

# Long Island Spring Regional ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ April 20 - 25, 2010

at the *Sheraton Long Island Hotel*

Results posted nightly

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Room Rate: \$129, *Cutoff date:* March 20, 2010 (ask for *Nassau-Suffolk Bridge* rate.)

**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, APRIL 20

LM/non-LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have an LM and an under-300 player.) 7 PM

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
*Early* Stratified Open Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM  
**Limited Compact Bracketed KO Teams** (0-3000, 4 players/team, 12 brds/match) 1 & 7 PM  
**Stratified Open Swiss Teams (Single-Session, Red)** 7 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (1 & 2 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM  
**\*Bracketed Round-Robin Swiss Teams\*** (7 rds of 7 or 8 brds) 10 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 7 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, APRIL 24

Weekend Special **GOLD POINT PAIRS** (0-100, 100-300, 300-750) 10 AM & 3 PM  
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (3 & 4 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM  
**Stratified Open Swiss Teams** (7 rds of 8 brds) 10 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 7 PM)  
Stratified Open Pairs (0-3000, 3000+) 1 & 7 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

(Lunch available during 30-minute break)

**\*Flighted/Bracketed Round Robin Swiss\* (not stratified)** 10:30 AM & TBA (ends ≈ 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 only)**

Gold pts: all events, except as noted.

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

**SESSION FEE:** \$14 ACBL, \$16 non and unpaid ACBL

**FREE UNLIMITED COFFEE and TEA**

## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

### **GOLD POINT PAIRS**

This stratified event has 3 strata. The player with the higher masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which a pair plays. All strata play each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or any higher stratum. In this playthrough event, the 300-750 stratum pays **GOLD** for section tops and overall. The other strata pay red points.

### **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.

### **COMPACT KO (2 Sessions) & BRACKETED KO (3-4 Sessions) TEAMS**

Both of these KO (knockout) team games are bracketed (see the paragraph above this). About 25% of the players who enter will win **GOLD** points. *A team winning its first two matches gets gold points.* KO Team events can be 2, 3, or 4 sessions long. A **COMPACT KO** team event lasts only 2 sessions, and teams play two 12-board matches each session.

### **BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN SWISS TEAMS**

In this event, roughly **35% of the players get GOLD points!** Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, *not* by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Below the top, the 8 teams in each bracket play only against other teams in that bracket. This playthrough event is *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 highest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams.*  
\* *The highest bracket, open to ANY team, is played as a traditional Swiss Team event.\**

### **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS & STRATIFIED OPEN 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 pay **GOLD** points. The C stratum pays red points.

### **SIDE GAME SERIES**

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