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LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS



Dear Bridge Friends:

The summer NABC is just around the corner, and we encourage you to take advantage of this once-a-decade opportunity. We built this tournament around the Atlanta players. **Starting times** for major events are 10:00 and 3:00, late enough to avoid morning and afternoon rush hour. Most of our **entertainment** follows the afternoon session, around 6:30 to 7:30. You can enjoy the wonderful programs Becky Butler has put together, and if you aren't playing in the evening, you'll still make it home during daylight hours. There are plenty of activities from early morning to past midnight.

There are even more opportunities for the **intermediate/ novice** players. There are seminars every day -- actually two each day, before the morning and evening sessions. You can learn from some of the best players, columnists and bridge writers in the country, with a few local mavens thrown in for good measure. We'll have a reception just for you as well -- Saturday, August 3 between the morning and afternoon sessions. And of course a full complement of games just for our I/N players.

Needless to say, bridge is the main attraction. Registration gifts, a variety of food and entertainment, expert lecturers and player giveaways all have their place, but we come to play bridge. Here's your chance to win a **national event**, and we particularly want to emphasize the limited ones -- the Bruce Life Master Pairs <5000 and its sister event the Young Life Master Pairs <1500 along with the <5000 and <1500 mini-

Editor's Note: There are two issues of the Newsletter this month because there is so much information about the Nationals. Don't go away: The regular Newsletter will reach you in a few days. The DBAA Board encourages everyone to experience at least one day at the Nationals. There are easy games in the Intermediate/ Novice room for those new to or inexperienced at bridge, and you will meet many new friends. Don't miss this opportunity -- it doesn't come very often!

Parking at the Hyatt

The special bridge rate to park at the Hyatt is \$24 per day.

The NABC Committee has identified many nearby parking lots. Some are \$5 per day if in by 9:00 am, but the time frame may be limited. Here is a [Parking](#) link to the entire list.

One person can drop off passengers at the hotel and then go park and walk back. Or carpool and park at the hotel for less per person.

MARTA to the Hyatt

By Judy Fendrick

MARTA, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, operates bus and train service throughout the city. With 38 train stations including the airport and 91 bus routes, MARTA is the easiest and least expensive way to get around the city.

The Hyatt Regency is one-half block from the Peachtree Center MARTA station. You don't even have to go outside to get back and forth to the playing site.

Many of us rode MARTA for the 2005 NABC and found it to be convenient and inexpensive transportation to the playing site. This may not quite fall into the

Spingolds. You don't need to beat Meckwell to win a national title. Yes, the **entry fees** are more than your regional games, generally \$15-\$17 with feature events with no upper masterpoint restriction at \$20. Those are set by the ACBL and we have no control over them. But consider how much more you get besides the opportunity for masterpoints and victories. We promise you that you'll be pleased with the value of your entry fees. You can find a complete schedule at [Atlanta NABC Schedule](#).

Here are a couple of tips to make your tournament even more pleasant. We've heard several concerns about getting to the playing site. If you want to drive, there is a list of [Parking Lots](#), with prices, all within walking distance of the Hyatt. Many of our players used **MARTA** for prior NABCs and it's still a great deal at only \$2.50 a ride, with free parking in secure lots. Even better for so many of you is the MARTA senior (65+) pass, at just \$1.00 per trip. There however is a catch; you need to secure a Senior Discount Breeze Card -- which you can obtain at only one of two locations -- to use this fare. See [MARTA Special Fares](#) for more details. There will be a **restaurant guide** available at the tournament with great breakfast, lunch and dinner choices in and near the downtown area.

Your local committee has put in countless hours to make this an event to remember. Please contact any one of us if you have any questions. Take advantage of the opportunity to play in an NABC without having to leave home.

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"Everything You Wanted to Know" category but I hope it will cover most if not all of your questions on MARTA and the NABC. If not, one of the links might finish the job.

[Click here for more information](#)

Fares

Breeze Card:	\$1.00
Single Trip:	\$2.50
Round Trip:	\$5.00
Reduced Fare Senior (65 and older)*	\$1.00
7-Day Unlimited Pass	\$23.75*
Children 46" and under	FREE

Breeze cards with fares added may be purchased at the Breeze vending machines located in any MARTA train station, with the exceptions noted below. The machines take cash, credit or debit cards. You can add value to the card for as many fares as you want, and then later add more value to the card, if needed. To enter and exit the train, simply tap the card on the reader.

* The Reduced Fare Breeze Card for seniors may be purchased at the Five Points Station in downtown Atlanta or at the MARTA Headquarters at the Lindbergh Center Station.

** The 7-day pass may be purchased at one of the MARTA Ride Stores or any Breeze vending machine. The MARTA Ride Stores are located at the Airport and Five Points Stations.

Train Schedules

Weekdays from 5:00am to

7:00pm: every 15 minutes
Weekdays from 7:00pm to

1:00am: every 20 minutes
Weekends from 6:00am to

1:00am: every 20 minutes

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2013 Summer NABC Co-Chairs

Speakers and Topics

The Summer NABC offers the opportunity to hear experts discuss topics that are key to progressing from the ranks of Intermediate/Novice. What would you pay for 18 lectures from the likes of AJC bridge columnist Frank Stewart or *ACBL Bridge Bulletin* regular Billy Miller? Sorry, too high. The talks listed below are all FREE. Great seminars at a great price. Take advantage of them and learn!

Fri, Aug 2	9:15 am	Philip Alder	<i>Playing High Cards</i>
	6:45 pm	Frank Stewart	<i>Developing Thought Processes</i>
Sat, Aug 3	9:15 am	Julian Laderman	<i>Inspired Declarer Play</i>
	6:45pm	Robert Todd	<i>Preempts</i>
Sun, Aug 4	9:15am	Dick Yarrington	<i>Trump Promotions and Uppercuts</i>
	6:45 pm	Tom Carmichael	<i>New Minor Forcing and Friends</i>
Mon, Aug 5	9:15 am	Lisa Berkowitz	<i>Playing to Trick One</i>
	6:45 pm	Ken Monzingo	<i>Hand Patterns</i>
Tue, Aug 6	9:15 am	Harriette Buckman	<i>Rights and Responsibilities</i>
	6:45 pm	Coley McGinnis & Linda Hanson	<i>Defensive Carding</i>
Wed. Aug 7	9:15 am	Michael Huston	<i>Finessing</i>
	6:45 pm	Patty Tucker	<i>Double, Double, Toil and Trouble</i>
Thu, Aug 8	9:15 am	Kevin Wilson	<i>Fitting Honors</i>
	6:45 pm	Billy Miller	<i>Dear Billy Live</i>
Fri, Aug 9	9:15 am	Mike Flader	<i>Ruling the Game</i>
	6:45 pm	Sam Marks	<i>Use and Abuse of Blackwood</i>
Sat, Aug 10	9:15 am	GS Jade Barrett	<i>Losing & Winning Trick Count</i>
	6:45 pm	Marty Nathan	<i>Introduction to Signals</i>

Note: No speakers on Thursday, August 1 or on Sunday,

For specific times of train departures from Peachtree Center station, [Click here](#) and then on the Station Schedule. The last train on the Gold Line leaves Peachtree Center at 1:36 am on weekdays.

Parking

MARTA offers free parking for up to 24 hours at some of its stations, as well as long-term secured parking for a low cost at some stations. Long-term parking can be paid with cash or credit card.

If you use free parking, you will need to validate your parking ticket in the station after riding MARTA.

Some of the stations that offer free parking include: Lindbergh Center, Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, North Springs, Lenox, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville, East Lake, Avondale, College Park and East Point.

For a complete listing of stations that offer free and long-term parking, go to [marta parking information](#)

ASK THE EXPERT

Would you like to get an expert opinion on how you should have bid a hand, or how you should have played or defended a hand? Well, now you can!

Every day during the NABC from Aug 1 - Aug 10, we will have an expert present in a booth from 1:30-2:15, and from 6:30-7:15. For a mere \$3.00 (which goes to charity) you can ask an expert their opinion on a troublesome hand or bidding problem. You will

August 11.

Food and Fun for YOU

Need a break from bridge? Have time to kill between games? Then The Peach Pit is for you!

Located in Hanover Hall, The Peach Pit is the place to hang out and enjoy food and entertainment. Shed Jolly was the winner of the contest to name this exciting room.

Starting about 8:15 a.m. for those of you who want to take advantage of early parking rates, there will be yoga, stretch and Zumba, as well as some interesting speakers. Each day starting Saturday between morning and afternoon sessions a pianist will perform. Sometimes times you can find ice cream. Entertainers including a hypnotist, comedian, magician, as well as jazz, guitar, piano and guitar performers will start at 6:30 each evening. Most days food will be available, and there will be a cash bar.

If you decide to stay later, there will be trivia, bingo, Texas Hold'em, karaoke, and a dance performance. You can enjoy some form of entertainment around midnight from Saturday through Saturday. There will be a Spin the Wheel for prizes for games winners. The first Friday night (August 2) the ACBL is hosting a party for everyone from 9p.m. until midnight.. When no formal entertainment is offered, The Peach Pit will provide cards, games and music for your enjoyment. Check the announcement TV screen for the daily schedule.

See you at The Peach Pit!

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Do you have a friend who wants to learn to play bridge? Most of us do. And you've probably heard "I don't have the time" or some similar procrastination.

Here is the solution. In connection with the North American Bridge Championships, there will be two opportunities to "Learn Bridge in a Day". This is a great introduction to bridge that -- while home grown right here in Atlanta -- has been taught in many places around the country. Your

be limited to 3 minutes, but the experts don't need long to analyze your problem! So bring your problems to our expert booth and feel free to donate more than the \$3 if you really want to support the charity.

friends won't walk away disappointed.

What's more, Atlanta Junior Bridge is looking for opportunities to interest school teachers in learning bridge. Learn Bridge in a Day is a perfect opportunity for them to learn the game! If you know a school teacher, principal or other official, please pass our **newsletter** on to them and have them. [Click Here](#). Or pick up a flyer at your local club and encourage them to learn.

The course is offered twice, each one at the Hyatt:

Tuesday, July 30 from 5:30 to 9:00pm

Sunday, August 4 from 1:00 to 6:00pm

No pre-registration is required.

Cost: \$20 includes door prizes, textbooks and refreshments!

Discounted valet parking available for \$15.
