



Baltimore Regional

August 21 - 27, 2023



Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor
401 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Welcome back to Baltimore

Ross and I welcome you to the District 6 regional in Baltimore for our second 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

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, Parking Stickers, Information: The Bley's, Jim Gerding, Shawn Stringer or a volunteer.

Director-in-Charge: Robert Maier

Health and Safety Guidelines

Proof of Covid vaccination will NOT be required. 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. For more information click [here](#) to read the latest ACBL Covid-19 Protocol.

Masks will NOT be required in Baltimore unless requested by opponents who are both wearing masks.

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 the end of the 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, just click send.

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 as follows:

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.

*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, days and or sessions you wish to play, approximate master point holding 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 to see if someone is there who might fit with you. Jim will help you make a match.

Hospitality

These are the details for lunch, between the two sessions, Tuesday through Sunday. A concession stand will be available. During the first session of the day, you will receive a coupon good for Twelve Dollars worth of food from this concession stand for that day. The coupon will cover a sandwich or salad item plus chips plus tax. You pay for purchases that exceed \$12. NO CHANGE will be given if you purchase items at less than \$12.

The concession stand will be outside the playing area in the overpass between the hotel and the playing site. You may eat your meal at any place within the hotel space or outside if the weather is cooperative. PLEASE clean up your trash and place it in the proper type of receptacle.

The 3 or 4 choices for the various days will rotate between these items: Caprese Sandwich, Italian Sandwich, Mesclun Greens Salad, Superfood Salad, Veggie Chili, Chicken Tenders with Fries, Grilled Vegetables Sandwich, Smoked Turkey Sandwich, Spinach and Arugula Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Roast Beef Sandwich, Wild Mushroom Wrap, 50/50 Caesar Salad, Heirloom Tomato Burrata Salad, Maple Cured Ham Sandwich, Greek Salad Wrap, Mixed Greens Salad, Quinoa Salad, Greek Island Salad, and Panzanella Salad. There will also be chips, cookies, whole fruits, and candy bars available for purchase. A selection of soft drinks, coffee, and tea will also be available for purchase.

Intermediate/Newcomer Program

Bridge University Monday Morning August 21, 2023

Bridge University will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Peale rooms on the first floor of the Hotel Ballroom complex (downstairs from the Ballroom playing site). Upon arriving and checking in, players will break out into their choice of topics. The breakout sessions will last approximately 40 minutes with a five minute break.

CHECK in is from 10 AM to 10:10 AM at the table IN front of the Peale A room.

Time	Peale A	Peale B	Peale C
10:10	Marty Bley Team Games Hands On Experience	Ross Bley Opening 1 NT	Ron Kral Take Out Doubles

5 Minute Break

10:55	Hank Meyer Play of the Hand At No Trump	Ross Bley Responding to 1 NT	Ron Kral How to win by Losing
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5 Minute Break

11:40	Hank Meyer When to Draw Trump	Fred King Defensive Signaling	Ron Kral Bridge By the Numbers
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12:25 the lectures end and you have LUNCH on your own!

1-1:25 Register for Gold Rush Pairs or the FREE 18 board game if you have fewer than 199 MP
[Find Marty Bley to sign up for the 0-199er game](#)

The Gold Rush Pairs and the FREE 18 board game both start at 1:30.

PLEASE NOTE: Hank Meyer's lessons involve ACTUALLY playing boards which demonstrate the strategy for playing a No Trump Hand and for WHEN to draw trump!!!

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series

Tuesday, August 22 at 2:15 TEAM GAMES - see how they work for YOU and your gold point acquisition!

Wednesday, August 23 at 2:15 Hank Meyer Play of the Hand at No Trump

Thursday, August 24 at 2:15 Fred King Topic to be determined

Friday, August 25 at 2:15 Ron Kral speaks about Negative Doubles

One of the Bley's will be available at the I/N desk in the ballroom foyer for an hour before the first session each day.

ENTRIES

Entry fees are \$20.00 per person per session. 0-20 MPs play free on Tuesday.

CREDIT CARDS ONLY - NO CASH

PLEASE NOTE:

~Everyone using any kind of free play, discount, or prize coupon must pay \$4.00 per session.

~District 6 offers a \$5 discount to full-time students so, if applicable to you, email Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com for details.

~Non-ACBL members must pay an additional fee of \$4.00 or they are welcome to join ACBL on the spot.

Entry Express is the online way to purchase entries designed by ACBL. You can use this program to reserve your seat and pay in advance. You can also cancel or change a registration. Once you have purchased your entry through Entry Express, when you arrive on site, you go to the designated computer to find your table assignment. This is a great way to avoid lines. Our link will not be activated until about August 1, so check the D6 website near that date to use **Entry Express**.

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!

Cliff notes - 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 for each person. These coupons are good for a Free Play in any D6 Regional. You can get your coupons from Marty or Ross Bley. Look for one of them beginning on WEDNESDAY August 25 between 2:15 and 2:55 at the Intermediate/Novice Table in the Foyer. Thursday through Saturday you can also pick up these coupons from Marty, Ross or Shawn 40 minutes before game time. On Sunday, Shawn will be around right after the games end.

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.*

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• <https://book.passkey.com/e/50431553>

Novice & Intermediate program:
• Bridge University Monday a.m.
• Daily guest lectures
• Gold point games every day



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ACBL and local Covid protocols will be followed.
Regional will be cashless - bring your plastic!

www.districtsixbridge.org - for full details



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Monday, August 21

Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Rockfish GOLDRUSH Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30

*Afternoon games benefit ACBL Grass Roots Fund
Evening games benefit local charity*

Friday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

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

Saturday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 27 - 10 a.m. 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

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

Thursday, August 24

Inner Harbor A/X Swiss.....10:30 & 3
Mid-flight Swiss.....10:30 & 3
Constellation GOLD RUSH Swiss....10:30 & 3
Open Pairs.....10:30 & 3

Stratifications:

- 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)
- 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
- Strats for <500 MP players may be adjusted or strats added if attendance allows

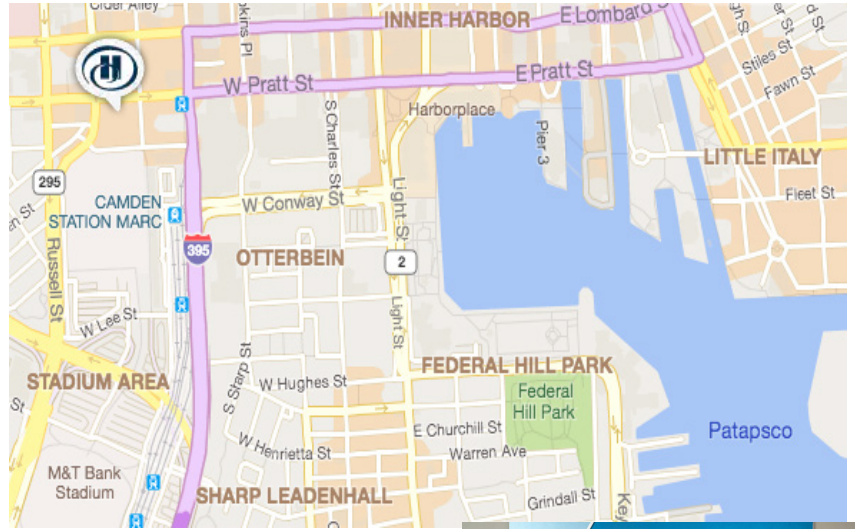
Bracketing:

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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-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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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.

Upcoming District 6 Events

District Six North American Pairs, Fall, 2023

It's time to be planning for the 2023 North American Pairs! This event will be conducted in the usual three flights: Flight A = Open; Flight B = 0-2500; Flight C = Non-LM (<500). Masterpoints are as of the June cycle, i.e., May 6, 2023.

Club qualification is required. Both face-to-face and online clubs may schedule NAP qualifying sessions during June, July, and August. Check with your favorite clubs now and make plans to attend these qualifying sessions, which pay higher-rated masterpoints that are 50% red.

The District 6 Grass Roots Committee is working hard to choose the best format for this premier local competition. The District Finals will be held in late September. Details, including preregistration deadlines, will be published on the District website shortly. The leading pairs in each flight will represent our District at the NABC in Louisville KY in March 2024.

District Six Grand National Teams, Winter 2024

Only a little bit farther down the road is the 2023-2024 Grand National Teams! This event will be conducted in the usual four flights: Championship Flight = Open; Flight A = 0-6000; Flight B = 0-2500; Flight C = Non-LM (<500). Masterpoints are as of the September cycle, i.e., August 6, 2023.

The District level GNT competition will be held during the winter months of 2024. The details for each flight will be published on the District website shortly. The leading teams in each flight will represent our District at the NABC in Toronto ON in July 2024.

Williamsburg Regional February 26 - March 1, 2024



The DoubleTree by Hilton (757-220-2500) is the host hotel for this very popular District 6 regional. Historic Williamsburg offers many fun restaurants and lots to see and do in this colonial capital. Flyer will be posted soon.

Reston 4th of July Regional July 1 - 7, 2024

Celebrate America's birthday and enjoy Washington DC at this popular regional near the nation's capital. Well known for lots of fun restaurants nearby, the Hyatt Regency Reston (877-803-7534) is now served by a Silver Line subway stop at Reston Town Center.



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The Hilton Inner Harbor (855-672-1138) is in a vibrant area with famous local food and entertainment. The hotel is right next to Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles.