



# District 25, American Contract Bridge League

## New England Units of the ACBL

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Tuesday, August 28, 2012

# The New England Fiesta Regional Tournament in Sturbridge, MA

August 27 - September 2, 2012



### Today's Schedule:

Tuesday, August 28		
9:00 AM	<i>Bracketed Knockout continues (no new entries)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> round
10:00 AM	<b>GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams</b> (stratified at 0-300, 300-750, continues at 2:30)	1 <sup>st</sup> session
	<b>"Daylight" Stratified Open Pairs</b> (continues at 2:30)	1 <sup>st</sup> session
	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
1:00 PM	<b>Stratified by average Open Swiss Teams</b> (continues 7:00)	1 <sup>st</sup> session
	Side Game (Mon-Tues-Wed Series)	
2:00 PM	Intermediate / Newcomer Pairs	
2:30 PM	<i>Daylight Open Pairs continues</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> session
	<i>Gold Rush Swiss Teams continues (no new entries)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> session
7:00 PM	<i>Stratified Open Swiss Teams continues (no new entries)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> session
	Side Game (Mon-Tues-Wed 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.*

# Hospitality Today courtesy of District 25

## Bagels and Muffins

This morning, 8:00 AM



## FruitCups

This afternoon, 2:00-3:00

Outside the playing areas

### 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 ACBL headquarters 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](mailto: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**                 The District 25 Web site has lots of interesting and useful information. Check it out at [www.nebridge.org](http://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.

## Event Defenders

### TUESDAY A/X SWISS TEAMS

- A Pat McDevitt - Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA;  
Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT
- X Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA; Andre Wiejacki, Chelsea MA;  
Sylvia Keyes, Bridgewater MA; Nancy Mayer, Bristol RI

### GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

- 0-750 John Lombardo, Cranston RI; David Crossley, East Greenwich RI;  
Marshall Williams, Woonsocket RI; Clinton Wright, Slatersville RI
- 0-500 John Lombardo, David Crossley, Marshall Williams, Clinton Wright
- 0-300 John Lombardo, David Crossley, Marshall Williams, Clinton Wright

### TUESDAY DAYLIGHT OPEN PAIRS

- A Paul Kopelman, Wayne NJ; Walter Fontaine, North Providence RI
- B James Carroll, Lyons NY; Patricia Kent, Charlestown RI
- C Fred Muise - Dianne Muise, Halifax NS



## \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*



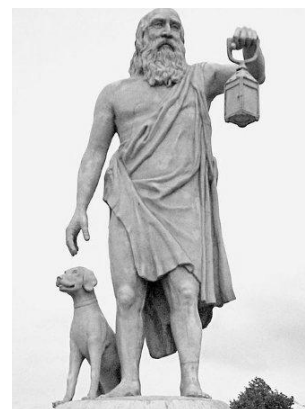
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## Seeking Nominations for the Larry Weiss Award

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



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).

In most years, the district has voted on this award in the fall. For further information on the history of this award and names of past recipients, consult the District 25 website, click on "Officers and Administration"; you will find the link at the bottom of the page.

# 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, 300-500, 500-750

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

#### **GOLD RUSH COMPACT KNOCKOUT TEAM OF FOUR GAME!**

Special team game for players with under 750 points

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

#### **GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

Special 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>Stratified Pairs</b> <b>Gold Rush Swiss Teams</b>	<b>10:00, 2:00, 7:00</b> <b>10:00 and 2:30</b>
Wednesday	Stratified Pairs <b>Gold Rush Compact KOs</b>	10:00, 2:00, 7:00 <b>10:00 and 2:00</b>
Thursday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Friday	Stratified Pairs <b>Gold Rush Pairs</b>	10:00, 2:00, <b>7:30</b> <b>10:00 and 2:00</b>
Saturday	Stratified Pairs	10:00, 2:00, 7:00
Sunday	Swiss Teams	10:00

*all events except Gold Rush games 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!!

## Monday Evening Side Game

### 13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.49	1			Mary Savko - Ellie Hanlon, Barre VT	67.80%
3.19	2	1		Lou Rabinowitz, Bradenton FL; Walter Magee, Manitou Beach MI	62.69%
2.39	3	2		Bruce Fischer, Rumford RI; Donald Rankin, East Greenwich RI	61.17%
1.51	4			Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC; Walter Fontaine, North Providenc RI	56.25%
1.57	5/6	3/4		Jane Hunigan - Shelley Kempner, Millersville MD	54.92%
2.73	5/6	3/4	1	Esmond Harmsworth - Ronald Agel, Boston MA	54.92%
2.05		5	2	Barbara Jackson, Longmeadow MA; Irene Friedman, Amherst MA	53.79%
1.54		6	3	Linda Ahrens - Joseph Brouillard, Lincoln RI	52.84%
1.15			4	Dianne Epstein, Centerville MA; Charles Curley, Wakefield MA	52.46%
0.98			5	Terry Parkerson, Warwick RI; Jeannie Clermont, Danville VT	51.70%

### SECTION H

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1			Mary Savko - Ellie Hanlon, Barre VT	67.80%
2	1		Lou Rabinowitz, Bradenton FL; Walter Magee, Manitou Beach MI	62.69%
3	2		Jane Hunigan - Shelley Kempner, Millersville MD	54.92%
4	3	1	Barbara Jackson, Longmeadow MA; Irene Friedman, Amherst MA	53.79%
5			Frank Mastrola, Swansea MA; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	52.08%
	4	2	Terry Parkerson, Warwick RI; Jeannie Clermont, Danville VT	51.70%
		3	Carol Costigan - Eleanor Forrest, Springfield MA	46.97%

### SECTION H

### EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1		Bruce Fischer, Rumford RI; Donald Rankin, East Greenwich RI	61.17%
2			Paulin Nault, Saint-Anicet QC; Walter Fontaine, North Providenc RI	56.25%
3	2	1	Esmond Harmsworth - Ronald Agel, Boston MA	54.92%
4/5	3	2	Linda Ahrens - Joseph Brouillard, Lincoln RI	52.84%
4/5			Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT; Frank Hacker, Barre VT	52.84%
	4	3	Dianne Epstein, Centerville MA; Charles Curley, Wakefield MA	52.46%

## Monday Evening 299er Game

### 6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.26	1	1	1	John Calderbank - Nancy Calderbank, Glastonbury CT	59.58%
1.49	2/3			Suzanne McMullen, E Greenwich RI; Janet Bannister, Wakefield RI	57.92%
1.49	2/3			Mark Benson, Parish FL; Susan Benson, Parrish FL	57.92%
1.40	4	2	2	John Ahern, Cranston RI; Michael Ahern, East Greenwich RI	53.75%
1.05		3		Foster Greene, West Tisbury MA; Allan Erickson, Providence RI	52.92%

### SECTION G

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1/2			Suzanne McMullen, E Greenwich RI; Janet Bannister, Wakefield RI	57.92%
1/2			Mark Benson, Parish FL; Susan Benson, Parrish FL	57.92%
	1	1	Foster Greene, West Tisbury MA; Allan Erickson, Providence RI	52.92%
	2		Stanley Williams - Maureen Fahey, Coventry RI	52.50%

### SECTION G

### EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1	1	John Calderbank - Nancy Calderbank, Glastonbury CT	59.58%
2	2		John Ahern, Cranston RI; Michael Ahern, East Greenwich RI	53.75%



**Upcoming Nearby Regionals:**

**DISTRICT 24 L.I. FALL REGIONAL**

**Oct 2-7, 2012**

**Smithtown, NY**

**Sheraton Long Island Hotel**  
**Room rate: \$129 +tax**

**888-627-7144**  
**Reservations deadline: Sept 14**

**DISTRICT 25 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FINALS**

**OCT 20-21, 2012**

**Split site:**

**Flight A: Hartford Bridge Club**

**19A Andover Dr West Hartford, CT**

**Flight B: The Bridge Spot**

**400 W.Cummings Park, Suite 2900 Woburn, MA**

**Flight C: Sunday only - in BOTH locations**

**DISTRICT 3 AUTUMN LEAF REGIONAL**

**OCT 22-28, 2012**

**Danbury, CT**

**Danbury Plaza Hotel**  
**Room rate: \$99 +tax**

**203-794-0600**  
**Reservations deadline: Oct 8**

**DISTRICT 25 MASTER'S REGIONAL**

**NOV 7-11, 2012**

**Mansfield, MA**

**Holiday Inn Mansfield**  
**Room rate: \$83 + tax**

**508-339-2200**  
**Reservations deadline: Oct 16**

**Upcoming District 25 sectionals:**

EMBA 199er Sectional	Sept 8-9	Woburn, MA
ME "Indian Summer" Sectional	Sept 15-16	Portland, ME
VT Fall Foliage Sectional	Sept 21-23	Williston, VT
RI "Fantastic Fall" Sectional	Sept 22-23	Johnston, RI
NH "Fall Foliage" Sectional	Sept 29-30	Lebanon, NH
CT Autumn Sectional	Oct 5-7	Hartford, CT
CT 199er Sectional	Oct 14	West Hartford, MA
EMBA Cape Cod Sectional	Oct 13-14	Hyannis, MA
ME Eastern Maine Fall Sectional	Oct 12-14	Bangor, ME
CT Unit 126 STaC	Oct 12-18	Unit 126 clubs
VT Fall Sectional	Oct 26-28	Rutland, VT
CMBA Fall Sectional	Oct 27-28	Auburn, MA
CT Sectional	Nov 2-4	Hamden, CT
NH Ed Gould Sectional	Nov 3-4	Newcastle, NH

# Warwick Tournament Schedule

MONDAY, AUGUST 27	
<b>Mon-Tues Compact Knockout Teams</b>	7:00 (continues Tues 9:00 AM)
Side Game (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:00
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams</b> (0-750; stratified at 750/300/100)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Games (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>GOLD RUSH Compact KO Teams</b> (0-750)	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:00
<b>Wed-Thurs Compact Knockout Teams</b>	7:00 (continues Thurs 9:00 AM)
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
Side Games (Mon-Tues-Wed series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 (one session)
0-750 Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	2:00 (one session)
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30	
<b>Stratified by average Swiss Teams</b> (open/0-3000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:00
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>Flight A Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 1:00 & 7:00, Sun 10:00 & 2:00)
<b>Flight B Bracketed Knockout Teams</b>	7:30 (continues Sat 9:00, 1:00, & 7:00)
<b>Daylight 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 2:00
<b>Stratified Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:30
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:30
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	1:00 (one session)
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	
<b>Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams</b>	2 sessions: 9:00 and 1:00
<b>Daylight Open Pairs</b>	2 sessions: 10:00 and 2:30
<b>Flight A/X Pairs</b> (open/0-4000)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
<b>Flight B/C Stratified Pairs</b> (0-3000/0-750)	2 sessions: 1:00 and 7:00
Side Games (Thu-Fri-Sat series)	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Red Point Stratified Swiss Teams	One session events at 1:00 and 7:00
Stratified 299er Pairs	One session events at 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	
<b>Bracketed Round Robin Teams</b>	10:00 (2 sessions, short lunch break, finish by 6:00)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	One session event at 10:00