



District 25, American Contract Bridge League

New England Units of the ACBL

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The Ethel Keohane Senior Regional Tournament in Hyannis, MA

April 25 – 29, 2012

Welcome to the 24th annual District 25 Seniors Regional, here at our beautiful new home in Hyannis. In addition to gold-point events for our senior members, our tournament features silver-point events open to all, as well as newcomer and intermediate events for those with fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Susan Miguel will direct the Newcomers'/Intermediate sessions. Newcomers' games follow a different schedule from the main events - please see the "I/N Schedule" inside. The Newcomer program will offer free lessons, and free plays on Thursday for players with fewer than five masterpoints.

Our Hospitality and Partnership desks will be open one hour before the afternoon and evening sessions. If you need a partner, or would like information about restaurants, or have questions or need help of any sort, our local volunteers will be present and eager to assist you.

David Metcalf is the editor of our Daily Bulletin. If you know of any items of special interest, such as a hand that is particularly well-played, a humorous anecdote, or an example of active ethics, please submit them to him for possible publication. In addition, if you or a teammate becomes a Life Master during the tournament, please let David know so that it may be announced and celebrated in the Bulletin. Be sure also to check the Bulletin for interesting bridge articles, and for announcements of special hospitality treats.

Enjoy the tournament, and good luck to all!

Today's Schedule:

Wednesday, April 25

7:30 PM	Wed-Thurs Senior Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>[continues Thu 9AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM]</i>	1 st round
	Senior Side Game (Wed-Thu Series)	1 st session
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)	
	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (silver points)	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

A: 2500+; B: 750-2500; C: 0-750; Intermediate/Newcomer: 0-299, stratified

Silver point games are open to all players

SENIOR EVENTS (in bold) are restricted to those 55 years or older

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 national headquarters know.
Give me a hand	“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 Daily Bulletin. Give them to the bulletin editor (David Metcalf), or to 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 indoors, or outdoors 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. Failure to do so could result in penalties!

Zero Tolerance

Zero Tolerance is in effect at all District 25 tournaments. What can we do to make sure it works? Here's 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.



OFFICIAL ACBL SLOW PLAY POLICY

If you are a habitually (or even occasionally) slow player, you should be aware of the rules governing your conduct at the bridge table. These new, stricter rules *will* be applied at this and future tournaments.

The ACBL Board of Directors approved unanimously a policy, based on references to slow play regulations in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Their motion read,

“When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible, *whether at fault or not*. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness.

“In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of the penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play. While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director’s authority to issue a penalty.”

Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents -- and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who take more than their allotted time will be subject to penalty. And if you do fall behind, even if through no fault of your own, you nevertheless have a clear obligation to get caught up as soon as possible.

299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

NO AGE RESTRICTION



SILVER POINTS!



I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Wednesday	Stratified Pairs	7:30
Thursday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Friday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Swiss Teams	10:00

all events are single session

Join us for...

Free morning coffee • Free snacks
Door prizes • Trophies • Hand analysis
Free bridge lessons • Fun • Surprises
... and a whole lot more!!

Hyannis Tournament Schedule

Wednesday, April 25	
7:30 PM	Wed-Thurs Bracketed Senior KO (continues Thurs 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 7:00 PM)
	Senior Side Game – Wed-Thu Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (silver points)
Thursday, April 26	
9:00 AM	Senior Side Game – Morning Series
10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (one session, silver points)
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Senior Stratified Pairs (2 sessions – gold points)
1:00 PM	Senior Side Game – Wed-Thu Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game – Wed-Thu Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
Friday, April 27	
9:00 AM	Senior Bracketed Compact Knockout (continues Sat 9:00 AM)
	Senior Side Game – Morning Series
10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (one session, silver points)
1:00 PM	Fri-Sat Bracketed Senior KO (continues 7:00 PM, Sat 1:00 PM, and 7:00 PM)
	Senior Side Game – Fri-Sat Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Senior Stratified Pairs (2 sessions – gold points)
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game – Fri-Sat Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
Saturday, April 28	
9:00 AM	Senior Side Game – Morning Series
10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs (one session, silver points)
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Senior Stratified Pairs (2 sessions – gold points)
1:00 PM	Senior Side Game – Fri-Sat Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
7:00 PM	Senior Side Game – Fri-Sat Series
	Stratified Open Pairs (one session, silver points)
Sunday, April 29	
10:00 AM	Senior Bracketed Round Robin Teams (short break, finish by 5:00)
	Senior Side Game – Morning Series
	Open Swiss Teams (short break, finish by 5:00, silver points)
	Intermediate/Newcomer Swiss Teams (one session, silver points)

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