

Upcoming Tournaments

Durango Four Corners Sectional June 4-6, 2010

Scenic southwestern Colorado beckons at the Durango Four Corners Sectional at the La Plata Senior Center at 2424 Main Ave., June 4-6. Take in the sights of Mesa Verde or other attractions in the Four Corners region if you have the time and see the ad this issue of *ScoreCard* for the bridge details.

Albuquerque Roadrunner Sectional June 18-20, 2010

Albuquerque is a good place to get ready for your bridge playing summer. The dates are June 18-20 at the Duke City Bridge Center at 8616 North-eastern Blvd. NE. and all the championships up for grabs are listed in the ad elsewhere this issue. Good weather, good bridge in Albuquerque.

Prescott Summer Sectional June 25-27, 2010

The Adult Center of Prescott at 1280 E. Rosser St. is the venue for the Prescott Summer Sectional June 25-27. It's a nice summer setting in Arizona and a fine schedule of events for bridge players. So please join us. See the ad this issue of *ScoreCard* for details

Denver Summer Sectional July 8-11, 2010

Summer bridge takes place in Denver July 8-11 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall at 15200

West 6th Ave. The usual spacious playing site and popular schedule of events draws players from around the state. See the ad this issue of *ScoreCard* for details.

Ruidoso Christmas in July Sectional July 9-11, 2010

The Ruidoso Convention Center is playing site for the Christmas in July Sectional July 9-11, featuring Bracketed Knockouts both Friday and Saturday, plus the expected pairs games (Open and 299er) and the final day's Swiss Teams. See the ad this issue for details.

Los Alamos Summer Sectional July 30-August 1, 2010

A beautiful scenic spot in northern New Mexico is the venue for the Los Alamos Summer Sectional July 30 to August 1 at the Betty Ehart Senior Center at 1000 Oppenheimer St. Check out the ad this issue of *ScoreCard* for the complete schedule of events and come join us for some fine tournament bridge.

Northern Colorado Summer Sectional August 27-29, 2010

The playing site is now the Thomas M. McKee Building at The Ranch, 5280 Arena Circle at Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, Colo. The weekend of Aug. 27-29 begins with KOs or Round Robin and pairs on Friday morning, afternoon and night. Saturday is pairs at 10:00 & 3:00, Sunday is Strati-Flighted Swiss with hot lunch included! See our ad in this issue of *ScoreCard*.



Editor's Desk

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Bridge, an International Phenomenon

Bridge is a worldwide phenomenon. The World Bridge Federation, established in 1958, administers bridge activities and promotes the game worldwide. There are annual world bridge championships around the globe. This year is Philadelphia in October.

The World Bridge Federation is divided into zones for various geographic areas. The largest number of members is in Europe with forty-seven countries and the most people playing tournament bridge at various levels. The North American zone has only three countries, but has the second biggest contingent of tournament players.

There are many bridge players throughout Asia. Africa doesn't weigh in heavily for tournament bridge, but there are 14 member countries.

The Worldwide Pairs (formerly the Epson Pairs, named after the original sponsor) takes place in June, and has tens of thousands of bridge players around the world in various countries playing the same hands at close to the same time, with instant matchpointing on a 100 top (instant elation or instant frustration).

It is true that with different time zones, that a few well-timed international calls or e-mails could provide the opportunity for some hanky-panky, but we naturally expect all bridge players to be honorable men and women.

Some of the games for this event over the years have been held in really out-of-the-way places. Years ago there was even a heat in Ouagadougou, the capital of former Upper Volta, now Burkina Faso, in what used to be French West Africa. Five tables were in play, most likely missionaries living on the outskirts of the capital city. Even in the windswept Sahel there is duplicate bridge.

Close to the same time, I was traveling in the area and had a brief conversation with a missionary at the airport. I asked him why, with all the perhaps more scenic Third World countries to work in, he would choose this rather parched and desolate piece of real estate. His deadpan reply, "I was called by God. (Pause) Why else would I be in this godforsaken place!?"

I didn't ask him if he played bridge. And what a delightful trip it was.

People with a wide variety of backgrounds have common ground at the bridge table. Much as is the case with international business and diplomacy. English is the semi-official language of worldwide bridge, at least at the table. No doubt the after game discussions and arguments take place in many different languages.

"Pourquoi n'avez vous pasa entame ma couleur?" (French for "Why didn't you lead my suit?")

"Porque usted hace una oferta mucho con esa mano podrida?" (Spanish for "Why did you bid so much with that rotten hand?")

Nowadays many of the NABC championships look more like international tournaments, with experts from all over Europe and the Orient in attendance and usually doing very well. Hitting the high overalls in recent national championships in San Diego and Reno were players from England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Poland, India, Turkey, China and Japan.

Yes, bridge is a worldwide phenomenon.



Christmas in July

Ruidoso Sectional

July 9-11, 2010

Ruidoso Convention Center

Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

Friday, July 9

9 AM Sierra Blanca KO's
1 PM & 7 PM Sierra Blanca KO's
Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299's Open Pairs

Saturday, July 10

9 AM The Down and Dirty KO's
Stratified Open Pairs
1 PM & 7 PM The Down and Dirty KO's
Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299's Open Pairs

Sunday, July 11

10 AM & TBD Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (A & AX play together)

Stratified: (A) 1500+ (B) 500-1500 (C) 0-500
Strati-Flighted: (A) 3000+ (Ax) 0-3000
(B) 1000-1500 (C) 500-1000 (D) 0-500

Fees: Pairs and KO's: \$10 / person / session
Swiss Team: \$88 / team (Sunday Lunch Included)
(Non-ACBL player: add \$2.00 each session)

Host: Unit 388 District 17

Director in Charge: Tom Whitesides

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Northern Colorado Summer Sectional

August 27-29, 2010

NOTE: Playing Site is now Thomas M. McKee Building at The Ranch!

Friday, August 27, 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, August 28, 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, August 29, 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	A/X	3000+; 0-3000
B/C	750-1500; 0-750	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
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

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



Tournament Location
Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex
Thomas M. McKee Building
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538

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

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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

