



# Upcoming Sectionals

## I/N 0-299er Sectional Las Vegas, Nevada April 24-25

The Las Vegas Intermediate/Newcomer 0-300 Sectional tournament will be held on a Monday and Tuesday with morning and afternoon sessions at 10:00 & 2:00. The venue is the Bill & Lillie Heinrich YMCA on Meadows Lane. There is free coffee & Continental Breakfast mornings, free

coffee all day, and free lunch after the first session. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for further details.

## Boulder Bonanza Spring Sectional Longmont, Colorado May 5-7

This sectional is well known for its quality snacks and Sunday pizza. At the Boulder Fairgrounds, 5955 Nelson Road in Longmont. There

is a Bracketed Swiss Teams on Friday. Games start at 10:00. For more information see *boulderbridge.org*

## Santa Fe Sectional Santa Fe, New Mexico May 5-7

A lovely time of year to visit the City Different. The tournament is at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center on Rodeo Road. Game times are 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There are Compact KOs and pairs games both Friday and Saturday as well as single session Swiss Teams in the afternoons. There is also a Sunday Swiss Teams. See the website at *bridgesantafe.com* or the ad in the previous issue of *ScoreCard* for details.

## Albuquerque Spring Sectional Albuquerque, New Mexico June 9-11

Held at the Duke City Bridge Center with plentiful and delicious homemade snacks. The three session Knockout starts Friday at 9:00, and there is a two session Strati-Flighted Pairs (where A/AX plays separately from B/C) at 10:00 and 2:30 on Saturday. For more information check the website *abqbridge.com* or the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for details.

## Four Corners Sectional Durango, Colorado June 9-11

Door prizes and snacks galore at this tournament at the Durango LaPlata Senior Center in one

of Colorado's most scenic areas. Come early and ride the railroad through the canyons of the San Juan National Forest. The three session Knockout starts Friday evening at 7:00 with pairs events at 1:30 and 7:00. There are single session and two session Stratified Pairs and 299er Pairs at 10:00 and 3:00 on Saturday with the Sunday Swiss Teams starting at 9:30. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for more information.

## Prescott Summer Sectional Prescott, Arizona July 7-9

Game times are 10:00 and 3:00 with a three-session Bracketed Knockout Teams starting Friday at 3:00 p.m. Visit this historic town with pines in a red rock setting. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for details.

## Christmas in July Sectional Ruidoso, New Mexico July 14-16

Held at the Ruidoso High School, enjoy bridge in the mountains with a schedule that, as of this year, newly has sessions at 10:00 and 3:00. The three session KO starts Friday afternoon. There are single session Open Pairs and 299er Pairs games both Friday and Saturday. Sunday has a Stratified Swiss Teams. See the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard* for details.



## Improve Your Play

By Larry Matheny  
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### Anticipate the Auction

Although it's impossible to know how the auction will proceed, you should consider the likely continuations before making a bid that best describes your hand. While this seems obvious, some get sidetracked by a good suit and fail to anticipate the bidding.

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♣K

**Bidding:** North erred by responding 1♠ instead of bidding 2♥. After his partner's 2♦ rebid, North had a choice of 3♥, which would show 10-12 invitational values, or 2♥, which would be a mere preference with 6-9 points and only two-card support. Rather than overbid, North chose to rebid 2♥ and hope game was not missed.

North should have realized his hand was worth only one bid, and that bid should have been to raise his partner's suit. The heart game would then have been reached.

**Play:** West led the ♣K to declarer's ace. Declarer cashed the ♥K, and then led the ♠QJ. East won the ace and shifted to diamonds. Declarer won the ace, cashed the ♥Q, and then played the ♠J. Now he led a third trump to dummy and had 11 tricks: four spades, five hearts, one diamond, and one club.

Since most North/South pairs reached the heart game, this was not a good result.

♠K9762  
♥A102  
♦86  
♣J63

♠543  
♥86  
♦K1072  
♣KQ109

♠A108  
♥J54  
♦QJ4  
♣8742

♠QJ  
♥KQ973  
♦A953  
♣A5



# 19th Annual Durango 4 Corners Sectional

**JUNE 9-11, 2017**

Sponsored by: Grand Junction Unit 364

**The Durango-La Plata Senior Center**  
2424 Main Avenue., Durango CO 81301 (970) 382-6445



### Tournament Schedule

Knockout Events may be handicapped



#### Friday, June 9

**299er Pairs** (single sessions) ..... 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
**Stratified Pairs** (single sessions)..... 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
**Knockouts** (Round 1) ..... 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 10

**299er Pairs** (single sessions) ..... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
**Stratified Pairs** (single & two sessions) 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
**Knockouts** (Rounds 2 & 3)..... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, June 11

**Stratified Swiss Team** ..... 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
(with lunch break)

Knockouts and Swiss Team Games will have hand records

- ♠ Complimentary Coffee, Tea & Snacks at All Sessions
- ♠ Best Snacks in the West! ♠ Door Prizes to over 30 Players
- ♠ Outstanding Restaurants

**Fees:** Only \$10 Per Person Per Session on Fri. & Sat.  
\$80 Per 4-Person Team on Sunday (Excludes Lunch)  
\$4 Additional per session for non/unpaid ACBL members

299er Stratification 0-20, 20-100, 100-300  
Stratified Pairs 0-500, 500-2000, 2000+

Tournament Chair: Barry Hillmer 970 247-1668  
Tournament Director: Sam Stoxen 701 226-2853



Sanction #1706066

Non-Smoking with Hospitality Breaks

## PRESCOTT SUMMER SECTIONAL Bridge Tournament

July 7, 8 & 9, 2017

Adult Center of Prescott  
Rowle P. Simmons Community Center  
1280 E. Rosser Street  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
928-778-3000  
[www.adultcenter.org](http://www.adultcenter.org)



"In the Cool Pines"

Sanction #: 1707087  
Unit: 355 District 17

### Friday, July 7, 2017

10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
3:00 pm [Round 1]

Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 199ers Pairs  
Bracketed KO Teams

Single Session  
Single Session  
Bracket 1 may be Handicapped

### Saturday, July 8, 2017

10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
[Round 2 & 3]

Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 199ers Pairs  
Bracketed KO Teams

Single Session  
Single Session

### Sunday, July 9, 2017

10:00 am & TBA  
10:00 am & TBA

Swiss Teams  
Stratified 299ers Swiss Teams

Stratified by Tm Avg

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**Director In Charge**  
Linda Mitchell

**Stratified Events**  
A = 2,000 +  
B = 500 - 2,000  
C = 0 - 500

**Stratified 199er Pairs**  
0/50  
50/100  
100/200  
(Minimum of 3 Tables)

**Hand Records will be used.**

Smoking breaks, complimentary coffee & refreshments. Zero Tolerance observed! Use of cell phones prohibited during sessions. No host lunch counter available Sunday only.