

PRE-TOURNAMENT BULLETIN



Welcome to the Eastern States Regional hosted by the Greater New York Bridge Association

We are thrilled to back at the **New York Hilton**. You will be bound to notice that our board, led by committee chairs Bonnie Gellas, Roberta Meadow and Allison Rudary, have worked to improve practically every aspect of the tournament (except coffee availability – sorry that’s a condition of NYC Hotels). We have improved space, volunteer desks, door prizes and **The [Fight] Hunger Game**. As always, we have the best professional director staff led by Sol Weinstein.

The Easterns schedule includes daily Open Pairs and Bracketed Teams and Gold Rush Pairs. All of these provide players with an opportunity to win tons of Gold Points. There are Newcomer games twice daily. We recommend that everyone consider testing themselves against a slew of bridge stars in the Goldman Pairs. The **Goldman Pairs** is the oldest continuous 4+ session championship going back to 1929. Also try the Fast Pairs on Monday and Imp Pairs Wed/Thurs evening. For the first time, we have moved the **side games to Honors**. See details in the schedule on the back page.

We wish a great tournament for all of you. Win some points and make some friends. If you have any questions, compliments or complaints, please stop by the hospitality desk or see any board member.

Philip Lentz
Tournament Chair

David Moss
President

Hospitality

Our tournament this year is offering some fun additions to the daily routine. In addition to providing a comprehensive guide to restaurants in the area, new stickers and candy, candy, candy, we are holding **twice-daily drawings for door prizes**. When you come to the Hospitality Desk (which will be easy to find with our new signage), you will receive one ticket for prizes that include movie passes, Starbucks gift cards, Amazon gift cards, BBO Bucks and more. During the morning and afternoon sessions, we will draw a ticket from the day’s pool and if it’s your number, you win! New tickets will be distributed each day, so you have 12 chances to win. Winners will be listed in the Daily Bulletin.

Partnership

Stop by the partnership desk to find a partner or teammates for today’s or future day events. You can also send a note to Roberta Meadow: daisycharl@aol.com. There is a bulletin board at gnyba.org

The [Fight] Hunger Game

Tuesday evening, May 22, the GNYBA will be holding a special charity game in partnership with **City Harvest** to raise money for their Skip Lunch, Fight Hunger campaign. Money raised will be used by City Harvest to provide meals over the summer months for kids who would otherwise be eligible for school breakfasts and lunches.

Game time is 7:00 and the entry fee is \$30 per person. As part of the festivities, there will be **an open bar** where you can get – at no charge – beer, wine, soda or juices. We will provide **vouchers for coffee** from the Hilton Lobby which will be good throughout the tournament. There will be a stratified 0-299 section and a stratified open section. In addition, we will be selling **raffle tickets** that include dates with bridge pros, lessons, on-line tournaments and more.

If you can’t make the game but want to contribute, you can easily donate by going to <http://fundraise.cityharvest.org/goto/NYBridge>. For questions or to make a reservation for the game e-mail Allison Rudary at AllisonGNYBA@gmail.com

NEW YORK CITY TUESDAY, MAY 22ND

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees at the Hilton are \$22.50 per person, per session - \$4.00 additional for unpaid ACBL members. ACBL player number required for play. Undergraduate college students or younger play for FREE. As part of an ACBL pilot program, credit cards may be used to purchase entries. See **Side Game** information on back page for fees at **Honors**.

ZERO TOLERANCE

The GNYBA hosts competitive events, but players expect to have a congenial experience. We follow the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy. Please report rude or abusive behavior to the directors

FRAGRANCES

Many of our players have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Strong fragrances can cause real health issues. The GNYBA asks that its players be conscious of the needs of fellow players and not wear cologne, perfume and scented lotions.

SCORES & RESULTS

Posted nightly on ACBL Live. See acbl.org or gnyba.org. Note that score corrections must be reported in person to a director at the tournament. Results and the daily bulletin will be mailed out by Fast Results. If you do not receive emails from Fast Results, you can be added by sending an e-mail to: FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com Put your ACBL number in the subject (No need for any message in the body of the email)

PERMITTED CONVENTIONS

General Chart - All Events
Mid Chart – Goldman Pairs, Top
Bracket Team Events

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Gold Rush Pairs Two Session Pair event limited to players with less than 750 masterpoints. It is stratified in two groups. Pairs with an average of over 300 mps are in Stratum A, under 300 is Stratum B. Both strata play together but placings are determined for each stratum. Pairs receive gold points for winning their section in Stratum A in either session or by placing in the Stratum A overalls.

Stratified Open Pairs Open to any pair. There are three strata based on average masterpoints, 0-1500, 1500-3000 and 3000+. Gold Points are awarded for section tops and two-session overalls by Stratum.

Side Game Series. (Played at Honors – See schedule on back page) Single Session stratified pair games 0-750, 750-2000, and 2000+. Red points awarded for each session. Gold Points are awarded to individuals who play more than one session in a series and rank in the series overalls. Also, points won for winning the top stratum of a section become Gold if the player plays at least one more session in the same series.

Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams 4, 5 or 6 person teams are divided into brackets by average masterpoints. Brackets typically have 8 teams with each team playing a 7-board match against each other team in their bracket. IMP differential for each match is converted to Victory Points (20 pt scale). Overalls for the bracket are determined by total VPs. For 8 team brackets, Gold points are awarded to the top 3 teams in each bracket. The top or another bracket may be run as a Swiss depending on the number of entrants. Teams may opt to play in the top bracket regardless of their masterpoints.

Goldman Pairs This is the GNYBA's premier pair event. See page 4 for a list of **winners since 1929**. It is open to all. There are two qualifying sessions on Saturday. Roughly the top half of the field on Saturday will qualify for the Sunday final.

Horizontal IMP Pairs 2-Session pair game held Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00pm. Scores on each board are calculated by comparing each pair's score against each other pair's score (in the same direction) and applying the IMP scale to the difference. Strategy is similar to Swiss teams. Game and slam bonuses are important. Overtricks are less important. The event will be stratified with specific strata possibly adjusted at the beginning of the event.

Fast Pairs This is an open stratified 2 session event played Monday at 11:00am and 2:00pm. The game should end by 4:30pm. Players will have approximately 5 minutes to complete a board. You will find that this leads to a very pleasant game. Most players seem to be able to think as much as they usually do. You just have to skip the post mortem.

2018 DISTRICT 24 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS STANDINGS

Open

Sandra Rimstedt, Dana Berkowitz, Raluca Dobrescu, Shane Blanchard, Robert Barrington

Vs.

Glenn Eisenstein, Michael Radin, Michael Lipkin, Magnus Olafsson, Peter Trenka

3/4 Brian Glubok, Samuel Amer, Erez Hendelman, David Gurvich

3/4 Alison Wilson, Chris Willenken, Sam Lev, Michael Polowan, Radu Nistor, Iulian Rotaru

Flight A

Philip Lentz, David Moss, Christopher Rivera, Thomas Rozinski, Joseph Byrnes

Vs

Sandrea Friedman, Jane Dillenberg, Alene Friedman, Michael Rosen

3/4 Magnus Olafsson, Michael Schwartz, Jack Alhale, Herb Freedman

3/4 Rachael Moller, Florin Neamtu, Stephanie Culbertson, Cathy Nathan

Flight B

Norman Trabulus, Charles Bilich, Dina Schechter, David Joseph, Abbott Feren, Mark Blanchard

Vs

Jared Markowitz, Bruce Neiger, Guy Doherty, Warren Chang

3/4 Samuel Kuang, Zhuo Wang, Jin Hu, Xu Wang

3/4 Mee Warren, James Keiger, Jordan Lampe, Christopher Moh

Flight C

Chris Moh, James Keiger, Jing Zhang, Lee Lin

Vs.

Siqing Yu, Karen S. Robbins, Frank Dinoff, Mark Mariaschin, Cindy Scheinfeld

3/4 Alan Davidson, Scott McDermott, David Linkin, Vicki Apter

3/4 Mindy F. Fleder, Daniel Lev, Leslie Weisbrod, Yoko Sobel

JUST FOR NEWCOMERS

New to tournaments? We will have Newcomer Desk for players with 0-99 points. When you come to play, just look for the Newcomer banner. There will be a GNYBA volunteer there to step you through the registration process and get you settled for the game. You will also receive a special **newcomer gift** as our welcome. And, you'll also be eligible for the **daily door prize drawings**. All games are single session and cost \$22.50. There will be lectures by New York experts each day at 2:15pm.

BBO GAME

BBO will be hosting an informal game on Friday May 25 at 7:30pm. No Masterpoints. Card Fee \$2. Prizes. Total Points. Contact uday@bridgebase.com if you have any questions.

YOUTH TOURNAMNENT

We will be holding a Youth Tournament on Sunday May 27 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. Grades 3-12. \$10 Card Fee. To register or get more information write to Barbara McLendon at mclendon.barbara@gmail.com

GOLDMAN PAIRS - PREVIOUS WINNERS

First contested in 1929, the Goldman Pairs is the country's oldest regional pairs competition and the premier event of the Eastern States Regional in New York. This event had the status of a national championship during the Thirties.

1929:	Oswald Jacoby, George Reith	1973:	Carol Krupp, Paul Trent
1930:	Geoffrey Mott-Smith, Richard Frey	1974:	Paul Berger, Sam Hanna
1931:	W. Cleveland Cogswell, Norman Bonney	1975:	Neil Silverman, Merle Tom
1932:	Winfield Liggett, Sidney Lenz	1976:	Carl Lindenman, Keith Garber
1933:	Grace Perpall, F.E. Bailey	1977:	Al Roth, Barbara Rappaport (Haberman)
1934:	Oswald Jacoby, David Burnstine	1978:	Al Roth, Barbara Rappaport (Haberman)
1935:	Harry Raffel, Mel Alexander	1979:	Al Roth, Barbara Rappaport (Haberman)
1936:	Jules Wetzler, Sterns Cunningham	1980:	Carl Lindenman, Keith Garber
1937:	Harry Fishbein, Lewis Bernard	1981:	Bob Jones, Dan Zirker
1938:	Robert Chatkin, Myron Fuchs (Field)	1982:	Steve Weinstein, Fred Stewart
1939:	Fred Kaplan, Harold Ziman	1983:	Larry Cohen, Marty Bergen
1940:	Charles Lochridge, Merwyn Maier	1984:	Rick Zucker, Drew Casen
1941:	Helen Sobel, Charles Goren	1985:	Jill Blanchard, Bob Blanchard
1942:	Alphonse "Sonny" Moyse, Richard Frey	1986:	Allen Kahn, David Rosenberg
1943:	Abraham Goldstein, Jules Tilles	1987:	Carleton Lett, Lapt Chan
1944:	Mrs. Kenneth Beghold, Eugene Smith	1988:	Gene Prosnitz, Ira Ewen
1945:	Jerry Friedlander, Ned Drucker	1989:	Carol Simon, Michael Radin
1946:	Harry Harkavy, Ambrose Casner	1990:	Paul Morris, James Sampson
1947:	Richard Kahn, Charles Whitebrook	1991:	Ira Ewen, Eugene Prosnitz
1948:	Dr. Kalman Apfel, Frances Begley	1992:	Steve Becker, Richard DeMartino
1949:	Abe Goldstein, Boris Raymond	1993:	Ira Herman, R. Jay Becker
1950:	Jules Tilles, E. I. Phillips	1994:	Carleton Lett, David Gurvich
1951:	Edgar Kaplan, Boris Raymond	1995:	Robb Gordon, Linda Gordon
1952:	Bertram Lebharr, Simon Rossant	1996:	Rick Zucker, Rose Johnson
1953:	Oswald Jacoby, Harry Fishbein	1997:	David Gurvich, Carleton Lett
1954:	Jules Tilles, Boris Raymond	1998:	Margaret Williams, Victor King
1955:	Oswald Jacoby, Alfred Sheinwold	1999:	Sam Lev, Albert Rahmey
1956:	Alan Leeds, Eugene Thumim	2000:	Chris Willenken, Aaron Silverstein
1957:	Tobias Stone, Jan Stone	2001:	Chris Willenken, Aaron Silverstein
1958:	Jacqui Gallaher, Victor Mitchell	2002:	Charles Moy, Boris Merson
1959:	Howard Berger, Dr. George Rothenberg	2003:	Richard Schwartz, Michael Polowan
1960:	Lawrence Rosler, Roger Stern	2004:	Andrew Rosenthal, David Moss
1961:	Tobias Stone, Al Roth tied with Sol Seidman, Norman Neiger	2005:	Arch McKellar, Greg McKellar
1962:	Victor Shen, Bernard Borak	2006:	Jason Feldman, Ron Smith
1963:	Ray Jotcham, Jacques Guertin	2007:	Joe Grue, Kevin Bathurst
1964:	Eli Jaye, Simon Becker	2008:	R Jay Becker, Michael Rosenberg
1965:	Fred Bickel, Ronny Rosenberg	2009:	R Jay Becker, Michael Rosenberg
1966:	James Kauder, Ann Nichols	2010:	Yiji Starr, Douglas Doub
1967:	Boris Raymond, Steve Altman	2011:	Jared Lilienstein, Michael Polowan
1968:	Chuck Burger, Jimmy Cayne	2012:	Franco Basseggio, Andrew Stark
1969:	Andy Bernstein, Ralph Chafetz	2013:	Alison Wilson, Chris Willenken
1970:	Victor Chernoff, Clagett Bowie	2014:	Albert Shekhter, George Krizel
1971:	Joe Asber, Anthony Dionisi	2015:	Ed Freeman, Stanley Landers
1972:	Richard Freedman, David Loomis	2016:	Allen Kahn, David Rosenberg
		2017:	Arch McKellar, Greg McKellar

UNIT 155 MINI MCKENNEY RACES AS OF MAY 6

0 to 5

	Player	Location	Points
1	Gerrie Nussdorf	New York	17.44
2	Marie Bitetti	New York City	14.43
3	Mel Schwartz	Staten Island	12.90
4	Jing Zhang	New York	12.81
5	Barry Fishkin	New York	12.21

5 to 20

	Player	Location	Points
1	Joanne Wenig	New York	19.57
2	Nicole Hudak	New York	15.94
3	Barbara Matas	New York	13.71
4	Ella McHugh	New York	12.47
5	Joy Sabella	New York	10.98

20 to 50

	Player	Location	Points
1	Samuel Rosenfeld	New York	35.26
2	Kathleen Delgaudio	Howard Beach	17.94
3	Perry Scheer	Morristown NJ	17.85
4	Angelika Algava	New York	13.43
5	R. L. Bachner	New York	12.97

50 to 100

	Player	Location	Points
1	Siqing Yu	New York	52.80
2	Frank Dinoff	New York	33.12
3	Kim Smith	New York	29.18
4	John Wilson	New York	28.76
5	Deena Kaftor	Elmhurst	18.42

100 to 200

	Player	Location	Points
1	Lamia Beydoun	Forest Hills	45.74
2	Mee Warren	New York	29.85
3	Ronald Roth	New York	28.23
4	Yolanda Rudich	Staten Island	27.30
5	Nancy Calomiris	New York	26.32

200 to 300

	Player	Location	Points
1	Jill Jacobs	New York	69.51
2	Mark Mariaschin	New York	53.55
3	Florin Neamtu	Middle Village	44.79
4	Melissa Fawer	New York	39.44
5	Harry Faivus	New York	36.59

300 to 500

	Player	Location	Points
1	Mindy Fleder	New York	85.38
2	Cindy Scheinfeld	New York	81.91
3	Christopher Moh	New York	67.00
4	Shelly Amin	Staten Island	55.95
5	Frances Stillman	New York	44.59

500 to 1000

	Player	Location	Points
1	Ettore Bianchi	Dobbs Ferry	144.63
2	Leslie Weisbrod	New York	118.03
3	Daniel Lev	New York	117.07
4	Yoko Sobel	Brooklyn	89.30
5	Melissa Sloan	New York	86.68

1000 to 1500

	Player	Location	Points
1	Samuel Amer	Long Island	183.86
2	Jacqueline Chang	New York	130.58
3	David Yoon	Bayside	102.79
4	Shlomit Rind	Forest Hills	88.93
5	David Parsons	New York	87.98

1500 to 2500

	Player	Location	Points
1	Margie Cole	New York	149.43
2	David Joseph	Forest Hills	109.35
3	Hilda Setton	New York	104.11
4	Howard Sloan	New York	88.38
5	Giorgia Botta	Woodside	73.63

2500 to 3500

	Player	Location	Points
1	Gillian Minitier	New York	549.58
2	Joan Dziekanski	New York	150.74
3	Lorraine Cable	Elmhurst	106.98
4	Robert Hurley	Richmond Hill	104.79
5	Nancy Turner	New York	92.24

3500 to 5000

	Player	Location	Points
1	Sharon Goldman	New York	211.80
2	Gary Gottlieb	Brooklyn	140.96
3	Kerry Kappell	Sunnyside	137.59
4	Scott Levine	New York	109.33
5	Jack Alhale	New York	95.92

5000 to 7500

	Player	Location	Points
1	Lynda Nitabach	N Plainfield NJ	326.94
2	Radu Nistor	Woodside	314.99
3	Susan Schnellwar	New York	276.69
4	Barbara McLendon	New York	193.30
5	David Gurvich	New York	167.17

7500 to 10,000

	Player	Location	Points
1	Glenn Robbins	New York	300.00
2	Barry Rigal	New York	158.44
3	Michael Lipkin	Brooklyn	157.44
4	Jerry Goldberg	New York	102.16
5	James Sampson	Lake Worth FL	98.44

Over 10,000

	Player	Location	Points
1	Joe Grue	New York	1,270.90
2	John Hurd	New York	796.05
3	Steve Weinstein	Montclair NJ	551.05
4	Joel Wooldridge	Astoria	459.34
5	Melanie Tucker	New York	380.77

REGIONAL EVENTS AT THE HILTON

New York Mid Town Hilton (212) 586-7000

1335 6th Avenue (Between 53rd and 54th)

2nd Floor – Rhinelander Room

See gnyba.org for more information

Tuesday, May 22nd

7:00pm Fight [Hunger] Charity Game:
Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 0-299 Pairs

Wednesday, May 23rd

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Stratified Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
2:15 Lecture - Rob Barrington
7:00 Horizontal IMP Pairs (1st of 2)

Thursday, May 24th

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Stratified Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
2:15 Lecture - Adam Parrish
7:00 Horizontal IMP Pairs (2nd of 2)

Friday, May 25th

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Stratified Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
2:15 Lecture - Rob Barrington

Saturday, May 26th

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Goldman Pairs (2 Qualifying Sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
2:15 Lecture – Joe Byrnes

Sunday, May 27th

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Goldman Pairs (2 Final Sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
2:15 Lecture – Joe Byrnes

Monday, May 28th

10:00 & TBA Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams
10:00 & 2:45 Gold Rush Pairs (0-300 & 300-750)
Newcomer Pairs (single session)
11:00 & 2:00 Stratified Open Fast Pairs

SIDE GAMES AT HONORS

All single session side games will be played at
Honors Bridge Club

133 E 58th St (At Lexington Ave) 14th Floor

Phone: (212) 230-1230 email honorsbridge@gmail.com

See honorsbridgeclub.org for more info.

There will be three Gold-Point series. Each session will include a meal before game time

Series #1: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons

1:00 pm \$32 per player per session

Series #2: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday afternoons

1:00 pm \$30 per player per session

Series #3: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings

6:45 pm \$25 per player per session

A player's two best scores in a series will count towards overalls score with Gold Points available

Note: Players who wish to play a single session at the Hilton can purchase a one session entry in the Open or Gold Rush Pairs. They would not be eligible for overalls or Gold Points.

STRATIFICATION

Stratified Open Pairs:

A (3000+) B (1500-3000) C (0-1500)

Side Games:

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

Stratification is based on average MP pair or team.

Gold Rush Events:

A=300-750 B=0-300

Stratification is based on average MP pair or team.

Newcomer (0-99) games

stratified at director's discretion