



Upcoming Tournaments

Tucson Winter Sectional January 7-10, 2010

Come to Tucson for one of the first sectionals of the New Year, January 7-10 at the Desert Diamond Hotel and Casino. Special bridge rate with no tax. See the ads this issue or last for full details. No better way to start your tournament year.

Northern Colorado Winter Sectional February 7-10, 2010

Check the ad this issue or last for the recently revised starting times for some of the events at the Northern Colorado's winter sectional at the Ranch and Budweiser Events Center, near Loveland, Colorado, just south of Fort Collins. The dates are February 7-10. Make plans now.

El Paso Haberstroth Memorial Valentine Sectional February 12-15, 2010

The El Paso bridge unit recently decided to get out of the regional business, at least for a while, but they still put on a fine sectional. The next dates are February 12-15 at the Westside Community Center at 7400 High Ridge. Four full days of bridge will greet you, all with 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. starting

times, except the last day which commences at 9:30 a.m. See the ad this issue.

Pueblo Winter Sectional February 12-14, 2010

Pueblo's winter tournament is February 12-14 at one of the most longstanding and excellent of Colorado sectional playing facilities, the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in downtown Pueblo. The ad this issue will fill you in on all the vital details.

Sedona Sectional February 18-20, 2010

Whether it is sunshine or a little dusting of snow on the bright red and orange rocks of the Sedona, the scenery rates to be as exceptional, as does the bridge at Sedona's winter sectional February 18-20 at the Elks Lodge. Please note that's a Thursday through Saturday. Please look for the half page regional size ad elsewhere this issue and start making plans now to attend this excellent tournament.

Phoenix Presidents Day Sectional February 12-15

By Page Tomkinson
The Presidents Day Phoenix Sectional will be held Feb. 12-15 at the ASU West

Campus, 4701 W. Thunderbird Drive in Glendale, Ariz. Four days of solid bridge played against players from all over the valley and winter snow birds that will fly in for the event.

All single sessions are stratified and a fun Compact KO will be held on Monday.

We welcome you to join us for four days of good bridge. Who knows? maybe George or Abe might show up. Please check our ad or www.unit354.com

Las Vegas Glitter Gulch Sectional March 1-5, 2010

Please take careful note of the unusual dates for the Las Vegas Glitter Gulch Sectional. It will be five days, March 1-5, a Monday to a Friday. But you can still stay the weekend and gamble. Incredible Sunday to Friday night room rates at the Riviera on The Strip of \$65 a night, reserve by February 5.

And check out the ad this issue for the complete schedule of events, Knockouts, Swiss, pairs games, and 299er events.

Correction-Tucson Sectional

The playing site for Tucson's April 15-18 sectional is the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, not the Desert Diamond Hotel, as previously listed in the Western Conference Sectional Tournaments section on page two of *ScoreCard*.

Editor's Desk

By Jared Johnson
ScoreCard Editor

The first decade of the 21st century is over. (We will fast forward through the decade old arguments. Mathematically, since there was no year zero, the 21st century officially began January, 2001 and we have a year in the decade to go. Psychologically, 2000 was the magic number and that's what I go with.) We have the usual great schedule of regionals in Albuquerque, Tucson (299er), Mesa, Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix and Tucson, plus the usual array of sectionals throughout District 17, and plenty of special club games.

The Spring NABC is close by in Reno in March. You can visit New Orleans for the Summer NABC in July and Orlando for the Fall NABC in late November-early December.

The world bridge championships are in Philadelphia in October. Most of the events are open so you can enter without pre-qualification. That will sit well with bridge players looking to play in a world championship event for the first time. What won't sit too well with bridge players is that there will be higher entry fees, as much as \$100 to \$300 more, depending on the event, if you aren't staying at the host hotel.

This might not be a good idea. It can only hurt attendance. It doesn't work that way at NABCs. Just imagine if it did. Sometimes you have great room rates at fancy host hotels, for instance, the 2008 Summer NABC at the Las Vegas Hilton. But, for many nationals if you start doing the math with high room rates, and taxes and (except for Vegas) parking, that tab gets pretty high pretty fast. People often stay with friends or relatives, or stay somewhere less expensive a little away from the tournament site and commute. It's got to be an option.

It would be an interesting statistic. At the average NABC, what percentage of people stay at the host hotel?

One can certainly understand wanting to encourage players to stay at the host hotel, since room occupancy projections are a big factor in negotiating rates. Still, lower attendance at the tournament as a whole can hurt the host hotel as well, since they lose out on non-room revenue for restaurants, gift shops, parking, etc.

I don't recall it working this way at the world championships in Albuquerque in 1994.

And, of course, in close competition with the world championships in Philadelphia next fall, there beckons Orlando, always an inviting venue, and without the same draconian monetary penalties in place.

And the economy is still far from recovered; money is tight, another factor that may mean the decision regarding playing fees in Philadelphia is ill-advised.

Still, it is a world championship in this country and that will be enticing for many who deem the extra expense worthwhile.

So, in your home town, in your state, in your district, or elsewhere in the country, there is plenty of bridge on tap. Here's to the new decade.

Tucson Winter Sectional

January 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2010
New Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel

Thursday, January 7th

7:00PM
Bracketed Knockout I
(Round I)

Friday, January 8th

10:00AM & 3:00PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)
199'er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Bracketed Knockout I
(Rounds II & III)

7:30PM
Bracketed Knockout II
(Round I)

Saturday, January 9th

10:00AM & 3:00PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)
199'er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Bracketed Knockout II
(Rounds II & III)

Sunday, January 10th

10:00AM & TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)
Stratified 199'er Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)

Complimentary Buffet Lunch for all 2 session players

We Offer
Free Coffee and Tea, Yummy Candy, Free Lectures, Plentiful Free Parking with Shuttle service, Pre-Dealt hands with hand records and Free Buffet Lunch on Sunday for all 2 session players!!!



New Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel
7350 S. Nogales Hwy
Tucson, AZ 85756
(520) 294-7777
(866) DDC-WINS

Special Bridge Rate is **\$99.00—No Tax** per night, single or double. In order to get this rate you **MUST** use our **Group Booking Code "Bridge I"**. Blocked rooms will be released on to the public on **December 23, 2009**

Fees: \$10.00 for dues paying ACBL Members and \$11.00 for all others

Tournament Chair:

Barry Abrahams (520) 615-1712 or BLincolnA@hotmail.com

Director-in-Charge: Gary Zeiger.
Partnerships: Betty Compton at (520) 318-4546 or Compcat@copper.net

Please visit our website at www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com

199'er Pairs: A=100-200; B=20-100; C=0-20

Knockouts: Bracketed by average master point holdings of all team members

Flighted Swiss Teams:

(All scored at Victory points)

A=3000+; Ax=0-3000;

B= 1000-1500; C=500-1000; D=0-500

199'er Swiss Teams:

(All scored at Victory points)

E=100-200; F=0-100.

Single session entries will be accommodated

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Northern Colorado Winter Sectional

February 5-7, 2010

NOTE: Friday Afternoon 1:30 PM Start Time!

"Best Chairs in the West"
Just Off I-25 Exit 259
Entrance From County Road 5

Friday, February 5, 2010

9:00am Knock Out or Round Robin - 1st Round
Stratified Pairs Championship Single Session
Stratified Pairs 299er Single Session*

1:30pm Knock Out or Round Robin - 2nd Round
Stratified Pairs Championship Single Session
Stratified Pairs 299er Single Session*

7:00pm Knock Out or Round Robin - 3rd Round
Strati-Flighted Pairs

Saturday, February 6, 2010

10:00am Championship Stratified Pairs (First of Two Sessions)
Stratified Pairs Single Session
Stratified Pairs 299er Single Session

3:00pm Championship Stratified Pairs (Second of Two Sessions)
Stratified Pairs Single Session
Stratified Pairs 299er Single Session

Sunday, February 7, 2010

10:00am Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams including 299er Flight
(Hot Lunch Included)

Strati-Flighted Pairs		Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	
A/X: 3000+; 0-3000	B/C: 750-1500; 0-750	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50	A/X: 3000+; 0-3000
B/C: 750-1500; 0-750	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50	B/C: 750-1500; 0-750
Championship Stratified Pairs		299er Stratified Pairs	
A/B/C: 2000+; 750-2000; 0-750	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50	D/E/F/G: 200-300; 100-200; 50-100; 0-50



Tournament Location
Lanier County Fairgrounds and Events Complex
5300 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538
First National Bank Exhibition Building
West Hall

Entry Fees: Pairs: \$9.00 per person, Sunday Teams: \$100 per team (lunch included)
\$1.00 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members and non-ACBL members
*ACBL members 0-5 masterpoints play free in single session 299er games on Friday only

Director in-Charge: Bill Michael

Tournament Co-Chairs: Bill Greeley (970) 443-9417 WRGREELEY@gmail.com

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Miscellaneous: Homemade snacks, coffee, tea provided, no concession stand

No cell phone usage allowed in the playing area

Nearby Restaurants: Local Restaurants

RV hookups Available at the site, electric service only, contact The Ranch (970) 619-4000

