



# Dallas NABC Daily Bulletin

Schedule of Events & Meeting Notices (Issue 0)

Welcome to the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Dallas! The ACBL and District 16 wish you good luck.

Most events will be held at the Sheraton Conference Center connected by sky-bridge on the second floor of the Sheraton.

NABC+ and NABC events will be played in Dallas Ballroom. Regional events at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 7:30 p.m. will be played in the Grand Hall. Both of these rooms are located on the first floor of the Conference Center.

Regional events at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. will be played in the Houston Ballroom. I/N events (0-299) will be played in the San Antonio Ballroom. Both of these rooms are located on the third floor of the Conference Center. You also will find registration, partnership and information desks on the third floor of the Conference Center.

And don't miss the opening reception on Friday evening. Details below.  
See you at the bridge table!



Robert Hartman  
Chief Executive Officer



## Opening Reception

On Friday, March 21, join us after the evening session for a night of fun, food, drinks and dancing with the band **House Special**. The fun starts at 10:30 p.m. in the Lone Star Ballroom of the Sheraton Dallas Downtown, on the second floor of the conference center. We'll rock to music from the 60's, 70's and 80's until 1 a.m.!



## Playing in an NABC+ pairs game? Buy your entry early!

In an effort to speed up the start of all NABC+ pairs events – which requires time to allow for proper seeding – the ACBL asks participants to please buy their entries at least 15 minutes before game time. This is especially true if you expect to be a seeded pair.

## Pre-registration required for Vanderbilt and 0-10,000 KOs by 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Entries for the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams and the 0-10,000 KO Teams are required before **6 p.m.** on Sunday, March 23.

Entries may be purchased in the Dallas Ballroom of the Sheraton Conference Center (first floor).

**DALLAS SCHEDULE: All events in Sheraton Conf. Center except GNT Flight A.**

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members*	Others
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Wednesday, March 19, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A</b>	1-2 Q	Austin BR, 2nd Fl	No fee	—
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*Sheraton Hotel (not Conference Center). Pre-qualification required. Continues Thursday.*

Thursday, March 20, 1 p.m.

International Fund Stratified Open Pairs	single	Dallas BR, 1st Fl	\$15	\$19
International Fund Stratified 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Dallas BR, 1st Fl	\$15	\$19

Thursday, March 20, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

<b>NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A</b>	1-2 F	Austin BR, 2nd Fl	No fee	—
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Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	1st	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$20	\$20
<i>Continues Fri.– Sat. at 9 a.m.</i>				
Educational Foundation Stratified Open Pairs	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$20	\$20
Educational Foundation 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$20	\$20

Friday, March 21, 9 a.m. **0–5 Newcomer Pairs play free today!**

Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams	2nd	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20
Friday-Sunday Morning Side Game Series	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20

Friday, March 21, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$19
0–20 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$15
0–5 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	Free	Free

Friday, March 21, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratified Daylight Pairs	1–2	Houston BR, 3rd Fl	\$16	\$20
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Friday, March 21, 1 p.m.

Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20
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Friday, March 21, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS	1–2 Q	Dallas BR, 1st Fl	\$17	—
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*2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. No player with more than 10,000 MPs. 10% Platinum Points for overall placings (10 Platinum Points maximum).*

<b>KAY PLATINUM PAIRS</b>	1–2 Q	Dallas BR, 1st Fl	\$20**	—
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*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.*

<b>LEBHAR IMP PAIRS</b>	1–2 Q	Dallas BR, 1st Fl	\$20**	—
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*2 qualifying, 2 final sessions.*

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Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members* Others	
Friday, March 21, 1 & 7:30 p.m. (continued)				
Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20
Friday-Saturday Bracketed KO Teams	1-2	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20
Friday, March 21, 3 p.m.				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	Free	Free
Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.				
Stratified Side Swiss Teams	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$15	\$19
Friday-Saturday Side Game Series	single	Grand Hall, 1st Fl	\$16	\$20
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$19
0-20 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$15	\$15
0-5 Pairs	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	Free	Free
Friday, March 21, 11:30 p.m.				
Zip Knockout Teams	single	San Antonio BR, 3rd Fl	\$12/team/match	

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750).

\*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

\*\* \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

**BOLD, UPPER CASE** = NABC+ events (Platinum points)

UPPER CASE = NABC events (Gold & Red points)

Green = Regional events (Gold & Red points)

Blue = Gold Rush Pairs (Gold & Red points)

Red = Intermediate/Newcomer events

### Entry Fees

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: **Kay Platinum Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Lebhar IMP Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams.** The entry fees for these NABC+ contests are \$20 per player per session. Note: *\$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.*

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the **0-10,000 Swiss Teams, the 0-10,000 Knockout Teams** and the **Bean Red Ribbon Pairs.** The entry fee is \$17 per player per session.

Regional championships are \$16 per player per session for ACBL members, \$20 for non-members.

All other events are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$19 for non-members. (Note: 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 Dallas!

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games will begin at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. on most days. All I/N events will be held at the **Sheraton Conference Center** in the **San Antonio Ballroom** (third floor).

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

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

**Celebrity bridge speakers** will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on most days. On Friday, March 21, many-time world champion Bob Hamman will present "Winning Bridge Tips" at 9:15. At 6:45, world champion Kitty Cooper will present "Opening Leads."

Players with 0-5 masterpoints can play **free** in the Newcomer games on Friday, March 21.

Don't miss the **free two-hour lessons** by renowned ACBL teachers (**10 a.m. to noon**):

- Saturday, March 22      Audrey Grant
- Sunday, March 23      Audrey Grant

**Learn Bridge in a Day?** Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Sunday, March 23, from 1-6 p.m. Fee: \$20.

**Entry fee special!** Players with 0-100 MPs who buy a regular-price entry March 21-23 will receive a half-priced entry for games held March 28-30.

### Seminars & Meetings in Dallas

#### Club & Cruise Director Course

Tuesday, March 18      1 - 10 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 19      9 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Thursday, March 20      9 a.m. - Noon  
**Trinity 2 (Sheraton Hotel, 3rd Floor)**

#### Club and Teacher Reception

A thank-you reception for all ACBL club managers, teachers and club directors.

Friday, March 21      4:30 - 6 p.m.  
**Austin 2 (Sheraton Hotel, 2nd Floor)**

#### Teacher Accreditation Program

Friday-Sunday, March 21-23  
8:30 a.m. - Noon daily

**Austin 1 (Sheraton Hotel, 2nd Floor)**

### Senior Events Notice

To be eligible to play in Senior events, players must have been born before Jan. 1, 1959.

### Non-members pay more

The entry fee for non-members (with more than 20 masterpoints) is \$4 more per session compared to current ACBL members. Join now!

### Electronic Device Policy

The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are **turned off**. Further, any such equipment **must not be visible** during the session.

A violation of the policy will result in an **automatic disciplinary penalty** of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event.

### Buy Your Entry Online

BridgeWinners.com offers a new service that allows you to buy entries in advance for the Kay Platinum Pairs, the Lebhar IMP Pairs, the Silodor Pairs, Whitehead Women's Pairs, Vanderbilt KO Teams, the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams, the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams and the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs.

Except for the Vanderbilt (see page 1), entries must be purchased by 10 a.m. the morning the event begins (Friday, March 21, for the Kay Platinum Pairs, the Lebhar IMP Pairs and the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams). There is a no service charge. See BridgeWinners.com for details.