



# District 25, American Contract Bridge League

## New England Units of the ACBL

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# The New England Fiesta Regional Tournament in Warwick, RI

August 22 - September 2, 2012



### Today's Schedule:

<b>Monday, August 22</b>		
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b> (continues Tues 9AM)	1 <sup>st</sup> round
	Side Game (Mon-Tues-Wed Series)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	

#### STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750; Newcomer: 0-299, stratified

### 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.*



## 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 Memphis 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 (tournament director David Metcalf) or to any tournament director, or email them to [\*\*bulletin@nebridge.org\*\*](mailto: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\*\*](http://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!



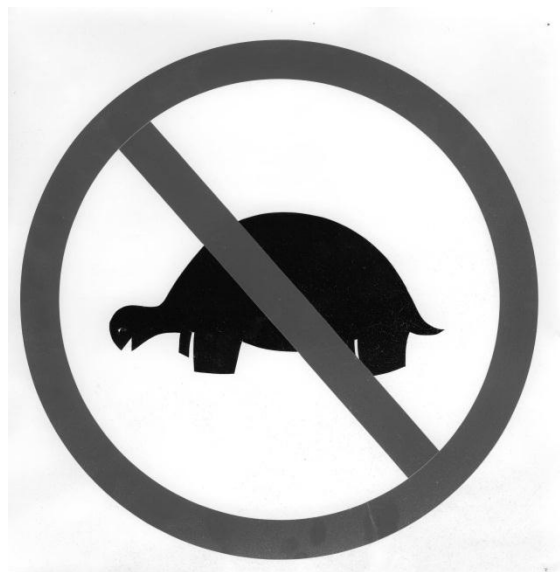
## OFFICIAL ACBL SLOW PLAY POLICY

If you are a habitually (or even occasionally) slow player, you should be aware that there are new 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 new 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*

...with Sue Miguel

*Welcome to the District 25*

### Gold Rush Tournament

>> WIN GOLD POINTS!!! <<

**Tuesday:** 10:00 and 2:30 (two-session event)

#### **GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAM OF FOUR GAME!**

Special team game for players with under 750 points  
Stratified at 0-300, 300-500, 500-750

**Wednesday:** 10:00 and 2:00 (two-session event)

#### **GOLD RUSH COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAM OF FOUR GAME!**

Special team game for 4 players with under 750 points

**Friday:** 10:00 and 2:00 (two session event)

#### **GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

Special game for players with under 750 points  
Stratified at 0-100, 100-300, 300-750



### I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Stratified Pairs</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Tuesday	Stratified Pairs <b>Gold Rush Swiss Teams</b>	10:00, 2:00, 7:00 <b>10:00 and 2:30</b>
Wednesday	Stratified Pairs <b>Gold Rush Compact Kos</b> 0-750 Swiss Teams	10:00, 2:00, 7:00 <b>10:00 and 2:00</b> 2:00
Thursday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Friday	Stratified Pairs <b>Gold Rush Pairs</b>	10:00, 2:00, 7:30 <b>10:00 and 2:00</b>
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Swiss Teams	10:00

*all events except Gold Rush games are single session*

# Warwick Tournament Schedule

<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 27</b>	
<b>Mon-Tues Compact Knockout Teams</b>	7:00 (continues Tues 9:00 AM)
Side Game (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 28</b>	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams</b> (0-750; stratified at 750/300/100)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Games (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>GOLD RUSH Compact KO Teams</b> (0-750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:00
<b>Wed-Thurs Compact Knockout Teams</b>	7:00 (continues Thurs 9:00 AM)
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
Side Games (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 (one session)
0-750 Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	2:00 (one session)
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 30</b>	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 31</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>Flight A Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 1:00 & 7:00, Sun 10:00 & 2:00)
<b>Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 9:00, 1:00, & 7:00)
<b>Daylight A/B Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>GOLD RUSH Pairs</b> (0-750; stratified at 750/300/100)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:00
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:30
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:30
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 (one session)
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Flight A/X Pairs</b> (open/0-4000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>Flight B/C Stratified Pairs</b> (0-3000/0-750)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>	
<b>Bracketed Round Robin Teams</b>	10:00 (2 sessions, short lunch break, finish by 6:00)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	One session event at 10:00