



Baltimore Regional Bridge Tournament

August 19 - 25, 2024

Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor

401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland

Welcome to the Baltimore Regional

Ross and I welcome you to the District 6 regional in Baltimore for our third year! We hope you have a rewarding and enjoyable time. If you have any questions or requests, just ask and we will do our best to help. You can reach us by email or cell.

Marty Bley

Alert



The first place Orioles are at home during our regional so book your room ASAP before our hotel block runs out.

Who's who at this Tournament?

Tournament Chairs: Ross and Marty Bley - campspringsduplicatebc@gmail.com 240-441-9885

Partnerships: Jim Gerding - jimgerding@verizon.net 703-268-9173

Intermediate/Novice Chair: The Bley's

Prizes: Shawn Stringer - shstringer@aol.com

Parking Stickers, Information: Any one of the above people.

Director-in-Charge: Rui Marques

Health and Safety Guidelines

Effective May 13, 2024, the ACBL protocols for Covid and other communicable diseases are:

1. Vaccination not required by ACBL or District 6.
2. Players who are sick with a communicable disease should not play.
3. Masks are not required. If a masked pair asks their opponents to wear masks while at their table, the unmasked players are encouraged but not required to comply. Masked partnerships that make the request are expected to furnish the masks.
4. The ACBL policy does not countermand any ordinance or law in effect at the site.

We ask that if you have symptoms of any contagious illness, please wait until you are symptom free before you join us. If you are a member of a vulnerable population, please take precautionary measures that best suit your situation.

Get Your Results

The Baltimore Regional uses Fast Results for our Daily Bulletin. Results will be sent to your device by ACBL LIVE shortly after each event. To receive an email with a direct link to your personal results and your daily bulletin, send an email to FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com with your ACBL Number in the subject line. There is no need to put anything in the message body.

Parking

Thanks to the continued generosity of player Rusty Krauss and his firm Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, we have teamed with the Hilton to provide FREE parking in the hotel garage.

Commuters - keep your parking ticket with you. Find the PERSON of the DAY in the RED HAT or OTHER head wear - to put a sticker on your parking ticket. Per the Hilton, you will scan the front (showing the fee) and then the back of the ticket to exit at no cost to you.

Hotel Guests - hotel parking is automatically free for the first guest in each room. If a second guest arrives with a car, \$10 per night will be billed to the tournament. **Make sure hotel gives you the proper "hang tag" for hotel guests with a car.**

NOTE that there are **no free** "in and out" privileges for commuters. If you choose to leave the garage during the day, you will have to pay yourself. If you have any questions, please contact the TC.

Partnerships

Contact Jim Gerding via email/text or call his cell at jimgerding@verizon.net or 703-268-9173. IF you want to arrange a partnership prior to the tournament, include your name, contact information, approximate master point holding, and days/sessions and type of system you wish to play. If you wait until the tournament, please show up at the partnership desk 60 minutes BEFORE game time, fill out a slip and then check the bulletin board for players might be a fit. Jim will help you make a match.

Hospitality

Thanks to a generous donation by player Mark Tonneson and his company Appliance Connection, coffee and tea will be complimentary Tuesday through Saturday for one hour before game time until it is gone. You will be on your own for lunch. There are several places to get food in or close to the hotel. There will be a concession stand across the hall from the ballroom where you can purchase food for lunch. It will offer two sandwich selections, a salad selection and a gluten free/vegan option, along with chips, cookies, soft drinks and fruit.

The hotel has a restaurant in the main lobby, as well as a coffee shop/snack bar that sells sandwiches and salads. There is a Jimmy John's sub shop located on the lower level at the end of the building where we play. There is a Potbellys in the other direction on Pratt Street and a Chipotle's across Pratt Street from the playing site. A list of restaurants will be on the information table OR you can google places to eat near the Hilton.

Lunch will be provided on Sunday.

Intermediate/Newcomer Program

Tuesday August 20 is Play free day for people with 0-20 masterpoints. There will be a lecture before that game, starting at 9:30 AM to give you a heads up on how a duplicate game works. This will be presented by Ron Kral, he will hand out his ethics booklet in addition to walking you through bridgemates, what happens at the table, who's in charge, and other bits of information that will help you navigate this first time experience for you OR if it isn't a first time experience a review of procedures! **Following the morning game there will be a reception for the players in the 0-20 group - details will be provided to you during the game.** One of the Bley's will be available at the I/N desk in the ballroom foyer for 50 minutes before each session to answer your questions.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series

Tuesday, August 20 at 2:15 Fred King - Topic to be determined

Wednesday, August 21 at 2:15 Zachary Grossack Q and A - So Bring your Questions!!!

Thursday, August 22 at 2:15 Ron Kral "Bridge by the Numbers" Part 1

Friday, August 23 at 2:15 Ron Kral "Bridge by the Numbers" Part 2

Saturday, August 24 at 2:15 Robert Todd - Topic to be determined

ENTRIES

Entry fees are \$16.00 per person per session from Monday through Saturday.

Sunday team games are \$160 per team.

0-20 MPs play free on Tuesday. PLEASE NOTE: District 6 offers discounts to full-time students so, if applicable to you, email Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com for details.

CREDIT CARDS ONLY - NO CASH

ZERO Tolerance

The ACBL Zero Tolerance (ZT) Policy is in effect throughout the tournament. All players and participants are expected to behave in accordance with this policy at all times towards their partner, opponents, directors, caddies, tournament officials, and hotel staff. Call the director to handle any breaches of ZT, the rules, or code of ethics while in the playing area. Examples of commendable behavior under ZT include being a good host and guest at the table, calling "Director, PLEASE!" or "Caddie, PLEASE!"; making sure all trash is removed from the table where you are sitting when the game is over. UNACCEPTABLE Behaviors include: Badgering, rudeness, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence; negative comments about the opponents bidding or play; gratuitous lessons or analysis of partner or opponents play or bidding; gloating or whining about results; arguing with the directors; and last but not least a ringing, buzzing, noisy cell phone (full details below.) Recorder forms are available from a director to submit a record of unacceptable behavior.

Electronic Device Policy: The ACBL's electronic device policy allows players to bring cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are kept in SILENT mode. Players may not use or interact with their devices while PLAY is occurring at your table, including when dummy. When between rounds or sitting out, use is permitted provided it is inaudible. District 6 follows the policy set by the ACBL, and our directors will enforce the following penalties, at the respective form of scoring:



- First offense: automatic disciplinary penalty of one-eighth of a board (or 1.5 IMPs) for a noise violation OR one-half board (6 IMPs) for a use violation.
- Penalties are doubled for each subsequent offense.
- Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

“I didn’t know” or “No announcement was made” is NOT a valid excuse or defense.

Any player with a potential emergency situation who needs to leave a phone turned on must leave the phone with the Director.

Smoking and Scents Policy

Smoking is absolutely prohibited in all locations inside the hotel and or playing area, including any rooms, restrooms, elevators and hallways. All smoking must be done at LEAST 25 feet from any building entrance (OR IN A Specific location if the site so designates.) Directors are authorized to assess penalties for lateness to any player who delays the start of a round or match due to a 'smoke break'. The Baltimore Regional is a fragrance free zone. Players MUST refrain from wearing any of the following: Cologne, aftershave lotion, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products when participating in our tournament. These fragrances can cause serious health issues for migraine sufferers, and people with breathing related problems. Thank you for adhering to this policy!

ALERT - Bring your bridge sense but leave all other scents at home!

Bulletin Photos

If you came in FIRST in any Strata, became a Life Master, or achieve a new Rank, please find Marty Bley, so she can take your picture for the daily bulletin. Make sure you have signed up for Fast Results (instructions listed previously) so you can see your smiling face in the morning.

Prizes

Coming in **FIRST** overall in a two-session event earns you a D6 Prize coupon!

Coupons are good for a Free Play in any D6 Regional. Look for Shawn Stringer at the Intermediate/Novice Table in the Foyer beginning on **WEDNESDAY** August 21 between 2:15 and 2:55 and 30 minutes before each session thereafter.

Please designate one person for your pair or team to pick up coupons. Please provide the day and name of the event you won. No prize coupons will be mailed.



ALERT!

The temperature in hotel ballrooms can be unpredictable. So consider dressing in layers and carrying a jacket to best control your own comfort level.



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Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor
401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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Additional Highlights:
• Gold point events every day
• **Two-session ONLINE pairs Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 pm**



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Regional will be cashless - bring your plastic!

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Monday, August 19

Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7
Rockfish GOLD RUSH Pairs.....1:30 & 7

Afternoon games benefit ACBL Grass Roots Fund

Friday, August 23

Potomac Bracketed Teams.....10:30 & 3
A/X Pairs.....10:30 & 3
Mid-flight Pairs.....10:30 & 3
Terrapin GOLD RUSH Pairs.....10:30 & 3

Tuesday, August 20

**** 0-20 MP on-site players FREE today ****

Chesapeake Bracketed Teams.....10:30 & 3
Open Pairs.....10:30 & 3
Heron GOLD RUSH Pairs.....10:30 & 3
0-99 Pairs.....10:30 / 3

Online Open & Gold Rush Pairs.....7:30pm
Continues Wednesday 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 24

Patuxent Bracketed Teams.....10:30 & 3
Open Pairs.....10:30 & 3
Oyster GOLD RUSH Pairs.....10:30 & 3

Sunday, August 25 - 10 am start!

Fort McHenry A/X Swiss 10 & TBA
Bracketed Flight B Teams.....10 & TBA

No player over 3000 MPs;

Short lunch break after 3 or 4 matches

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*Single session pairs are welcome in all  
2-session events*

## Wednesday, August 21

Choptank Bracketed Teams.....10:30 & 3  
A/X Pairs.....10:30 & 3  
Mid-flight Pairs.....10:30 & 3  
Blue Crab GOLD RUSH Pairs.....10:30 & 3

**Online Open & Gold Rush Pairs.....7:30pm**

## Thursday, August 22

Inner Harbor A/X Swiss.....10:30 & 3  
Bracketed Flight B Teams.....10:30 & 3

*No player over 3000 MPs;*

Open Pairs.....10:30 & 3

### Bracketing:

Bracketed Team Events usually have 7 to 9 teams per bracket.  
Top or bottom bracket may be played as Swiss.  
Any team may choose to play in the top bracket.

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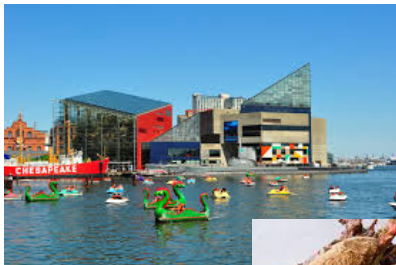
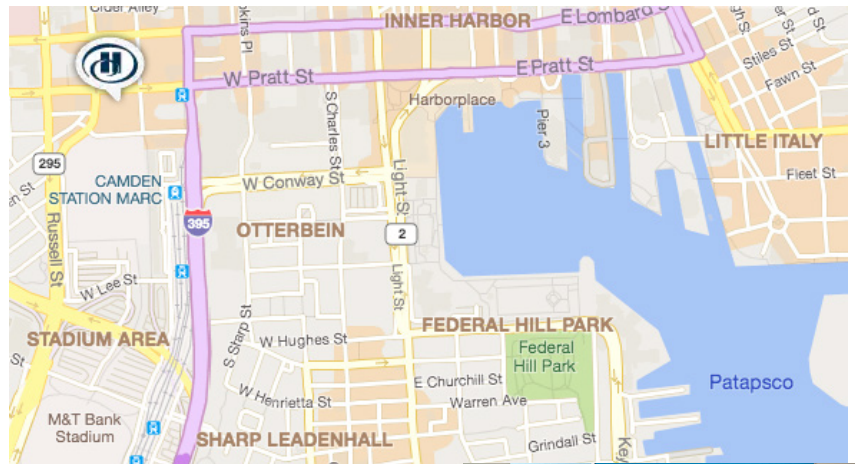
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Stratification Information:

- Two-session open events:
3000+/3000/1500
- A/X: 5000+/5000
- Mid-flight: 3000/1500
- Gold Rush events: 750/300/100
(gold points to 750 strat overall winners & section tops; red to 300 strat)
- NOTE: In stratified events, players are grouped with their peers for scoring purposes
- Strats determined by MP averages, but no player may exceed event limit;
- Pairs expecting to be seeded should buy entries 15+ minutes prior to game time
- Lower strats may be adjusted based on attendance

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-Modern hotel with spacious ballroom and FREE parking for hotel guests

-Commuter parking FREE courtesy of generous sponsorship by Krauss Investment Group

-Vibrant waterfront area loaded with restaurants, pubs, boutiques and antique shops

-Plenty to see and do nearby including National Aquarium, Horseshoe Casino and historical sites



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