



District 25, American Contract Bridge League

New England Units of the ACBL

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Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The New England Summer Regional Tournament in Sturbridge, MA

June 18-23, 2013

Today's Schedule:

Tuesday, June 18		
10:00 AM	Stratified by average Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues at 2:30)	1 st session
	Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues at 2:30)	
	Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions, continues at 2:30)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
2:30 PM	<i>Stratified Swiss Teams continues (no new entries)</i>	2 nd session
	<i>Gold Rush Swiss Teams continues (no new entries)</i>	
	<i>Stratified Open Pairs continues</i>	
	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

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.

Useful Information

- 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

- 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** Check out the NEW AND IMPROVED District 25 Web site!!! It is full of interesting and useful information. Find it at www.nebridge.org.

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



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.



Reminder



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

Event Defenders

TUESDAY STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

- A Pamela Granovetter - Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH;
Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury MA; Karen McCallum, Exeter NH
B Robert Arthur - John Nikula - Donald Robertson - Steven Salidas

GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

- 0-750 June Wood, Cumberland RI; Dorothy Lamson, Smithfield RI;
Lillian Richards, Warwick RI; Carole Goldman, Cranston RI
0-500 David Idell - Annmarie Stanton, Milton MA;
Judith Goranson, Weymouth MA; Raymond Mathieu, Norton MA
0-200 Ronald Bailer - Patricia Bailer, Shelton CT;
Robert Butterfoss, East Granby CT; Judy Goff, Granby CT

TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

- A Linda Green, Westport CT; David Blackburn, Fairfield CT
B Linda Green, David Blackburn

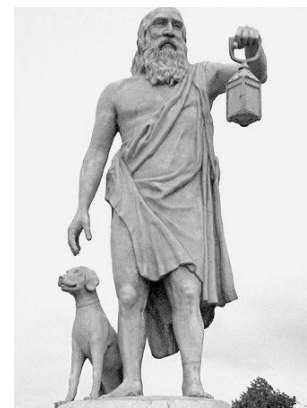


Seeking Nominations for the Larry Weiss Award

The New England Bridge Conference, District 25, periodically awards the Larry Weiss Trophy, which is inscribed: "For Grace and Skill at the Bridge Table". There are three criteria for the award:

1. Superior behavior and gracious presence at the bridge table.
2. Some degree of success in contract bridge during the year for which the award is made.
3. Some degree of association with New England Bridge.

Members of District 25 are encouraged to nominate a deserving individual for this award. Please e-mail nominations to Jim Rasmussen at jrras@aol.com before July 31st.



For further information on the history of this award and names of past recipients, consult the District 25 website, click on "Member Achievements", then on "Larry Weiss Award".



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 lost your match and your opponents are slow confirming, protect yourself by turning in a result yourself. If you find yourself in time trouble, consider skipping the last board of the match. If you start a board with insufficient time 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

299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

...with Sue Miguel

Welcome to the District 25

Gold Rush Tournament

→ → → **TODAY** ← ← ← 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, 300-750

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

GOLD RUSH COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAM OF FOUR GAME!

Special team game for players with under 750 points

Thursday: 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, 300-750

Friday: 10:00 and 2:30 (two session event)

GOLD RUSH PAIRS

Special pair game for players with under 750 points

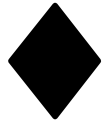
Stratified at 0-100, 100-300, 300-750



I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Tuesday	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Wednesday	Gold Rush Compact KOs One Session 0-750 Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Thursday	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Friday	Gold Rush Pairs Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Stratified Pairs	10:00

all events except Gold Rush games are single session





Upcoming Nearby Regionals:

**DISTRICT 3 SUMMER REGIONAL
AUGUST 19-25, 2013
Fairfield, NJ**

Crowne Plaza Hotel **973-227-9200**
Room rate: \$119 + tax **Reservations deadline: Aug 5**

**DISTRICT 25 NEW ENGLAND “FIESTA” REGIONAL
AUGUST 27-SEPT 1, 2013
Warwick, RI**

Warwick Crowne Plaza Hotel **401-732-6000**
Room rate: \$95 + tax **Reservations deadline: Aug 2**

Upcoming District 25 sectionals:

District 25 STaC (except CT)	June 24-30	local clubs
Vermont Summer Sectional Tournament	July 12-14	Rutland, VT
NH Summer Sectional Tournament	July 20-21	Newington, NH
Maine Lobsterfest Sectional Tournament	July 27-28	South Portland, ME
EMBA Summer Sectional Tournament	Aug 16-18	Watertown, MA
Western Mass Sectional Tournament	Aug 17-18	Great Barrington, MA
Connecticut Summer Sectional Tournament	Aug 23-25	Guilford, CT



FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUTH BRIDGE

New England Youth Bridge Informational Meeting - Saturday eve

Would you like to help the future of bridge by bringing young people to the game? Are you interested in volunteering as a teacher? Do you know of a school or summer camp that might be interested in starting a bridge program? New England Youth Bridge is holding an informational meeting Saturday evening, June 22 at the Sturbridge Regional to let you know how you can help.

During the past two years NEYB has helped to establish four school bridge clubs within EMBA. NEYB has helped recruit volunteer teachers, has developed lesson plans and teaching aids that are available at no charge and provided financial support when requested and necessary to school clubs throughout the District. This year we have held joint tournaments with bridge school clubs from New Hampshire and Central Mass with each of the student participants winning ACBL masterpoints. We would like to expand our programs into many more schools and summer camps.

NEYB hopes to sponsor a Youth Tournament Day during the 2014 Fall Nationals in Providence and would like to have a large number of participating schools from District 25. We need your help to make this happen!

Sturbridge Regional Tournament Schedule

TUESDAY, JUNE 18	
Stratified by average Swiss Teams (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (0-750; stratified at 750/300)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Game	One session: 7:30
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19	
Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
GOLD RUSH Compact KO Teams (0-750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	One session: 2:30
0-750 Red Point Swiss Teams	One session: 2:30
Side Games	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
THURSDAY, JUNE 20	
Stratified by average Swiss Teams (open/3000/750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (0-750; stratified at 750/300)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Games	One session: 7:30
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
FRIDAY, JUNE 21	
Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Flight A Knockout Teams	7:30 (continues Sat 10:00 & 2:30, Sun 10:00 & 2:30)
Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams	7:30 (continues Sat 10:00, 2:30, & 7:30)
Stratified A/B Pairs	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs (0-750; stratified at 750/300/100)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	One session: 2:30
Side Game	One session: 7:30
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	
Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Flight A/X Pairs (open/0-4000)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Flight B/C Stratified Pairs (0-3000/0-750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	One session: 2:30
Side Game	One session: 7:30
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30
Zip Knockout Teams	One session: 8:30 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 23	
Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10:00 (2 sessions, short lunch break, finish by 6:00)
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session event at 10:00

HAVE YOU QUALIFIED YET?????

The District 25 **North American Pairs regional final** will take place Oct 19-20, in Sturbridge, MA. If you want to play in it (and compete for a district-subsidized trip to the National finals), don't forget to qualify at your local club! Clubs will be holding qualifying events throughout the months of June, July and August. You do NOT need to qualify with the person you will play with in the regional final, but you and your partner **MUST** qualify. Ask your club director when he will be holding qualifier games.