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## Denver Rocky Mountain Regional

May 23-29, 2017



Denver Renaissance Hotel

By Jerry Ranney  
Tournament Chairman

Denver's Rocky Mountain Regional will be held May 23-29, again at the Renaissance Hotel by Marriott on Quebec Street. The tournament opens with a Pro/

Am event on Tuesday afternoon and ends with a two session A/X/Y Swiss Teams and 0-3000 Bracketed Teams (lots of winners and lots of gold points) on Monday, Memorial Day.

The schedule includes numerous Knockout Teams, Gold Rush Pairs at 10:00 a.m.

and 3:00 p.m. every day from Wednesday through Sunday, and a full schedule of newcomer and Intermediate events and speakers. A Board-A-Match Teams is scheduled for Friday.

For a full schedule of events, see the tournament ad in this issue of *ScoreCard*.

## Las Vegas Regional

June 19-25, 2017



Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino on the Strip

By Sandra & George

The Las Vegas Regional, one of the largest in the United States, will be held June 19-25 at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, in the heart of the world renowned Las Vegas Strip. This is an amazing destination location for bridge players of all ages. Our room rate Sunday-Thursday are with no mandatory resort fee, one free Wi-Fi connection, and free parking. Friday & Saturday are slightly higher. You can book by calling 800 358-8777 (group code SBACB7).

Las Vegas is a playground for the young at heart with world class dining, shopping, and entertainment. A special restaurant guide is available at our hospitality desk and online at our website.

The tournament offers Gold Rush events all week, including daylight Gold Rush games (10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Gold Rush games are a great way to win gold points, and nobody you play against will have more than 750 points.

If you're planning to play in the 0-100 or 0-300 masterpoint games, you'll now find those games at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. We also have a full schedule of pairs and teams events at 7:30 p.m.

There are many options, so pick what's right for you! Partnerships can be arranged at the partnership desk at the tournament or contact our partnership chair in advance.

A special Las Vegas welcome is waiting for you!



Bon's Mots

By Bonnie Bagley

National Board Representative

### Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors (BOD) has been making an effort to reduce costs, and to that end lowered the number of days of meetings in Kansas City from three to four and adjusted the schedule of meetings for Toronto to save ACBL two days of per diem and two hotel nights for each of the 25 BOD members and the Board of Governors (BOG) chairman, a significant savings. Under the direction of Bob Heller, 2017 ACBL President, time was provided for strategic planning and team building, with the goal of becoming a more effective, less motion-driven board.

### Elections & Appointments

Claire Jones of Regina, Saskatchewan, D18 (Western Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah), was reelected ACBL Treasurer for a one year term beginning May 1, 2017. Paul Cuneo, D16 (most of Texas and Mexico), was elected as ACBL 401K Trustee for a one year term ending December 31, 2018.

Committee appointments made by the ACBL President and ratified by the BOD:

- 2017 NABC Seeding Chairman: David Berkowitz
- Competitions & Conventions Committee: Chris Compton, Will Ehlers, Jeff Ford, Jeff Goldsmith, and Danny Sprung (D17)
- Disciplinary Committee: Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Huston, Nagy Kamel, and Tom Peters
- Ethical Oversight Committee: Cheri Bjerkan, Dennis Clerkin, John Fout, Bob Glasson, and Kevin Wilson
- Hall of Fame Committee: Neil Chambers, Mitch Dunitz, and Paul Lewis (D17)
- Laws Commission: Allan Falk, Rebecca Rogers (D17), and Aaron Silverstein

### Kansas City Motions

Two related motions from the BOG were defeated. The first was to hold the Fall BOD meetings at ACBL headquarters instead of at the Fall NABC, and the second, contingent on the defeat of the first, was to specifically hold the 2018 Fall BOD meeting at ACBL Headquarters instead of at the 2018 Fall NABC in Hawaii. These were presented as cost savings motions, but it was unclear how much in savings would actually have been realized. BOD expenses are less than 1.5% of the ACBL budget, which is not unreasonable.

There seems to be a perception of a small vocal minority that BOD meetings at NABCs are boondoggles for the BOD, but this could not be further from the truth. Most of the BOD have meetings well into the NABC, while we are on our own nickel. We are all volunteers and participate willingly. As an NABC Co-chair before I was on the BOD, I was delighted to have the BOD members - whom I considered to be ambassadors of bridge - at my tournament; I would have been disappointed had the BOD not been there.

### Other Board Motions

The BOG asked us again to reconsider the motion that ACBL provide \$200 to 3rd place finishing pairs and \$100 for 4th place finishing pairs who participate at the National NAP Finals, and again it failed; the vote was 13 against, 11 for, and one abstention.

The BOG also asked the BOD to rescind the motion that or teams events held at an NABC in which all team entrants receive full overall masterpoint awards, the entry shall be charged on a per person basis. This also was defeated. I voted against the motion. I feel that if one receives full masterpoints, one should pay the full price.

We did pass some motions, mostly cleaning up the ACBL Codification, the codified minutes which contain the regulations of the ACBL Board of Directors currently in effect. A motion that passed established new voting procedures for Hall of Fame elections. Several motions were deferred to the Spring NABC meetings at the July Toronto Summer NABC. I will discuss those in my July column.

### Contact Me

Go to [bonniebagleyd17.com/minutes](http://bonniebagleyd17.com/minutes) for the complete minutes. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to email me at [bonnie@bonniebagleyd17.com](mailto:bonnie@bonniebagleyd17.com), or call me at 719 593-0205. I look forward to seeing you at the Rocky Mountain Regional in Denver, May 23-29, and the Las Vegas Regional, June 19-25.

### ScoreCard Deadlines

Steve & Kitty Cooper, Editors

ScoreCard's deadline for District 17 articles and ads is the fifth of the preceding month; However, earlier submissions are encouraged.

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