



Monday, Sept 30, 2024

[Tournament Info](#)



District 7 and the Charlotte Bridge Association look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 Charlotte “Halloween” Regional tournament from October 28 through November 3 at the Hilton Charlotte University Place. The Hilton has recently renovated the playing space and guest rooms. It is conveniently located about 20 minutes from downtown and the airport, there is plenty of free parking and numerous nearby restaurants, several offering discounts to bridge players.

We return to our ‘Halloween’ time frame from last year’s Labor Day slot due to the 2023 Fall Nationals in Atlanta. We want to take this opportunity to share some tidbits about Charlotte’s history. In 1768, Charlotte and the county in which it resides were named for the wife of King George III, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. Long ago, it became known as the Queen City and now it sometimes referred to as Crown Town.

The schedule will feature the **main 2-session events** at **10:00 AM** and **2:30 PM** daily with a pair of 2-session evening Swiss team events beginning Tuesday and Thursday. The **evening session will begin at 7:30 PM**. A schedule change: there will be **no evening games on Saturday** (11/ 2). **Sunday’s games will begin at 9:30 AM**.

Based on District 7 guidelines, proof of Covid-19 vaccinations will NOT be required. However, please be considerate of your fellow players and do not play if you are ill. Face masks will be available at the registration desk and hand sanitizer will be available at water stations in the playing rooms and other locations in the tournament area.

We encourage players of all levels to participate! On Tuesday 10/29, players with 0-5 master points play free. For participating intermediate players there will be **7 GOLD RUSH** events. If you are a newer player, please be sure to sign in at the registration desk for a special gift.

Grab and Go snacks will be provided at 1:30 and 5:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, box lunches will be provided.

For your convenience, a selection of hot and cold sandwiches, salads and other items (beverage, snack and fruit) will be available for purchase just outside of the playing rooms. As always, water will be provided in the playing rooms. A list of nearby restaurants will be available at the Information Desk. This will include those restaurants providing a discount to bridge players.

Looking for a partner for Pairs, Swiss, or Knockouts? Look no further. Ella Rice will assist you at the Partnership desk or you can contact her prior to the start of the tournament at (980) 254-1884. She will be available 1 hour prior to the start of the game.

The tournament will be offering **free mini lessons at 1:45 PM**, before the afternoon game on Tuesday thru Saturday. The lesson will be conducted by well-known teachers in the Glenwaters Room near the escalators. All players are welcome to attend. This year’s speakers will include Peter Boyd-Bowman, Jerry Helms and Chris Moll.

We welcome you and look forward to making this bridge experience the best!

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Hilton University Place

8629 JM Keynes Drive Charlotte, NC

Conveniently located off I-85 North
at Harris Boulevard East at University Place.
Reservations: (704) 547-7444 or (800) 445-8667

*Bridge Rate: \$114, available through Oct. 5. One night's
deposit required at booking, forfeited for cancellations
after Oct. 5 (Note: Bridge Rate extended!)*

[Tournament Info](#)

[Hotel Reservations - CLICK HERE](#)
or SCAN QR Code



Information you can use

Covid Protocols – Vaccinations will NOT be required

Prize Desk: Janet & Len Case will be handing out prizes at the Prize Desk. It will be open on Tuesday -Saturday at 9:15 – 9:45 AM and 1:45 – 2:15 PM. On Sunday the hours will be 8:45 – 9:15 AM and for 15 minutes after the last event ends.

Partnership Desk: Ella Rice will be available to help find a partner for Pairs, Swiss Teams, or Knockouts. Stop by the desk, located in the lower hotel lobby on the way to the main ballrooms or call her at (980) 254-1884. Ella will be available 1 hour prior to the start of the game.

Director in Charge: Joel Haywood

Recorder: The Recorder for this tournament is Peter Boyd-Bowman. Recorder forms may be picked up from, and returned to, any director or to the tournament office.

Information Desk: Restaurant information, tournament flyers and other information are located in the Gallery area near the elevators and behind the escalators. For information about things to do in Charlotte and additional places to dine see the “Charlotte’s Got A Lot” website:

<https://www.charlottesgotalot.com/>

Goodwill Friday

Every District 7 Regional designates Friday as Goodwill Day. On Friday, members of the Goodwill committee will be distributing \$2.00 off coupons for the snack bar.

Smoking/Vaping

Please smoke only in the designated smoking areas around the hotel. No smoking/vaping in common inside areas / playing areas, near entrances, exterior doors, walkways and steps.

Online Fast Results & Electronic Daily Bulletin

Online Fast Results are available at My Results (<https://www.acbl.org/>) and login to your MyACBL account. Electronic Daily Bulletins are available at The Common Game Home Page (bridgefinesse.com)

Youth and Novice Discounts

District 7 offers a \$5 discount on each full session at each Regional for contestants ages 21 and under. Pairs of players with 0-20 masterpoints each who are playing in the Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) pair game also receive a discount of \$5 per player. Players with 0-5 master points play FREE on Tuesday in any I/N events. Inform the director when purchasing the entry.

Convention Cards

Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table.

Animals

Service dogs are approved for use during play. Other animals are prohibited inside the playing areas.

Lost & Found

Valuable items such as watches, jewelry, wallets, cell phones and purses left at the table or restroom will be turned into the Tournament Office (Midway Room) for safe keeping. Convention cards, coats, mugs, or other clothing items will generally be left on the table, as that is the likely place that the owner will look first.

Scoring Corrections

All scoring corrections should be addressed to the director in charge of the event, and after the event to Joel Haywood in the Director's Office in the Welwyn Room behind the prize desk.

New Life Masters

New Life Masters (or other Life Master Rank achievement) should stop by the information / registration desk for inclusion in the daily bulletin, and have your picture taken. Please list your name, ACBL player #, city, state, and the event in which you earned the honor. If you have any other stories of interest to other players, we would also like to publish those.

ATTIRE: Please do not wear obviously inappropriate apparel. Shirts and shoes are required. Use of strong or excessive fragrances in the playing area is not only a distraction but may cause allergic reactions (please do not use). Poor personal hygiene also is not acceptable.

DIRECTOR, PLEASE: District 7 policy asks that players add the word "please" when calling the Director or caddy to the table.

VENDORS: Vendors will be located in the pre-function area just outside the main playing space.

Players with Non-ACBL Master Points

Players with non-ACBL master points must inform the director before entering any Flighted, Stratified, or Bracketed event. Failure to do so may result in disqualifications and loss of any MPs won.

ACBL Membership is Required to Play in all Regionals

A Free 120-day Guest Membership is available at www.acbl.org/membership/

Win Gold Points!

Players often ask which events pay gold at the Regional. Here is what you need to know. To win gold, you have to play in an event that lasts two sessions or longer and the event must have an upper limit of at least 750 masterpoints.

Bracketed Knockouts

You will get gold points if you win your first two matches of a Knockout. Teams that finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their bracket win gold. Team games are generally 4-session events. The amount of gold points awarded will depend on the average MP holding of your team. Teams that average 750 points or

more per player will receive 100% gold. Teams averaging less than 750 points will earn 1/4 to 1/2 gold, depending on their average. In bracketed KOs, you only play the teams in your bracket.

Open and Mid-Flight Pairs - Open (A/X) and Mid-Flight Pairs are 2-session events. Gold points are awarded for finishing in the overalls after playing both sessions. Mid-Flight is limited to players with 3000 MPs.

300/750 Gold Rush Pairs or Swiss - Gold Rush events are two sessions. You must finish in the overalls in the top stratum (0-750) to win gold points. No one in Gold Rush events can have over 750 points.

Side Game Series - The Side Game Series consists of single session events. The field has no master point limit. To win gold, you need to finish first in your section (first N/S or E/W) AND play a second session in that Series to convert those points to gold. Or, win gold by finishing first in the overalls for the entire series.

CONVENTIONS: Open+ conventions are approved for use at this tournament in Flight A/X pairs or teams, or in bracketed KO or R-R team events where the lowest team in the bracket has an average of at least 2000 MP per player. For other events or brackets, the ACBL Basic+ or Open Chart applies. Players who by agreement lead low from xx must pre-alert their opponents at the start of each round.

ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy

The ACBL Board of Directors and Management are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. In accordance with Laws 74, 80B2(f), 81C4, 90A, 91, and 92A (Laws of Duplicate Bridge) the following policy outlines what is expected of all players during NABCs and other ACBL sponsored events, as well as in the playing area before and after each session. The ultimate purpose of the Z-T policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our NABCs. We are attempting to eradicate unacceptable behavior in order to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all.

Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety)

Zero Tolerance Policy: We love having you – Enjoy

Electronic Equipment

In accordance with ACBL and District 7 policies, except for health-related equipment and/or by permission of the Director-in-Charge (DIC), all electronic devices brought into the playing area must be inoperable and turned off. Any device capable of either sending or receiving electronic signals must not be visible during the session. This policy applies to all pairs, team members and kibitzers, with the exception of those persons designated by the DIC and is in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

Interesting Facts within the Condition of Contest

The Alert:

The objective of an Alert is to indicate to the opponents that the meaning of a call is unexpected. In an ideal world we would just Alert “what the opponents don’t know.” In the real world, we don’t know what the opponents know, so we must use a set of rules instead.

Alerts are not the only mechanism that provides the opponents access to information. Upon the request of an opponent, a player must fully explain the meaning of any of their partner’s calls including any inferences from related auctions and from partnership experience.

Alerts must be made verbally by saying the word “Alert” and visually by tapping the “Alert” strip or showing the “Alert” card in the bidding box. When a call has been Alerted, an opponent, at their turn to call may ask about its meaning. The preferred form of the question is a simple “Please Explain.” [Read More....](#)

Choosing a call using bidding boxes

A player is obligated to choose a call before touching any card in the box. Deliberation while touching the bidding box cards may subject the offending side to the adjustment provisions of Law 16.

A call is considered made when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in such a position to indicate that the call has been made. We should use unauthorized information where reasonably appropriate (where we can rule that a bid has not been made). For close cases simply judge that the card had not left the confines of the box; therefore, a call has not been made.

Conventions and Convention Cards

- The appropriate ACBL Convention Chart will govern bidding and play methods, as defined by the Chart Usage parameters for the level of the event.
- A partnership is responsible for knowing its methods.

- In cases of misinformation, it is the obligation of the offending side to prove their actual agreement.
- ACBL convention cards or convention cards that are similar must be used at all ACBL Sectional or higher-rated events. The color red on the convention card indicates that the agreement must be alerted but the ACBL Alert Chart is the final authority in disputed cases. Similarly, blue indicates a call requiring an announcement.
- Each member of a partnership must have a completed convention card available & on the table.
- Both cards of a partnership must be identical.
 - If a TD determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may only play the ACBL Standard American Yellow Card (SAYC), if available, or other basic methods approved by the TD and may only use standard carding. This restriction may only be lifted at the General Conditions of Contest All Events GenCOC-All Effective 08/01/2019 5 beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the TD. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board match point penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP-scored team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the TD.
 - If the TD determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed Convention Card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, then the TD may give warnings or, if the deficiency is not corrected in a timely manner given the circumstances, assign such penalties as he deems appropriate.

Upcoming District 7 Regionals

Dates	City	State	Info	District	Category	Type
Dec 30, 2024-Jan 5, 2025	North Charleston	SC	Info	7	Regional	Open
Jan 15-18, 2025	Pigeon Forge	TN	Info	7	Regional	I/N
Feb 1-2, 2025	Atlanta	GA	Info	7	Regional	Junior
Feb 24-Mar 2, 2025	Hilton Head Island	SC	Info	7	Regional	Open
Apr 21-27, 2025	Gatlinburg	TN	Info	7	Regional	Open
May 22-26, 2025	Atlanta	GA	Info	7	Regional	I/N
Jun 16-22, 2025	Greenville	SC	Info	7	Regional	Open
Jul 16-19, 2025	Flat Rock	NC	Info	7	Regional	I/N
Aug 26-Sep 1, 2025	Atlanta	GA	Info	7	Regional	Open
Oct 2-5, 2025	Greensboro	NC	Info	7	Regional	I/N
Oct 27-Nov 1, 2025	Charlotte	NC	Info	7	Regional	Open
Dec 29, 2025-Jan 4, 2026	Myrtle Beach	SC	Info	7	Regional	Open

Restaurants near Hilton Charlotte University Place

8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262



Edgewater Bar & Grille

#147 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte
 ●●●●● 98 reviews

8629 J M Keynes Dr
 0 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Place

"Business Trip" 03/05/2020
 "Convenient if you are staying..." 11/16/2019

Cuisines: American, Bar, Contemporary



Boardwalk Billy's Raw Bar & Ribs

#87 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte
 ●●●●○ 379 reviews

9006 J M Keynes Dr # 2
 0.1 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Place

"The Best in Town!" 08/05/2024
 "Good ribs and seafood" 03/28/2024

Cuisines: Bar, American, Seafood

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Zapata's Cantina and Mexican

#429 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte
 ●●●●○ 130 reviews

8927 J M Keynes Dr
 0.1 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Place

"Pathetic food and illiterate s..." 09/21/2024
 "A Must Try Mexican Restaurant" 09/18/2023

Cuisines: Mexican



Famous Toastery

#223 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte
 ●●●●○ 97 reviews

8933 Jm Keynes Dr, Suite 2
 0.1 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Place

"Terrible experience, would not..." 08/28/2024
 "Excellent Food and Service" 08/17/2024

Cuisines: American



#1,300 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte
 ●●●●○ 6 reviews

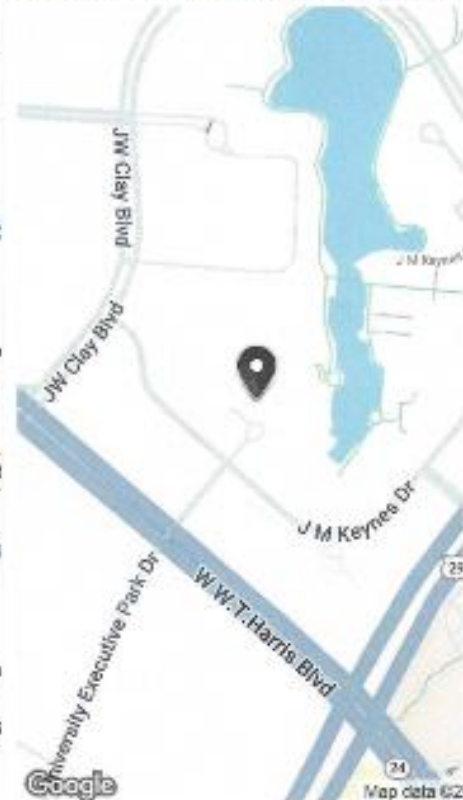
8933 J M Keynes Dr Suite 1
 0.1 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Place

"Prayer necessary before you di..." 06/20/202
 "No Thank You! Not Again!" 11/09/2020

Cuisines: Cajun & Creole, Seafood

Map of Hilton Charlotte University Place

Things to Do (1,051) | Hotels (217) | Restaurants (2,981)



Restaurants near Hilton Charlotte University Place

8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262



TGI Fridays

#55 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte

●●●●○ 188 reviews

409 W Wt Harris Blvd
0.2 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Plac

"Great experience" 09/21/2024

"Great server in a person" 09/17/2024

Cuisines: American, Bar



Ninety's Sandwiches & Ice CRM

#267 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte

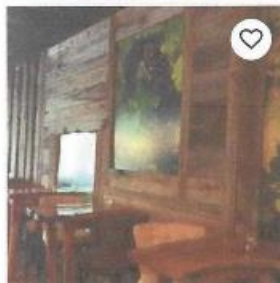
●●●●● 45 reviews

9009 J M Keynes Dr Ste 4
0.2 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Plac

"Even better than it looks!" 04/22/2022

"Wah, what?!!!" 02/27/2022

Cuisines: American, Deli



The Wine Vault

#442 of 1,730 Restaurants in Charlotte

●●●●● 27 reviews

9009 J M Keynes Dr Ste 1
0.2 miles from Hilton Charlotte University Plac

"Enjoyable experience" 11/18/2019

"Great draft beer and wine" 11/16/2019

Cuisines: Wine Bar, American



Charlotte, NC

Oct. 28 - Nov. 3, 2024

MONDAY CHARITY GAMES:
MORNING PAIRS — ACBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AFTERNOON PAIRS — LOCAL CHARITY

MONDAY, OCT. 28

Little Sugar Creek KO	10 & 2:30
<i>Continues 10 & 2:30 Tuesday</i>	
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
GHOSTLY GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Panthers Side Series (1, 2 of 4)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Swiss Teams, single session	2:30 / 7:30
Lake Norman Side Series (1 of 5)	7:30

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
A/X Pairs	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
GHOULISH GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Panthers Side Series (3, 4 of 4)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Swiss Teams, single session	2:30
Open Swiss Teams, two sessions*	7:30
GOLD RUSH Swiss, two sessions*	7:30
<i>* Continues 7:30 Wednesday</i>	
Lake Norman Side Series (2 of 5)	7:30

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Reedy Creek KO	10 & 2:30
<i>Continues 10 & 2:30 Thursday</i>	
A/X Pairs	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
WITCHES GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Hornets Side Series (1, 2 of 4)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Swiss Teams, single session	2:30 / 7:30
Lake Norman Side Series (3 of 5) ...	7:30

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

A/X Swiss Teams	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Swiss Teams	10 & 2:30
WARLOCKS GOLD RUSH Swiss	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Hornets Side Series (3, 4 of 4)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Swiss Teams, single session	2:30
Swiss Teams, two sessions	7:30
<i>Continues 7:30 Friday</i>	
Lake Norman Side Series (4 of 5)	7:30

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 • Goodwill Day

McMullen Creek KO	10 & 2:30
<i>Continues 10 & 2:30 Saturday</i>	
A/X Pairs	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
SMASHING GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Knights Side Series (1, 2 of 5)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Swiss Teams, single session	2:30
Lake Norman Side Series (5 of 5)	7:30

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
PUMPKINS GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Knights Side Series (3, 4 of 5)	10 / 2:30
99er/499er Pairs	10 / 2:30

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

A/X/Y Swiss Teams	9:30 & TBA
<i>(Open/7500/6000)</i>	
0-5000 Bracketed Teams	9:30 & TBA
Knights Side Series (5 of 5)	9:30

- Strats determined by MP average, but no player may exceed event limit.
- All KOs are bracketed, random draw with no playbacks until unavoidable. Top two brackets may have fewer than 9 teams and be played as a two-session Round Robin qualifying four teams to a KO.
- One - and two-bracket KOs are handicapped.
- Round Robin Teams are bracketed, typically in groups of 7 teams (3 winning gold) or 9 teams (4 winning gold), with the bottom bracket possibly played as Swiss.

Unless noted otherwise:

- All **Open** events, including side series: 1500/3500/3500+
- **A/X Strats:** 6000+/0-6000
- **Mid-Flight Strats:** 1500-3500/0-1500
- **Gold Rush Strats:** 750/500/200 (gold points for 750 strat overalls and section tops)
- **99er and 499er** games stratified at the director's discretion