



Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference Regional

Daily Bulletin

Hosted by Unit 110

Williamsburg, Virginia

January 18-24

Wednesday, January 20th

Today's Events

Martha Washington Compact KOs.....	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, conclude 9 am Thur</i>	
Jamestown AM Side Series (2 nd of 6).....	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/200/300 Pairs	9 am
Yorktown Knockouts	1 & 7 pm
<i>Continue 1 & 7 pm Thursday</i>	
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+).....	1 & 7 pm
Weekday Special GOLD POINT Pairs	
(0-300 red, 300-750 gold).....	1 & 7 pm
50/100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7 pm
Williamsburg Side Series (4 th , 5 th of 5).....	1 / 7 pm
Stratified Board-a-Match Teams.....	7 pm

- Open Pair, Swiss and BAM events stratified 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+ MP's unless noted otherwise
- Single-session pairs always accommodated
- Games limited to 300 MP's stratified at director's discretion

Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$10 per player per session for all events.

Youth and Novice Discounts

The MABC offers a \$5.00 discount on each full session at each Regionals for all contestants ages 21 and under. Players with 0-20 Masterpoints each who are playing in the Intermediate/Novice pair game also receive a discount of \$5.00 per player. Inform the director when purchasing the entry.

Extra! Extra!

This is a GOLD Wednesday. A double event pairs game held at 1 pm and 7pm. The MABC has added special red/gold pairs games to tournament schedules. These games are restricted to those players with less than 750 points. They have proven to be very popular.



Millard Nachtwey
Director in Charge

Today's Speakers

12:20 pm - Mark Dahl will be our speaker
The topic is "The Psychology of Bridge"

Mark is a full-time Bridge Professional from Richmond who teaches via lectures, classes and playing lessons. He is the District 6 recorder for this tournament.

6:20 pm - Jeff Meckstroth will have a
Question and Answer session

Jeff is a multiple world champion in contract bridge, winning the Bermuda Bowl representing the U.S. five times. He is one of only ten players who have won the so-called triple crown of bridge: the Bermuda Bowl, the World Open Pairs and the World Team Olympiad.

The talks are held in the speaker's corner in the main ballroom.



Mark Dahl



Jeff Meckstroth

Those attending Jeff's Q & A will receive a ticket for a drawing to win a Faberge Egg Pendant donated by vendors Matthew & Debbie Duffy.



The directors always appreciate you adding "please" when you call for them!

Knockouts

Knockouts are bracketed based on the average masterpoint holdings of all team members. To receive an overall award, a player must play at least half of the boards his team plays, including half of the boards played in the (combined) semifinal and final matches. He receives only the award earned in the last match of which he has played at least half that his team won. (Example: a player plays in the first match, sits out the second which the team wins (earning 3/4 overall), and then plays again in the third match, which the team loses. This player has earned only the match award from the first match. The rest of the team receives the points for 3/4 overall.)

Compact KO teams must be composed of exactly four players.

Any Knockout event which is advertised as bracketed but only draws enough teams for one bracket shall be run as a Handicapped event.

Bidding Boxes

MABC policy is that bidding boxes are used in all events. All players must use them unless they have a sight problem or other physical handicap. Explanatory cards are available in the tournament office for players who are unable to use bidding boxes.

Using Bidding Boxes

A player is obligated to choose a call before touching any card in the box. Deliberation while touching the bidding box cards may subject the offending side to the adjustment provision of Law 16.

A call is considered made when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in such a position to indicate that the call has been made.

District 6 Web Site

All results, recap sheets, and hand records can be accessed on the District 6 web site, www.districtsix.org

Watch Your Time

Bridge is a timed event. Slow play will be monitored and penalties may be assessed when appropriate warnings are not heeded.

Conventions

Mid-chart conventions are approved for use at this tournament in Flight A/X pairs or teams, or in bracketed KO events where the lowest team in the bracket has an average of at least 1500 MP per player. If you play midchart conventions requiring suggested defenses, please see the instructions about downloading and carrying them. There are no more yellow books. For other events or brackets, the ACBL General Convention Chart (plus any constructive defense to opponents' NT) applies. Players who by agreement lead low from xx must prealert their opponents at the start of each round.

Non-ACBL Masterpoints

Players with non-ACBL masterpoints must declare them at the time of entry, so they are placed in the correct flight, strat, or bracket based on the appropriate conversion factor. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any masterpoints earned. ABA members should report their ACBL points + half of their ABA points as a total.

FYI

The Hospitality Room is located in Suite 152 and will be open every night following the games providing beverages and snacks.

The Prize Room is located in the lobby just outside the playing area - the prize room will be open Tuesday from 6:00 to 6:45 pm, then Wednesday through Saturday from 8:00 to 8:45 am and 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Sunday 9:30 to 10:15 am and again immediately following the last game.

Tonight's Treat following the last event

Häagen Dazs ice cream bars will be served in the Hospitality Suite

Tomorrow's Events

Kingsmill Compact Kos	9 am
<i>Two 12-board matches, conclude 9 am Fri</i>	
Jamestown AM Side Series (3rd of 6).....	9 am
Early Bird 50/100/200/300 Pairs	9 am
Prime Time Compact Knockouts	1 & 7 pm
<i>Two 12-board matches each session</i>	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs	1 / 7 pm
Lafayette Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)	1 / 7 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams.....	7 pm
0-300 MP Swiss Teams.....	7 pm

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Cell phones must be turned off during session play!

Pets and Children

Pets and non-participating children are not permitted in the playing area.

Judy Ferris - Editor