

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

San Francisco, 2019 Fall NABC

BOLD, UPPER CASE – NABC+ events (Platinum points)
UPPER CASE – NABC events (Gold or Red points)
Green – Regional events (Gold and Red points)
Blue – Gold Rush events (Gold and Red points)
Red – Intermediate/Newcomer events, 0-299 masterpoints (Red pts)

Revised: 09/24/19

Saturday November 23 – Monday November 25

Online 24 hours

NABC ROBOT INDIVIDUAL (unlimited/2000/500)

Three sessions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

1:00 pm	International Fund Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) International Fund Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/750) International Fund 0-299 Pairs	Single session Single session Single session
7:30 pm	Educational Foundation Knockout Teams <i>continues Friday at 1:00 & 7:30</i> Educational Foundation Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Educational Foundation 0-299 Pairs	Round 1 of 3 Single session Single session

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

0-5 Newcomer Pairs Play Free Today!

9:00 am	Fri-Sat Morning Compact Knockout Teams Fri-Sun Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 1
10:00 am	0-5, 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	Two sessions
1:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series	Single session 1
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2 day Swiss qualifying & 5 day knockout Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Educational Foundation Knockout Teams Fri-Sat Knockout Teams	Two qualifying sessions Qualifying sessions 1 & 2 Two sessions Rounds 2 & 3 Rounds 1 & 2
3:00 pm	0-5, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
7:30 pm	Paul McDaniels Memorial A/X/Y & B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session 2 Single session

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Junior Day

9:00 am	Fri-Sat Morning Compact Knockout Teams Sat-Sun Morning Compact Knockout Teams Fri-Sun Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 2
10:00 am	East Bay Community Bridge Ctr 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Bridge Plus+ <i>Free lesson, then 14 hands (no card fee)</i>	Single session Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500) Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	Two sessions Two sessions
1:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series	Single session 3
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	NAIL LIFE MASTER OPEN PAIRS SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS 0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final Susan Wiebe Memorial A/X Open Pairs (unlimited/6000) B/C Open Pairs (3000/1500) Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Fri-Sat Knockout Teams Kunio Okui Memorial Sat-Sun Knockout Teams Compact Knockout Teams	Two final sessions Qualifying sessions 3 & 4 Two qualifying sessions Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Rounds 1 & 2/3 & 4 Single session
3:00 pm	Bill Bussboom Memorial 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Youth Pairs (Free: Short game, then party) to 20 years of age	Single session
7:30 pm	A/X/Y and B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-299 Pairs	Single session Single session 4 Single session
11:30 pm	Zip Knockout Teams Junior Zip Knockout Teams (25 and under) - no card fees	Single session Single session

All regional KOs are 24 boards with no playbacks. Gold Rush sessions play 24 boards; regional open pair sessions play 26 or 27 boards, except those at 9:00 am, which play 24 boards. Single-session team events play 24 boards.

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 that series to earn gold.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Rev Murthy Day

9:00 am	Sat-Sun Morning Compact Knockout Teams Sun-Mon Morning Compact Knockout Teams Fri-Sun Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 3
10:00 am	Rev Murthy 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Rev Murthy 0-299 Swiss Teams	Single session Single session Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Rev Murthy Bridge Plus+ <i>Free lesson, then 14 hands (no card fee)</i> SUPER SENIOR PAIRS (Age 70+) 1 day qualifying & 1 day final Rev Murthy Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Rev Murthy Daylight Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/1500) Rev Murthy Daylight Gold Rush Swiss Teams (750/300/200)	Two qualifying sessions Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions
Noon & 7:00 pm	SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round of 32
1:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series	Single session 5
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	MITCHELL OPEN BAM TEAMS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final 0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS Rev Murthy Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Rev Murthy A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Rev Murthy Bracketed B Teams (0-3000) <i>Brackets of 8 teams by average masterpoints;(3 teams in each bracket earn gold).</i>	Two qualifying sessions Two final sessions Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions
3:00 pm	Kunio Okul Memorial Sat-Sun Knockout Teams Rev Murthy 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Rev Murthy 0-299 Swiss Teams	Rounds 3 & 4 Single session Single session
7:30 pm	Rev Murthy Evening BAM Teams <i>Open to Swiss drop-ins and new entrants</i> Fri-Sun Side Game Series Rev Murthy 0-299 I/N Pairs Rev Murthy 0-299 Swiss Teams	Single session Single session 6 Single session Single session
11:30 pm	Rev Murthy Zip Knockout Teams	Single session

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Goodwill Day

9:00 am	Sun-Mon Morning Compact Knockout Teams Mon-Tue Morning Compact Knockout Teams Tom Pajak Mon-Wed Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 1
10:00 am	Terry Terzian Memorial 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	SUPER SENIOR PAIRS Daylight A/X Open Pairs (unlimited/6000) Daylight B/C Open Pairs (3000/1500) Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Mon-Tue Daylight Knockout Teams	Two final sessions Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions
Noon & 7:00 pm	SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Rounds 1 & 2 Round of 16
1:00 pm	Mon-Tue Side Game Series	Single session 1
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	MITCHELL OPEN BAM TEAMS 0-10,000 IMP PAIRS <i>1 day qualifying & 1 day final</i> A/X/Y Open Pairs (unlimited/6000/4000) B/C/D Open Pairs (3000/1500/750) Mon-Tue Knockout Teams Compact Knockout Teams	Two final sessions Two qualifying sessions Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 1 & 2 Rounds 1 & 2/3 & 4
3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Swiss Teams Terry Terzian Memorial 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session
7:30 pm	A/X/Y and B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams Mon-Tue Side Game Series 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session 2 Single session
11:30 pm	Zip Knockout Teams	Single session

Stratification for regional, side and I/N events is by average masterpoints.

Open Events: A unlimited, B 750-3000, C 0-750

Three-Flight Events: A/X unlimited/6000, B/C 3000/1500, Gold Rush 750/300/200

Two-Flight Events: A/X/Y unlimited/6000/4000, B/C/D 3000/1500/750 (if no Gold Rush)
A/B/C unlimited/3000/1500, Gold Rush 750/300/200

In B, B/C and B/C/D events, no player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no player may be over 750.

I/N events are stratified as appropriate at the discretion of the director. *No player may be over 300.*

All regional, side and I/N

Swiss events use

the 20 point VP scale.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Peggy Tatro Day

9:00 am	Mon-Tue Morning Compact Knockout Teams Tue-Wed Morning Compact Knockout Teams Tom Pajak Mon-Wed Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 2
10:00 am 10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Peggy Tatro 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Peggy Tatro Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500) Peggy Tatro Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Mon-Tue Daylight Knockout Teams	Single session Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4
Noon & 7:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS Mon-Tue Side Game Series KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 1 day qualifying, 1 day semi & 1 day final WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final 0-6000 MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 1 day qualifying, 1 day semi & 1 day final 0-10,000 IMP PAIRS Peggy Tatro Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500) Peggy Tatro Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Mon-Tue Knockout Teams Harvey Brody Memorial Tue-Wed Knockout Teams	Two quarterfinal sessions Single session 3 Two qualifying sessions Two qualifying sessions Two qualifying sessions Two final sessions Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2
3:00 pm	Peggy Tatro Afternoon Side Swiss Teams Peggy Tatro 0-99, 0-299 Pairs	Single session Single session
7:30 pm	Lee Pollak A/X/Y and B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams Mon-Tue Side Game Series Peggy Tatro 0-299 Pairs	Single session Single session 4 Single session
11:30 pm	Peggy Tatro Zip Knockout Teams	Single session

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am	Tue-Wed Morning Compact Knockout Teams Wed-Thu Morning Compact Knockout Teams Tom Pajak Mon-Wed Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 3
10:00 am 10:00 am & 1:00 pm 10:00 am & 3:00 pm	0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Fast Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Daylight A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Bracketed B Teams (0-3000) <i>Brackets of 8 teams by average masterpoints; 3 teams in each bracket earn gold.</i>	Single session Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions
Noon & 7:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS Wed-Thu Side Game Series KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS 0-6000 MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS Frank Lowenthal Memorial Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Harvey Brody Memorial Open Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/1500) Gold Rush Swiss Teams (750/300/200) Harvey Brody Memorial Tue-Wed Knockout Teams Cure Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Wed-Thu Knockout Teams	Two semifinal sessions Single session 1 Two semifinal sessions Two final sessions Two semifinal sessions Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2
3:00 pm 7:30 pm	0-99, 0-299 Pairs Evening BAM Teams <i>Open to Swiss drop-ins and new entrants</i> Wed-Thu Side Game Series	Single session Single session
11:30 pm	0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs Zip Knockout Teams	Single session 2 Single session Single session

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am	Wed-Thu Morning Compact Knockout Teams Thu-Fri Morning Compact Knockout Teams Unit 512 Wine Country Thu-Sat Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 1
10:00 am 10:00 am & 3:00 pm	0-20, 0-99, -299 I/N Pairs Daylight A/X Open Pairs (unlimited/6000) Daylight B/C Open Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Thu-Fri Daylight Knockout Teams	Single session Two sessions Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 1 & 2
Noon & 7:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm & 4:30 pm 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS Wed-Thu Side Game Series 0-10,000 FAST OPEN PAIRS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS SENIOR MIXED PAIRS 1 day qualifying & 1 day final 0-6000 MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS Open Pairs In Honor of Scott Ewing, 1939-2018 (unlimited/3000/750) Cure Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Wed-Thu Knockout Teams Harvey Brody Memorial Compact Knockout Teams	Two final sessions Single session 3 Two qualifying sessions Two final sessions Two qualifying sessions Two final sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2/3 & 4
3:00 pm	Afternoon Side Swiss Teams 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session
7:30 pm	A/X/Y and B/C/D Evening Swiss Teams Wed-Thu Side Game Series	Single session Single session 4
11:30 pm	0-299 I/N Pairs Zip Knockout Teams	Single session Single session

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

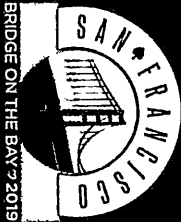
9:00 am	Thu-Fri Morning Compact Knockout Teams Fri-Sat Morning Compact Knockout Teams Unit 512 Wine Country Thu-Sat Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Single session 2
10:00 am	Unit 498 San Mateo 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500) Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200) Thu-Fri Daylight Knockout Teams	Two sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4
1:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series	Single session 1
1:00 pm & 4:30 pm	0-10,000 FAST OPEN PAIRS	Two final sessions
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	REISINGER BAM TEAMS <i>Preregistration required by 9:00 pm Thursday</i> KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS <i>These team events are 1 day qualifying, 1 day semifinal & 1 day final</i> SENIOR MIXED PAIRS Harvey Brody Memorial Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	Two qualifying sessions Two qualifying sessions
3:00 pm	Fri-Sat Knockout Teams Afternoon Side Swiss Teams 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Two final sessions Two sessions Rounds 1 & 2 Single session
7:30 pm	Evening Swiss Teams Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session Single session 2 Single session
11:45 pm	Zip Knockout Teams	Single session

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am	Fri-Sat Morning Compact Knockout Teams Morning Swiss Teams Unit 512 Wine Country Thu-Sat Morning Side Game Series	Rounds 3 & 4 Single session Single session 3
10:00 am	Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500) Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	Two sessions Two sessions
Noon & 7:00 pm	REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS	Two semifinal sessions
1:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series	Single session 3
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS MIXED SWISS TEAMS <i>1 day qualifying & 1 day final</i> Paul McDaniels Memorial Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) Fri-Sat Knockout Teams Sat-Sun Knockout Teams (<i>Sunday 10:00 & 2:00</i>) Tom Quinlan (TQ) Compact Knockout Teams	Two semifinal sessions Two qualifying sessions Two sessions Rounds 3 & 4 Rounds 1 & 2 Rounds 1 & 2/3 & 4
3:00 pm	Sonoma Duplicate Bridge Club 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session
7:30 pm	Evening Swiss Teams Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-299 I/N Pairs	Single session Single session 4 Single session

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 am	A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Bracketed B Teams (0-3000) <i>Brackets of 8 teams by average masterpoints; 3 teams in each bracket earn gold.</i>	Playthrough with ½ hr break Playthrough with ½ hr break
	Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs 0-299 Swiss Teams	Single session 5 Single session Single session
10:00 am & 1:00 pm	Alex Martelli Fast Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	Two sessions
10:00 am & 2:00 pm	Sat-Sun Knockout Teams	Rounds 3 & 4
11:00 am & 5:00 pm	REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS MIXED SWISS TEAMS	Two final sessions Two final sessions
2:00 pm	Fri-Sun Side Game Series 0-20, 0-99, 0-299 I/N Pairs 0-299 Swiss Teams	Single session 6 Single session Single session



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Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Schedule

Nov. 28-Dec. 8

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Time	28 Thurs.	29 Fri.	30 Sat.	1 Sun.
9:15	KEY Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N): Single Session 299er (50/200/100) 49er (50/20/5) Gold Rush Events: Two Sessions (750/500/200) or (750/300) All games stratified.	Celebrity Speaker 299er, 99er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	Celebrity Speaker East Bay/Comm, Bridge Cir 299er, 99er, 0-20 Pairs	Celebrity Speaker Rev Murthy 299er, 99er, 0-20 Pairs
10:00	International Fund 299er Pairs	0-5 Pairs Play Free Tournament	FREE Two-hour Lesson with Barbara Saasgram followed by Bridgeplus+ 14 hands, no card fee 0-20 - Single Session	FREE Two-hour Lesson with Audrey Grant followed by Bridgeplus+ 14 hands, no card fee 0-20 - Single Session
1:00		299er, 99er, & 0-5 Pairs	Gold Rush Pairs Session 1 Patty Tucker Learn Bridge In A Day™ 1-6 p.m. Pre-register at adblorg/reg/BIAD for special pricing	Patty Tucker Doubles In A Day 1-5 p.m. Pre-register at adblorg/reg/BIAD for special pricing
3:00			299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	Rev Murthy 299er, 99er Pairs Rev Murthy 299er Swiss Teams
6:45		Celebrity Speaker 299er Pairs		Rev Murthy Daylight Gold Rush Swiss Teams Session 2
7:30	Educational Foundation 299er Pairs		299er Pairs Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	Celebrity Speaker 299er Pairs

Junior Day

Rev Murthy Day

Goodwill Day		Peggy Tatro Day						
	2 Mon.	3 Tues.	4 Wed.	5 Thurs.	6 Fri.	7 Sat.	8 Sun.	
9:15	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker		
10:00	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	Peggy Tatro 299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs 299er Swiss Teams	
1:00		Peggy Tatro Gold Rush Pairs Session 1	Gold Rush Swiss Teams Session 1				299er, 99er, O-20 Pairs 299er Swiss Teams	
2:00	299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs	Peggy Tatro 299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	299er, 99er Pairs	299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	299er, 99er Pairs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Session 2		
6:15	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker	Celebrity Speaker		
7:30	299er Pairs 299er Swiss Teams	Peggy Tatro 299er Pairs 299er Swiss Teams Gold Rush Pairs Session 2	299er Pairs 299er Swiss Teams Gold Rush Swiss Teams Session 2	299er Pairs 299er Swiss Teams	299er Pairs 299er Swiss Teams	299er Pairs		

KEY
 Intermediates/
 Newcomer (1/N);
 Single Session
 299er (300/200/100)
 49er (50/20/5)
 Gold Rush Events:
 Two Sessions
 (750/500/200)
 or (750/300)
 All games stratified.



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Newcomer Daily Games

Thursday, Nov. 28

1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Stratified* 0-299

Friday, Nov. 29

10 a.m.: 0-5, 0-20, 0-99, 0-299
3 p.m.: 0-5, 0-99, 0-299
7:30 p.m.: 0-299
0-5 play free in I/N room all day Friday
All events stratified*

Saturday, Nov. 30 - Saturday Dec. 7

10 a.m.: 0-20, 0-99, 0-299
3 p.m.: 0-99, 0-299
7:30 p.m.: 0-299

Sunday Dec. 8

10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Stratified* 0-20, 0-99 and 0-299

Celebrity Speakers



Friday, Nov. 29 - Saturday, Dec. 7

Daily at 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.
Saturdays only at 9:15 a.m.

Two-Hour Lessons



Saturday, Nov. 30 & Sunday, Dec. 1

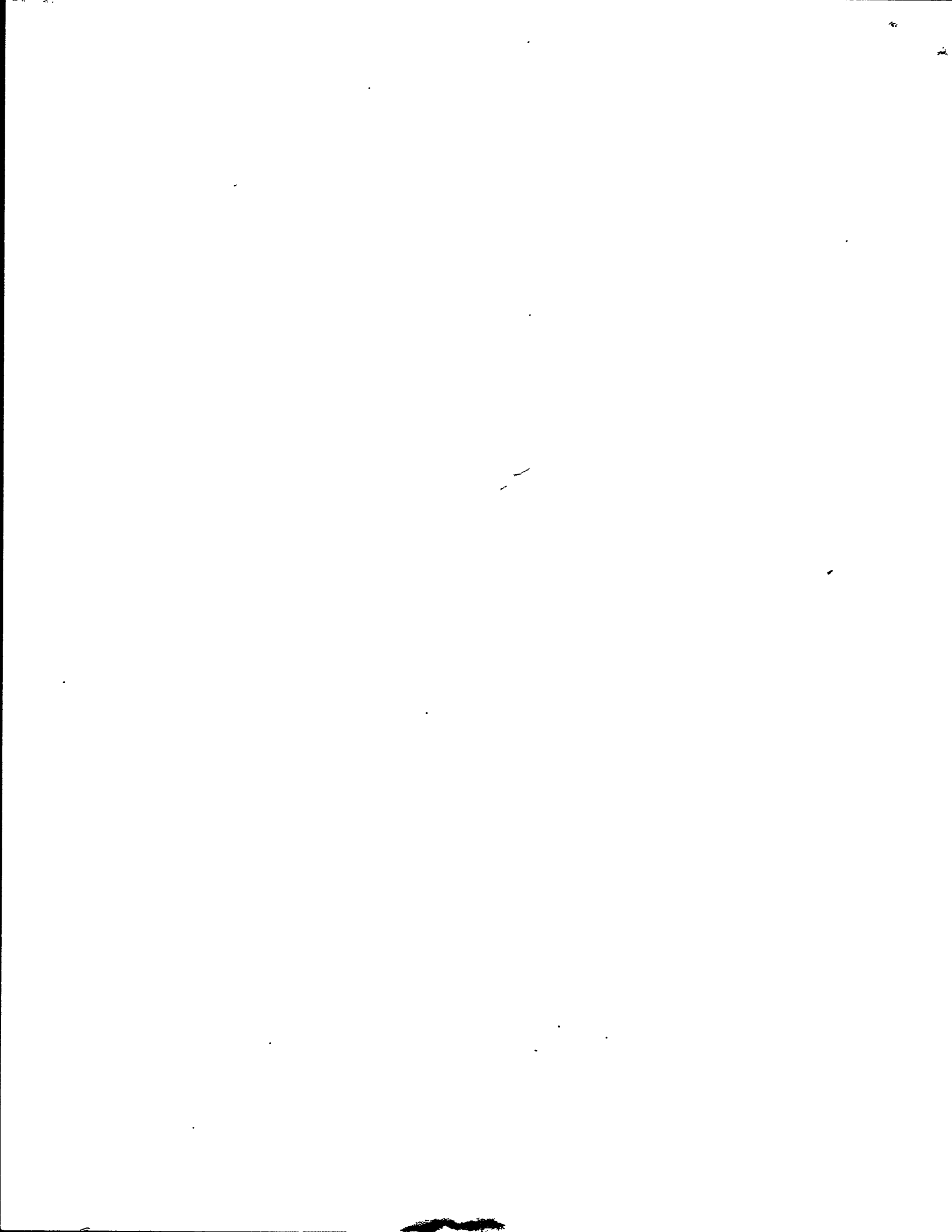
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by free
14 board game

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Doubles in A Day

Sunday, Dec. 1 - \$20 when you pre-register
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French team in search of better bots

The advances in artificial intelligence (AI) for games such as chess and go have been dramatic, so much so that only the best players in the world have any chance against computer programs such as Google's Alpha Zero. But bridge remains a challenge for AI developers, with mediocre bridge-playing "bots" being largely unchanged for many years.

Jean-Baptiste Fantun and Veronique Ventos are hoping to change that. They are the cofounders of NukkAI, a private AI lab based in Paris, whose scientific objective is to build a program that can outperform human experts and — key point — explain its decisions. Ultimately, Fantun and Ventos believe their work can be used for other areas.

"The innovative methods we develop are likely to have an impact on different fields: healthcare, agronomy, insurance, etc.," she said.

According to Fantun, the NukkAI project has two "legs":

"One leg is dedicated to research focused on bridge, and it has taken a huge step in just one year. Starting in May 2018, we have



NukkAI's Jean-Baptiste Fantun and Veronique Ventos

already gathered a strong team of prominent AI researchers, young engineers and bridge experts and are moving fast on research (bridge robots).

"The other leg is dedicated to applications, but taking a step with this leg required a credible scientific team which we now have gathered, thanks to the bridge challenge. So now we

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Upsets galore in Spingold round of 32

Several high seeds exited the Spingold KO Teams in yesterday's round of 32.

The No. 4 seed captained by Mary Fleisher is out of the event after losing 151-144 to Rose Meltzer's team, the No. 29 seed.

The No. 5 seed led by Steve Robinson was pummeled 136-45 by the No. 28 seed, the all-French squad captained by Eric Gautret, in three quarters of play.

Jimmy Cayne's No. 10 seed was roughly ousted from the Spingold 204-95 by Andrew Gromov (No. 23).

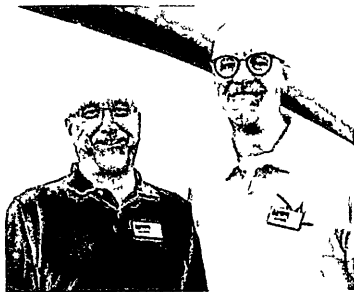
George Mittelman (No. 12) was shown the door by Bart Bramley (No. 21) 144-115, and Jim Mahaffey's No. 13 seed got the boot from Joyce Hill (No. 20), 110-81.

Nick Nickell (No. 2) survived a scare against Eric Leong (No. 34), advancing 144-135 after trailing late in the match.

No. 3 Blass also trailed their opponents late in the match, but won to advance. Blass defeated Bruce Rogoff's team 139-127.

Team Lavazza (No. 7) fought to a 120-120 tie against Paul Lewis and company (No. 26), but Lavazza prevailed in overtime, winning 152-131.

From the stage to your bridge table



Las Vegas NABC I/N Chair Toby McEvoy, left, and Treasurer Chris Hahn teach beginning bridge to people they meet through community theater.

There's a new group of bridge players sprouting in Las Vegas. Because it's not happening in any of the established clubs, some people refer to it as underground. Perhaps a better term is backstage: It's a group of community theater performers who are learning bridge together.

Two of the volunteers on the NABC host committee are making it happen: I/N Chair Toby McEvoy and Treasurer Chris Hahn. Both are involved in theater as a hobby. McEvoy is a musical director — he conducts and recruits orchestras — and Hahn is a singer/musical actor. They didn't plan to recruit bridge players, but it happened organically.

"I've had to be away from rehearsals for a bridge tournament," McEvoy explained. "That led to people asking about bridge and asking me to

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Mini-Spins begin head-to-head KOs

After yesterday's three-way matches in both flights of the Mini-Spingold KO Teams, each contest will feature all-day, head-to-head matches beginning today.

The field in the 0-6000 Mini-Spingold KO Teams has been reduced to 16 teams, while eight teams remain in the 0-2500 Mini-Spingold contest.

Miles leads Mixed BAM quals

The squad captained by Danny Miles topped the qualifying round of the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams. The Miles team posted 20 wins in the first session and 18.5 in the second for 38.5 wins total. Miles is playing with Sylvia Shi, Barry Rigal-Laura Dekkers and Jian-Jian Wang-Li Yiting.

In second with 35.5 is Ellen Kent's team: Ellen Kent-Robert Kent and Sandy McCay-Thomas Turgeon.

Three teams are tied for third with 35.

Baqai-Ravipudi lead Wernher

Californians Ifkhar Baqai and Subba Ravipudi are leading the qualifiers in the Wernher Open Pairs after yesterday's opening round. They scored 66.76% in the first qualifying session and 56.64% in the second. Their carryover is 264.61.

In second place are Canadians Frederic Pollack and Kamol Fergani with a carryover of 253.77.

Third place is occupied by Eric Sieg and Thomas Davine of Washington state with a carryover of 241.11.

Justice John Paul Stevens 1920-2019

Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens died July 16 in a Fort Lauderdale FL hospital following a stroke. He was 99 years old.

In addition to being a brilliant jurist, Stevens was an accomplished bridge player, and a regular at club games and tournaments in both Florida and the Washington



DC area. On Valentine's Day, he attended a special 60th anniversary celebration of the Fort Lauderdale Club

Born in Chicago, Stevens served in the Navy in World War II. He enlisted on Dec. 6, 1941, one day before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and served as an intelligence officer in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service. He returned home and entered Northwestern University School, graduating magna cum laude in 1947.

He was appointed to the Court of Appeals for

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ATTENDANCE
through Wednesday
9436 tables



Goodwill Message

Greet and welcome your opponents; compliment them on their good play.
Sandy DeMarino, Chair
Alleen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

All meetings are at The Cosmopolitan.

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 25</p> <p>10 am-6 pm Youth NABC, Brera 4, third floor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 26</p> <p>10 am-6 pm Youth NABC, Brera 4, third floor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 27</p> <p>10 am-5:30 pm Youth NABC, Brera 4, third floor</p> <p>5:30-7:30 pm Youth NABC Closing Reception, Condessa 5, second floor</p>
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CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Don't miss these free lectures by some of the best-known players in the game! Brera 2 on the third floor of The Cosmopolitan.

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 25</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Norman Beck <i>Odd Things and Bridge</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Donna Compton <i>Passive vs. Attacking Defense</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 26</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Harriette Buckman <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Tom Carmichael <i>New Minor Forcing Friends</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 27</p> <p>9:15 a.m. GS Jade Barrett <i>Power of Fits</i></p>
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HOSPITALITY

Food will be served nightly following the evening session in the Gracia Commons on the third floor.

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 25</p> <p>Mac and cheese bites.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, July 26</p> <p>Ice cream.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 27</p> <p>Roasted tomato bruschetta.</p>
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Entry fees

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

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Grand National Teams (Championship Flight), von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Spingold Knockout Teams, Wagar Women's Pairs, Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams, Wernher Open Pairs, Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams and the Roth Open Swiss Teams. The entry fees for these contests are \$30 per player per session. For team events, this means \$120 per team per session for four-person teams, \$150 per team per session for five-person teams, and \$180 per team per session for six-person teams. When screens are in use, there is an additional fee of \$10 per pair or \$20 per team per session.

Note: Only ACBL members are eligible to play in NABC+ events. \$1.50 per person per session benefits the International Fund.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Grand National Teams (Flights A, B & C), the 0-6000 and 0-2500 Mini-Spingold Knockouts, the 0-10,000 NABC Pairs, the 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams, the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs, the Young 0-2500 Pairs and the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs. The entry fee is \$22 per player per session. For the team events, this means \$88 per team per session for teams of four, \$110 per team per session for teams of five, and \$132 per team per session for teams of six. (The GNT Flights A, B & C have no fee the first two days of the contest.) When screens are in use, there is an additional fee of \$10 per pair or \$20 per team per session.

Regional events are \$20 per player per session for ACBL members, and \$24 for lapsed members. For multi-session team events of three sessions or more, the entry fee is \$80, \$100 or \$120 for teams of four, five or six, respectively. For team events of one or two sessions, the entry fee is \$80 per

session.

Events with a masterpoint limit of 300 or lower are \$15 per player per session for ACBL members, \$19 for lapsed members.

Hotel rewards program

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Bridge Bucks and check cashing

Bridge Bucks and check-cashing services will be available outside the Gracia Ballroom on the third floor from 9:30 - 10 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.

Check-cashing limit is \$500.

Players may purchase Bridge Bucks using all major credit cards.



Vendors

The vendors for the Summer NABC are located on the fourth floor directly outside the Belmont Ballroom. There you can find a variety of goods from books to jewelry.

Youth and Junior entries

Coupons will be made available for Junior members in good standing for entry into events at NABCs:

- Any player under the age of 26 years who is a full-time student (must provide proof of eligibility) will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons have a value of \$10 per session.
- Any player under the age of 21 years will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons have a value of \$10 per session.
- Any player 19 years and under will be granted free plays for each session of regionally rated events.
- Players under the age of 26 years named to teams to represent the U.S., Canada and Mexico in world competitions for NABCs occurring between the time they are named to the team and the world championship will receive free plays at NABCs when playing with members of their team or members of another team representing Zone 2.

Parking

Parking is free for registered guests at The Cosmopolitan. For others, parking is \$15 per day for self-parking or \$20 per day for valet, or \$10 and \$15 for up to four hours. At Planet Hollywood, parking is free for everyone.

Cash concessions

The cash concessions stand is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Cosmopolitan, outside the Belmont Ballroom, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside Gracia Ballroom on the third level.

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Answer to Bridge Crosswords on page 17

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Convention card reminder

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

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 matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.

The objective of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.

Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

Tomorrow's Bridge Events

Event	Friday, July 26, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session	
	Session	Sold	Current members*	Inactive members
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO Teams	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	2nd single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Thursday-Friday Morning Compact KO Teams	2nd	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Wednesday-Friday Morning KO Teams	3rd	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Daylight Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/1500)	1-2	Mont-Royal, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300/200)	1-2	Outside Belmont 5, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Daylight Swiss Teams (unlimited/3000/750)	1-2	Nolita, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 5	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$30	} All: Screen fees of \$20/ session/team apply
0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 4	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$22	
0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Round 4	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$22	
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
ROTH OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 Q	Gracia, 3rd floor	\$30	—
2 qualifying, 2 semifinal & 2 final sessions	1-2 Q	Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor	\$22	—
BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS	1-2	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
2 qualifying, 2 final sessions. Pre-qualification required.	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750)	SF & F	Outside Gracia 4, 3rd floor	No fee	
Friday-Saturday KO Teams	1-2	Outside Gracia 4, 3rd floor	No fee	
Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship				
Collegiate Stratified Open Pairs				
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Friday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
Evening Swiss Teams	single	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Zip Knockout Teams	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$16/team/match	

Unless otherwise noted: Three-flight open events are stratified as A/X (6000+/0-6000), B/C (1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200). Two-flight open events are stratified as A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (300-750/200-300/0-200) or as A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000) and B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/0-750) if there is no Gold Rush.

One-flight open events are stratified as A (3000+), B (750-3000) and C (0-750). Stratification is based on averaging the masterpoints of a pair or team. Eligibility for limited events will be based on the point holding of the highest player, so no player with more than 3000 may play in B/C events nor the Bracketed B Teams, no player with more than 750 may play in Gold Rush events, and no player with more than 300 may play in 299er events.

BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events. UPPER CASE = NABC events.
*Members whose dues payment is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current.

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Today's Bridge Events

Event	Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m.		Entry/player/session	Inactive members
	Session	Sold		
Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series Thursday-Friday Morning Compact KO Teams Wednesday-Friday Morning KO Teams	1st single	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1st	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	2nd	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Daylight A/X Pairs (unlimited/6000) Daylight B/C Pairs (3000/1500) Daylight Gold Rush Pairs (750/300) Daylight A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Daylight Bracketed B Round-Robin Teams (0-3000) <i>No player over 3000. Brackets of nine teams by average MPs. Four teams in each bracket earn gold.</i>	Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.			
	1-2	Mont-Royal, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Outside Belmont 5, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Outside Belmont 5, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Outside Gracia, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS <i>Screen fees of \$20 per session per team apply</i> 0-6000 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS	Thursday, July 25, Noon & 7 p.m.			
	Round 4	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$30	—
Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series	Round 3	Castellana, 3rd floor	\$22	—
	Thursday, July 25, 1 p.m.			
WERNHER OPEN PAIRS FREEMAN MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS Open Pairs (unlimited/3000/750) A/X/Y Swiss Teams (unlimited/6000/4000) Bracketed B Round-Robin Teams (0-3000) <i>No player over 3000. Brackets of nine teams by average MPs. Four teams in each bracket earn gold.</i> Thursday Compact KO Teams Wednesday-Thursday KO Teams Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship <i>Pre-qualification required.</i>	3rd single	Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	Thursday, July 25, 1 & 7:30 p.m.			
	1-2 F	Outside Gracia 3, 3rd floor	\$30	—
	1-2 F	Outside Gracia 3, 3rd floor	\$30	—
	Round 3	Inside Gracia 1, 3rd floor	\$22	—
	1-2	Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-2	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	1-4	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	3-4	Inside Belmont 3, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	Thursday, July 25, 3 p.m.			
	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series Evening Swiss Teams 299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs 0-20, 0-5 Pairs	Thursday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.			
	4th single	Inside Belmont 4, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Inside Belmont 2, 4th floor	\$20	\$24
	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$15	\$15
Zip Knockout Teams	Thursday, July 25, 11:30 p.m.			
	single	Outside Brera 2, 3rd floor	\$16/team/match	

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