

CAPE FEAR MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL

Wilmington, NC, Hilton Riverside, Bulletin #1
Monday-Tuesday, February 16 and 17, 2009

WELCOME

to our fifth
Cape Fear Regional Bridge Tournament.

We have the usual great MABC bridge for you. In addition, various non-bridge activities are available. Check the hotel reservation desk regarding historic district trolley tours, the Battleship *North Carolina*, riverboat rides, the Coast Guard cutter, the Wilmington Railroad Museum, movie studios (Hollywood East is here!), a new and expanded NC Aquarium in the Kure Beach area, and many convenient golf courses. Be sure to spend some time in the many specialty shops across the street in the Cotton Exchange or downriver at Chandler's Wharf.

Please appreciate (and respect) the Hilton's recent \$11+ million renovation. Included in it is an expanded Hilton restaurant - Innovations - and the addition of a Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, both of which will be open for dinner before 4:30. Innovations will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets every day.

We have many great downtown restaurants, most of them within a few blocks of the hotel. If you don't feel like walking, there is a free trolley that continuously circles the downtown area in an approximately 20 minute cycle. Be sure to check the restaurant lists provided on the information tables and posted near each playing area.



Registration in lower lobby	11:45 to 12:45
	6:15 to 6:45
Prizes in lower lobby	Noon - 12:45
	6:15 - 6:45

Free coffee will be available during the morning games on Tuesday through Sunday. Many thanks to Newbridge Bank, which well serves our Unit #118, for providing funds to help pay for this coffee. In addition, we have already pre-paid sufficient funds to allow snack bar coffee to cost only \$1.00.

Thank you all for coming. We hope you have a great week.

David A. Klein
Shirley H. Dail
TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRMEN

SECTION LOCATIONS (ALL WEEK)		
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A - J	1st Floor Ballroom	Knock-outs, Swiss Teams, and BAM's
K, L	Carolina Room (near Front Desk, 2nd Floor)	as needed
M, N, O	Cape Fear Ballroom - 2nd Floor	All I/N Events
P - T	Cape Fear Ballroom - 2nd Floor	All Pair games
U - Z	3rd Floor Rooms (above Cape Fear Ballroom)	Knock-out Semi- & Finals

MONDAY'S EVENTS

Stratified Charity Pairs 7:00 PM
Wilmington Bracketed KO's 7:00 PM
(1st of 4 rounds)

MONDAY'S LATE NIGHT FOOD

Home-made
cookies, brownies, and other goodies
in the
Upper Hallway



TUESDAY'S EVENTS

Sand Dollar Bracketed KO's 9 AM
(Two 12-board matches,
concludes 9 AM Wed.)

Wilmington Bracketed KO's 9 AM
(Continues at 1 & 7:30 PM today:
2nd, 3rd and final rounds)

Morning Side Game Series 9 AM
(1st of 5)

Brunswicktown Bracketed KO's
1 & 7:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7:00 PM

Water-taxi Side Game Series 1 / 7:00 PM
(1st & 2nd of 6)

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:00 PM

TUESDAY'S LATE NIGHT FOOD

Ice cream & soda

in the
Upper Hallway



DON'T FORGET THE CLOCK

Remember that bridge is a timed event. Players who continue to take more than their allotted time will be warned and penalized. Repeated slowness may result

A cartoon illustration of a yellow alarm clock with a blue base and bells.

Special Credits to our Committee Chairmen:

Hospitality - Emily Hale
assisted by Stephanie Dorr and Sandy Curry (**Registration**)
and Gwen Tidwell (**Prizes**)

Daily Bulletin - Marjorie Bribitzer

Partnerships - Eldon and Susie Clayman

Special thanks to all the many volunteer workers, without whom this tournament would not be possible.

Wandering

It is against the rules to "wander" during ACBL-sanctioned tournaments. Wandering is defined as any unnecessary movement throughout the playing area while hand records are on the tables, or when boards are in play. The following penalties shall be imposed by the Tournament Directors: 1st offense, a warning; 2nd offense, a half-board penalty; 3rd offense, a full-board penalty; 4th offense, suspension from the balance of the tournament. Penalties are cumulative over the length of the tournament. All incidents shall be recorded by the Tournament Director with the Tournament Committee and shall be recorded with ACBL management as part of the tournament report.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: To establish an atmosphere which promotes the enjoyment of bridge as both a competitive and a social game, the MABC has adopted the ACBL's policy of courteous behavior. For tournaments to be fun, cooperation from all (players, organizers, staff, and volunteers) is necessary. Please report conduct that is unacceptable by calling the director immediately, keeping in mind that we must be tolerant of other people in general and bridge players in particular. Also, please report especially outstanding or refreshing conduct on a player memo form (available from a director or on the information table).

COMMENDABLE: Being a good host or guest at the table.

Greeting others in a friendly manner.

Praising the bidding and/or play of an opponent.

UNACCEPTABLE: Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats, or violence.

Gloating over good results.

Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.

Loud or disruptive calls for or arguing with the director.

Courteous behavior brings out the best in everyone. Please consider the manner in which you behave. Try to eliminate those mannerisms and behaviors which may cause others to be uncomfortable, and increase those which make you a person others wish to be around. We all have in common a love of bridge. We should focus on our similarities, increase our tolerance of one another, and always behave civilly toward other players.

The intent in creating this policy is to create an environment in which it is never necessary to issue a penalty. However, the publicity surrounding this program constitutes your only warning. Serious breaches of good behavior will be penalized at their first occurrence. Disciplinary penalties are not subject to appeal.

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 1000 MP per player. For other events or brackets, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies. Players who by agreement lead low from xx must pre-alert 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 that they are placed in the correct flight, stratum, or bracket based on the appropriate conversion factor. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any masterpoints earned.

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 table cards are available in the tournament office for players who are unable to use bidding boxes.

SMOKING: Smoking is not allowed in any playing area, hallway or lobby. Smoking breaks will be provided during the sessions. Smoking is allowed only outside the building - please use the ash containers provided.

ALCOHOL: Alcohol may not be consumed in or around the playing area.

ATTIRE: Please do not wear obviously inappropriate apparel. Shirts and shoes are required. Use of strong or excessive fragrances in the playing area is not only a distraction but may cause allergic reactions. Poor personal hygiene also is not acceptable.

CELL PHONES: Cell phones and pagers *must* be turned OFF in all playing areas. A first infraction is penalized 3 IMPs or 1/4 board. For emergency situations, leave the cell phone with a director.

PETS AND NON-PARTICIPATING CHILDREN: Pets and non-participating children are not permitted in the playing area.

DIRECTOR, PLEASE! MABC policy asks that players add the word "please" when calling the Director to the table.

ENTRY FEES

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

Youth and Newcomer Discounts: The MABC offers a \$5.00 discount on each full session at each Regional for contestants ages 20 and under. Please inform the director when purchasing the entry.

Pairs of players with 0-20 masterpoints each, who are playing in the I/N pairs games also receive a \$5.00 discount per player.

DAILY BULLETIN

A box has been provided at the registration desk for information to be included in the Daily bulletin. Let us know if you make Life Master, or if this is your first regional win. Please list your name, city, state, and the event in which you earned the honor. Contact Marjorie Bribitzer, Editor, for any other

PARTNERSHIP DESK

The partnership desk is located in the hallway near the snack bar.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration desk is located in the the lower lobby near the restaurant. It will be open Tuesday - Saturday from 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM and from 6:15 - 6:45 PM. Please register (once) to help us get an accurate tournament count and receive your free welcome gifts.

RECORDER

The recorder for this tournament is Chris Moll. Recorder forms may be picked up from, and returned to, any director or to the tournament office.

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) semi-final and final matches. A player receives only the award earned in the last match that his team won in which he played at least half the boards. (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 received the points for 3/4 overall.

Compact KO teams must be composed of exactly four players.

SIDE GAME SERIES EVENTS

There are three separate Side Games Series Pairs Events: Morning Pairs (5 sessions) will run Tuesday - Saturday at 9:00 AM; Water-taxi Pairs (6 sessions), Tuesday-Thursday at 1:00 and & 7:00 PM; and Trolley Pairs (6 sessions), Friday - Saturday at 1:00 and 7:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Play in as many sessions as you like, with the same or different partners. Overall awards will be based on the two best individual sessions within each of the three events.

PRIZES

Prizes are awarded for first overall in multi-session events, and for section tops and stratum tops. Winners must wait for the 24-hour correction period to expire. New Life Masters and first-time event winners, please have your pictures taken in the Prize Area, located in the lower lobby. It will be in operation Wednesday - Saturday, noon - 12:45 and 6:15 - 6:45 PM, and Sunday from 9:00-9:45 AM and immediately after the game.

COFFEE AND LATE-NIGHT FOOD

Free coffee will be available at morning games, Tuesday through Sunday. Food will be served nightly after all evening sessions in the foyer near the upper ballroom.

THE HILTON RIVERSIDE

The Hilton dining area will have daily breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets.

We hope you enjoy the Hilton Riverside. Please be considerate of the Hotel Staff and the playing/public areas. Sleeping on couches and chairs in the lobby area is not permitted.



CAPE FEAR REGIONAL DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

Walnut St.	Grace St.	Princess St.	Market St.	Dock St.	Orange St.	Ann St.
		8				
		2nd St.				
		7	11			
		Front St.	10	14	17	
4		5	6	9	15	18
3					16	
				13		
				12		
	2		Water Street		19	20
						21
						22

HILTON

APPROXIMATE ENTREE COST \$ = \$5-\$20 \$\$ = \$15-\$25 \$\$\$ = \$20 - \$30+

1. HILTON INNOVATIONS (\$) - menu and buffet.
2. RUTH'S CHRIS (\$\$\$) - great steaks.
3. PADDY'S HOLLOW (\$) - Irish pub style, Victorian setting.
4. THE BASICS (\$) - Southern regional cooking.
5. TREBENZIO'S (\$\$) - all-American food, and martini lounge
6. FAT TONY'S (\$) - Italian and American in a pub atmosphere
7. SOUTHPAW (\$) - sports bar, sandwiches and pasta.
8. CATCH (\$\$) - gourmet seafood in a lunchbar setting.
(Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only)
9. FRONT STREET MICRO-BREWERY (\$) - dinners/sandwiches/salads.
(mention Hilton bridge tournament for a discount)
10. CIRCA 1922 (\$\$) - "Tapas" restaurant (gourmet, appetizer-size servings)
11. DELUXE (\$\$\$) - casual, up-scale dining in a historic setting.
12. UNION CAFE (\$\$\$) - excellent Southern regional cuisine.
(refurnished, re-named Riverboat Landing)
13. CAPRICE BISTRO (\$\$) - gourmet dining in an elegant setting.
(Waterzooi is back on the menu.)
14. CAFFE' PHOENIX (\$\$) - fine dining (sister to Union Cafe).
15. NIKKI'S (\$) - American and Japanese.
16. DOCK ST. OYSTER BAR (\$) - very casual, excellent seafood.
17. AUBRIANA'S (\$\$\$) - fine dining in a historic setting.
18. BLACK SEA (\$\$) - Turkish - seafood and kabobs.
19. THE GEORGE (\$\$) - Southern coastal dining on the riverwalk.
20. LE CATALAN (\$) - cozy French cafe and wine bar.
21. ELIJAH'S (\$\$) - excellent seafood, riverside.
22. PILOT HOUSE (\$\$) - excellent regional cooking, riverside

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A very special welcome to the Intermediate/Newcomers part of our fifth Cape Fear MABC Regional Bridge Tournament. All I/N (0-300) events will be held in the second floor (Cape Fear) ballroom. Please note our special party during Thursday's session.

Special thanks to Priscilla Smith for directing the I/N events and activities.

Please note that players with fewer than 5 masterpoints play free on Tuesday, and that 0-20 masterpoint pairs play at half-price in all I/N games.

David A Klein
Shirley H. Dail
Tournament Co-Chairmen

PRIZES AND PICTURES

Winners of Intermediate/Newcomer events, please have your picture taken and pick up your Overall and Section Top awards immediately following the game.

I/N LECTURES

There will be guest lecturers every day, Tuesday through Saturday, at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Check the I/N bulletin board for speakers and subjects.

Monday's I/N Events

**All I/N Events are in the Cape Fear Ballroom
on the second floor.**

7:00 PM 5/20/50 Charity Pairs
100/200/300 Charity Pairs

Tuesday's I/N Events

(0-5 Players Play Free Today!)

9:00 AM 50/100/300 Earlybird Pairs

1:00 PM 5/20/50 Pairs (0-5 Free)
100/200/300 Pairs

7:00 PM 0-5 Trophy Pairs (Free)
5/20/50 Pairs (0-5 Free)
100/200/300 Pairs
0-300 Swiss Teams

