



# Pre-Bulletin



**MARCH 14-25, 2012**

**MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

**Welcome to Memphis! All events will be played at the Cook Convention Center.**

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2000+), B (750–2000), C (0–750).  
Members are those whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

**Wednesday, March 14, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**  
**BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A**  
1-2 Qualifying      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: No fee      Non-Members: —  
*Prequalification required. Continues Thursday.*

**Thursday, March 15, 1 p.m.**  
**International Fund Stratified Open Pairs**  
Single session      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$15      Non-Members: \$17

**Int'l Fund Strat. 299, 199, 99, 49, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs**  
Single session      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$15      Non-Members: \$17

**Thursday, March 15, 1 & 7:30 p.m.**  
**BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A**  
1-2 Final      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: No fee      Non-Members: —

**Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams**  
1st session      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$20      Non-Members: \$20  
*Continues Fri.– Sat. at 9 a.m.*

**Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs**  
Single session      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$20      Non-Members: \$20

**Educ. Found. 299, 199, 99, 49, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs**  
Single session      Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$20      Non-Members: \$20

**Friday, March 16, 9 a.m.**  
*0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!*  
**Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams**  
2nd session      SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16      Non-Members: \$18

**Jimmy Denley Memorial Side Game**  
Single sess. (1 of 3)      SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16      Non-Members: \$18  
*Part of the Fri.-Sun. Morning Side Game Series*

**Friday, March 16, 10 a.m.**  
**299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs**  
Single session      Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15      Non-Members: \$17

**0–20 Pairs**  
Single session      Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15      Non-Members: \$15

**0–5 Pairs**  
Single session      Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: Free      Non-Members: Free

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## Friday, March 16, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

### Jack Wynns Stratified Daylight Pairs

Two sessions Steamboat Room, Mezzanine  
Members: \$16 Non-Members: \$18

## Friday, March 16, 1 p.m.

### Friday-Saturday Side Game Series

Single sess. (1 of 4) SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16 Non-Members: \$18

## Friday, March 16, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

### KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

1-2 Qualifying Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$20 Non-Members: —

*2 qualifying, 2 semifinal and 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required in one of three ways: Players must have earned at least 50 platinum points in the last three years OR must have earned at least 200 platinum points lifetime OR must be a Platinum or Grand Life Master.*

### LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

1-2 Qualifying Ballroom, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$20 Non-Members: —

*2 qualifying, 2 final sessions*

### Joan & Ralph Cohen Memorial Strat. Open Pairs

Two sessions SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16 Non-Members: \$18

### Bonnie & Chapman Smith Fri.-Sat. KO Teams

Two sessions SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16 Non-Members: \$18

## Friday, March 16, 3 p.m.

### 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$17

### 0-20 Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$15

### 0-5 Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: Free Non-Members: Free

## Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.

### Myrtle Crossley Memorial Strat. Side Swiss Teams

Single session SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$17

### Rose Francis Memorial Side Game

Single sess. (2 of 4) SW Exhibit Hall, 2nd Floor  
Members: \$16 Non-Members: \$18

*Part of the Fri.-Sun. Side Game Series*

### L.R. & Peggy Jalenak Strat. 299er Swiss Teams

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$17

### 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$17

### 0-20 Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$15

### 0-5 Pairs

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
Members: Free Non-Members: Free

## Friday, March 16, 11:30 p.m.

### Zip Knockout Teams

Single session Cotton Row, Mezzanine Level  
\$12 per team per match

### Entries

- All North American championships with no upper masterpoint limitation: \$20
- **Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.**
- Other North American championships: \$17
- **Note: only ACBL members are eligible to play in these events.**
- Regional championships: \$16 for ACBL members, \$18 for all others
- All other events: \$15 for ACBL members, \$17 for all others

There is no entry fee for any flight of the North American Pairs, but participants are still required to be paid members.



## Welcome, Intermediate/Newcomer Players, to Memphis!

All IN (Intermediate/Newcomer) events will be played in Cotton Row (Mezzanine Level) at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to pick up your **registration gift**.

The **IN Partnership Desk** will guarantee you a partner if you sign up one hour prior to game time.

**Celebrity Bridge Speakers** will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. all week in Cotton Row:

**Friday, March 16**

9:15 a.m. **Jerry Helms**  
*Ask Jerry*

6:45 p.m. **Audrey Grant**  
*Hands That Don't Make the Textbooks*

On Friday, March 16, there will be **free Newcomer games** (0–5 masterpoints) at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Free Two-Hour Lessons:**

**Saturday, March 17**

10 a.m. **Audrey Grant**

**Sunday, March 18**

10 a.m. **Jerry Helms**

**Monday, March 19**

10 a.m. **Barbara Seagram**

**Entry fee special!** Players with 0–100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 16–18 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 23–25.

## Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

## Convention Card Reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board match-point penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP games, penalties shall be at the director's discretion.

## Special Events

### Club Directors Course

Comprehensive course that prepares candidates for directing club and bridge cruise games. Study materials included. **Fee:** \$50. **Dates:** Tuesday–Thursday, March 13–15. **Time:** 1–10 p.m. Tuesday with dinner break; 9 a.m.–10 p.m. Wednesday with meal breaks; 9 a.m.–noon; Thursday followed by lunch break and testing. **Location:** St. Louis Room, Marriott, 2nd floor.

### The Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP)

Learn modern teaching techniques from one of the ACBL's premier teachers in this 10-hour interactive learning course which includes three hours of hands-on experience. Learn the business side of teaching bridge and be introduced to 64 weeks of class material and more! There are even techniques to move your students into duplicate faster. **Fee:** \$125. (ACBL Accredited Teachers can retake for no course fee.) **Dates:** Saturday–Monday, March 17–19. **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. **Location:** Heritage Ballroom 3-4, Marriott, 2nd floor.

### Reception for Teachers and Club Officials

This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the teachers and club officials who work so hard to recruit and retain our members. All teachers are welcome, along with club directors, managers and owners. **Date:** Friday, March 16. **Time:** 4:30–6 p.m. **Location:** Heritage Ballroom 1-2, Marriott, 2nd floor.

## Electronic Device Policy

**For all NABC+ rated events at NABCs:** Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health-related equipment.

**For all events at an NABC other than a NABC+ rated event:** Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director in Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session.

These restrictions apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders (except those designated by ACBL) and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

A violation of any of these restrictions will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.