



# District 25, American Contract Bridge League

## New England Units of the ACBL

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# 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.*



## 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](mailto:jrras@aol.com) before July 31<sup>st</sup>.



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
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gold Rush Swiss Teams</b> <b>Stratified Pairs</b>	<b>10:00 and 2:30</b> <b>10:00, 2:30, 7:30</b>
Wednesday	<b>Gold Rush Compact KOs</b> One Session 0-750 Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	<b>10:00 and 2:30</b> 2:30 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Thursday	<b>Gold Rush Swiss Teams</b> Stratified Pairs	<b>10:00 and 2:30</b> 10:00, 2:30, 7:30
Friday	<b>Gold Rush Pairs</b> Stratified Pairs	<b>10:00 and 2:30</b> 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*



## Sturbridge Regional Tournament Schedule

<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 18</b>	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams</b> (0-750; stratified at 750/300)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>GOLD RUSH Compact KO Teams</b> (0-750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 20</b>	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/3000/750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams</b> (0-750; stratified at 750/300)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 21</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Flight A Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 10:00 & 2:30, Sun 10:00 & 2:30)
<b>Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 10:00, 2:30, & 7:30)
<b>Stratified 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 2:30
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
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 22</b>	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Flight A/X Pairs</b> (open/0-4000)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Flight B/C Stratified Pairs</b> (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
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 23</b>	
<b>Bracketed Round Robin Teams</b>	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.