



2026 SPRING NABC DAILY BULLETIN



Schedule of Events & Meetings ♠ Issue 0

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

Welcome to the St. Louis NABC! The American Contract Bridge League and District 8 want to be the first to wish you good luck at the tournament.

Please check the Daily Bulletin online for the most up-to-date schedule and game location information. There will not be print copies available.

All bridge play will be held at either the America's Center Complex (ACC), on the second floor, or the Marriott Plaza (MtPz). On Thursday, Feb. 26, all events are in ACC Rooms 221-224. Here is an overview of usual locations by event type beginning Friday, Feb. 27:

NABC+ Events – Majestic Ballroom D/E/F, Marriott Plaza, second floor

Events with screens – Landmark 4, Marriott Plaza, first floor

NABC Events – Majestic C, Marriott Plaza, second floor

Regional Pairs – Room 222, America's Center

Regional Teams – Room 221, America's Center

Gold Rush & Intermediate/Newcomer Events – Room 225, ACC



The full schedule is included in the Restaurant Guide which is available at either Welcome Desk, along with a map of the playing areas (also online at acbl.org/stlouis). There are Welcome, Prizes, and ACBL Help desks located in both buildings, in the atrium of America's Center and on the ground level of Marriott Plaza. The lone Partnership Desk is also in the ACC atrium. Concessions and vendors are on the second floor of both buildings.

ENTERTAINMENT

Several nights of fun evening entertainment are planned. These events begin at 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Beyond Bridge: Karaoke, board games, photo booth, activities. Light food and cash bar. Gateway, lower level, Marriott Main

MONDAY, MARCH 2

It's Midnight Somewhere Zip KO: Social bridge, no masterpoints. Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Bridge Mania: Jeopardy, Family Feud and other bridge-themed games. Everyone is invited. Light food and cash bar. Lucas, Hawthorne, 21st flr, Marriott Main

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

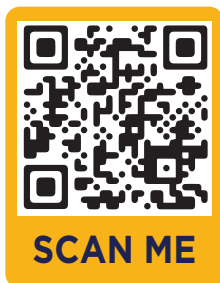
Crazy Bridge: Chaos-inducing twists on bridge. Majestic D, second floor, Marriott Plaza

ENTRY EXPRESS & PURCHASE OPTIONS

All monetary transactions are cashless, including entries for NABC and regional games. All major debit/credit cards are accepted wherever entries are sold.

Advance entries for events are available through the ACBL's online Entry Express system. It is necessary for eligible players to use this system in order to receive the host discount of \$10 per session for being a guest of one of the host hotels or resident of the host district.

To use Entry Express, go to acbl.org/ee or scan the QR code at right. This may be done until 8 a.m. the day the event begins and subsequent days. For continuing events, purchase each day through Entry Express to continue receiving the discount.



Hotel guests are assigned two discount coupons per night of stay plus one (e.g. six nights gets 14 coupons). If you are staying at the hotel but are not on the discount

list, go to acbl.org/StLouisEEform to be added. Missing discounts are not refunded. See the FAQ at acbl.org/ee for more information.

For help with Entry Express, visit the ACBL Help Desk located in either building.

Entries may also be purchased at the event location in the hour before the start time.

Buying early is especially recommended for NABC+ pairs events. All entries must be purchased at least 15 minutes before game time. Pairs who expect to be seeded should buy 30+ minutes ahead.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Location key: ACC = America's Center MtPz = Marriott Plaza

noon & 5 p.m.

EVENT	SESSION	LOCATION	Entry/player/ session*	
			Members with discount	Members without discount
BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, CHAMP. FLIGHT	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
JAN MARTEL NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free

Pre-qualification required. Two-session final on Thursday.

Thursday, Feb. 26

All Thursday events are in the America's Center on the second floor.

10 a.m.

International Fund Pairs <i>(Thu-Sat Daylight Series)</i>	1st single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
International Fund 499er Pairs	single	Room 222, ACC	\$18	\$28

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

BALDWIN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, CHAMP. FLIGHT	1-2 F	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
JAN MARTEL NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT A	1-2 F	Room 224, ACC	Free	Free
Int'l Fund/Ed Found. Top-Flight Pairs** <i>(unlim./6000/4500)</i>	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$26	\$36
Int'l Fund/Ed Found. Mid-Flight Pairs** <i>(unlim./4000/750)</i>	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$26	\$36
IF/EF Bracketed Round Robin Teams**	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$26	\$36

3 p.m.

Educational Foundation Pairs** <i>(Thu-Sun Daylight Series)</i>	2nd single	Room 222, ACC	\$26	\$36
Educational Foundation 499er Pairs**	single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32

SCHEDULE NOTES

Eligibility for limited events is based on the masterpoint total for the highest player. For all eligible pairs/teams, stratification is based on averaging the masterpoints of a pair or team.

Stratification for open regional events is unlimited/2500/750 unless otherwise noted. Stratification for Gold Rush events is 750/400/200 unless otherwise noted.

Regional open and mid-flight pair events play 26 or 27 boards per session. Gold Rush and side pairs play 24 boards per session. Swiss and round robin team events typically play 24 boards per session, depending on the event or bracket size. All regional team events use the 20-point VP scale.

In gold-point events of two or more sessions, overall awards and section tops are paid in gold to any strat that has a maximum of 750 or higher. Side Pairs Series pay gold only to the open strat, and it is necessary to play two or more sessions in the series to earn gold.

I/N events are stratified as appropriate at the discretion of the director. In 499er events, no player may be over 500. In 299er events, the limit is 300.

**Additional \$4 per player per session benefits the ACBL Educational Foundation.

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

SENIOR EVENTS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to play in Senior events, players must be 65 or older.

LIMITED EVENTS ELIGIBILITY

Players who have previously won an NABC+ event are not eligible to participate in any event with an upper masterpoint limit, including 0-10,000 events.

USE OF MULTI 2 ♦

The Multi 2 ♦ convention is allowed in the Kay Platinum Pairs.

* Players must be ACBL members whose dues are current to compete in all events, including regional events, except for 0-20 events and the 299er games on Friday, Feb. 27. In those games, guest membership is permitted. Otherwise, guest members must upgrade to full membership and inactive members must renew to participate.

Friday, Feb. 27

0-5 players play free in 299er Pairs today! (Guest members permitted)

10 a.m.

Friday Morning Side Pairs (Thu-Sun Daylight Series)	3rd single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
0-5 players (guest members permitted)			Free	Free

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS 2 qualifying, 2 semifinal and 2 final sessions. Eligibility is required in one of three ways: players must have earned at least 50 Platinum points in the last nine NABCs OR must have earned at least 200 Platinum points lifetime OR must be a Platinum or Grand Life Master. No exceptions.	1-2 Q	Majestic E, MtPz	\$40	\$50
LEBHAR IMP PAIRS 2 qualifying and 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Majestic D, MtPz	\$35	\$45
SENIOR MIXED PAIRS Must be 65 or older; 2 qualifying and 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Room 224, ACC	\$35	\$45
Open Pairs (unlimited/4000/1500)	1-2	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
Gold Rush Pairs	1-2	Room 225, ACC	\$22	\$32
Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams	1-2	Room 221, ACC	\$22	\$32

3 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (Thu-Sun Daylight Series)	4th single	Room 222, ACC	\$22	\$32
299er Pairs	single	Room 225, ACC	\$18	\$28
0-5 players (guest members permitted)			Free	Free

7:30 p.m.

Friday Evening Side Pairs (Fri-Mon Evening Series)	1st single	Majestic F, MtPz	\$22	\$22
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► ENTRY FEES

A valid ACBL player number is required to play in all events at the NABC.

For all daytime events, a discount of **\$10** per player per session is available to registered guests of the host hotel and residents of the host district who purchase entries through Entry Express.

Players must be members whose dues are current in order to compete in any of the following NABC+ events: Lebhar IMP Pairs, Senior Mixed Pairs, NABC+ Open Pairs, Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs, Smith Women's Pairs, Jacoby Open Swiss Teams and Women's Open Swiss Teams. The undiscounted entry fees for these contests are **\$45** per player per session.** (For team events, this means **\$180** per team per session for four-person teams, **\$225** per team per session for five-person teams, and **\$270** per team per session for six-person teams.) For Premier NABC+ events – the Kay Platinum Pairs and the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams – the entry fee is **\$50** per player per session.** (For team events, this means **\$200** per team per session for four-person teams, **\$250** per team per session for five-person teams, and **\$300** per team per session for six-person teams.) There is no entry fee for any flight of North American Pairs.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams, 0-10,000 Knockout Teams, 0-2500 Swiss Teams and 0-2500 Pairs. The entry fee is **\$35** per player per session. This means **\$140** per team per session for teams of four, **\$175** per team per session for teams of five, and **\$210** per team per session for teams of six.

Regional events are **\$32** per player per session. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is **\$128** per session. Guest members must upgrade to full membership to play. Inactive members must renew.

Events with a limit of 500 masterpoints or lower are **\$28** per player per session. Guest members are permitted in 0-20 events and as 0-5 players playing free on Friday, Feb. 27. Otherwise, guest members must upgrade to full membership to play.



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

► WELCOME GOLD RUSH AND I/N PLAYERS TO ST. LOUIS!

Gold Rush and Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Starting Friday, Feb. 27, Gold Rush and I/N (GRIN) events will be held in Room 225 on the second floor of America's Center. The GRIN Welcome Desk is outside this room.

The **Partnership Desk** can help you find a partner. The earlier you request one, the better.

Don't forget to pick up your **welcome gift** from both the Welcome and GRIN desks.

Celebrity speakers will give free mini-lessons at 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on most days. On Friday, Feb. 27, Adam Parrish presents "Being a Good Partner" and Robert Todd presents "Problem Opening Bids."

ENTRY FEE SPECIAL

ACBL members* with 0–5 masterpoints can play **free** in the 299er games on Friday, Feb. 27.

FREE LESSONS

Don't miss these **free lessons** (8 to 9:45 a.m.) by renowned teachers in Room 230:

- Saturday, Feb. 28: Donna Compton
Notrump Lead Strategies
- Sunday, March 1: Patty Tucker
Help Suit Game Tries

A special game for 0–20 MPs members* will be held immediately following these lectures (12 deals, free!).

BRIDGEBATTLE

Come play this fast, fun game that blends bridge and war – no lessons needed. Just show up, play and win prizes on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 230 on the second floor of America's Center. **Free.** Preregistration encouraged at acbl.org/bwregister.

LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY?

Yes! Let Patty Tucker show you how on Sunday, March 1, from 1–6 p.m. in Room 230, ACC. **Fee: \$25** if preregistered or **\$30** at the door, acbl.org/reglbiad.

*Guest members permitted

► PATRON LOUNGE

The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge in the Washington Room on the ground floor of the Marriott Plaza from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, through Friday, March 6, for coffee and light lunch.

► SEMINARS & MEETINGS

BEST PRACTICES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Learn modern teaching techniques in this interactive learning course which includes hands-on experience. Preregistration is required at acbl.org/BPteacher. **Fee: \$125.**

Friday, Feb. 27	1–5 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday, 2/28–3/1	8 a.m.–noon
Assessments	
Sunday, March 1	2–6 p.m.
Monday, March 2	8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Room 232, America's Center, second floor



CLUB AND TEACHER RECEPTION

This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for those who recruit and retain our members. All teachers, club directors, managers and owners are welcome. A light meal and adult beverages will be served.

Preregistration required (closed Feb. 9). Walkup admittance is not guaranteed. **Free.**

Friday, Feb. 27 6:30–8 p.m.

Gateway Ballroom, Marriott Main, lower level

► ELIGIBILITY POINTS

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF OTHER NATIONAL BRIDGE ORGANIZATIONS

If you are now or have been a member of a bridge organization outside of the U.S., Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, please be aware that you must have eligibility points assigned to you (or those previously issued to you reviewed). This is especially important if you intend to enter an event with a masterpoint limit or a bracketed event. Please visit the Tournament Operations office (Westmoreland, first floor, Marriott Plaza) to do so.

► PRE-REGISTRATION

REQUIRED FOR VANDERBILT, 10K KO

Registration for both the Vanderbilt KO Teams and 0–10,000 Knockout is required by 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1. Entries may be purchased on Entry Express anytime before then or onsite Sunday.

For the 0–10,000 Knockout, contingent entries are allowed; you may withdraw pending qualification in another event.



▶ NAVIGATING TO PLAYING AREAS

To reach locations in the America's Center, exit the Marriott, cross Washington Avenue at Eighth Street, enter the main doors and take the escalator to the second floor.

Locations in the Marriott Plaza may be reached either by going outside, crossing Ninth Street and entering the doors on Washington Avenue, or by going down to the concourse level of the main building of the Marriott, using the underground walkway and then taking the escalators up to the first or second floors.

A detailed map of the playing areas in these buildings is available from either Welcome Desk or online at acbl.org/stlouis.