

North American Bridge Championships Information Guide

Compuware 2008 Spring NABC Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center March 6 -16

Come Early, Stay Late

It has been 27 years since Detroit has hosted a North American Bridge Championship (NABC), and we would like nothing better than to have all bridge players in our region make the most of this exciting opportunity. The tournament will be held at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center March 6-16.

Come early, stay late, play lots of bridge and enjoy the food, hospitality, and entertainment. Oh, yes, and earn plenty of master points!

More than 90 percent of the 3500 ACBL members in the region have never played in a national tournament, and we know the magnitude of such an event can be imposing. To make it easier for every player in the area to participate, we are sending you this special newsletter with tournament details.

Our playing site at the Marriott is one of the premier sites in the country. The Marriott is the perfect setting for a bridge tournament. For those wanting the "all-in-one" experience, the Marriott will house most of the overnight guests playing in the tournament, all playing events will be on three levels of the hotel, and there is both shopping and a wide variety of restaurant options in the hotel. It is located at the waterfront of the Detroit River, with spectacular views of downtown Windsor, Canada. There is a three-mile International Riverwalk in front of the hotel, and Detroit's bustling entertainment district is only blocks away. Additional dining opportunities are plentiful within a short walking distance of the hotel. Casinos, professional sporting venues, and cultural opportunities abound within a three mile radius of the Marriott. You can have a great time --- both at the bridge table and enjoying the vibrant downtown.

Our prime sponsor is Compuware Corporation. Compuware CEO Peter Karmanos Jr. is an avid bridge player and a member of the ACBL.

Here's your local guide to the tournament.

Opening Day (March 6)

The formal opening ceremony will be at Compuware Headquarters on March 6 at 4 pm, with a short exhibition match with ACBL CEO Jay Baum and Peter Karmanos Jr. playing against world champions Bobby Wolff and ACBL President Dan Morse. Wolff is also a nationally syndicated bridge columnist (The Detroit News publishes his column). The ACBL Charity Foundation will present a contribution to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. If you are interesting in attending this limited seating event, contact Ron Horwitz at horwitz@oakland.edu.

The finals of the North American Pairs, as well as special games for both the International Fund and the Educational Foundation, will be at 1 pm and 7:30 pm on March 6. Friday, March 7 is the first full day of events, starting at 9 am.

About the Tournament

North American Bridge Championships (NABC) are held three times a year. The other 2008 sites are Las Vegas and Boston.

Who is in charge?

The American Contract Bridge League is responsible for the tournament, while the local host committee handles entertainment, local transportation, publicity, and serves in an advisory capacity to the ACBL. Local volunteers also work the registration area, the partnership desk, and serve as welcome guides. Ron Horwitz, Bill Arlinghaus, and Sandy Arlinghaus are the co-chairs for the local committee.

What's the difference between the NABC and a regional tournament?

The biggest difference is the magnitude of the event – the NABC runs 11 days, starting daily at 9 in the morning and running until 11 pm (or later, if you want to play in the midnight knockouts). Instead of hundreds of players at a regional there are several thousand players each day in a national. That means, for example, that the brackets for knockout events are much “narrower,” giving you a better chance of playing with people who are very close to you in master point totals.

Of course, the NABC also is different because there are several national championships and other nationally rated events. Most of the points earned are gold and red, but platinum points are awarded in national events.

What does it cost?

For nationally rated events, the entry fee per session ranges from \$16.50 to \$18. For regional events, it is \$15.50, and for all other events it is \$14.50. The vast majority of events during the tournament are in the \$14.50-\$15.50 range. Non-ACBL members can play in the tournament, but they pay a surcharge. Nationally rated events are in bold type on the schedule enclosed with this mailing.

What is the daily schedule?

It varies a little each day, but there is a consistent pattern. Most of the two-session events are at 1 pm and 7:30 pm. There are “day schedules” for those who don't like to play at night, with games at 10 am and 3 pm. There are games at 9 am each day (generally a multi-day knockout event), and there are several side game series during the tournament. Finally, there are the 11:30 pm “zip knockouts” for those craving a game after a full day of bridge. We've included a pull-out copy of the schedule with this newsletter. Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the ACBL web site (www.acbl.org). No reservations are needed – just come down and play!

Special events for Intermediate/Newcomer players

Forty-five events are designated for Intermediate/Newcomer players (players with less than 300 master points). All I/N events are single session events, and most days there are both pair and Swiss team events (9 am, 1 pm, and 7:30 pm). I/N events will be in the Ambassador Ballroom on Level 3 of the Marriott.

Features of the Intermediate/Newcomer program include a Free Day on Friday, March 7, for players with 0-5 master points. There is no fee for players with 0-49 master points at the 1 pm Saturday, March 8, session. Players with less than 100 master points can receive half-price entries for I/N events March 14-16 when they buy a regular entry for I/N events on March 7-9. Coupons for the half-price entry fee will be sold in the I/N area.

I/N pair events will be stratified (299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20, and 0-5). I/N players are, of course, eligible to play in non-I/N events.

There will be free lessons on Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, from 10 am to noon. There are also 30-minute lessons before all afternoon and evening sessions except on Sunday, March 16.

What are the Ribbon events?

These are nationally rated pair events, and you must pre-qualify to play in them. To see if you have qualified, based on your past success in regional tournaments or previous national tournaments, you can check your master point totals in the Bridge Bulletin or on the ACBL web site. The Silver Ribbon event is March 9-10 and the Red Ribbon event is March 13-14.

Partnership Desk

If you are in need of a partner, or teammates for team events, the partnership desk can help you during the tournament. The partnership desk will be in the west foyer on Level 4 of the Marriott. The ACBL web site has an online Partnership Desk, so you can find partners before coming to town.

Registration

When you first arrive at the tournament, be sure to stop at the Registration Desk in the foyer outside the Ontario Ballroom on Level 3 of the hotel. You will receive a promotional bag with the tournament *Schedule and Restaurant Guide* and other gifts.

Where are the events held?

All events will be held in the Marriott Hotel—in the ballrooms on Levels 3-5 of the hotel. That's a short walk from either the hotel elevators or the adjacent parking deck.

Food and entertainment at the tournament

There is entertainment and food after every evening session, and entertainment in Detroit wouldn't be authentic without a Motown flavor. The Contours are performing Tuesday, March 11, and the Miracles will perform Thursday, March 13. Jeremy Kittel, the US National Scottish Fiddle Champion, will entertain March 12. Look for local variety shows on other evenings as well as ACBL VuGraph. The evening entertainment will be in the Mackinac Ballroom on Level 5.

Dining in Detroit

There are a number of restaurants in the Marriott, with everything from fast food to elegant dining. The hotel is a People Mover stop away from Greektown and its interesting dining venues. The People Mover has a modest 50 cent charge. All three Detroit casinos have fine dining restaurants as well. Detroit's entertainment district, with its many restaurants, is close by. We have alerted restaurants to our playing schedule, so they are primed for the early dinner schedule of bridge players at national tournaments. Many restaurants are offering discounts to bridge players. See the *Schedule and Restaurant Guide* for details.

Entertainment in Detroit

The playing site is just minutes from Greektown, Mexicantown, and Detroit's entertainment district. Downtown Detroit features the Fox Theatre, the Gem Theatre, the Science Center, the Museum of African American History, the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts, the Max (home of the Detroit Symphony), and the Opera House. Both the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Pistons have home games during the tournament, and Detroit boasts three casinos. For information on events in Detroit and the region, check out www.visitdetroit.com, the web site of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. For those wanting to venture across the river to Windsor and Canada, go to www.visitwindsor.com (don't forget your passport). The Host Committee also is sponsoring a number of local tours during the tournament.

Sponsors

As noted, the tournament sponsor is Compuware Corporation. The Southern Michigan Bridge Association, the Michigan Bridge Association, and the Eastern Michigan Bridge Association also are sponsors. Chrysler is the sponsor for Saturday, March 8; Advance Capital is sponsoring the *Schedule and Restaurant Guide*; and the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau is sponsoring the volunteer dinner with ACBL leadership.

Finally, a number of events have been named, courtesy of individual, group, and company contributions. See the enclosed schedule of events for these named events.

Local club games during the nationals

Most of the 138 local club games in District 12 are being canceled during the Compuware Spring NABC to encourage attendance at the nationals. We thank those clubs who made this decision.

How can you help?

More than 200 volunteers have been planning this event for three years, but more volunteers will be needed during the tournament itself. If you can spare half a day or a whole day to volunteer, please contact Kathy Newman or Rhonda Monro, volunteer committee co-chairs (KathyNewman4Land@sbcglobal.net or MonroMom@aol.com).

More importantly, play as much as you can and recruit friends to do the same. The I/N committee sponsored two workshops for duplicate beginners during 2007, with more than 220 participating in each workshop. Some 40 new ACBL members signed up during those two events, and many of those new members are planning on playing in the NABC. That's the type of response that will make this tournament a huge success.

Tournaments before the NABC

There are several sectional tournaments in February. Toledo's sectional is February 8-10 at the Toledo Bridge Center; the SOMBA Valentine Sectional is February 14-17 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills, and the Davison Senior

Citizens Center is the site of the Flint Sectional February 22-24. Check www.district12bridge.org for details of these tournaments. They are great warm-up tournaments for those planning to play in the March NABC.

Housing

If you are planning on staying overnight, Mega Housing books hotel rooms during the tournament. You can reserve a hotel room online through Mega Housing, which you can reach via the ACBL Detroit NABC link on the ACBL web site (www.acbl.org). Mega Housing reservations also can be reached at 800-773-5069.

The Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center is the primary hotel, and the site of all playing events. The Marriott Courtyard is across the street; it is connected to the Marriott via a climate-controlled skywalk. All Marriott hotels are non-smoking.

Two other hotels, the Atheneum and the Holiday Inn Express, also are providing rooms via Mega Housing. The Atheneum is four blocks from the playing site, and the Holiday Inn Express is close by as well. The Marriott Renaissance Center Hotel has a Detroit People Mover stop on the second level (bridge is played on Levels 3, 4, and 5). The Atheneum is also at a People Mover stop, and the Holiday Inn Express is a block away from a People Mover stop.

Detroit Host Committee Web Site:
<http://www.Detroit2008NABC.org>

ACBL web site:
<http://www.acbl.org>

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—As of 10/07

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm **BALDWIN NA PAIRS – FLIGHT A** First 2 of 4 Sessions
Two qualifying sessions Wednesday, two final sessions Thursday. Prequalification required

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

1:00 pm International Fund Stratified Open Pairs Single Session
 International Fund 299er Stratified Pairs Single Session
 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm **BALDWIN NA PAIRS – FLIGHT A** (*continues*) 2 Final Sessions
 7:30 pm Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams (*continues Fri-Sun AM*) Round 1 of 4
 Educational Foundation Stratified Pairs Single Session
 Educational Foundation 299er Stratified Pairs Single Session

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams (*continues*) Round 2 of 4
 Fri – Sun Morning Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 3
 Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions
 1:00 pm The Tom Gardner (Fri – Sat) Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 4
 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm **SILODOR OPEN PAIRS** (*continues Sat*) First 2 of 4 Sessions
Two qualifying sessions Friday, two final sessions Saturday
0-5 Newcomer Pairs
Play Free Today!
 7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions
 The Art Price/Dick Lawrence Memorial Bracketed KO (*continues Sat*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4
 The Tom Gardner (Fri – Sat) Side Game Series) Single Session 2 of 4
 Three-no Joe Garcia Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session
 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
 The Alan Castle Memorial Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
 Zip KO Teams Single Session

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 – CHRYSLER DAY

9:00 am Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams (*continues*) Round 3 of 4
 Morning Compact KO (*continues Sunday*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4
 Fri – Sun Morning Side Game Series Single Session 2 of 3
 The Alan Castle Memorial Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm 10:00 am & 2:00 pm Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions
 The HarKishan Lall Gulati Memorial Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions
 1:00 pm The Elsie Bremen Compact KO (*continues at 7:30*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4
 The Tom Gardner (Fri – Sat) Side Game Series) Single Session 3 of 4
 Sam & Dan Hirschman 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm **SILODOR OPEN PAIRS** (*continues*) 2 Final Sessions
 Strati-Flighted A/X, B/C/D Pairs 2 Sessions
 The Art Price/Dick Lawrence Memorial Bracketed KO (*continues*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4
 7:30 pm The Elsie Bremen Compact KO (*continues*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4
 The Tom Gardner (Fri – Sat) Side Game Series) Single Session 4 of 4
 Jack and Jean Schultz Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session
 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
 11:30 pm Zip KO Teams Single Session

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am Educational Foundation Bracketed KO Teams (*continues*) Round 4 of 4
 Morning Compact KO (*continues*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4
 Fri – Sun Morning Side Game Series Single Session 3 of 3
 Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
 10:00 am & 2:00 pm Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions
 10:00 am & 3:00 pm The Dottie Morochnick Memorial Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 2 Sessions
 1:00 pm The Bridge Connection (Sun – Mon) Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 4
 Thanks to the Pro-Am Pros 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs Single Session
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm **VANDERBILT KO TEAMS** 1st Round
Entry required by 8:00 pm Saturday, March 8. Continues until complete.
LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS (*continues Mon*) First 2 of 4 sessions

Two qualifying sessions Sunday, two final sessions Monday

The Clarice & Jack Gordon Memorial Strati-Flighted A/X, B/C/D Swiss 2 Sessions

Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions

The Lotte & Wayne Lee Memorial Bracketed KO (*continues Mon*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4

7:30 pm

The Bridge Connection (Sun – Mon) Side Game Series Single Session 2 of 4

Harry W. Becker Memorial Stratified B-A-M Teams Single Session

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session

11:30 pm Zip KO Teams Single Session

MONDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am

Dr. Brenda Fortunate and Ed White Mon – Thu Morning Bracketed KO Teams

(*continues Tue – Thu morning*) Round 1

The Kalamazoo Bridge Center (Mon – Wed) Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 3

Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session

10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Daylight Pairs 2 Sessions

Mon – Tue Senior KO Teams (*continues Tue*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4

1:00 pm Compact KO Teams (*continues at 7:30 pm*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4

The Bridge Connection (Sun – Mon) Side Game Series Single Session 3 of 4

The Tom Gardner 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs Single Session

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS (*continued*) 2nd Round

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS (*continued*) 2 Final Sessions

The Lynette Marcus & Ruth Temkin Strati-Flighted A/X, B/C/D Pairs 2 Sessions

The Lotte & Wayne Lee Memorial Bracketed KO (*continued*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4

3:00 pm

Dr. Max Parker Memorial Stratified IMP Pairs Single Session

7:30 pm

Compact KO Teams (*continued*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4

The Bridge Connection (Sun – Mon) Side Game Series Single Session 4 of 4

Donald and Betty Carr Memorial Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session

299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session

11:30 pm Zip KO Teams Single Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 am

Dr. Brenda Fortunate and Ed White Mon – Thu Morning Bracketed KO Teams

(*continued*) Round 2

The Kalamazoo Bridge Center (Mon – Wed) Side Game Series Single Session 2 of 3

Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session

10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions

10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Friends of Duplicate Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions

Mon – Tue Senior KO Teams (*continued*) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4

1:00 pm

Tue - Thu Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 6

The Tom Gardner 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs Single Session

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS (*continued*) 3rd Round

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS (*continues Wed.*) First 2 of 4 Sessions

Two qualifying sessions Tuesday, two final sessions Wednesday

Bert and Kathy Newman Honorary Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions

7:30 pm

Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, PC Bracketed KO Teams (*continues Wed*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4

ACBL – ABA Friendship Side Pairs (*Tue - Thu Side Game Series*) Single Session 2 of 6

The Ken Wawrzyniak Memorial One Session Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session

Grand Rapids Bridge Club 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs Single Session

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session

11:30 pm

Zip KO Teams Single Session

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am

Wed - Sat Morning Bracketed KO Teams (*continues Thu – Sat mornings*) Round 1

Dr. Brenda Fortunate and Ed White Mon – Thu Morning Bracketed KO Teams

(*continued*) Round 3

The Kalamazoo Bridge Center (Mon – Wed) Side Game Series Single Session 3 of 3

Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session

10:00 am & 3:00 pm

10:00 am & 2:00 pm Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions

1:00 pm

The Joan Remy Moore Memorial Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions

Compact KO Teams (*continues at 7:30 pm*) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4

Grand Rapids Bridge Club 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs Single Session

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS (*continued*) 4th Round

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS (*continued*) 2 Final Sessions

Dr. David S. Gudes Memorial Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions

7:30 pm	Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, PC Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4 Tue - Thu Side Game Series Single Session 3 & 4 of 6 Compact KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4 The Tom Gardner One Session Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session Zip KO Teams Single Session
11:30 pm	
THURSDAY, MARCH 13	
9:00 am	Wed - Sat Morning Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Round 2 Dr. Brenda Fortunate and Ed White Mon – Thu Morning Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Round 4 Western Michigan ACBL Unit 195 Thu – Sat Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 3 Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session
10:00 am & 2:00 pm	Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	The Barbara Friedenbergs Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions
1:00 pm	Tue - Thu Side Game Series Single Session 5 of 6 Pointe Bridge Center 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	VANDERBILT KO TEAMS (<i>continued</i>) 5th Round LEBHAR IMP PAIRS (<i>continues Fri</i>) First 2 of 4 Sessions WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS (<i>continues Fri</i>) First 2 of 4 Sessions BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS (<i>continues Fri</i>) First 2 of 4 Sessions <i>The above three pair events will have 2 qualifying sessions Thurs, and 2 final sessions Fri.</i> The Edythe Schelberg Memorial Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions The Sid & Lorraine Heinrick Stratified Open Swiss Teams 2 Sessions The Beverly Bluth Memorial Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continues Friday</i>) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4
7:30 pm	Tue - Thu Side Game Series Single Session 6 of 6 The Jon Froemke Memorial One Session Stratified IMP Pairs Single Session Don Hocevar Memorial 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session Zip KO Teams Single Session
11:30 pm	
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	
9:00 am	Wed - Sat Morning Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Round 3 Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continues Sat</i>) Rounds 1 & 2 of 4 Western Michigan ACBL Unit 195 Thu – Sat Side Game Series Single Session 2 of 3 Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session
10:00 am & 2:00 pm	Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions
1:00 pm	The Premier Self Storage & Jacob Properties Compact KO Teams Rounds 1 & 2 of 4 (<i>continues at 7:30 pm</i>) Fri - Sun Side Game Series Single Session 1 of 6 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session
1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	VANDERBILT KO TEAMS (<i>continued</i>) 6th Round LEBHAR IMP PAIRS (<i>continued</i>) 2 Final Sessions WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS (<i>continued</i>) 2 Final Sessions BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS (<i>continues Fri</i>) 2 Final Sessions The Michigan Bridge Association, Unit 137 Stratified Open Pairs 2 Sessions The Beverly Bluth Memorial Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4
7:30 pm	The Premier Self Storage & Jacob Properties Compact KO (<i>continued</i>) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4 Fri – Sun Side Game Series Single Session 2 of 6 The Sylvia Stein Memorial One Session Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session Zip KO Teams Single Session
11:30 pm	
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	
9:00 am	Wed - Sat Morning Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Round 4 Morning Compact Bracketed KO Teams (<i>continued</i>) Rounds 3 & 4 of 4 Western Michigan ACBL Unit 195 Thu – Sat Side Game Series Single Session 3 of 3 Stratified 299er Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session
10:00 am & 2:00 pm	Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	The Tom Gardner Stratified Senior Pairs 2 Sessions
1:00 pm	Fri - Sun Side Game Series Single Session 3 of 6 Bloomfield Hills International Academy 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm	VANDERBILT KO TEAMS <i>(continued)</i> 7th Round JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>(continues Sun)</i> First 2 of 4 Sessions <i>Two qualifying sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday</i> MACHLIN WOMEN'S SWISS TEAMS <i>(continues Sun)</i> First 2 of 4 Sessions <i>Two qualifying sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday</i> GOLDER NA PAIRS - FLIGHT B <i>(continues Sun)</i> First 2 of 4 Sessions <i>Two qualifying sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday</i> PRESIDENT'S CUP NA PAIRS - FLIGHT C <i>(continues Sun)</i> First 2 of 4 Sessions <i>Two qualifying sessions Saturday, two final sessions Sunday</i> The Southern Michigan Bridge Association, Unit 203 Strati-Flighted A/X, B/C/D Pairs 2 Sessions Bracketed KO Teams <i>(continues Sun at 10:00 am)</i> Rounds 1 & 2 of 4 Fri – Sun Side Game Series Single Session 4 of 6 The Madison Athletic Club One Session Stratified Swiss Teams Single Session 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session 11:30 pm Zip KO Teams Single Session
7:30 pm	SUNDAY, MARCH 16 10:00 am Strati-Flighted A/X, B/C/D Swiss Teams 7 Match/ 7 Bds/ Playthru Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 7 Match/ 7 Bds/ Playthru Fri – Sun Side Game Series Single Session 4 of 6 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session 10:00 am & 2:00 pm Stratified Fast Open Pairs 2 Sessions 10:00 am & 2:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams <i>(continued)</i> Rounds 3 & 4 of 4 2:30 pm Fri – Sun Side Game Series Single Session 4 of 6 299er, 199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Newcomer Pairs Single Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams Single Session 10:00 am & 3:00 pm GOLDER NA PAIRS - FLIGHT B <i>(continued)</i> 2 Final Sessions PRESIDENT'S CUP NA PAIRS - FLIGHT C <i>(continued)</i> 2 Final Sessions 11:00 am & 5:00 pm JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS <i>(continued)</i> 2 Final Sessions 11:00 am & 6:00 pm MACHLIN WOMEN'S SWISS TEAMS <i>(continued)</i> 2 Final Sessions

For Strata/flighted events: A/X = 3000+/0 - 3000, BCD = 1000 - 2000, 500 - 1000, 0 – 500

For stratified events: A = 2000+, B = 750 - 2000, C = 0 – 750

ALL EVENTS WILL BE PLAYED AT THE DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER.
EVENTS, DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR BRIDGE
BULLETIN OR THE ACBL WEB SITE AT WWW.ACBL.ORG FOR CHANGES.

* Evening sessions of all events utilizing screens will begin at 8:00 pm

Travel, Parking, and Transportation

Travel to Detroit

The state's major freeways – I-94, I-96, I-75, and M-10 (the Lodge) – all converge in downtown Detroit, just blocks from the tournament site.

- From Toledo and southern Michigan:
 - I-75 north to Clark Street near the Ambassador Bridge. Follow detour signs to downtown (most likely Fort Street).
 - Please note that I-75 will be closed from Clark to Rosa Parks Boulevard, starting February 25, for the Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project. For detailed information on this project and detours, go to www.michigan.gov/mdot.
- From Kalamazoo:
 - I-94 east to to M-10 (Lodge) south to downtown to Jefferson.
- From Grand Rapids and Lansing:
 - I-96 east to I-696 east to M-10 (Lodge) south to downtown to Jefferson.
- From Flint and points north:
 - I-75 south to I-375 (please note there are several bridge construction projects along I-75).
- From M-10 (Lodge Freeway) and the northwest suburbs:
 - The Lodge ends at Jefferson near Cobo Hall; simply continue on the Lodge until it flows into Jefferson, a few blocks from the Marriott.

I-375 is a short downtown spur off I-75. It ends at Jefferson Avenue, a few blocks from the Marriott and the preferred parking areas.

For our friends coming from Ontario, the Marriott is adjacent to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, and five minutes from the Ambassador Bridge.

Shuttle Service

The host committee is providing shuttle service for players to get downtown without driving and parking themselves. Service is being provided by Checker Sedan Group Transportation in a comfortable mini-bus. Advance reservations are required as no seats can be purchased on site. Reservations may be made only through our web portal and must be made no later than 3:45 pm the day before. Payment must be by credit card. Each one-way leg is \$4. (The Committee is subsidizing the bus and is handling the driver's gratuity). Your charge will appear as "PayPal DMC" on your credit card statement.

Reservations: Simply go to www.detroit2008nationals.org, click on the transportation button on the left, and then click on www.dmcgroup-toledo.com/acbl/index.html at the top of the page. Choose the desired shuttle lot and carefully select the times you wish to leave and return. You may "continue shopping" to select multiple days. Then "proceed to checkout." If you do not have a PayPal account, just click the "continue" link near the credit card logos. No refunds are possible. We recommend that you print your receipt and bring it with you as proof of your reservations. The driver will have a list of passengers for each trip, but if your name is not there you will need the receipt. A day or so after you make reservations, your first name and last initial will appear on that day's Passenger Manifest; you may view this by clicking on the date links on the left.

Non-Internet Reservations: For those members without access to the Internet, we suggest using family or friends to make your reservations. If that is not feasible, we have three options. If you go to Bridge Central, Vickie Vallone will make your reservations using your credit card and can print the receipt for you. Another option is to call Patty Becker at 248-354-6520 and she will make your reservations and will mail you the receipt if there is time. And if you go to Bridge Connection when Ron Horwitz is directing on Fridays and most Saturdays, he will make your reservations using your credit card and can print the receipt for you. Once the tournament starts, these options will not be available. However, we will have a computer at the Information Desk (Level 4 west foyer of the Marriott) for your use in making additional reservations.

Locations: Shuttles will depart from Lot C at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield just off the Lodge at 10 Mile Road; and from Bridge Central in Utica on Hall Road between Van Dyke and M-53. You must park only in the rear parking area there. Exact locations and directions to these sites are on the reservations web site.

Shuttle Times: All shuttle departure times coincide with events held at the NABC. The buses will arrive at the Marriott in plenty of time for the 10:00 am and 1:00 pm games (and the 9:00 am game from Southfield). Please check the web site for specific times on the day(s) you need. The schedule for Utica is different because of the additional drive time involved. All seats are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability. All sales are final (no refunds) and absolutely no sales on-site.

Special bus transportation from Western Michigan

The Western Michigan Bridge Association has planned special transportation from Grand Rapids and from Kalamazoo. The Grand Rapids bus will depart Grand Rapids on Tuesday, March 11, at 8:00 am for Detroit. It will return to Grand Rapids on Friday, March 14, 5:00 pm. For more information, contact moltj@sbcglobal.net. The Kalamazoo bus departs Kalamazoo at 8:00 am, March 11, and returns from Detroit at 11:30 pm, March 14. For more information contact musicat@net-link.net

Parking

We all know that parking downtown in major cities is expensive, but we have made special arrangements for parking adjacent to the tournament hotel — at very reasonable rates. The least costly parking during the week is available at the GM Lot between Atwater and the river (see the map on page 11). This is a very large surface lot, little more than .2 of a mile from the Renaissance Center. It costs \$3 per day; you pay on the way in. On weekdays you will not find a less expensive place to park.

We have also secured excellent parking rates at the Beaubien Place Parking deck: \$8 per day on weekdays and only \$1 on weekends. You must present a discount coupon to get these rates (the standard rates are \$12 and \$5). The deck is located at the corner of Beaubien and Atwater. Enter from either Beaubien or St. Antoine Streets. It has a covered walkway to the hotel. We expect at least 300-500 spaces to be available on weekdays for our players. If it is full when you arrive, we suggest you park in the GM Lot, which is only a block away.

An ample supply of parking coupons will be available at the NABC Tournament Information Desk (Level 4 west foyer of the Marriott). When you enter the garage you will pull a parking ticket. When you exit, present the ticket and the coupon to the cashier and you will receive the discounted price. Please note that there is a handy map on the back of each coupon.

From either the deck or the GM Lot, there will be very good signage and volunteers to point you in the right direction wherever you enter the Renaissance Center.

Car-pooling

We have established a web site to facilitate carpooling to the NABC. Please go to <http://www.rideshare.us>. Click "Find an Event" on the left. Go to keywords at the bottom of the page and enter: Detroit NABC. Register as a driver or list an ad for a ride. We have organized this by day. Thus, you can do this for any day of the tournament. We recommend that rider(s) pay for parking and/or gas. The site above should not require any contact with a third party, but, if you have questions, please contact Jeanne Hernandez (JeanneHernandez2003@yahoo.com).

Come have a great time

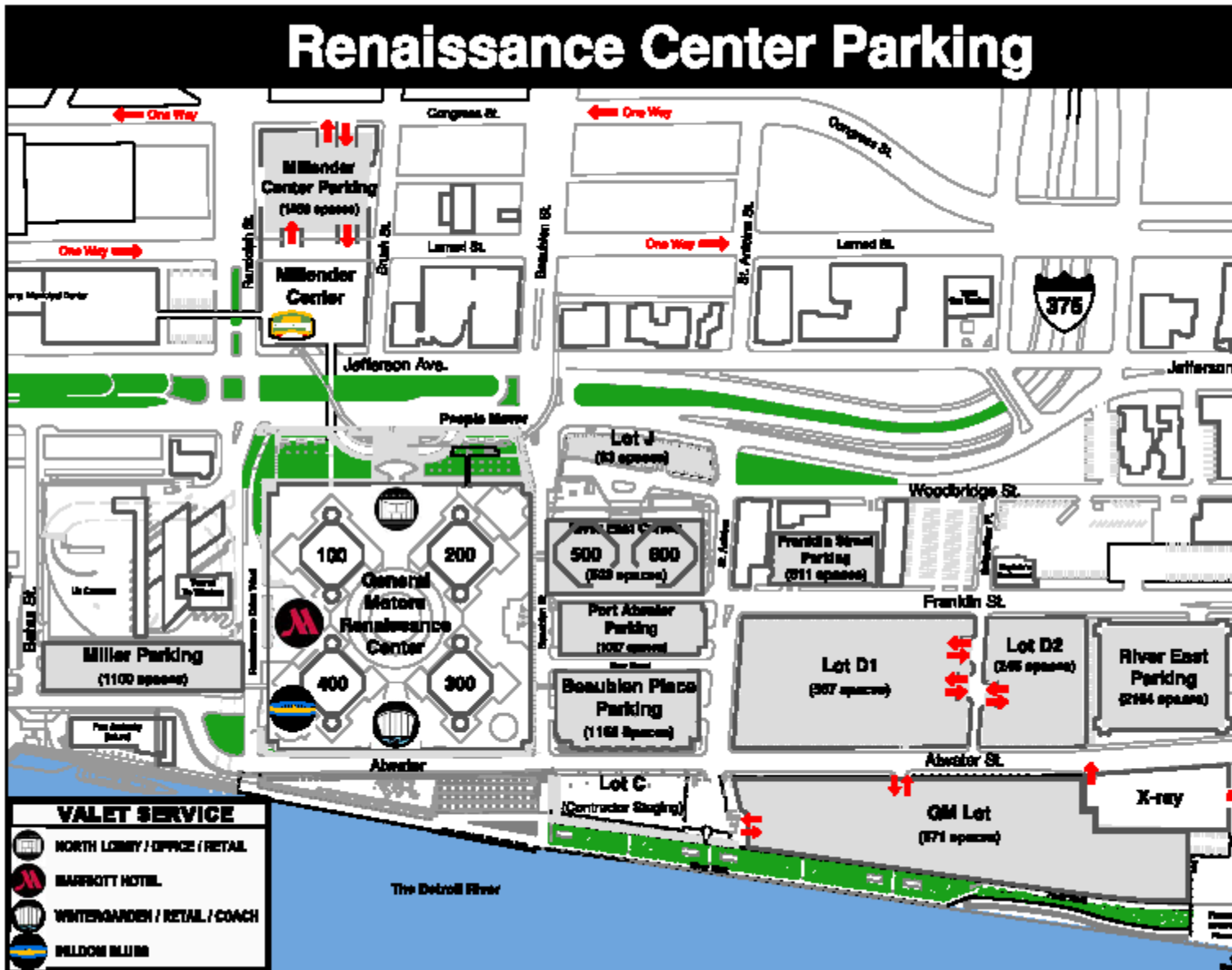
We have a blockbuster tournament scheduled, and we want you to be part of it. Please join us as we demonstrate that Detroit is an ideal place to host such national tournaments on a regular basis. We have the assets to be a regular host. The hotel is ideal; transportation and parking are excellent; we are easily accessible via air or car, we have introduced several innovations for the ACBL; and perhaps most important, we have a talented and enthusiastic member base in the region.

Questions about the tournament?

If you have questions, let a member of the executive committee know:

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The Marriott Hotel is in the 73-story center tower of the General Motors Renaissance Center. The Courtyard Marriott is in the Millender Center across Jefferson, with a covered skywalk.

Recommended parking for the tournament is:

Beaubien Place Parking or
GM Lot on Atwater

Access to the hotel from Beaubien Place is via covered walkway at the east side of the hotel tower.

Access to the hotel from GM parking lot is via the Atwater Atrium entrance to the hotel.