

# Long Island Fall Regional ♠♥♦♣ Sept. 16-21, 2008

at the *Sheraton Long Island Hotel*

Results posted nightly

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Room Rate: \$124, Cutoff date: *Aug. 16, 2008*

**DIRECTIONS:** *FROM THE SOUTH* Take Sagtikos Pkwy to I-495 East, then follow directions "From the West."  
*FROM THE WEST* Take I-495 to Exit 53. Take service road, and keep slightly right at fork, towards the ramp to Wicks Rd. Left at 1<sup>st</sup> light. Quick right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 0.2 miles on left. *FROM THE EAST* Take I-495 to Exit 55. Take service road towards Central Islip/Motor Pkwy. Turn right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 1.7 miles on right.

## TUESDAY, SEPT 16

Non LM/LM Charity Pairs (Red) 7 PM

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM  
**3 Session Open Bracketed KO** (continues 9 AM Thurs.)  
(6-8 teams/bracket, 24 boards/match) 1 & 7 PM  
Stratified Open Swiss (Single-Session, Red) 7 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (1 & 2 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

## THURSDAY, SEPT 18

Final KO Round (begun yesterday) 9 AM  
Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Open Swiss (7 rds of 8 bds, 4+3) 1 & 7:30 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (3 & 4 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPT 19

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
**\*Bracketed Round-Robin Swiss Teams\*** (7 rds of 7 or 8 bds, 4+3) 10 AM & 2:45 PM  
**Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.**  
*The top bracket is a SWISS event and is open to all teams that want to play in the top bracket.*  
**\*GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (1 & 2 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

## SATURDAY, SEPT 20

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Senior Swiss (4 rds of 7 + 3 rds of 8) 10 AM & 3:30 PM  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (3 & 4 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

## SUNDAY, SEPT 21 (Food available during 30-minute break)

**Flighted / Bracketed Round Robin Swiss** 10:30 AM & TBA (ends at 6:30 PM)  
**Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.**  
**Open Top Flight (A/X) Swiss, A(5000+) / X(0-5000), (7 rds of 8 brds)**  
**Bracketed Round Robin:** (0-4000), teams play a round robin *within* their bracket (7 rds of 7 brds)  
**\*GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**  
All Stratified Events (unless otherwise indicated): A(2000+) B(750-2000) C(0-750, Red)  
All Newcomer Events (single-session, Red): A(100-200) B(50-100) C(0-50) (if possible)  
Tournament Chairman: **Steve Conrad 516-365-5656 • e-mail: SRConrad@aol.com**

**PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament)**

Gold pts: all events, except as noted.

**SIDE GAME SERIES:** Best 2 of 4 (Overall gold • Session red • Different partners OK)

**SESSION FEE:** \$13 ACBL, \$15 non and unpaid ACBL

**FREE UNLIMITED COFFEE and TEA**

## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

### BRACKETED EVENTS

In these events, very popular today, teams are grouped by their average masterpoint holdings, not by the masterpoint holding of the highest ranked player (as is done in stratified events). This allows the players to compete mainly against their equals, while allowing for a reasonable number of contestants in each bracket.

### BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS (KO TEAMS) & COMPACT KO TEAMS

In KO events, about 25% of the players get gold points. A team winning its first two 24-board matches gets gold points. KO Team events are 3 or 4 sessions long. Compact KO Team events are 2 sessions long, and the teams play two 12-board matches each session.

### BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly ***35% of the players receive gold points!*** Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, not by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Most brackets have 8 teams. Teams play only against other teams in their own bracket. This is a playthrough event, not a knockout. In an 8-team bracket, each team plays once against every other team in its bracket. This is called a complete round-robin within a bracket. In the lowest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams.

*\* The highest bracket, open to ANY team, is played as a traditional Swiss Team event.\**

### STRATIFIED PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

These events usually have three mutually exclusive strata. For a pair or team, the player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which they play. In these events, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. All stratified events are playthrough. Only the top two strata of a stratified event pay gold points. The C stratum pays red points.

### SENIOR PAIRS & SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

Except for an age requirement of 55+, these events are the same as the "Stratified Pairs & Stratified Swiss Teams" events described in the preceding paragraph.

### SIDE GAME SERIES

These are single-session red point stratified pairs games. A bonus for those who play more than one session of the same series is this: ***Gold points are given to players (individuals, not partnerships) with the best performance in any two single sessions of the same series.*** For purposes of this gold point "bonus," the event is NOT stratified. Also, any player who earns a stratum A section top during the course of these events will receive gold points for the section top as long as that player plays at least two sessions in the same series.