



District 25

NEW ENGLAND BRIDGE CONFERENCE - AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE - DISTRICT 25

Welcome to the Ocean State Regional

Aug. 27-Sept. 1 Warwick, RI

Six Days of Bridge and So Much More from District 25



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Lineup of Events

Tuesday, August 27			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/B/C Pairs	Open	Open/3000/1500	10 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/500/300	10 & 2:15
Open Swiss	Open	Open/3000/750	10 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series	Open	Open/1500/500	7:30
Wednesday, August 28			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/X Pairs	Open	Open/4500	10 & 2:15
Midflight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10 & 2:15
Open Swiss	Open	Open/3000/750	10 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10, 2:15 & 7:30
Ask the Experts Panel			1:30-2:00
Super Point Series	Open	Open/1500/500	7:30
Thursday, August 29			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
IN Lesson by Carolyn Weiser: Stayman Convention			9:15
Open Knockout	Open	Bracketed	10 & TBA, Continues Fri.
Knock-In Knockout	0-10K per team	Bracketed	10 & TBA, Continues Fri.
Open Pairs	Open	Open/3000/750	10 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series	Open	Open/1500/500	7:30
Friday, August 30			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
Lesson by Bob Lavin			9:15
A/B/C Pairs	Open	Open/3000/1500	10 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/500/300	10 & 2:15
Open Swiss	Open	Open/3000/750	10 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series	Open	Open/1500/500	7:30
Saturday, August 31			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
IN Lesson by Carolyn Weiser: Jacoby Transfers			9:15
Monster Knockout	Open	Bracketed	10 & TBA, Continues Sun.
Open Pairs	Open	Open/3000/750	10 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10, 2:15
Red Point Swiss	Open	Open/3000/750	2:15
Pro-Am Pairs	Open	Open/1500/500 (Pro)	7:30
Sunday, September 1			
Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/X Swiss	Open	Open/4500	10 & TBA
Midflight Swiss	0-2500	2500/1250	10 & TBA
Gold Rush Swiss	0-750	750/300	10 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10
Super Point Series	Open	Open/1500/500	10, 2:00

Bridge in New England This Fall

Regional Events (Gold and Red Points):

Tournament	Site	City	Dates
D3 Autumn Leaf Regional	Crowne Plaza	Danbury, CT	October 14-20
Harvest Regional	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 6-10
NAP Flight A & B*	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 9-10
NAP Flight C*	Holiday Inn	Mansfield, MA	November 10

* Qualification at club required.

Sectional Events (Silver Points):

Tournament	Site	City	Dates
Late Summer Sectional	Burlington BC	Williston, VT	September 13-15
Indian Summer Sectional	Woodfords Club	Portland, ME	September 14-15
Fantastic Fall Sectional	Senior Center	Johnston, RI	September 21-22
Fall Foliage Sectional	Town Hall	Grantham, MA	September 28-29
Fall Sectional	Armenian Center	Watertown, MA	October 4-6
199er Sectional	Hartford BC	West Hartford, CT	October 13
Fall Sectional	Senior Center	Auburn, MA	October 19-20
Eastern Maine Sectional	Reeds Brook Middle School	Hampden, ME	October 19-20
Autumn Sectional	Keeney Memorial Cultural Center	Wethersfield, CT	October 25-27
Queechee Gorge Sectional	Base Lodge	Queechee, VT	October 25-27
Ed Gould Sectional	Dover Elks Lodge	Dover, NH	November 2-3
CT STaC	CT clubs	CT	November 11-17
Holiday Sectional	Armenian Center	Watertown, MA	December 13-15

Club Games (Black Points):

Sanctioned club games are held nearly every day. Wherever you find yourself, you can find a nearby club at <https://web3.acbl.org/findalist/club>.

It's time to get ready:

The Summer **North American Bridge Championships** will be held in Providence, RI, July 15-25, 2021.

Special Events at the Ocean State Regional

Hospitality:

- Coffee and treats every morning at 9:00 outside the main ballroom.
- Treats such as cookies or fruit cups in the middle of the afternoon sessions outside of both ballrooms.
- Candy available at the Welcome desk and the 299er room (a.k.a. the Rotunda).
- Coffee and treats during the evening pairs games.

Education:

- A panel of experts will discuss the hands from the morning pairs game at 1:30 on Wednesday in the Rotunda.
- Carolyn Weiser will present an I/N lesson at 9:15 on Thursday morning in the Rotunda entitled “Stayman ... so you thought you knew it all.”
- Bob Lavin will present a lecture at 9:15 on Friday morning in the Rotunda.
- Carolyn Weiser will present an I/N lesson at 9:15 on Saturday morning in the Rotunda entitled “Jacoby Transfers – the rest of the story.”

Committee Meetings:

Committee	Day	Time	Location
NABC Providence	Friday	1:30 PM	Wellington Room
Tournament Scheduling	Friday	6:00 PM	Wellington Room
Communications	Saturday	8:30 AM	Wellington Room
Executive	Saturday	5:30 PM	Wickford Room



To be safe, check the sign posted at the Welcome Desk for the **locations** of all committee meetings and special events.

The Knock-In Knock-Out

When is it? Thursday and Friday August 29-30.

Who can play? Four-person teams with less than 10,000 points in total. At the same time an Open Knock-Out will be available for teams that have more points or prefer the classic format.

Who will get gold points? All four members of every team that makes it to Friday's head-to-head matches – just like in a Monster Knockout.

So, what's the big deal? The size of the brackets. In all Monster Knockouts the brackets have between nine and sixteen teams. In this event most brackets – and all of the lowest brackets – will have only five teams! No opportunity like this has ever been offered in New England, and it is not at all clear that this kind of event will be allowed for long.

Wait, are you saying that ... Yes! In most brackets four out of the five teams will get to play one another on Friday for first, second, third, and fourth place. All sixteen players will be guaranteed gold points.

How will the four teams get selected? The format for Thursday's games will be a Round-Robin with Swiss scoring. Every team will play every other team in its bracket. The four teams with the most victory points will advance.

How does a five-way Round-Robin work? I'm glad that you asked. Each team plays a match against each of the other four teams over the course of Thursday. Many different schedules are possible. Here is one:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
NS 1	EW 2	EW 3	EW 4	EW 5
NS 2	EW 4	EW 1	EW 5	EW 3
NS 3	EW 1	EW 5	EW 2	EW 4
NS 4	EW 5	EW 2	EW 3	EW 1
NS 5	EW 3	EW 4	EW 1	EW 2

At the end of Round 1 and Round 3, the East-West teams take the boards that they have played to their North-South teammates. At the end of Round 2 and Round 4, scores are reported to the director. The director converts them to victory points and posts them on a matrix such as this:

Team #	1	2	3	4	5	Scores
1	xxx	15	8			23
2	5	xxx		11		16
3	12		xxx		15	27
4		9		xxx	11	20
5			5	9	xxx	14

The Scores column shown above list results at the halfway point using a 20-point VP scale. Team 1 has played Team 2 and Team 3; Team 2 has played Team 1 and Team 4, etc. After the afternoon matches the directors will fill in the blank cells, and the Scores column will reflect the final results.

The top four teams will then play head-to-head matches on Friday to determine first, second, third, and fourth places using the usual knockout format.

Also in Warwick ...

Saturday evening will be devoted to the **Pro-Am Pairs**. One member of each pair must be a non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints. The other player can be anyone. District 25 has held this type of event at most of the other tournaments, but this is a first for the Ocean State Regional. It will be a great opportunity to meet new people and play in an atmosphere with much less tension than most events at a regional tournament.

There is no reason to be embarrassed about asking someone from the other category to play with you. If you need some help in finding a partner, just email Joe Brouillard at joe@joebrouillard.com, Marshall Williams at MarshallWilliams@me.com or Susan Miguel at inchair@nebridge.org or ask at the Welcome/Partnership Desk.

Can two “ams” play together? Yes!

Vouchers for entry fees will be on sale near the playing area from 8:45-9:45 every morning. You can purchase any number of vouchers and use them whenever you want at any event sponsored by District 25. Credit cards, cash, and checks will be accepted as payment for vouchers. All of the details about vouchers are available at <http://nebridge.org/pages/390/>.

On Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. **50-50 raffle tickets** will be on sale. They will also be sold between sessions on Thursday and before the evening game. The winning ticket will be drawn during the hospitality break of the evening Super Point pairs game.

Wednesday's pairs game will have **three flights**. The top flight will be open to all. The Mid-Flight event will be open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints. Players with less than 750 masterpoints can play in the Gold Rush flight.

There will also be three flights in Sunday's Swiss. The cutoff levels will be the same. Every player on the team must meet the eligibility criteria.

Flights, Strats and Other Bridge-isms

At some point almost every serious bridge player wonders about how the schedules for Regional Tournaments are determined. This document attempts to clarify part of the process.

In District 25 the schedule for each tournament is drawn up by the Tournament Scheduling Committee, a group of volunteers that works hard to devise schedules that will provide a positive experience for the largest number of participants. This schedule must then be approved by the Executive Committee, which includes representatives from each unit.

The schedule must meet certain guidelines established by the ACBL. These guidelines use two terms that might be somewhat confusing to the average player: **flights and strats**. Here is the schedule for the first two days of this tournament with each event's flights and strats.

Tuesday, August 28

		Eligibility	Stratification
A/B/C Pairs	10 & 2:15	Open	Open, 3000, 1500
Gold Rush Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-750	750, 500, 300
Strat Open Swiss	10 & TBA	Open	Open, 3000, 750
299er Pairs	10, 2:15, 7:30	0-299.99	Director's discretion
Super Point Series	7:30	Open	Open, 1500, 500

Wednesday, August 29

A/X Pairs	10 & 2:15	Open	Open, 4500
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-2500	2500, 1250
Gold Rush Pairs	10 & 2:15	0-750	750, 300
Strat Open Swiss	10 & TBA	Open	Open, 3000, 750
299er Pairs	10, 2:15, 7:30	0-299.99	Director's discretion
Super Point Series	7:30	Open	Open, 1500, 500

A strat (in bridge circles “stratum” and “strata” are seldom used) is a **level in an event** used for scoring, not for eligibility of participation. The scores in stratified events are based upon masterpoints. The stratification can be based upon the player with the most points or upon the average of the team members (or pair in a pairs game). In District 25 stratification is usually based upon the **average** of the team members or pair.

So, the Gold Rush Pairs event on Tuesday has three strats: 0-299.99, 0-499.99, and 0-749.99. Pairs with an average of under 300 points can win the top strat, but they must do better than all the players in the event, even those with hundreds of points more than they have. However, to win the bottom strat they must only score more than the other pairs with average points under 300. This approach allows players with less experience to play against players with more points but to be scored against their peers. It helps address the frustration of players who must compete against others with far more experience.

Similarly, the ABC Pairs event also has three strats. The breaking points are 3,000 and 1,500 masterpoints. The Open Swiss Teams on Wednesday also has three strats, but the breaking points are 3,000 and 750. In all of these the averages are used for stratification.

Why would the Swiss and the Pairs have different strats when they are both open events and occur at the same times? The ACBL considers the two two-session pairs events (i.e., the A/BC Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs) as **two flights of the same event**. This distinction is important. The pairs event is a much larger event that awards a much larger number of masterpoints than the Swiss. In effect, the winners in the ABC Pairs event are given credit for finishing ahead of everyone in the Gold Rush event! Of course, those who do not place win nothing.

The pairs games on Wednesday are different. There are three flights – A/X, Mid-Flight, and Gold Rush. Each of them has only two strats. This arrangement allows the players with less than 2500 points to get a break from trying to swim with the sharks. The Swiss games on Friday and Sunday employ the same system of stratification.

The 299er games and Super Points games are also stratified. Because these games are single-session events, they are covered by a different set of standards. In District 25 the levels in the 299er games are usually set by the director. In the Super Points pairs games, there will be three strats – Open, 3000 and 750.

Social Media

Bridge news and more: **NEBridge** on Facebook, **@NE_Bridge** on Twitter

The District 25's Website, NEBridge.org

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If it has anything to do with bridge in New England, you can find it at NEBridge.org. The home page provides news in the center column. The column on the right promotes upcoming events. Navigation to the rest of the site is done using the green menu bar on the left.

The “Home” tab allows you to return to the home page with one click from any of the other pages

The “Calendar” tab directs the browser to the official D25 calendar that includes all events sponsored by the district. It also includes sectionals sponsored by all eight units, three NABC tournaments held every year, and a few tournaments in nearby districts. For all of the New England events pdf files for the flyers are linked.

“About Us” contains a great deal of information about the organization of bridge in New England as well as explanations of ranks and other matters controlled by the ACBL.

The next tab concerns the two “Grass Roots” events, the North American Pairs (NAP) and the Grand National Teams (GNT). These two championships are sponsored by the ACBL and are

Contended at the NABC in the spring and summer. The district sponsors teams in both of these events. This tab (and all of the tabs with down-pointing arrows) has several sub-tabs. You can see them by hovering the cursor on the main tab.

The “Online Partnership Desk” tab links to the ACBL's partnership software. You must sign in to “MyACBL” to use it.

The “Tournament Results” tab connects to a page that links to the results from this tournament and all other district tournaments dating back many years. The sub-tabs provide links to the Winners Board (photos) indexes by player name and event as well as the results from StaC games.

The “Tournament Locations” tab provides a map that shows the locations of the district's events.

The “Conditions of Contest” tab provides a pathway to detailed explanations of the rules of different types of competition, including the NAP and GNT.

The “Member Achievements” tab connects to lists of winners of awards based on points as well as advancements in rank and winners of the Larry Weiss award and NABC events.

Where are my results?

Results from the games are no longer included in this publication. Players who register at ACBLLive.org are sent an email with links to their results as soon as they are posted. Links to both the detailed results and the list of high finishers are also posted on NEBridge.org on both the home page and the Tournament Results page.

Results will now also be posted under a daily banner in the hallway, and, of course, you can still find them on the wall in the room in which the session took place.

Nearby Restaurants

Category	Name	Address	Phone	Miles
American	Applebee's	300 Quaker Lane	823-8181	4.4
American	Blue Fire Grill & Lounge	(Sheraton) 1850 Post Rd	738-4000	2.9
American	Buffalo Wild Wings	400 Bald Hill Road	739-1392	2.6
American	Buttonwoods Fish & Chips	416 Buttonwoods Ave	738-7571	3.1
American	Charley's Philly Steak	400 Bald Hill Rd	921-5550	2.6
American	Chelo's	2225 Post Rd	737-7299	2.1
American	Chelo's Waterfront	1 Masthead Dr	884-3000	2.6
American	Chili's	1276 Bald Hill Road	821-0310	2.7
American	Denny's	444 Quaker Lane	826-7613	4.5
American	Eleven49	1149 Division St	884-1149	5.6
American	Governor Francis Inn	1251 Warwick Avenue	463-8227	5.1
American	Greenwood Inn	1350 Jefferson Blvd	738-3334	1.3
American	Iron Works	697 Jefferson Boulevard	739-5111	2.5
American	Libations Restaurant	Radisson 2081 Post Rd	598-2121	2.4
American	Norwood Grille	1325 Post Road	780-9988	4.7
American	Not Your Average Joe's	400 Bald Hill Road	739-5637	2.6
American	Red Robin	400 Bald Hill Road	736-0700	2.6
American	Smokey Bones BBQ	31 Universal Boulevard	821-2789	2.9
American	TGI Friday's	989 Centerville Rd	822-0800	3.2
American	The Crossings and Alfred's	Crowne Plaza	732-6000	0
American	The Shanty	3854 Post Road	884-7008	2.4
American	The Tree House Tavern	1094 Centerville Road	821-1105	3.4
American	Timmy's Family Restaurant	644 W Shore Rd	732-4086	5.7
American	West Shore Coffee Bar	2291 W Shore Rd	921-2999	3.8
Asian	Dragon Dragon	878 Post Rd	780-8888	5.6
Asian	Eastern Star	3301 Post Rd	738-6162	1.4
Asian	Han Palace	2470 W Shore Rd	738-2238	3.5
Asian	Jade Dragon	1982 Warwick Ave	732-9595	5.8
Asian	Kwong Dynasty	80 Lambert Lind Hwy	738-8280	1.7
Asian	Lemongrass	1138 Post Rd	941-1388	5.1
Asian	New Asia House	300 Quaker Lane	826-8200	4.2
Asian	New Canton Restaurant	588 Warwick Ave	461-0740	6.4
Asian	Red Rice	336 Bald Hill Rd	737-9550	1.7
Asian	Wasabi	1276 Bald Hill Rd	828-8688	2.7
Bakery & Deli	Anthony's Old World Deli	400 Warwick Avenue	461-9100	6.7
Bakery & Deli	Antonio's Bakery & Charlie's Deli	2448 W Shore Road	738-3727	3.5
Bakery & Deli	Classic Deli	24 Quaker Lane	823-5050	3.5
Bakery & Deli	Diane's Delectables	901 Warwick Ave	359-2534	7
Bakery & Deli	Greatful Bread	1277 Post Rd	780-8878	4.8
Bakery & Deli	Mousie's Deli	1619 Warwick Ave	737-3696	4.6
Bakery & Deli	My Favorite Muffin	1535 Post Rd	739-0778	4.3
Bakery & Deli	Panera Bread	1000 Bald Hill Rd	320-1511	2.1
Bakery & Deli	Trinity Confections	1625 Warwick Avenue	681-4902	4.6
Diner	Alice's Restaurant	469 W Shore Rd	237-4045	6
Diner	Beach Cafe	805 Oakland Beach Ave	732-3213	5.1
Diner	Brewed Awakenings	1316 Bald Hill Road	826-2233	2.8
Diner	Café Tempo Coffee House	32 Toll Gate Road	737-0109	1.7
Diner	Coast Line Diner	137 Kilvert St	773-7807	2.6
Diner	Coffee Grinder	961 Namquid Dr	463-3300	5.1
Diner	Donat's Place	163 Kilvert St.	737-1719	2.7
Diner	IHOP	1802 Post Road	738-0003	3
Diner	Jefferson Diner	175 Jefferson Boulevard	739-4125	4.7
Diner	Nick and Joan's Place	1633 Warwick Avenue	738-6470	4.6
Diner	Paula's Place	465 Warwick Ave	941-2022	6.6
Diner	Peter's Coney Island	2298 West Shore Road	732-6499	3.8
Diner	Sunnyside	2428 W Shore Road	739-0199	3.5
Diner	Sunrise Café	1155 West Shore Road	737-8111	5.8
Diner	The Cozy Grill	440 Warwick Avenue	941-9088	6.6
Fast Food	Chick-Fil-A	1500 Bald Hill Road	615-3423	3
Fast Food	Five Guys	300 Quaker Lane	828-3100	4.4
Fast Food	Johnny Rockets	400 Bald Hill Road	921-1313	2.6
Fast Food	KFC	767 Airport Rd	739-9088	3.1
Fast Food	McDonald's	876 Bald Hill Rd	828-0920	2
Fast Food	McDonald's	770 Post Rd	781-6737	5.8
Fast Food	Smashburger	1000 Bald Hill Rd	381 2298	2.1
Fast Food	Wendy's	650 Bald Hill Rd	828-9027	1.7
Fast Food	Wendy's	1951 Post Rd	921-5226	3.2

Category	Name	Address	Phone	Miles
Irish	County Cork Irish Pub	50 Waterfront Drive	732-2675	4.8
Irish	O'Rourke's Bar & Grille	23 Peck Lane	228-7444	7.2
Irish	Shannon View Inn	1901 Post Road	732-0996	2.8
Italian	Bertucci's	1946 Post Road	732-4343	2.7
Italian	Carrabba's	1350 Bald Hill Road	827-8880	3
Italian	DiVine	2317 West Shore Road	921-3300	3.7
Italian	Elizabeth's of Portofino	897 Post Road	461-8920	5.5
Italian	Martinelli's Tuscan Deli	2914 Post Road	732-4444	1.7
Italian	Mirabella's Italian Cucina	963 Namquid Drive	270-5060	5.1
Italian	Olive Garden	31 Universal Blvd	821-7322	2.9
Italian	Rigatoni's	1229 Warwick Avenue	463-5580	5.1
Italian	Sophia's Tuscan Grille	1729 Warwick Avenue	732-6656	4.8
Italian	Tavolo Wine Bar & Tuscan Grille	2099 Post Road	384-2573	2.6
Italian	Vanda	1 Centerville Road	921-3144	1.4
Mexican	California Taco Shop	2168 Elmwood Avenue	383-0075	5.5
Mexican	Cantina del Rio	1705 W Shore Road	921-0071	4.9
Mexican	Chipotle Mexican Grill	1800 Post Road	732-9233	2.9
Mexican	Chipotle Mexican Grill	969 Bald Hill Road	821-3007	2.2
Mexican	Moe's Southwest Grill	300 Quaker Lane	615-8640	4.4
Mexican	Taco Bell	2574 West Shore Road	921-6811	3.2
Mexican	Taco Bell	877 West Shore Road	828-9209	6.2
Mexican	Zambrero	1000 Bald Hill Road	615-3465	2.2
Pizza	Cosmic Steak & Pizza	1141 Post Rd	781-5410	5.1
Pizza	Crusty's Pizza	1331 Warwick Ave	463-5123	5.5
Pizza	Demo's	1686 Warwick Avenue	732-1800	4.7
Pizza	Depetrillo's	1729 Warwick Ave	732-3331	4.8
Pizza	Domino's	2247 Warwick Ave	732-2940	4.5
Pizza	Domino's	2757 Post Road	732-5770	1.5
Pizza	Domino's	557 Warwick Avenue	467-3130	4.8
Pizza	Filippou's Twisted Pizza III	1690 W Shore Road	773-7810	4.9
Pizza	Frank Pepe	21 Universal Blvd	425-7776	2.9
Pizza	George's	2912 Warwick Ave	738-5776	7.1
Pizza	Gigi's Pizza & Bar	647 Main Ave	738-2873	1.5
Pizza	Little Ceasar's	50 Airport Road	739-1004	4.4
Pizza	Little John's	625 Warwick Ave	785-2241	6.4
Pizza	Mike & Gel's	3003 W Shore Rd	737-4445	3.3
Pizza	Pam's Pizza	2739 Post Road	732-3193	1.4
Pizza	Picasso's	2323 Warwick Ave	739-5030	4.3
Pizza	Pier Pizza	2763 Post Road	738-8008	1.5
Pizza	PieZoni's Pizza	3377 Post Road	921-2323	1.5
Pizza	Pizza Hut	10 Quaker Lane	821-6726	3.5
Pizza	Pizza King	1800 Post Road	732-1338	2.9
Pizza	Pizza Plus	420 Buttonwoods Ave	739-3166	3.2
Pizza	Ronzio Pizza	2424 W Shore Rd	737-8800	3.5
Pizza	Ronzio Pizza	422 Warwick Avenue	941-7750	6.6
Pizza	Shoreline Pizza	745 W Shore Road	737-4992	5.9
Pub/Brewery	All Stars	685 Airport Rd	384-6004	3.7
Pub/Brewery	Arooga's	615 Greenwich Ave	732-1230	0.8
Pub/Brewery	BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse	650 Bald Hill Rd	262-4550	1.7
Pub/Brewery	Bottom Line	415 Palmer Ave	921-5750	6.3
Pub/Brewery	Dave's	2339 Post Road	739-7444	1.9
Pub/Brewery	Gregg's Tavern	1359 Post Rd	467-5700	4.6
Pub/Brewery	Grid Iron	1599 Post Road	384-6969	4.4
Pub/Brewery	Ollie's Pub	941 West Shore Road	921-5192	6.3
Pub/Brewery	On the Roch's	1595 Centerville Rd	821-3262	4.3
Pub/Brewery	Retro Bar	2323 Warwick Ave	739-5030	4.3
Pub/Brewery	Runway 41 Bar & Grill	41 Roseland Ave	732-6076	3.1
Pub/Brewery	Tavern Twelve	2299 Post Road	490-2620	2
Pub/Brewery	The Pub at Shoreline	745 W Shore Road	337-4992	4.3
Pub/Brewery	The Whalen	2647 West Shore Road	738-9294	3.2
Seafood	Captain's Catch	1 Centerville Rd	738-6762	1.4
Seafood	Crow's Nest Restaurant	288 Arnolds Neck Dr	732-6575	1.9
Seafood	Iggys	889 Oakland Beach Avenue	737-9459	5.4
Seafood	Kim & Steve's Masthead Grill	3880 Post Rd.	884-0025	2.5
Seafood	Tommy's Clam Shack	2275 Warwick Ave	921-5005	4.4
Seafood	Top of the Bay Restaurant	898 Oakland Beach Ave	921-3663	5.4
Steaks	Longhorn	400 Bald Hill Rd.	737-6943	2.6

All addresses are in Warwick. The area code for all phone numbers is 401.

What's Available at the Tournament for Newcomers and Intermediates?

299er

- Limited to players with less than 300 masterpoints
- Single-session pair games
- 10:00, 2:15, and 7:30 Tuesday through Friday
- 10:00 and 2:15 Saturday
- 10:00 Sunday
- Red points
- Strats determined by director

Gold Rush

- Limited to players with less than 750 masterpoints
- Two-session events
- Pairs on Tuesday with three strats: 750, 500, 300
- Pairs on Wednesday and Friday with two strats: 750, 300
- Swiss Teams on Sunday with two strats: 750, 300
- Gold and red points

Knockouts

- Four-session team events at 10:00 and 2:15 on two consecutive days
- **Knock-In starts on Thursday and continues through Friday – small brackets dramatically improve chances**
- Monster KO starts on Saturday and continues through Sunday
- Bracketed (9-16 teams per bracket) so that everyone plays against other teams with similar levels of experience
- Gold and red points
- Everyone who makes it to the second day wins gold points

Who Does What in District 25?

Board of Delegates	Representatives from each of the eight units	Chosen by the units	Meets twice a year to set policy and elect officers.
Executive Committee	Officers plus past president plus one or two reps from each district	Officers elected by BoD. Reps chosen by the units.	Meets at every regional event to deal with issues that have arisen.
Tournament Director	Peter Marcus	Selected by Executive Committee	Hires and manages directors. Provides advice on ACBL rulings and policy.
District Director	Bob Bertoni	Elected by units	Represents the district in all ACBL meetings and decisions. Appoints the NAP and GNT coordinator.
President	Lois DeBlois	Elected by BoD	Sets the agenda and makes sure that everything gets done.
Vice President	Jack Mahoney	Elected by BoD	Chairman of the Tournament Scheduling Committee and backup for the president.
Treasurer	Joe Brouillard	Elected by BoD	Manages investments and accounting.
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser	Elected by BoD	Records, writes, and publishes minutes. Acts as liaison with the units and clubs.
Tournament Manager	Sally Kirtly	Selected by special committee	Negotiates and manages contracts with tournament sites. Arranges all details of tournaments and reports on attendance and finances.
I/N Director	Sue Miguel	Appointed by president	Manages program for beginners and intermediates. Creates flyers.
Communications	Mike Wavada	Appointed by president	Manages website, emails, database, and tournament publication.
Tournament Coordinator	Maureen Fahey	Appointed by president	Arranges for the ACBL to sanction all events sponsored by D25. Maintains the calendar on NEBridge.org.

Sunday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Winners
Open Swiss		Saul Agranoff, Stuart Whittle, Shekhar Sengupta, Ken Bloom
Mid-Flight Swiss		Matthew Byrne, Fred Rogler, Lee Capobianco, Walter Morgan
Gold Rush Swiss		Rick Bargar, Larry Kernan, Barbara and Moses Liskov
Monster Knockout II	Bracket 1	Doug Doub, Yiji Starr, Russ Ekeblad, Luz Ortega
	Bracket 2	Robin Hillyard, Bruce Downing, Mark Conner, Barry Margolin
	Bracket 3	Mike Heider, Jim Osofsky, Jay Friedenson, Michael Borushok
	Bracket 4	JiTu Nathwani, Ashok Rao, Bob Gervis, Venky, Benkataramani
	Bracket 5	Tracy Wang, Julia Qi Zhou, Jian Song, Qingyan Yu
Super Point Series		Mark Aquino



The Plaza Ballroom in 2013

Sunday's Schedule

Event	Eligibility	Strats	Times
A/X Swiss		Open/4500	10 & TBA
Mid-Flight Swiss	0-2500	2500/1250	10 & TBA
Gold Rush Swiss	0-750	750/300	10 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-300	Director	10
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	10, 2:00

No meetings or special events.



"Make sure that you have all of your stuff, and have a safe trip home."

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Saturday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Winners
Morning 299er Pairs		Danielle Granath, Ola Rech
Open Pairs	A	Larry Bausher, Rich DeMartino
	B	Richard Cappalli, Gail Borod
	C	Aarati and Mayank Mehta
Single-session Swiss	A	Ellie Hanlon, Mary Savko, Gerald Di Vincenzo, Phil Sharpstein
	B & C	Mark and Erik Throop, Jonathan Baumel, Oosman Bashir
Afternoon 299er Pairs		William Levy, Heather Holman



The staff of the Crowne Plaza has always treated New England's bridge players – and the many guests from outside of the district – exceptionally well. Where else can you get burgers cooked to order during the lunch break right outside of the main playing area?

Saturday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
I/N Lesson by Carolyn Weiser			9:15
Monster Knockout		Brackets	10:00 & TBA Continues on Sunday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Pro-Am Pairs		Open/1500/500 (Pro)	Single Session: 7:30

It's Monster Knockout Day!

Carolyn Weiser will present a lesson on Jacoby Transfers at 9:15 in the Rotunda (299er Room).

The Communications Committee will meet at 8:30 AM in the Wellington Room.

The Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 PM in the Wickford Room.

The locations of the meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.



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Friday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Winners
Morning 299er Pairs	A & B	Elizabeth Douthit, Barbara Whittaker
	C (tie)	Stan Nissen, Rachel Peled
	C (tie)	Linda Hagerman, Susan Byrd
Open Swiss	A	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, David Treitel, Lloyd Arvedon, John McLaughlin
	B	Kevin O'Brien, Hal Jones Jr., Anne Atwood, Sandra Macpherson
	C	Ru Cole, Silvia Szanto, Randi Margolin, Alan Margolin
A/X Pairs		Robin Hillyard, Dan Jablonski
Mid-Flight Pairs		Venky Venkataramani, JiTu Nathwani
Gold Rush Pairs	7	Bill Miller, Barbara Raisner
	3	Allen Barber, Howard Abrams
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A & B	Frank Falvey, Nancy Dowd
	C	Danielle Granath, Ola Rech
Single-session Swiss	A & B	Barbara Murphy, Stephen Gladyszak, Elayne and Kenneth Kadis
	C	Wayne Poole, Bill Finch, Mark and Erik Throop
Monster Knockout I	Bracket 1	Gillian Miner, Joe Grue, Zach and Adam Grossack
	Bracket 2	Greg Klinker, Steve Meyerson, Eva Landy, Kathleen Kenney
	Bracket 3	Peter Clay, Florine Schoen, Paul Durda, Paul Harris
	Bracket 4	Connie Sweeney, Bernie Bendiksen, Mike McDonald, Tom Floyd
	Bracket 5	Paul Jain, Leon Yu, Jonathan Baumel, Oosman Bashir
	Bracket 6	Carol Fountain, Muggsie Rocco, Pam Jerskey, Ron Williams

Friday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
Lesson by Bob Lavin			9:15-9:45
A/B/C Pairs		Open/3000/1500	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/500/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

Bob Lavin will give a presentation at 9:15 AM in the Rotunda. The lesson is FREE and open to the public.

The NABC Providence committee will meet at lunch time in the Wellington Room.

The Tournament Scheduling committee will meet at 6:00 PM in the Wellington Room.

The locations of all events and meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.



"Nobody likes to deal with other people's garbage. Try to leave each table at least as clean as it was when you arrived."

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Thursday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Winners
Morning 299er Pairs	A&B	Janet Ryan, Elaine Colokathis
	C	Stan Nissen, Rachel Peleb
Open Pairs	A	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, David Treitel
	B	John Urciuoli, Bill Niemi
	C	Rob and Ross Huntington
Single-session Swiss	A	Betty and Steve Bloom, David Caprera, Anne Brenner
	B	Alix Taylor, Ru Terajewicz, Ron Briggs, Connie Chabot
	C	Ronnie Fuchs, Lotika Paintal, Ulla Winkler, Wendy Jarrett
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A & B	Sandy Jodice, Maggi Crist
	C	B Willard, Nancy McDowell

The Genesis of the Knock-In Knock-Out

On Saturday evening at the 2019 Granite State Getaway in Nashua, NH, a gala had been planned to celebrate the second anniversary of the birth of the Monster Knockout. The affair was strictly black-tie, and the guest of honor was District 25's Mad Doctor, the man who had spent long hours in his laboratory working on the details of his great creation.

Everyone was concerned when the doctor never appeared at the party. A search of the Radisson Hotel yielded nothing. Phone calls went unanswered.

The weather outside was horrendous. Lightning flashed, and thunder roared. The rain was cascading from the heavens. Visibility was poor. A handful of bridge players volunteered to brave the storm and drive to the doctor's castle deep in the woods.

The ancient structure appeared dark and unoccupied. No one answered the door when they knocked. Someone tried it, and, surprisingly, it was not locked. Everyone was apprehensive, but eventually a light in the basement was discovered. At the foot of the stairs the door to the laboratory was ajar. Inside the doctor could be seen feverishly moving from shelf to shelf while Igor jotted notes. The doctor's agitation was obvious as he described his findings with a steady, lyrical diatribe.

“Knickknacks knocked off. Knock-In; Knock-Out. Knock knock; who's there? Brackets – must tighten the brackets. Too few brackets! Where are my tools?”

Sedatives were administered. However, even when he seemed to regain his faculties. the doctor's speech was incomprehensible. Trusty Igor informed us that his master had outlined the new concept, which he insisted on calling the “Knock-In Knock-Out.” Igor's notes were the basis for the write-up on the third page of this bulletin. Unfortunately, the doctor never gave any indication what “Knock-In” meant.

Thursday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
Carolyn Weiser's Lesson			9:30
Knock-In Knock-out	0-10,000 team total	Brackets	10:00 & TBA Continues on Friday
Open Knockout		Brackets	10:00 & TBA Continues on Friday
Open Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Red Point Swiss		Open/3000/750	Single Session: 2:15
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

It's Knock-In Knock-out Day!

Carolyn Weiser will present a lesson in the Rotunda (I/N Room) on the Stayman Convention at 9:30

There are no meetings today.

Tickets for a 50-50 raffle will be on sale today beginning at 8:45. They will also be available between sessions. The drawing will be during the Super Points game in the evening.



"Try to have an encouraging word for our younger and less-experienced players. They are the future of our game."

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Wednesday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Names
Morning 299er Pairs	A & B	Mike Harfenist, Richard Piscitelli
	C	Janice & Joe Berns
A/X Pairs	A	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, David Treitel
	X	Tom Hyde, Ed Lewis III
Mid-Flight Pairs	B	Len Aberbach, Barry Black
	C	Bob Garfinkel, Ida Farnworth
Gold Rush Pairs		Debbie Katz, Sharon Kochen
Open Swiss	A	Pat McDevitt, Rich DeMartino, Jay Stiefel, Lloyd Arvedon
	B (tie)	Shekhar Sengupta, Chuck Greenslit, Anand Lele, Marie Sengupta
	B (tie)	Allen Nitschelm, Don Deamer, Rich Healy, Bonnie Luks
	C	Roger Caplan, Jim Walsh, Jonathan Clark, Ken Steele
Afternoon 299er Pairs	A	Deborah Swenson, Judith Britton
	B	David Upton, Laurie Ericson



On Friday of last year's tournament Mark Aquino presented the expert lesson. 2019's schedule expanded the educational component to include lessons on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Details are on p. 4.

Wednesday's Schedule

Event & Flight	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/X Pairs		Open/4500	10:00 & 2:15
Mid-Flight Pairs	0-2500	2500/1250	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/750	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Ask the Experts Panel			1:30-2:00
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

At 1:30 Kate McCallum, Victor King, and Jack Mahoney will go over the hands played in the morning session of the pairs games. Bring your questions to the Rotunda. This event is FREE and open to everyone.

No meetings today.

The locations of all special events and meetings will be posted at the Welcome Desk.



"Call the director as soon as an irregularity occurs at your table."

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Tuesday

Last year's winners:

Event	Strat or Bracket	Names
Morning 299er Pairs	A	Rachel Peled, Judy Cavagnaro
	B	Sid Bander, Ellie Smith
Open Pairs	A	Sheila Gabay, Shome Mukherjee
	B	Lou Rabinowitz, Richard Cappalli
	C	Allen Post, Tony Keats
Gold Rush Pairs	7 & 5	Nathalie Tabor, Lisa Muir
	3	Ed & Barbara Langley
Afternoon 299er Pairs		Janet Ryan, Elaine Colokathis

A regional tournament has been held in New England during the week before Labor Day for many years. Warwick, RI, has been the site of the event since 2011. At that time it was known as the Fiesta Regional. By 2015 no one could remember why it had been called that. So, the name was changed to the Ocean State Regional. This year's tournament is therefore the fifth Ocean State Regional.

The Ocean State Regional has enjoyed the highest attendance of all the tournaments in District 25 every year.

Tuesday's Schedule

Event	Eligible	Strats	Times
A/B/C Pairs		Open/3000/750	10:00 & 2:15
Gold Rush Pairs	0-750	750/500/300	10:00 & 2:15
Open Swiss		Open/3000/1500	10:00 & TBA
299er Pairs	0-299.99	Director	Single Sessions: 10:00, 2:15, 7:30
Super Point Series		Open/1500/500	Single Session: 7:30

No meetings today.

No special events today.

Pick up your free sticker for the Ocean State Regional at the Welcome Desk!



"Maintain a courteous attitude toward both your partner and opponents; try to treat others as you would want them to treat you."

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