



2019 SPRING NABC DAILY BULLETIN



Schedule of Events & Meetings

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WELCOME TO MEMPHIS

Welcome to the Memphis NABC! The American Contract Bridge League and District 10 want to be the first to wish you good luck at the tournament.

Join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, March 22. See right for details of that and other entertainment at the NABC.

Please check the Daily Bulletin (online or in print) for the most up-to-date schedule information.

Most events will be played at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

On Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21, all bridge play will be in the Ballroom on the second floor of the convention center. Here is an overview of event locations, all on the second floor of the convention center, beginning Friday, March 22:

NABC+ and NABC Events – Ballroom

Regional Teams (1 & 7:30 pm) – Southwest Hall

Regional Pairs (1 & 7:30 pm) – Northwest Hall

Most **Regional Events** (10 am & 3 pm) – East Hall

Intermediate/Newcomer Events (I/N) – East Hall

The complete tournament schedule is included in the Restaurant Guide which is available at the Welcome Desk. The Welcome, Prizes, Information and Partnership desks and vendors are located on the second floor of the convention center.



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MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC. Along with one-year and three-year memberships, a 30-day trial membership is available to new members for \$7.99. Temporary and regular memberships can be purchased from Tournament Operations or the Check-Cashing Desk.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR VANDERBILT, 10K KO

Registration for the Vanderbilt KO Teams is required by 6 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Entries may be purchased in the Ballroom on the second floor of the convention center.

For the 0–10,000 Knockout, the registration deadline is 10 a.m. Monday, March 25.



On Friday, March 22, join us after the evening session for a night of fun, food, drinks and dancing as we welcome you to the 2019 Spring NABC. It will be in the Heritage Ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel. The Bouffants will be performing and everyone is in for an exceptional entertainment experience! We will also have six drawings for free bridge play in Memphis, and you must be present to win.

FREE TOURS

See the premier collection of bridge-related artifacts and explore the game's history at the ACBL Bridge Museum.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the leading research facility for childhood cancers, is also offering private tours.

Sign up online for either or both at acbl.org/tours. Free shuttles will be offered daily, but seating is limited.

ENTERTAINMENT

Surprises are in store after evening sessions. See the Daily Bulletin for details.

Wednesday, March 20

All Wednesday and Thursday events are in the Convention Center Ballroom.

1 & 7:30 p.m.

EVENT

BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A

Pre-qualification required. Two-session final on Thursday.

SESSION

1–2 Qualifying

Entry/player/ session

Current
members*

Inactive
members

No fee

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Thursday, March 21

1 p.m.

International Fund Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/750)*

Int'l Fund 299er Pairs

single

single

\$16

\$15

\$20

\$19

1 & 7:30 p.m.

BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A

Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/1500)*

Gold Rush Pairs *(750/500/200)*

1–2 final

1–2

1–2

No fee

\$16

\$16

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\$20

\$20

7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation KO Teams

Continues Friday at 1 & 7:30

1st

\$20

\$20

Educational Foundation Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/750)*

Educational Foundation 299er Pairs

single

single

\$20

\$20

\$20

\$20

Friday, March 22 *0-5 Newcomer Pairs events free today!*

9 a.m.

Jan Dacus Friday–Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams

Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series

1st

single

\$16

\$16

\$20

\$20

10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs

0–20 Pairs

0–5 Newcomer Pairs

single

single

single

\$15

\$15

Free

\$19

\$15

Free

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Daylight Open Pairs *(unlimited/3000/1500)*

Daylight Gold Rush Pairs *(750/300/200)*

Friday-Saturday Daylight KO Teams

1–2

1–2

1st

\$16

\$16

\$16

\$20

\$20

\$20

BOLD, UPPERCASE = NABC+ events (Platinum points)

UPPERCASE = NABC events (Gold & Red points)

Green = Regional events (Gold & Red points)

Blue = Gold Rush Pairs (Gold & Red points)

Black lowercase = Single session events (Red points)

Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events

Stratification is based on averaging the MPs of a pair or team except in any event or flight with an upper limit, when no single player's MP total may exceed that limit. Eligibility for limited events is based on the MP total for the highest player.

** \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Friday, March 22

1 p.m.

Friday-Sunday Side Game Series

single	\$16	\$20
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1 & 7:30 p.m.

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

1–2 qualifying	\$25**	—
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2 qualifying, 2 semifinal and 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required in one of three ways: players must have earned at least 50 Platinum points in the last three years OR must have earned at least 200 Platinum points lifetime OR must be a Platinum or Grand Life Master.

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS

1–2 qualifying	\$25**	—
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2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Open to players at least 60; pre-qualification required.

0–10,000 SWISS TEAMS

1–2 qualifying	\$17	—
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2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. No player with more than 10,000 MPs. 10% Platinum points for overall placings (10 Platinum points maximum).

Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)

1–2	\$16	\$20
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Gold Rush Pairs (750/500/200)

1–2	\$16	\$20
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Bill Cox Memorial Friday–Saturday KO Teams

1–2	\$16	\$20
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Educational Foundation KO Teams

2–3	\$16	\$20
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3 p.m.

Afternoon Side Swiss Teams

single	\$15	\$19
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299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs

single	\$15	\$19
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0–20 Pairs

single	\$15	\$15
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0–5 Newcomer Pairs

single	Free	Free
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7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Swiss Teams

single	\$15	\$19
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Friday-Sunday Side Game Series

2nd single	\$16	\$20
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299er/199er/99er & 49er Pairs

single	\$15	\$19
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0–20 Pairs

single	\$15	\$15
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0–5 Newcomer Pairs

single	Free	Free
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► ENTRY FEES

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

Players must be members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Kay Platinum Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, NABC+ Fast Pairs and the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are **\$25** per player per session. For team events, this means **\$100** per team per session for four-person teams, **\$125** per team per session for five-person teams, and **\$150** per team per session for six-person teams.) *Note: \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.*

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0–10,000 Swiss Teams and the 0–10,000 Knockout Teams. The entry fee is **\$17** per player per session. This means **\$68** per team per session for teams of four, **\$85** per team per session for teams of five, and **\$102** per team per session for teams of six.

Regional championships are **\$16** per player per session for current members, **\$20** for inactive members. For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is **\$64**, **\$80** or **\$96** per session for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is **\$64** per session.

Other events are **\$15** per player per session for current members, **\$19** for inactive members. (There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.)



* ACBL members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

► WELCOME, INTERMEDIATE/ NEWCOMER PLAYERS, TO MEMPHIS!

Starting Friday, March 22, Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. All I/N events will be held in the East Hall on the second floor of the Convention Center.

The **I/N Partnership Desk** guarantees you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

Don't forget to pick up your **welcome gift** from both the Welcome and I/N desks.

Celebrity bridge speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (on most days). On Friday, March 22, Harriette Buckman presents "Right and Responsibilities" at 9:15. At 6:45, Karen Walker presents "Testing Your Game."

ACBL members with 0–5 masterpoints can play **free** in the Newcomer games on Friday, March 22.

Don't miss these **free two-hour lessons** (10 a.m. to noon) by renowned ACBL teachers in the Heritage Ballroom on the second floor of the Sheraton:

- Saturday, March 23 Patty Tucker
- Sunday, March 24 Audrey Grant

A special game for 0–20 players will be held immediately following these lectures (14 deals, free!).

Learn Bridge in a Day? Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Saturday, March 23, from 1–6 p.m. in the Heritage Ballroom on the second floor of the Sheraton. **Fee: \$25.**

► ENTRY FEE SPECIAL

Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 22–24 will receive a half-priced entry for games March 29–31.

► ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The ACBL's electronic device policy allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are **turned off**. Further, any such equipment **must not be visible** during the session.



A violation of the policy will result in an **automatic disciplinary penalty** of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event.

► SEMINARS & MEETINGS

CLUB & CRUISE DIRECTOR COURSE

Tuesday, March 19	1–10 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20	9 a.m.–10 p.m.
Thursday, March 21	9 a.m.–noon

Natchez Room, second floor, Sheraton

BEST PRACTICES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive course which includes hands-on experience. Pre-registration is required at acbl.org/BPteacher. **Fee: \$125.**



Thursday, March 21	1–5 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, March 22-23	8 a.m.–noon
Assessments will be Saturday and Sunday afternoon	
Azalea Room, first floor, Sheraton	

CLUB AND TEACHER RECEPTION

All teachers, club directors, managers and owners are welcome. **Free.**

Friday, March 22	4:30–6:30 p.m.
Heritage Ballroom, second floor, Sheraton	

► CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Purchase your entries for all events at the NABC via credit card. All major credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

► BUY EARLY FOR NABC+ PAIRS

In an effort to speed up the start of all NABC+ pairs events, please buy entries at least 15 minutes before game time. This is especially true if you expect to be a seeded pair.

► BUY YOUR ENTRY ONLINE

Don't wait in line! Buy your entries in advance for all national-level events in Memphis at **BridgeWinners.com**.

Entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the day of the event EXCEPT for events that require pre-registration, in which case the ACBL deadline, or the earlier of the two, applies.

A nice feature: You can buy entries in advance and be charged for the total number of sessions played after the event is over.

