



District 25, American Contract Bridge League

New England Units of the ACBL

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The New England Knockout Team Regional Tournament

in Cromwell, CT

February 13-18, 2013



Welcome to the New England Knockout Team Regional!!! The tournament begins today, and will conclude on Monday, February 20. This tournament has been held every year since 1930, making it the oldest continuously running regional bridge tournament in the country!

We offer a full calendar of events for players at every skill level. The premiere event in the tournament, the 64th running of the Alfred H. Morehead Knockout Teams, starts Friday night. The winner receives the coveted Morehead Trophy. This tournament also features our new, simplified, District 25 tournament schedule, with most events at 10:00 and 2:30. We offer a 2-session team event and a pair event every day, Wednesday through Saturday, as well as side games in the evenings.

For our newcomers and intermediate players, we offer a full schedule of events, from today through Sunday. In addition, we feature *four* "Gold Rush" events: a Gold Rush Knockout on Wednesday, a Gold Rush Swiss Team game on Thursday, and a Gold Rush Pairs on Friday, and another Gold Rush Knockout on Saturday.

Today's Schedule:

Wednesday, February 13		
10:00 AM	Wednesday Bracketed Compact KO (2 sessions, continues at 2:30)	1 st round
	Gold Rush Compact KO (2 sessions, continues at 2:30)	
	Stratified Open Pairs (continues at 2:30)	1 st session
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
2:30 PM	<i>Compact Knockout continues (no new entries)</i>	2 nd round
	<i>Gold Rush Compact Knockout continues (no new entries)</i>	
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs continues</i>	2 nd session
	Stratified Open Swiss Teams (1 session – red points)	
	Stratified 0-750 Swiss Teams (1 session – red points)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
7:30 PM	Side Game (evening series)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

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

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 the ACBL know.
- Cell Phones** Please remember to turn off all cell phones and other communication devices before entering the playing area. **Failure to do so may result in penalties.**
- 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 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, and tell us 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. Check it out at www.nebridge.org for the latest information, with links to many other bridge sites.



New use of the clock in Swiss Team events

We have started using the clock slightly differently in Swiss Team and Bracketed Round Robin Team events. Rather than showing the time when you must start your final board, the clock represents the time when the result must be turned in at the scoring table. Obviously, since this includes the time needed to complete all boards, score the match, confirm the result with your opponents, and submit the score, more time will be put on the clock for each match. However, if the ticket is turned in late (even one second late!), then *BOTH* teams may be subject to a slow play penalty. A warning may be given the first time (though excessive lateness could warrant a penalty even then), but a second infraction WILL result in an automatic penalty.

What can you do? Be efficient. Keep an eye on the clock. Save post-mortems until after the match is scored. If your opponents are excessively slow, let a director know. If you find yourself in time trouble, consider skipping the last board of the match. If you start a board with less than ten minutes on the clock, you do so at your own risk - you may well have difficulty completing the hand, comparing, and getting your result in on time.

Bridge is a timed event. All participants are expected to keep within the time allotted. Slow play delays the entire event, and is discourteous, not only to your opponents, but to every player in the room. Please help keep our events running quickly and smoothly.

-- the Tournament Directors



HUNGRY?

Welcome to the New England Knockout Regional! To make your experience more pleasurable, we have prepared an extensive restaurant guide for establishments in Cromwell and neighboring towns. The guide includes 89 restaurants; menus for 75 may be found in the menu binders at the hospitality table. They are organized by town and, within each town, by street. A master list of restaurants is at the hospitality table, and inside each of the menu books. The list includes addresses and phone numbers. Additionally, the restaurants have been classified by cuisine. Multiple copies of this list by cuisine are available for your use and reference. Numbers after the names (C-5, R-2, W-7, etc.) show the town they are located in (Cromwell, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, etc.), and their number on the master list and in the menu book. Brief directions are included in the master list, and a large map, with reference numbers, is located at the hospitality table. We plan to have the hospitality table staffed AFTER the morning session and briefly AFTER the afternoon session, to answer questions and provide any assistance or advice you need. Check out the menu for restaurants you're interested in, and don't forget to make reservations, especially for large groups or on the weekend (and for Valentine's Day!).

Please feel free to drop by with reviews, comments or suggestions for improvement.

Mangia, Essen Sie, Bon Appetit!

299er Bridge News

C o m e j o i n t h e f u n ...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

... with Sue Miguel

FOUR Gold Rush Events!

49^{er} pair games on Friday!



I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Wednesday	GOLD RUSH Compact KO 0-750 Swiss Teams Stratified 299er Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Thursday	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Stratified 299er Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Friday	Gold Rush Pairs 0-49er Pairs Stratified 299er Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30 7:30
Saturday	Gold Rush Compact KO Teams Stratified 299er Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Sunday	Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	10:00

all events except Gold Rush 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!!

Cromwell Regional Schedule - February 13-18, 2013

new schedule!!!

Wednesday, February 13	
10 AM & 2:30 PM 2:30 PM	Bracketed Compact KO Teams One session Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM 2:30 PM	Gold Rush (0-750) Compact KO Teams One Session 0-750 Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
10 AM , 2:30 PM , 7:30 PM	Intermediate / New comer Pairs
7:30 PM	Side Game (Evening series)
♥♥♥ Thursday, February 14 ♥♥♥	
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Stratified <i>by average</i> Swiss Teams
	Gold Rush (0-750) Stratified Swiss Teams
	Stratified Open Pairs
10 AM , 2:30 PM , 7:30 PM	Intermediate/New comer Pairs
7:30 PM	Side Game (Evening series)
Friday, February 15	
10 AM & 2:30 PM 2:30 PM	Bracketed Compact KO Teams One session Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM	A/B Stratified Pairs
	Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 100-300, 0-100)
10 AM , 2:30 PM	Stratified 49er Pairs
1 PM , 7:30 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
	Side Game (Evening series)
7:30 PM	Flight A Knockout Teams (seeded) (continues Sat 10 AM , 2:30 PM , Sun 10 AM , 2:30 PM if needed)
	Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams (0-3000) (continues Sat 10 AM , 2:30 PM , 7:30 PM)
	Intermediate/New comer Pairs
	Side Game (Evening series)
Saturday, February 16	
10 AM & 2:30 PM 2:30 PM	Bracketed Compact KO Teams One session Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM 2:30 PM	Gold Rush (0-750) Compact KO Teams One Session 0-750 Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Flight A/X Pairs (X=0-4000)
	Flight B/C Pairs
10 AM , 2:30 PM , 7:30 PM	Intermediate / New comer Pairs
7:30 PM	Side Game (Evening series)
8:30 PM	Zip KO Teams
Sunday, February 17	
10 AM & TBA	Flight A/X Swiss Teams
	Flight B/C Swiss Teams
10 AM	299er Swiss Teams
Monday, February 18	
10 AM & 2:00 PM	Bracketed Compact Knockout (finish by 5:30)
	Stratified Pairs (finish by 5:30)
2 PM	Swiss Teams (1 session – red points)