



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 14-20, 2012

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 63rd running of the Alfred H. Morehead Knockout Teams, starts Friday night. The winner receives the coveted Morehead Trophy. The tournament also features knockout teams starting tonight, and compact knockouts on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday mornings. In addition to the knockouts, we have Swiss teams on Thursday and Sunday, and several one-session Swiss Team events as well. Thursday's Swiss team event will be stratified by the *average* masterpoints of the team, rather than the top masterpoint holder. We have one-session and/or two-session pair games every day, including a full schedule of two-session "daylight" pair games playing at 10:00 and 2:30, Wednesday through Saturday.

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

Today's Schedule:

Tuesday, February 14		
♥♥♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥♥♥		
1:00 PM	Charity Open Pairs	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
7:00 PM	Tues-Wed Bracketed Random Draw Knockout (continues Wed 9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM)	1 st round
	Side Game (Tues-Wed-Thurs series)	
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	

STRATA & FLIGHT BREAKS:

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



Hospitality Tonight *courtesy of District 25*

Valentine's Day "Chocolate Fountain"



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.



OFFICIAL ACBL SLOW PLAY POLICY

If you are a habitually (or even occasionally) slow player, you should be aware of the 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 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.

299er Bridge News

Come join the fun...

0-299er Program!

Newcomers and Intermediates

...with Sue Miguel



Rookie Day: player with <5 Points play FREE on Wednesday

THREE Gold Rush Events!

NEW! 49er pair games on Friday

FREE Lesson Saturday at 1:15

I/N Event Schedule:

DAY	GAME	TIMES
Tuesday	Stratified Pairs	1:00, 7:00
Wednesday	Gold Rush Compact KO 0-750 Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:00 2:00 10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Thursday	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Friday	Gold Rush Pairs 0-49er Pairs Stratified Pairs	10:00 and 2:30 10:00, 2:00 7:30
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Swiss Teams	11:00

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 14-20, 2012

Tuesday, February 14	
1 PM	Stratified Open Charity Pairs
7 PM	Bracketed Random Draw KO I (continues Wed 9AM, 1PM, 7 PM) Side Game (Tues-Wed-Thurs series)
1 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs
Wednesday, February 15	
9 AM	Side Game (Morning series)
9 AM & 1 PM 1 PM	Bracketed Compact KO One session Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2 PM 2 PM	Gold Rush (0-750) Compact KO One Session 0-750 Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Daylight Open Pairs
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs
1 PM, 7 PM	Side Game (Tues-Wed-Thurs series)
7 PM	Bracketed Random Draw KO I (continues Thu 9AM, 1PM, 7 PM)
Thursday, February 16	
9 AM	Side Game (Morning series)
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Daylight Stratified Open Pairs Gold Rush (0-750) Stratified Swiss Teams
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
1 PM & 7 PM	Stratified <i>by average</i> Swiss Teams Side Game (Tues-Wed-Thurs series)
Friday, February 17	
9 AM	Side Game (Morning series)
9 AM & 1 PM 1 PM	Bracketed Compact KO One session Swiss Teams
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300) Daylight A/B Pairs
10 AM, 2 PM	Stratified 49er Pairs
1 PM, 7:30 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
7:30 PM	Flight A Knockout Teams (seeded) (continues Sat 1PM, 7PM, Sun 11AM, 3PM if needed) Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams (0-3000) (continues Sat 9AM, 1PM, 7PM) Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
Saturday, February 18	
9 AM	Side Game (Morning series)
9 AM & 1 PM 1 PM	Bracketed Compact KO One session Swiss Teams
10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM	Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
10 AM & 2:30 PM	Daylight Stratified Open Pairs
1 PM	Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
1 PM & 7 PM	Flight A/X Pairs (X=0-4000) Flight B/C Pairs
7 PM	One session Swiss Teams Side Game (Fri-Sat series)
Sunday, February 19	
11 AM	Side Game (Morning series) Intermediate / Newcomer Swiss Teams
11 AM & TBA	Flight A/X Swiss Teams Flight B/C Swiss Teams
Monday, February 20	
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)