

Southwest Florida Regional

October 16-22, 2023

Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa

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We are excited to be back in Sanibel for our annual Southwest Florida Regional. The Marriott Sanibel Harbour hotel has done a wonderful job recovering from Hurricane Ian. This year most of the events will be played in the Palms Ballroom.

We have a great lineup for our newer players. First, we have a free lesson with bridge teacher and ACBL Tournament Director Christina Van Leeuwen on Monday at 1pm. Her lesson will be about establishing long suits and managing the trump suit. Followed by a FREE 0-100 game at 3pm. Then we have a lesson before every morning game Tuesday through Friday from 9:45am to 10:15. Our speaker on Tuesday and Wednesday is our Naples resident and 2023 ABTA Teacher of the Year Bruce Greenspan. Thursday will be Lou Trautwein and Friday will be Ed Alcott.

We are also offering Evening Side games at 7:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Consider coming out for our evening games. We only play 18 boards, finishing by 10pm. Entries are \$15 per player.

On Thursday evening, Unit 128 will be hosting an opportunity for each of you to "Meet the Stars" who are attending the tournament. The first drink will be free, subsequent drinks are on you. Join us for some fun on Thursday Night! Tickets will be provided.

Your tournament host for the week is Shannon Cappelletti, the Director-In-Charge is Jesse Laird, and the partnership chair is Helena Fine. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

NEED A PARTNER? TEAMMATES?

Visit Helena at the Partnership Desk around 9:30am for the morning games and at 2:30 for the afternoon games. Please come as early as possible. If you find a partner on your own, after making a request, please have the courtesy to come back to the desk and let us know. A bulletin board will be posted for your use. Helena can be reached at 239-384-1577 or by email lenasellsnaples@gmail.com.

Restaurants at Hotel:

Sanibel Harbour Princess – 5pm – 7pm (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

Tarpon House Restaurant – 7am - 2pm and 5pm – 10pm

Courtside Steak House – 5pm – 10pm (Wednesday to Sunday)

Charley's Cabana Bar – 3pm – Midnight daily

In addition, a concession stand outside of the Ballroom with sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be open after the morning session.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, October 16th

10:30 & 3:00 - Mon-Tue Bracketed Knockouts
10:30 & 3:00 - Charity A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Charity Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game (1st of 6)
1:00 - Free Lesson with Christina Van Leeuwen
3:00 - Free Game for 0-100 Pairs
3:00 & 7:30 - Charity Bracketed Teams
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game (1st of 6)
7:30 - Evening Side Game (1st of 3)

Tuesday, October 17th

9:45-10:15 - *"Top Ten Tips"* - Bruce Greenspan
10:30 & 3:00 - Open Bracketed Teams
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game (2nd of 6)
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game (2nd of 6)
7:30 - Open & Gold Rush Evening Swiss Teams
7:30 - Evening Side Game (2nd of 3)

Wednesday, October 18th

9:45-10:15 - *"Opening Leads"* - Bruce Greenspan
10:30 & 3:00 - Wed-Thu Bracketed Knockouts
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game (3rd of 6)
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game (3rd of 6)
7:30 - Evening Side Game (3rd of 3)

Thursday, October 19th

9:45-10:15 - *"Balancing"* - Lou Trautwein
10:30 & 3:00 - Open Bracketed Teams
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game Series (4th of 6)
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 6)
6:30 - "Meet the Pros" Cocktail Party



Friday, October 20th

9:45-10:15 - *"Losing Trick Count"* - Ed Alcott
10:30 & 3:00 - Fri-Sat Bracketed Knockouts
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game Series (5th of 6)
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 6)

Saturday, October 21st

10:00 & 2:00 - Strati-Flighted Online Pairs on BBO (Open, Mid-Flight, Gold Rush) Must be members of District 9.
10:30 & 3:00 - Open Bracketed Teams
10:30 & 3:00 - A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 - Gold Rush Pairs
10:30 - Morning Side Game Series (6th of 6)
3:00 - Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)

Sunday, October 22nd

9:30 - A/X/Y Stratified Swiss Teams with Pre-duplicated Boards (7500+/7500-5000/0-5000)
9:30 - Bracketed "B" Round Robin Swiss
(Limit to players under 3500 MPs)

STRATS

A/X/Y Open (unless noted):

A=5000+; X=2500-5000; Y=0-2500

A/X Open: A=5000+, X=0-5000

Mid-Flight B/C (no player over 3500 MPs):

B=1500-3500; C=0-1500

Gold Rush (no player over 750 MPs):

A=500-750; B=300-500; C=0-300

All KOs will be a 2-session Round Robin qualifying event with the top 4 teams playing in the semifinals the next day. KOs may be handicapped. The top qualifier will choose between the 3rd or 4th place team as their semi-final opponent. Teams that don't win in the semifinals will play for 3rd place.

Entry Fees:

Entries are \$20 per session for ACBL members and an additional \$4 for unpaid or lapsed members. Evening games are \$15 per session. We encourage you to use a Credit Card when buying an entry. All major credits are accepted. Each player can use their own credit card.

Intermediate/Novice Schedule

Due to a smaller anticipated turnout, we have not scheduled any Intermediate/Novice games into this year's schedule. However, any player with less than 300 masterpoints can purchase a single session entry into the Gold Rush pairs. Most novices and intermediates should find the Gold Rush as a comfortable place to play. Please see any Tournament Director if you have any questions.

This is a Zero Tolerance Tournament.

If you have a problem at your table, please call the Director immediately so the situation can be handled. It doesn't help to report the incident after the fact.

HOW DO I GET MY GOLD?

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to earn gold points. However, you must play in an event that lasts two sessions or longer and the event must have an upper limit of at least 750 master-points. Here's how:

Bracketed Knockouts -

Bracketed Knockouts are 2-day events. Each bracket will be 5-10 teams. On the first day, all brackets will play a 2-session Swiss or Round Robin. The top 4 teams in each bracket will qualify for the semifinals the next day. The top qualifier in each bracket will select from 3rd or 4th place team as their semifinal opponent. In this format all KO teams are guaranteed two sessions of play. Each match you win in the Qualifying session will earn you masterpoints. Single Session Swiss are no longer on the schedule. Also, this format brings more Masterpoint Awards to the winners. No unlucky first round draws and more balanced brackets.

Bracketed Round-Robin Teams -

A great way to win gold points. Play is divided into brackets depending on the number of players who enter and the teams' masterpoint total. Once you are assigned to a bracket, you play against only teams in your bracket, i.e., against teams with points comparable to your team's points. The brackets are usually 7, 8 or 9 teams total. Awards vary – Bracket One awards the most masterpoints, with awards decreasing as the bracket number increases. But no matter which bracket you are in, if you are one of the top 3 teams then you will win gold points!

Gold Rush Pairs -

Overall and section top winners in the top stratum win gold points. Overalls will be awarded to about the top 25% of the field. Other masterpoint awards will be red points. The good thing about this event is that no one in the field will have over 750 masterpoints.

Cell Phones

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is allowed in-between rounds or sitouts in the playing room. Please silence your phone. Should your cell phone ring, a penalty of 1/8 board will be automatic. If you answer your phone or your phone becomes audible, the penalty will be 1/2 board. Making calls in the playing room also carries a 1/2 board penalty.

Learn Bridge in a Day?

Do you have family and friends that are interested in learning bridge? Unit 128 is excited to bring Patty Tucker to the SW Florida Regional on Sunday, October 15th for her Learn Bridge in a Day course. The class starts at 1pm and last about 5 hours. The cost for your family and friends to participate is \$25 at the door or \$20 if you pre-register at floridaunit128.org. This course is perfect for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those wanting to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes. Textbooks and door prizes are included.

Online Regional Game – Saturday, October 21st

If you can't be here on Saturday, October 21st, then you can still participate in our Regional from your home. We will be hosting a special online Regional game open for District 9 members. To find this game, log into BBO on the day of the event then click on ACBL World. Look for District 9 Regional. This is a 2-session event – 10am and 2pm ET. You must play in both sessions. All sessions will be 24 boards. The cost is 20 BB\$ per player.

- A/X Open Pairs
- B/C Midflight Pairs (players less than 3500 MPs)
- Gold Rush Pairs (players less than 750 MPs)

Upcoming District 9 Regionals

November 6-11, 2023 – Daytona Beach – The Shores Resort & Spa

December 11-17, 2023 – Boca Raton – Embassy Suites

January 1-7, 2024 – Orlando – Doubletree SeaWorld

February 19-24, 2024 – Palmetto – Bradenton Convention Center

April 1-6, 2024 – Southeasterns – Coral Springs Marriott



District 9 NAP Finals – January 6 & 7 at Orlando

Flight B: Saturday, January 6, 2024 10am & 2:30p

Flights A & C: Sunday, January 7, 2024 10am & TBA

Orlando Winter Regional - Doubletree SeaWorld

To enter the District 9 NAP Finals, you must have club qualification from earlier this year, an ACBL member in good standing and must have been a resident of District 9 as of June 1, 2023.

- Flight A - open to anyone
- Flight B - open to players less than 2500 MPs
- Flight C - open to non-life masters (with less than 500 MPs)

Flight Eligibility is based on highest player's masterpoint totals as of June 1, 2023. Winners will receive a subsidy to represent District 9 at the 2024 Spring NABC in Louisville. Full conditions of Contest can be found at district9acbl.org/nap.