



District 25, American Contract Bridge League

New England Units of the ACBL

David Metcalf, Daily Bulletin Editor

Friday, January 6, 2012

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Keohane Individual Regional in Newton, MA January 6-8, 2012



The tradition continues! For sixty-eight years, New England has been honored to host this, the world's largest Individual Bridge Tournament, in recognition of two all-time great New England players, Ethel and Bill Keohane. There are actually two 2-session Individual events – one on Saturday, and one on Sunday. We will be awarding a handsome trophy to the player in the Individual with the best overall percentage over all four sessions.

In addition to the "main event", there are lots of other challenging events on the menu to cater to your particular level of expertise and time schedule – knockouts starting tonight, a Board-a-Match teams tomorrow night, pair games every session, plus a complete program of novice/intermediate events (see the 299er page inside every bulletin).

To help you enjoy the weekend, please stop by the partnership and hospitality desk where our dedicated staff of volunteers from the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association will answer your questions, help with partnering, and give you dining tips, as well as delicious snacks!

Lots of luck, and have a great tournament!

Friday, January 6		
1:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)	
	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	
7:30 PM	Flight A Knockouts (continues Sat 1 PM & 7 PM, Sun 11 AM, TBA)	1 st session
	Flight B Bracketed Knockouts (0-3000) (continues Sat 9AM, 1 PM, 7 PM)	
	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

Strata for Pairs events: A: 3000+; B: 750-3000; C: 0-750; Newcomer: 0-299, stratified
Strata for Individual events: A: 750+; B: 200-750; C: 0-200

Give me a hand!

“Every bridge player has a story”

“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 any tournament director, or email them to bulletin@nebridge.org.



Zero Tolerance

Zero Tolerance is in effect at all District 25 tournaments.

What can we do to make sure it works? Here is 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.



Mark your calendars...



You are at **LIBERTY** to compete in the **2012 District 25 Finals of the Grand National Teams**
No Prequalification Required at Unit or Club Level
Sturbridge Host Hotel (508) -347-7393
366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566



JANUARY 21-22, 2012

4 Flights : Open – 0 to ∞ Flt A 0-5000 Flt B 0-2000
Flt C- 0-500 mps (non Life Master)

NOTE: Back to Original Start Times! Same as Prior Years!!!

Flts Open, A, and B
2 session qualifier
Sat 1/21 (1 and 7 PM)

2 session finals on Sun
1/22 (10AM & TBA),

Flt C – 2 session Swiss
Sun 1/22 Only
(10 AM & TBA)



Winning Team in Each Flight will get lots of “Beniamins” to Compete at the National Finals in Philadelphia , PA (July 2012)

Courtesy of District 25!

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299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

...with Sue Miguel

TODAY is "Rookie day":

All players with < 5 masterpoints **PLAY FREE ALL DAY!!!**



I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Friday	Stratified Pairs	1:00, 7:30
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Stratified Pairs	11:00, 3:00

all 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!!

299er ALERT!!!

Where can you win **SILVER POINTS, RED POINTS, & GOLD POINTS** all in one weekend???

Come to the

299er RAINBOW WEEKEND

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge MA

Friday, Jan 20: 1:00 & 7:00 299'er Pairs (silver points)
 Saturday, Jan 21: 10:00, 2:00, & 7:00 299'er Pairs (silver points)
 Sunday, Jan 22: 10:00 and TBA 299'er Swiss Team District Championships *
 (red and gold points!!!)

* Sunday Swiss Teams open to District 25 members ONLY

Tournament Schedule

Friday, January 6	
1 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
7:30 PM	Flight A Knockouts - continues Sat 1 PM & 7 PM, Sun 11 AM, TBA Flight B Bracketed Knockouts (0-3000) - continues Sat 9AM, 1 PM & 7 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Saturday, January 7	
9 AM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session) Consolation Knockout Teams (not open to new entries) - continues Sat 1PM & 7PM
1 PM & 7 PM	Bill Keohane Stratified Individual
1 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
7 PM	Stratified Board-a-Match Teams Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Sunday, January 8	
11 AM & 3 PM	Ethel Keohane Stratified Individual
11 AM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
3 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (1 session) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

*****Reminder*****



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