5th of 6 Sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

SATURDAY, MAY 23...

- 10:00 Morning Side Game Series - 5th of 5 Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs 0-299 Single Sessions
10:00 & 2:30 Saturday Stratified Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (0-750)
10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Magenta Swiss Teams
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series - 6th of 6 Sessions
7:15 Evening Side Game Series - 6th of 6 Sessions (C=0-499 MPs)

SUNDAY, MAY 24...

- 10:00 & TBA Bruce Boje A/AX Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
10:00 & TBA BCD Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:15 NEW I/N Pairs 0-499, 2 Single Sessions





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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- ♠ The incredibly low rate of \$99.00 single/double Suites \$129.00
- ♠ Call (952) 854-9000 Ask for the MN Gopher Regional Bridge Tournament rate: \$99.00 single/double Suite \$129.00
- ♠ Book by phone or on-line and use **Group Code MGB** Reserve rooms by May 3, 2020
- ♠ Please call or email Patti if you have any Hotel issues - pattistuhlman123@gmail.com or (612) 865-2527

FREE PARKING

- ♠ Park on the top level of the Parking Ramp (Please follow signs to the designated Hotel Parking slots)

WHAT TO DO AND SEE

- ♠ Visit the **Mall of America** just minutes away from the Crowne Plaza Hotel
520+ stores including Nordstrom's and Macy's; Nickelodeon Amusement Park; Sea Life Aquarium; 5G Experience and 10 screen movie theater; 20+ full-service restaurants; a food court and 10+ fast casual
It's 5 minutes on the Blue Line Light Rail – the stop is right outside the hotel on 34th Avenue South and American Boulevard
- ♠ IKEA – American Boulevard and 20th Avenue South
- ♠ Take in a Minnesota Twins Baseball Game: Baltimore Orioles 5/18, 19, 20; Chicago White Sox 5/21, 22, 23, 24. Please note that the Blue Line Light Rail goes right to Target Field
- ♠ Hike the National Wildlife Center Trail (**FREE**) entrance is 3 blocks east of the Hotel

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS AND HOSPITALITY

- ♠ Gold Rush Pairs Monday-Saturday
- ♠ Multi-session Side Game Series – play in 2 or more sessions and win Gold Points for placing overall
- ♠ New Sunday I/N Pair Games (0-499 MPs) buy the half-price lunch option
- ♠ Free Coffee, Tea and Candy all sessions
- ♠ Evening ice cream treats
- ♠ Half-price lunch on Sunday

INTERMEDIATE - NEWCOMER PROGRAM 0-299

MASTERPOINTS

- ♠ \$10/session (Free entry in the I/N games for players with 0-5 master points)
- ♠ Play in single session Red Point games
- ♠ I/N Strats: 0-100, 100-200, 200-299
- ♠ Mini-Lesson Program 2:00-2:20pm Tuesday – Friday in the IN Playing Area
- ♠ Trophy for the top masterpoint winner in the Regional IN events

ENTRY FEES

- ♠ \$14.00/person/session, \$10.00/person/session I/N Program (unpaid ACBL members \$4 more per session) \$5/person/session students under 25 with proper ID

TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS

- ♠ **Patti Stuhlman, Co-Chair** - pattistuhlman123@gmail.com (612) 865-2527. Please call or email Patti if you have any Hotel issues
- ♠ **Kathy Beckman, Co-Chair** - hlmarklady@aol.com (763) 229-2224

PARTNERSHIPS

- ♠ **Maureen Weiman, Chairperson** - jhnsnmaur@aol.com or call 603-882-9424. It is important to call or write ahead for partners. Once the tournament starts, please go to the Tournament Partnership Desk at least 45 minutes before game time to arrange for a partner. A Partnership Bulletin Board lists people looking for a partner or teammates. Stand-by partners are available so everyone can play

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

- ♠ **Matthew Koltnow**
- ♠ Sanction Number R2005105

KNOCKOUT FORMAT

- ♠ The **Knockout Teams** guarantee 2+ Brackets if 10 or more teams register to play
- ♠ Qualifying Sessions are a full Round Robin to determine the top 4 teams in each bracket
- ♠ The 3rd Session is the semi-final and the 4th Session is the final and playoff for 3rd and 4th place

STRATIFICATION

- ♠ Stratified Events are Stratified by Average Pair or Team MPs
- ♠ Gold Rush is 750 or fewer points - no one with over 750 may play in the Gold Rush
- ♠ Stratified A: 3000+; B: 1500-3000; C: 0-1500. Gold Rush Pairs 0-100/100-300/300-750
- ♠ Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss: A: Unlimited AX 0-5000 B: 0-3000 C: 0-1500 D: 0-750 (no one with over 3000 point can play in the BCD Stratiflighted Swiss)

