

**Welcome
to the
Ocean State
Regional
Aug. 28-Sept. 2
Warwick, RI
Six Days of Bridge and So
Much More from District 25**

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Lineup of Events

Tuesday, August 28, 2018			
A/B/C Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/500/300	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30
Wednesday, August 29, 2018			
A/X Pairs		Open/4500	10:00 & 2:15
Mid-Flight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Ask the Experts Panel			1:30-2:00
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30
Thursday, August 30, 2018			
Monster Knockout I	Brackets		10:00 & TBA Continues on Friday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30
Friday, August 31, 2018			
Talk by Peter Marcus on ACBL's changes to the laws			08:30
Talk by Mark Aquino: "The Inner Game of Bridge"			9:15-9:45
A/X Pairs		Open/4500	10:00 & 2:15
Mid-Flight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30
Saturday, September 01, 2018			
Monster Knockout II	Brackets		10:00 & TBA Continues on Sunday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30
Sunday, September 02, 2018			
A/X Swiss		Open/4500	10:00 & TBA
Mid-Flight Swiss	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & TBA
Gold Rush Swiss	0-750	750/300	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:00

Bridge in New England This Fall

Regional Events (Gold and Red Points):

Tournament	Site	City	Dates
D3 Autumn Leaf Regional	Crowne Plaza	Danbury, CT	October 8-14
NAP Flight A*	Hartford Bridge Club (Sat.) and Keeney Memorial Center (Sun.)	Hartford area	October 27-28
Harvest Regional	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 7-11
NAP Flight B*	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 10-11
NAP Flight C*	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 11

* Qualification at club required.

Sectional Events (Silver Points):

Tournament	Site	City	Dates
Indian Summer Sectional	Woodsford Club	Portland, ME	September 15-16
Autumn Leaves Sectional	Burlington BC	Williston, VT	September 21-23
Autumn Sectional	Senior Center	Johnston, RI	September 22-23
Fall Foliage Sectional	Town Hall	Grantham, MA	September 29-30
Fall Sectional	Armenian Center	Watertown, MA	October 5-7
Eastern Maine Sectional	Reeds Brook Middle School	Hampden, ME	October 13-14
199er Sectional	Hartford BC	West Hartford, CT	October 14
CT StaC	CT clubs	CT	October 15-21
Autumn Sectional	Keeney Memorial Cultural Center	Wethersfield, CT	October 26-28
Queechee Gorge Sectional	Base Lodge	Queechee, VT	October 26-28
Celebration of Maine Bridge Sectional	Kora Temple	Lewiston, ME	November 3-4
Ed Gould Sectional	Rivier University Dion Center	Nashua, NH	November 3-4
Holiday Sectional	Armenian Center	Watertown, MA	December 7-9

Club Games (Black Points):

Sanctioned club games are held nearly every day. Wherever you find yourself, you can find a nearby club at <https://web3.acbl.org/findalist/club>.

Special Events at the Ocean State Regional

Hospitality:

- Coffee and treats every morning at 9:00 outside the main ballroom.
- Treats such as cookies or fruit cups in the middle of the afternoon sessions outside of both ballrooms.
- Candy available at the Welcome desk and the 299er room (aka the Rotunda).
- Coffee and treats during the evening pairs games.

Education:

- A panel of experts will discuss the hands from the morning pairs game at 1:30 on Wednesday in the Rotunda.
- Peter Marcus, Tournament Director, will explain the ACBL's recent rule changes at Friday at 8:30 AM in the Newport Room.
- Mark Aquino will present a lecture entitled “The Inner Game of Bridge” at 9:15 on Friday morning in the Rotunda.

Committee Meetings:

Committee	Day	Time	Location
Finance	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Grand Coat Room
Tournament Scheduling	Friday	6:00 PM	Wellington Room
Communications	Saturday	8:30 AM	Grand Coat Room
Executive	Saturday	5:30 PM	Wickford Room



To be safe, check the sign posted at the Welcome Desk for the **locations** of all committee meetings and special events.

Flights, Strats and Other Bridge-isms

At some point almost every serious bridge player wonders about how the schedules for Regional Tournaments are determined. This document attempts to clarify part of the process.

In District 25 the schedule for each tournament is drawn up by the Tournament Scheduling Committee, a group of volunteers that works hard to devise schedules that will provide a positive experience for the largest number of participants. This schedule must then be approved by the Executive Committee, which includes representatives from each unit.

The schedule must meet certain guidelines established by the ACBL. These guidelines use two terms that might be somewhat confusing to the average player: **flights and strats**. Here is the schedule for the first two days of this tournament with each event's flights and strats.

Tuesday, August 28

		Eligibility	Stratification
A/B/C Pairs	10 & 2:15	Open	Open, 3000, 1500
Gold Rush Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-750	750, 500, 300
299er Pairs	10, 2:15, 7:30	0-299.99	Director's discretion
Super Point Series	7:30	Open	Open, 1500, 500

Wednesday, August 29

A/X Pairs	10 & 2:15	Open	Open, 4500
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-2500	2500, 1250
Gold Rush Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-750	750, 300
Strat Open Swiss	10 & TBA	Open	Open, 3000, 750
299er Pairs	10, 2:15, 7:30	0-299.99	Director's discretion
Super Point Series	7:30	Open	Open, 1500, 500

A strat (in bridge circles “stratum” and “strata” are seldom used) is a **level in an event** used for scoring, not for eligibility of participation. The scores in stratified events are based upon masterpoints. The stratification can be based upon the player with the most points or upon the average of the team members (or pair in a pairs game). In District 25 stratification is usually based upon the **average** of the team members or pair.

So, the Gold Rush Pairs event on Tuesday has three strats: 0-299.99, 0-499.99, and 0-749.99. Pairs with an average of under 300 points can win the top strat, but they must do better than all the players in the event, even those with hundreds of points more than they have. However, to win the bottom strat they must only score more than the other pairs with average points under 300. This approach allows players with less experience to play against players with more points but to be scored against their peers. It helps address the frustration of players who must compete against others with far more experience.

Similarly, the ABC Pairs event also has three strats. The breaking points are 3,000 and 1,500 masterpoints. The Open Swiss Teams on Wednesday also has three strats, but the breaking points are 3,000 and 750. In all of these the averages are used for stratification.

Why would the Swiss and the Pairs have different strats when they are both open events and occur at the same times? The ACBL considers the two two-session pairs events (i.e., the A/BC Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs) as **two flights of the same event**. This distinction is important. The pairs event is a much larger event that awards a much larger number of masterpoints than the Swiss. In effect, the winners in the ABC Pairs event are given credit for finishing ahead of everyone in the Gold Rush event! Of course, those who do not place win nothing.

The pairs games on Wednesday are different. There are three flights – A/X, Mid-Flight, and Gold Rush. Each of them has only two strats. This arrangement allows the players with less than 2500 points to get a break from trying to swim with the sharks. The Swiss games on Friday and Sunday employ the same system of stratification.

The 299er games and Super Points games are also stratified. Because these games are single-session events, they are covered by a different set of standards. In District 25 the levels in the 299er games are usually set by the director. In the Super Points pairs games, there will be three strats – Open, 3000 and 750.

Social Media

Bridge news and more: **NEBridge** on Facebook, **@NE_Bridge** on Twitter

District 25's Website, NEBridge.org

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If it has anything to do with bridge in New England, you can find it at NEBridge.org. The home page provides news in the center column. The column on the right promotes upcoming events. Navigation to the rest of the site is done using the green menu bar on the left.

The “Home” tab allows you to return to the home page with one click from any of the other pages

The “Calendar” tab directs the browser to the official D25 calendar that includes all events sponsored by the district. It also includes sectionals sponsored by all eight units, three NABC tournaments held every year, and a few tournaments in nearby districts. For all of the New England events pdf files for the flyers are linked.

“About Us” contains a great deal of information about the organization of bridge in New England as well as explanations of ranks and other matters controlled by the ACBL.

The next tab concerns the two “Grass Roots” events, the North American Pairs (NAP) and the Grand National Teams (GNT). These two championships are sponsored by the ACBL and are

Contended at the NABC in the spring and summer. The district sponsors teams in both of these events. This tab (and all of the tabs with down-pointing arrows) has several sub-tabs. You can see them by hovering the cursor on the main tab.

The “Online Partnership Desk” tab links to the ACBL's partnership software. You must sign in to “MyACBL” to use it.

The “Tournament Results” tab connects to a page that links to the results from this tournament and all other district tournaments dating back many years. The sub-tabs provide links to the Winners Board (photos) indexes by player name and event as well as the results from StaC games.

The “Tournament Locations” tab provides a map that shows the locations of the district's events.

The “Conditions of Contest” tab provides a pathway to detailed explanations of the rules of different types of competition, including the NAP and GNT.

The “Member Achievements” tab connects to lists of winners of awards based on points as well as advancements in rank and winners of the Larry Weiss award and NABC events.

Where are my results?

Results from the games are no longer included in this publication. Players who register at ACBLLive.org are sent an email with links to their results as soon as they are posted. Links to both the detailed results and the list of high finishers are also posted on NEBridge.org on both the home page and the Tournament Results page.

Results will now also be posted under a daily banner in the hallway, and, of course, can still find them on the wall in the room in which the session took place.

Restaurants in Warwick: All phones are 401; distances in miles

Italian



- Bertucci's** 1946 Post Road • 732-4343 2.7
Carrabba's 1350 Bald Hill Road • 827-8880 3
DiVine 2317 West Shore Road • 921-3300 3.7
Elizabeth's of Portofino 897 Post Road • 461-8920 5.5
Martinelli's Tuscan Deli 2914 Post Road • 732-4444 1.7
Mirabella's Italian Cucina 963 Namquid Drive • 270-5060 5.1
Olive Garden 31 Universal Blvd • 821-7322 2.9
Rigatoni's 1229 Warwick Avenue • 463-5580 5.1
Ritrivo's 441 Old Forge Road • 398-7600 5.6
Sbarro 400 Bald Hill Road • 681-4811 2.6
Sophia's Tuscan Grille 1729 Warwick Avenue • 732-6656 4.8
Vanda 1 Centerville Road • 921-3144 1.4

Mexican / South American



- California Taco Shop** 2168 Elmwood Avenue • 383-0075 5.5
Chipotle Mexican Grill 1800 Post Road • 732-9233 2.9
 969 Bald Hill Road • 821-3007 2.2
Moe's Southwest Grill 300 Quaker Lane • 615-8640 4.4
On the Border 650 Bald Hill Rd • 262-4899 1.6
Papi's 750 West Shore Road • 681-4336 5.9
Paco's Tacos 2 1000 Sandy Lane • 739-8226 3.3
Taco Bell 2574 West Shore Road • 921-6811 3.2
 877 West Shore Road • 828-9209 6.2

Pizza and Subs



- Cosmic Steak & Pizza** 1141 Post Rd • 781-5410 5.1
Crusty's Pizza 1331 Warwick Ave • 463-7333 4.7
Demo's 1686 Warwick Avenue • 732-1800 4.7
Depetrillo's 1729 Warwick Ave • 732-3331 4.8
Domino's 2247 Warwick Ave • 732-2940 4.5
 2757 Post Road • 732-5770 1.5
 557 Warwick Avenue • 467-3130 4.8
Filippou's Twisted Pizza III 1690 W Shore Road • 773-7810 4.9
Frank Pepe 21 Universal Blvd • 425-7776 2.9
George's 2912 Warwick Ave • 738-5776 7.1
Gigi's Pizza & Bar 647 Main Ave • 738-2873 1.5
Little Ceasar's 50 Airport Road • 739-1004 4.4
Little John's 625 Warwick Ave • 785-2241 6.4
Mike & Gel's 3003 W Shore Rd • 737-4445 6.4
Palazzo's 777 Airport Road • 737-4447 3
Pam's Pizza 2739 Post Road • 732-3193 1.4
PieZoni's Pizza 3377 Post Road • 921-2323 1.5
Pier Pizza 2763 Post Road • 738-8008 1.5
Pioneer Pizza 1279 Post Road • 781-3377 4.8
Pizza Hut 10 Quaker Lane • 821-6726 3.5
 400 Bald Hill Road • 244-1972 2.6
Pizza King 1800 Post Road • 732-1338 2.9
Ronzio Pizza 2424 W Shore Rd • 737-8800 3.5
 422 Warwick Avenue • 941-7750 6.6
Shoreline Pizza 745 W Shore Road • 737-4992 5.9
Two Guys From Italy 1980 Warwick Avenue • 738-4743 5.2

Pub/Brewery



- Arooga's** 615 Greenwich Ave • 732-1230 .8
Bottom Line 415 Palmer Ave • 921-5750 6.3
Dave's 2339 Post Road • 739-7444 1.9
Fat Belly's Irish Pub & Grill Warwick Mall
 225 Lambert Lind Hwy. • 681-4905 1.6
Federal Tavern (TF Green Airport) 2000 Post Road • 691-2471 2.6
Gregg's Tavern 1359 Post Rd • 467-5700 4.6
Grid Iron 1599 Post Road • 384-6969 4.4
Jefferson Grill 137 Kilvert Street • 737-1110 2.6
McKinley's 1 Division Street • 886-1111 4.4
Ollie's Pub 941 West Shore Road • 921-5192 6.3
On the Roch's 1593 Centerville Rd • 821-3262 4.3
Renegades 2077 W Shore Rd • 738-4508 4.2
Runway 41 Bar & Grill 41 Roseland Ave • 732-6076 3.1
Shipyard Brew Port 2000 Post Rd • 737-4000 2.6
Tavern Twelve 2299 Post Road • 490-2620 2.0
The Trap 195 Old Forge Road • 884-3810 5.6
Whalen Square Café 2647 West Shore Road • 738-9294 3.2

Seafood



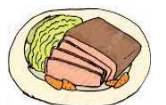
- Captain's Catch** 1 Centerville Rd • 738-6762 1.4
Christopher's Landing 6 Bay Ave • 889-5585 5.4
Crow's Nest Restaurant 288 Arnolds Neck Dr • 732-6575 1.9
Governor Francis Inn 1251 Warwick Avenue • 463-8227 5.1
Iggy's Doughboys & Chowder House 889 Oakland Beach Avenue • 737-9459 5.4
Legal Seafoods 2099 Post Rd • 732-3663 2.4
The Loft 400 Knight Street • 734-4460 1.4
Tommy's Clam Shack 2275 Warwick Ave 4.4
Top of the Bay Restaurant 898 Oakland Beach Avenue • 921-3663 5.4

Steaks



- Longhorn** (Warwick Mall Parking Lot) 400 Bald Hill Road • 737-6943 2.6
Smokey Bones BBQ 31 Universal Boulevard • 821-2789 2.9
Texas Roadhouse 1200 Quaker Lane • 884-4185 5.9

Irish



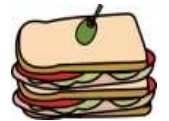
- County Cork Irish Pub** 50 Waterfront Drive • 732-2675 4.8
O'Rourke's Bar & Grille 23 Peck Lane • 228-7444 7.2
Shannon View Inn 1901 Post Road • 732-0996 2.8

American



- 1149** 1149 Division Street • 884-1149 5.6
All Stars Bar & Grill 685 Airport Rd • 384-6002 3.2
Applebee's 300 Quaker Lane • 823-8181 4.4
Blue Fire Grill & Lounge (Sheraton) 1850 Post Road • 738-4000 2.9
Buffalo Wild Wings 400 Bald Hill Road • 739-1392 2.6
Buttonwoods Fish & Chips 416 Buttonwoods Avenue • 738-7571 3.1
Charley's Philly Steak 400 Bald Hill Rd • 921-5550 2.6
Chelo's 2225 Post Rd • 737-7299 2.1
Chelo's Waterfront 1 Masthead Dr • 884-3000 2.6
Chili's 1276 Bald Hill Road • 821-0310 2.7
Chick-Fil-A 1500 Bald Hill Road • 615-3423 3
Denny's 444 Quaker Lane • 826-7613 4.5
Five Guys 300 Quaker Lane • 828-3100 4.4
- Greenwood Inn** 1350 Jefferson Blvd • 738-3334 1.3
Gregg's Restaurant 1359 Post Road • 467-5700 2.7
Harbor Lights Par & Tackle & Tiki Bar (seasonal) 200 Gray Street • 737-6353 6.4
Iron Works Tavern 697 Jefferson Boulevard • 739-5111 2.5
Johnny Rockets (TF Green Airport) 2000 Post Road • 732-5140 2.6
 400 Bald Hill Road • 921-1313 2.6
KFC 767 Airport Rd 3.1
Kim & Steve's Masthead Grill 3880 Post Road 02886 • 884-0025 2.4
Libations Restaurant (Radisson Hotel) 2081 Post Road • 598-2121 2.4
Meritage 5454 Post Road • 884-1255 5.4
Norwood Grill 1325 Post Road • 780-9988 4.7
Not Your Average Joe's 400 Bald Hill Road • 739-5637 2.6
- Red Robin** (Warwick Mall) 400 Bald Hill Road • 736-0700 2.6
Sam's Inn 2227 W Shore Rd • 737-6073 3.9
Smashburger 1000 Bald Hill Rd • 381 2298 2.1
TGI Friday's 989 Centerville Rd • 822-0800 3.2
 TF Green Airport Location 2000 Post Road • 737-8222 2.6
The Crossings and Alfred's at Crowne Plaza 801 Greenwich Avenue • 732-6000 0
The Remington House Inn 3376 Post Road • 736-8388 1.5
The Safehouse 195 Old Forge Rd • 885-4999 5.6
The Shanty 3854 Post Road • 884-7008 2.4
The Tree House Bistro 1094 Centerville Road • 821-1105 3.4
Timmy's Family Restaurant 644 West Shore Road • 732-4086 5.7
UNO Pizzeria 399 Bald Hill Road • 738-4281 1.8
West Shore Coffee Bar and Lounge 2291 West Shore Road • 921-2999 3.8

Bakery and Deli



- Anthony's Old World Deli** 400 Warwick Avenue • 461-9100 6.7
Antonio's Bakery 2448 West Shore Road • 738-3727 3.5
Classic Deli 24 Quaker Lane • 823-5050 3.5
Diane's Delectables 1565 Post Road • 632-1756 4.3
- Food Chalet** 874 Post Road • 467-9169 5.5
Greatfull Bread 1277 Post Rd • 780-8878 4.8
Le Favorite Bakery 951 Namquid Drive • 463-3133 5.1
Mousie's Deli 1619 Warwick Ave • 737-3696 4.6
- My Favorite Muffin** 1535 Post Rd • 739-0778 4.3
Panera Bread 1000 Bald Hill Rd • 320-1511 2.1
Trinity Confections 1625 Warwick Avenue • 681-4902 4.6

Diners: Breakfast and Lunch



- Beach Cafe** 805 Oakland Beach Ave • 732-3213 5.1
Brewed Awakenings 1316 Bald Hill Road • 826-2233 2.8
Café Tempo Coffee House 32 Toll Gate Road • 737-0109 1.7
Coast Line Diner 137 Kilvert St • 773-7807 2.6
Coffee Grinder 961 Namquid Dr • 463-3300 5.1
- Daily Wichual** 335 Jefferson Blvd • 216-6454 3.2
Sunnyside 2428 W Shore Road • 739-0199 3.5
IHOP 1802 Post Road • 738-0003 3
Jefferson Diner 175 Jefferson Boulevard • 739-4125 4.7
Nick and Joan's Place 1633 Warwick Avenue • 738-6470 4.6
- Paula's Place** 465 Warwick Ave • 941-2022 6.6
Peter's Coney Island 2298 West Shore Road • 732-6499 3.8
Sunrise Café 1155 West Shore Road • 737-8111 5.8
The Cozy Grill 440 Warwick Avenue • 9 41-9088 6.6

Hot Weiners



- Sam's New York System** 6 Freeborne Street • 742-2105 3.3
Spike's Junkyard Dogs 1623 Warwick Avenue • 732-5858 4.6

Ice Cream



- Candy Zone** (Warwick Mall) 400 Bald Hill Road • 921-4304 2.6
Chocolate Delicacy 28 Gilbane Street • 884-4949 1.6
Dear Hearts Ice Cream 2301 W Shore Rd • 467-4500 3.8
- Del's Lemonade** 2050 Warwick Avenue • 732-0386 4.8
Iggy's Boardwalk 889 Oakland Beach Avenue • 737-9459 5.4
Indulge 891 Post Road • 270-9499 5.5
New England Frozen Lemonade 724 Oakland Beach Avenue • 732-6361 5
- Newport Creamery** Warwick Mall 400 Bald Hill Road • 737-4309 2.6
 1256 Warwick Avenue • 463-8317 5.1
 2987 West Shore Road • 739-4975 2.9
Pinkberry Warwick Mall 400 Bald Hill Road Unit D106 921-6257 2.6
Warwick Ice Cream 743 Bald Hill Road • 821-8403 1.7

What's Available at the Tournament for Newcomers and Intermediates?

299er

- Limited to players with less than 300 masterpoints
- Single-session pair games
- 10:00, 2:15, and 7:30 Tuesday through Saturday
- 10:00 Sunday
- Red points
- Strats determined by director

Gold Rush

- Limited to players with less than 750 masterpoints
- Two-session events
- Pairs on Tuesday with three strats: 750, 500, 300
- Pairs on Wednesday and Friday with two strats: 750, 300
- Swiss Teams on Sunday with two strats: 750, 300
- Gold and red points

Monster Knockouts

- Four-session team events at 10:00 and 2:15 on two consecutive days
- Monster KO I starts on Thursday and continues through Friday
- Monster KO II starts on Saturday and continues through Sunday
- Bracketed (9-16 teams per bracket) so that everyone plays against other teams with similar levels of experience
- Gold and red points
- Everyone who makes it to the second day wins gold points

Who Does What in District 25?

Board of Representatives Chosen by the Meets twice a year to set policy

Delegates	from each of the eight units	units	and elect officers.
Executive Committee	Officers plus past president plus one or two reps from each district	Officers elected by BoD. Reps chosen by the units.	Meets at every regional event to deal with issues that have arisen.
Tournament Director	Peter Marcus	Selected by Executive Committee	Hires and manages directors. Provides advice on ACBL rulings and policy.
District Director	Mark Aquino	Elected by units	Represents the district in all ACBL meetings and decisions. Appoints the NAP and GNT coordinator.
President	Lois DeBlois	Elected by BoD	Sets the agenda and makes sure that everything gets done.
Vice President	Jack Mahoney	Elected by BoD	Chairman of the Tournament Scheduling Committee and backup for the president.
Treasurer	Joe Brouillard	Elected by BoD	Manages investments and accounting.
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser	Elected by BoD	Records, writes, and publishes minutes. Acts as liaison with the units and clubs.
Tournament Manager	Sally Kirtly	Selected by special committee	Negotiates and manages contracts with tournament sites. Arranges all details of tournaments and reports on attendance and finances.
I/N Director	Sue Miguel	Appointed by president	Manages program for beginners and intermediates. Creates flyers.
Communications	Mike Wavada	Appointed by president	Manages website, emails, database, and tournament publication.
Tournament Coordinator	Maureen Fahey	Appointed by president	Arranges for the ACBL to sanction all events sponsored by D25. Maintains the calendar on NEBridge.org.

Sunday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	A & B	Dolores Wilson, Cynthia Wilson	
	C	David and Kathleen Caron	
Open Swiss		Zach and Adam Grossack, Bart Bussink, Kim Gilman	
Mid-Flight Swiss	B	Sabrina Miles, Darryl Legassie, Steve Diamond, Tom Seder	
	C	Steven Musen, Ida Farnworth, Bruce Fischer, Bob Garfinkel	
Gold Rush Swiss	750	Matt Muir, Eva Muir, Michael Lo, Teresa Clark	
	300	Juanita Hart, Edie Carter, Evelyn Ciasullo, Marlene Wurster	
Monster Knockout	Bracket 1	David Caprera, Anne Brenner, Steve and Betty Bloom	
	Bracket 2	Mike and Susan Smith, Frank Blachowski, Bob Asher	
	Bracket 3	Lon Sunshine, Ivania Yeo, Brandon Gong, Emily Shen	
	Bracket 4	Joe and Jill Sackett, Bob Gervis, Venky Venkataramani	
	Bracket 5	Shirley Dulcey, Joseph Hurley, Dariusz Murakowski, Nathan Yee	
Super Point Series		Sandy and Rich DeMartino	

Sunday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/X Swiss		Open/4500	10:00 & TBA
Mid-Flight Swiss	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & TBA
Gold Rush Swiss	0-750	750/300	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:00

No meetings or special events.



"Make sure that you have all of your stuff, and have a safe trip home."

A Small
Voice in
Your Ear

Saturday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	A & B	Lin Li, Mike Shore	
	C	Joseph Lafortune, Alan Scharman	
Open Pairs	A	Phyllis Chase, Philip Lam	
	B	Greg Klinker, Steve Myerson	
	C	Alan Silver, Georgia McGuire	
Single-session Swiss	A	Dean Panagopoulos, Harrison Luba, Geff Phipps, Randy Johnson	
	B	George Gardos, John Wason, Si Zimmerman, Paul Harris	
	C (tie)	Matt Muir, Eva Muir, Michael Lo, Teresa Chek	
	C (tie)	Tink Tysor, Ann Swaim, Alice Field, Larry Clark	
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A	Judy Zucker, Haroula Dobyys	
	B	John Boettcher, Lynn Tavormina	
	C	Mary Norigian, Marie Fournier	

Saturday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
Monster Knockout II	Brackets		10:00 & TBA Continues on Sunday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

It's Monster Knockout Day!

The Communications Committee will meet at 8:30 AM in the Grand Coat Room.

The Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 PM in the Wickford Room.

The locations of the meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.



"We all bear the responsibility of making sure that bridge remains the game that we all enjoy so much."

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Friday is Helen Pawlowski Day

A Tribute to Helen Pawlowski

by Peter Marcus



A famous quote is attributed to a fifteenth-century English monk named John Lydgate: "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." Well, Helen has spent more than twelve years in New England trying to prove Reverend Lydgate wrong, that *you can actually please all of the people all of the time.*

The job of Tournament Manager is an amazing combination of tough business negotiation with total focus on customer service. Between tournaments the Tournament Manager must drive the best deals with hotels, doing everything possible to get the most for the players with good playing space, low room rates, tasty hospitality, and efficient concessions while keeping costs low to make our tournaments reasonably affordable for most people. In addition, during the events Helen is the contact person for every player with a question, problem, or concern, and they all feel their issue is critical.

Helen not only keeps all these proverbial balls in the air, she does it with a smile and a sense of style. Anyone speaking with her walks away knowing that she understands their issue and will personally commit to addressing it. Somehow Helen is always smiling even when someone is complaining about something. Her warmth and courtesy radiate to whomever she is talking with and cause them to leave the conversation, no matter what the issue was, happier than when they started.

Over the years Helen has seen major changes in bridge in New England. We have had to find new cities and hotels; we even had a tournament hotel undergo renovation and "throw us out" less than six months before the tournament started, and Helen not only found a new site, but a wonderful site that everyone loved. We have changed out tournament schedules, going to afternoon/evening to morning/afternoon events and the creation of Gold Rush and other games that didn't exist twelve years ago. This has brought new players into the game with new expectations.

Helen has handled all these changes with grace and kindness, never letting the difficulties affect her friendliness and care for players. Whatever crises she is battling in the background, face-to-face she is always focused on making sure everyone has a good time at New England tournaments.

We all wish Helen well as she abandons New England winters for South Carolina's temperate climes. Their gain is definitely our loss.

Helen, we salute you for a decade of professionalism, energy, and unmitigated friendliness. **You are a class act, and we will all miss you.**



A chorus of voices: “C'mon, Helen, can't you stay on as Tournament Manager for just another year or two? Five, tops.”



Last year's winners on Friday:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	A	Elaine Kallio, Tina Yu	
	B	Victor Poon, Michael Taicher	
Open Swiss	A	Zach Grossack, Lloyd Arvedon, Bart Bussink, John McLaughlin	
	X	Maxim Siline, Xiaoqian Liu, Pam Miller, Jim Rasmussen	
Mid-Flight Swiss	B	Sabrina Miles, Darryl Legassie, Steve Diamond, Tom Seder	
	C	Avie and Donna Goldstein, Bob Sheinkopf, Peter Figdor	
Gold Rush Swiss	750	Linda Travers, Marie Strumulo, Deb Murphy, Janice Baker	
	300	Guy Tanner, Frederick Hayes, Janice Ward, Craig Cayer	
Open Pairs	A	Brian Glubok, Walter Schenker	
	B	Eric Vogel, Ron Talbot	
	C	Burt Saxon, Steve Emerson	
Afternoon 299er Pairs		Diane Drake, Lolly Hand	

Friday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
Lecture by Guest Expert			9:15-9:45
A/X Pairs		Open/4500	10:00 & 2:15
Mid-Flight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

Peter Marcus will explain the ACBL's new rules at 8:30 AM in the Newport Room.

Mark Aquino will give a presentation on “The Inner Game of Bridge” at 9:15 AM in the Rotunda. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

The Tournament Scheduling committee will meet at 6:00 PM in the Wellington Room.

The locations of all events and meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.



"Nobody likes to deal with other people's garbage. Try to leave each table at least as clean as it was when you arrived."

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Thursday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	A&B	John Prescott, Jim Charbonneau	
	C	Ann and Mike Belzer	
A/X Pairs	A	Victor King, Sheila Gabay	
	X	Gary Schwartz, Pete Matthews	
Mid-Flight Pairs	B	Hal Merzon, Richard Smolari	
	C	Maureen Bitner, Kenneth Wirkala	
Gold Rush Pairs	750	Robert Bratzler, Elizabeth Wood	
	300	Peg Smith, Chris Dowling	
Open Swiss	A	Gerald Di Vincenzo, Mary Savko, Ellie Hanlon, Bill Dubay	
	B	Stan Richmond, Mark Throop, Eric Throop, Ronald Klein	
	C	Avie and Donna Goldstein, Bob Sheinkopf, Peter Figdor	
Afternoon 299er Pairs		Janet Ryan, Elaine Colokathis	
Evening 299er Pairs		Lynne Fuente, Sheila Pechinski	

Thursday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
Monster Knockout I	Brackets		10:00 & TBA Continues on Friday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

It's Monster Knockout Day!

No meetings or special events today.




"Have a word of encouragement for our younger and less-experienced players, for they are the future of our game."

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Wednesday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	A & B	Stefanie Barley, Nina Mendall	
	C	Janet Ryan, Elaine Colokathis	
Open Swiss	A	Zach Grossack, Lloyd Arvedon, Margie Sullivan, Jay Stiefel	
	X	Steven Ansell, Bob Bertoni, Ellen Dilbert, Chris Aplitz	
Mid-Flight Swiss		Marshall Williams, John Lombardo, David Crosley, Clint Wright	
Gold Rush Swiss		Deb Murphy, Janice Baker, Coco Cooper, Mimi Fitzgerald	
Open Pairs	A & B	Gloria Manna, Stuart Treworgy	
	C	Todd Wachsman, Holly Campbell	
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A	Stacey Stack, Elizabeth Gluck	
	B	Thelma Sutton, Mary Norigian	
	C	Charlie and James Smith	
Evening 299er Pairs		Wendy Jarrett, Ulla Winkler	

Wednesday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/X Pairs		Open/4500	10:00 & 2:15
Mid-Flight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Ask the Experts Panel			1:30-2:00
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

At 1:30 Shome Mukherjee, Geff Phipps, and Mark Aquino will go over the hands played in the morning session. Bring your questions to the Rotunda. This event is FREE and open to everyone.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6 PM in the Grand Coat Room.

The locations of all special events and meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.




"Call the director whenever an irregularity occurs at your table, and don't forget 'please' and 'thank you.'"

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Tuesday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat	Winners	
Morning 299er Pairs	All	John Prescott, Jim Charbonneau	
Open Pairs	A	Lew Gamerman, Sheila Gabay	
	B&C	May Mok, Ethan Wood	
Gold Rush Pairs	750	Lucinda Stebbins, Rebecca Ames	
	300 & 500	Nathalie Tabor, Lisa Muir	
Open Swiss	A & B	Keith Kimball, Stephen Bean, Sarah Widhu, Ronald Briggs	
	C	Susan Schnur, Carol Maxon, Arlene Levy, Barbara Gross	
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A	Pam Jerskey, Ron Williams	
	B	John Prescott, Jim Charbonneau	
	C	Howard Cohn, Joan Gay	

Tuesday's Schedule

Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/B/C Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

No meetings today.

No special events today.

Pick up your free sticker for the Ocean State Regional at the Welcome Desk!



"Maintain a courteous attitude toward both your partner and opponents; try to treat others as you would want them to treat you."

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