



District 25, American Contract Bridge League

New England Units of the ACBL

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The New England Masters Regional Tournament in Mansfield, MA November 16-20, 2011

WELCOME! On behalf of District 25, we would like to welcome everyone to Mansfield, and the 2011 New England Fall Masters Regional tournament. We offer a full calendar of events for players at every skill level, as well as guest lectures from renowned bridge experts. Note in particular our expanded Gold Rush games – a 2-session Swiss Team event on Thursday, a pair event on Friday, and a compact knockout on Saturday -- all for players with 0-750 points, and all award gold points!

Our Hospitality and Partnership desks will be open each day prior to game-time. If you need a partner, or would like information about restaurants, have questions, or need help of any sort, our volunteers will be present and eager to assist you.

We wish everyone a great stay, lots of good bridge, plenty of fun, and a bushel of masterpoints. Please feel free to call the tournament staff if any problems arise. Have a great time, and see you at the bridge table!

Today's Schedule:

Wednesday, November 16		
1:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (continues at 7:00)	1 st session
	Stratified Senior Pairs (continues 7:00)	
	Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
7:00 PM	Wed-Thu Bracketed Random Draw Knockouts (continues Thu 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, & 7:00 PM)	1 st round
	Stratified Open Pairs continues (no new entries)	2 nd session
	Stratified Senior Pairs continues (no new entries)	
	Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750; Newcomer: 0-299, stratified
SENIOR EVENTS are restricted to those 55 years or older

Zero Tolerance

Zero Tolerance is in effect at all District 25 tournaments.

What can we do to make sure it works? Here is what Dick Budd, District 25 recorder, has to say:

Occasionally, your opponents do something you find rude or unethical. Most players simply do nothing at the time, and then complain loudly to their friends. This course of action leads the offenders to believe their actions are tolerated, and your friends that Zero Tolerance isn't working.

If you are subjected to rude and/or unethical behavior, call the director at the time of the incident. Report what happened, and ask for a player memo. Fill it out and hand it in. Every complaint will be investigated, and suitable action will be taken.

Help us make Zero Tolerance work, and make playing bridge even more enjoyable for all, from beginner to expert.

It may help to know

Active Ethics

Want to promote active ethics? When someone makes that extra effort to practice what we all preach, make sure that person is made to feel appreciated. Tell us, and the Bulletin will tell the world.

Change of Address

If your address or other information is wrong, please let the directors and ACBL headquarters know.

Give me a hand, Tell me a story

“Everyone has a story worth telling.” If you have any interesting or amusing hands, stories, anecdotes, or announcements, please pass them along for inclusion in the Bulletin. Give them to the bulletin editor (David Metcalf) or any tournament director, or email them to bulletin@nebridge.org

New Life Masters

Please let us know when, in what event, partner and teammates, and tell us about any special or interesting circumstances.

Smoking

There is no smoking anywhere near the playing area.

District Web Site

The District 25 Web site has lots of interesting and useful information. Check it out at www.nebridge.org.

Cell Phones

Please remember to turn off all cell phones and other electronic communication devices before entering the playing area.



299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

...with Sue Miguel



Welcome to the District 25

Gold Rush Tournament

>> WIN GOLD POINTS!!! <<

Special games for players with under 750 points
All events are two session games

Thursday: 10:00 and 2:30

GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

Friday: 10:00 and 2:00

GOLD RUSH PAIRS



Saturday: 10:00 and 2:00

GOLD RUSH COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Wednesday	Stratified Pairs	1:00, 7:00
Thursday	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Friday	Gold Rush Pairs Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:00 7:30
Saturday	Gold Rush Compact KO Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Swiss Teams	11:00

Tournament Schedule

Wednesday, November 16	
1:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Side Game (Wed-Thu Series) Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs Stratified Senior Pairs
7:00 PM	Bracketed Random Draw KO I (<i>continues Thurs 9AM, 1PM, 7PM</i>)
Thursday, November 17	
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	“Daylight” Stratified Open Pairs Gold Rush Swiss Teams (<i>2 sessions; stratified @0-100, 100-300, 300-750</i>)
1:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Stratified by average Swiss Teams (<i>stratified @0-2500, open</i>)
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Friday, November 18	
9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams
10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	Gold Rush Pairs (<i>2 sessions, stratified @0-100, 100-300, 300-750</i>)
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	“Daylight” A/X Open Pairs
1:00 PM	One Session Stratified Open Swiss Teams Side Game (Fri-Sat Series)
1:00 PM & 7:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
7:30 PM	Flight A Championship Knockout Teams (seeded) <i>(continues Sat 1PM, 7PM, Sun 11 AM, TBA if needed)</i> Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams (0-3000) (<i>continues Sat 9AM, 1PM, 7PM</i>) Side Game (Fri-Sat Series) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Saturday, November 19	
9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams
10 AM & 2 PM	Gold Rush Compact KO (<i>0-750, bracketed</i>)
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	“Daylight” Stratified Open Pairs
1:00 PM	One Session Stratified Open Swiss Teams
2:00 PM	One Session Stratified 0-750 Swiss Teams
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Flight A/X Pairs (<i>stratified @0-4000, 4000+</i>) Flight B/C Pairs (<i>stratified @0-750, 750-3000</i>)
1:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat Series)
Sunday, November 20	
10:00 AM (finish by 6 PM)	Bracketed Round Robin Teams (<i>2 sessions, short lunch break, finish by 6:00</i>) Intermediate/Newcomer Swiss Teams (<i>one session</i>)

