

# A.B.A. FLASH

41st Spring National  
Houston, Texas



Issue One

April 14, 2009

Tuesday

## EVENTS OF TOMORROW-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009

HOUSTON SHIRT DAY (Tees, sweats, etc.)

Shirts are on sale NOW outside the playing area. \$13 for tees, \$16 for sweats.

- 9:00 AM AM KO TEAMS 2nd Round  
AM II KO Teams (Pre-register by midnight, Tuesday)  
Side Game Series Morning (#2 of 4)
- 1:30 PM CG Fredd KO Teams (Pre-register by midnight, Tuesday)  
ABA Membership Required  
Side Game Series Afternoon (#2 of 4)
- 8:00 PM CG Fredd KO Teams 2nd Round  
Second Chance KO (Closed event)  
Side Game Series Evening (#2 of 4)

Get your SOUVENIR KIT NOW! They are only \$35 and include your Awards Brunch ticket and our OUTSTANDING SOUVENIR JOURNAL done by Dr. Shirley Ford. We must give the hotel an accurate count Wednesday evening. Thanks!

William Prestwood was one of the "founders" of duplicate bridge in the Houston area. In 1949, Mr. Prestwood, who had lived in New Jersey and was a participant in the 1st tournament held in Buckroe Beach, VA in 1933, moved to Galena Park, Texas [a suburb of Houston]. He convinced legendary players Doyle Branch, Corry "No Trump" Jones, Floyd Tate and Louis Smith to travel and organize duplicate bridge in Texas. This was the beginning of organized duplicate bridge in Houston and in Texas. "Uncle Dudley" as he was affectionately called, was one of the first three Life Members in the ABA. He is credited with having Houston as a part of the Southern Section. He was also the first Southwestern Section Vice President in 1963. (Reprinted from DEFINING MOMENTS, Page 129).

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# FLASH INFORMATION

## FLASH Editor



## Vernice Whitfield

**FLASH DISTRIBUTION** The FLASH will be distributed before the end of play in the evening session. Copies of the Flash will be available on a table outside the Ballroom for the convenience of those not playing. Copies will be in the National Office and the Supply Room.

If you would like to put something in the FLASH, please leave it with Madeline in the National Office.

If you have an ad, please email it to me at vcwhit@att.net. If you only have a "hard copy", it will be accepted but may not appear immediately.

Advertisement costs are:

Full page 1st day \$80

each additional day \$20

Half page 1st day \$40 each

each additional day \$10

Quarter page 1st day \$20 each additional day \$5

No charge for short personal notes.

Would you like to have the FLASH mailed to someone everyday? Stop by the National Office and give Madeline the name and address of the person along with \$20, and she will make sure it is mailed everyday.

# ATTENTION WINNERS!

The ABA Photographer, Barbara Vinzant, needs to take photos of winners of the following games:

- ALL New Player Games
- Mixed Pair Event
- Morning Knockout
- C.G. Fredd Knockout
- Dan Scrivens Open Pair
- Pro-Am Game
- Swiss Team

The Photographer will be available in the playing area for photo shots before and during each game—or call Room 1046 to set up an appointment.



*Barbara Vinzant  
ABA Bulletin Editor  
and Photographer*

# Concessions

On Wednesday, April 15th, Lunch and Dinner will be served on a trial basis.

LUNCH HOURS: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

DINNER HOURS: 4:30 PM—7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Fried Catfish and choice of Cole slaw or penne pasta salad—\$6.00



# ABA ROOM LOCATIONS

**Playing Area ..... Woodway I and II, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**NTA Chair ..... Woodway III, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Supervising Director**  
**Chief Scorer**

**Caddies and Supplies ..... Woodway III, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**National Office ..... Chevy Chase Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Flash Office ..... Chevy Chase Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Awards Office ..... West Alabama Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Boardroom ..... Imperial Suite, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor**

## Committee Meetings

Wed. 4-15	Thurs. 4-16	Fri. 4-17
	9:00-11:00 AM General Membership Meeting Monarch, 24th Floor Leola Rucker, President	
	11:00-1:00 PM AWARDS BRUNCH PLAZA Ballroom, 3rd Floor	
12:00 PM Bridge Education "Bidding stoppers to get to 3 NT" San Felipe, 3rd Floor Sam Graham, Chair		12:00 PM Bridge Education "Defensive Strategy " San Felipe, 3rd Floor Sam Graham, Chair
5:00-7:45 PM Staff Development Seminar II for Levels 1 and 2 Regal Suite, 24th Floor Rosalind Dixon, Chair		5:00 PM Youth Program Regal Suite, 24th Floor Alverna Lewis, Chair
5:30 PM New Players Reception President's Suite #2346 Bettie Harden and Ruth Young, Chairmen	5:30-6:30 PM SIP & DIP Ambassador Suite #2 SECRETARIES ONLY Anita Troy, National Secretary	
5:45 PM Life Membership/Merit Award Committee Westchester, 3rd Floor Jane Harris, Chair		



**2009 SPRING NATIONAL**  
**Houston, Texas**  
**Second Chance Knockout Teams**  
**CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

This is a closed contest consisting of teams losing in the first round of the C.G. Fredd Knockout. No team is forced to play in this event. However, they must inform the Director in Charge within thirty minutes of the end of the first match of the C.G. Fredd of their desire to withdraw. All members of the team must be in agreement. A single member of a team will be allowed to withdraw only with the permission of his team and the DIC, provided that they can still field a team. No new player may be added.

1. This event will be conducted as a single elimination knockout. Each flight will consist of 16 teams aligned according to the masterpoint holding of the top four members of each team. Adjustments may be made to accommodate uneven numbers of teams. The "Open Team" format will be the preferred method for bringing the field to the required number of entrants. However, the Association reserves the right to use other methods. "Byes" will be used only as a last resort. Opponent pairing in all flights can be determined for the first round by subtracting your team number from 17.

2. Each match will be scored by IMPS, with a margin of a single IMP constituting a victory. Any tie at the end of the regularly scheduled number of boards will be resolved by continuing 5 board matches. These playoffs when required will begin immediately after a short (5 minute) interval and this format will continue until the match is resolved.

3. **A PLAYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PLAY IN THE FIRST MATCH.** However, to be eligible for masterpoints and/or prizes, each member of the team, after the first round, must play at least 50% of all remaining matches as long as the team progresses. The National Supervisory Director may waive this requirement only in cases of dire emergency. Sin-outs must be reported at the time results are turned in. If for any reason a player is dropped or absent from a team, it must be reported immediately to the Director in Charge (DIC). No substitutions are allowed at anytime without prior authorization of the DIC.

4. Twenty-four (24) boards will be played the first three rounds with a twenty-eight (28) board final. Each match is played in two segments called halves. Each match will consist of a "seeded team" (the team with the lower bracket number) and an "unseeded team". In the first half of the match, the captain of the unseeded team will seat his team first, placing one pair in the home table. The captain of the seeded team then places his players as he chooses. **SHOULD THE CAPTAIN OF THE UNSEEDED TEAM MAKE CHANGES BEFORE PLAY COMMENCES, THE CAPTAIN OF THE SEEDED TEAM HAS THE FINAL CHOICE IN PLACING HIS PLAYERS.** For the second half the captain of the seeded team places his players. The unseeded team then has the same privileges for the second half that the seeded team was afforded for the first half. For the second half, partnerships may be rearranged. **HOWEVER, NO TWO PAIRS WHO MET IN THE FIRST HALF MAY REPEAT AS OPPONENTS.**

5. All conventions shown on the General Convention Chart are allowed in this event. Conventions listed as mid-chart and Super chart Conventions are allowed in all flights where the bottom team in the flight has an average of more than 1200 points. All other conventions must be approved by the National Tournament Authority at least two hours prior to the start of the game.

6. The period for the appeal of directors' rulings or for filing protests expires 30 minutes after the match. The DIC must be informed of a teams'

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intention to file an appeal. An appeal of a director's ruling on an infraction that occurred during the first half must be made known to the DIC and the opposing captain before the start of the second half of the match, and for tied matches, before the auction begins in the playoff. If a committee is required it should be convened before the match resumes after the first half or to break a tie.

7. All starting times will be prominently posted and observed. Penalties for failure to seat a complete team after a ten (10) minutes grace period are:

- A. 1 IMP for the first 5 minutes
- B. 2 IMPS for the second 5 minutes;
- C. 3 IMPS for each additional 5 minutes up to 20 minutes

In addition, the match will be curtailed one board for each 7 1/2 minutes of tardiness after the grace period, up to a maximum of three (3) boards. Three IMPS will be awarded to the non-offending side for each board curtailed. This is in addition to the IMPS awarded for lateness. 30 minutes after game time, the DIC will declare the match forfeited if a team has failed to seat four members.

Starting times may not be changed by agreement between the teams except with the approval of the National Supervisory Director. If additional costs are associated with this change, they must be borne by the teams involved. Once a team member begins play in the match, he must complete that half. In the case of an emergency, the DIC may excuse the player.

8. **Substitutes** may be used in an emergency with the express permission of the DIC with no penalty. (An emergency is defined as an unexpected event). A substitute cannot be or have been a member of a team in the same flight as the team for which he is substituting. The skill level of the substitute cannot be greater than that of the deposed player unless approved by the opposing team. If a substitute is used to replace a player who is not excused by the DIC, there will be a three (3) IMP penalty for the first board played by the substitute and a two (2) IMP penalty for each subsequent board played.

9. International time limits apply; 7 1/2 minutes per board. Playing time for 24 boards is 3 hours; and playing time for 28 boards is 3 hours and 30 minutes. Players have the responsibility to inform the director of slow play. If responsibility for slow play has been fixed by the director and all the boards are not completed in the prescribed time, a 3 IMP penalty will be assessed the offending team for each board missed.

10. Penalties assessed by the director for any infraction including slow play and tardiness must be accepted by the non-offending team.

11. Each captain should sign his name on the reporting slip of the opposing team. The winning team captain should turn in the slips for both teams at the assigned reporting station as soon as possible after results are determined and agreed on.

12. Kibitzers will be permitted **BUST MUST REMAIN AT ONE TABLE**. Any player may request the Director to remove a spectator from his table for cause. Fifth and sixth members may kibitz only at tables which are at least two tables removed from where their teammates are playing. During the finals, kibitzers are permitted only in the "Open Room."

13. A team may be disqualified, at the discretion of the National Tournament Authority, for failure to comply with the conditions of contest. The opponent of a disqualified team does not automatically receive credit for a win.

14. Discourtesy to opponents, partner, or director will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses will subject the offender to suspension from participation in that particular match. Further participation in the event and the tournament will be determined by the National Tournament Authority.

15. All players must be members in good standing in the ABA to play in this event. Dues may be paid at the National Office.



OVER 2000 OP 4-13-09 FINAL SESSION

36.0 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	
52.22	1	#10426 Alice P Brown, Midlothian VA; #05629 Bill Sides, Burbank CA	714.57
39.17	2	#03179 Chester G Johnson #03253 Herbert Taylor, Chicago IL	714.39
29.37	3	#06096 James Woodard, League City TX; #06028 Marian C Womack, Houston TX	684.91
22.03	4	#11592 Harriette Buckman, University Park FL; N573122 Dan Morse, Houston TX	658.17
16.52	5	#05034 Benny R Patton, Atlanta GA; #06350 Evelyn Adkins, Dallas TX	643.04
43.40	6	1 #12698 Norman James #12702 Leif B Sorensen, Chicago IL	638.33
9.29	7	#03421 George E Hudson, Jamaica NY; #04547 Sylvia J Christian, Southfield MI	638.00
6.97	8	#10851 Samuel Graham, Germantown TN; #03716 Marvin Comer, Cincinnati OH	636.15
32.55	9	2 #11283 Ruth A Young, Los Angeles CA; #03134 Mattie C Young, Country Club Hill IL	630.39
8.44	10	#06652 Mae Clark, Arlington TX; #06402 Lela M Wilson, Beaumont TX	628.15
4.75	11	#03180 Freddie H Jones, Chicago IL; #06075 Nelda V Gray, Houston TX	627.90
24.41	12	3 #14099 Angela Hester, Houston TX; #06040 Rose Carvin, Anahuac TX	627.54
4.02	13	#09708 Leon C Ragland, Suffolk VA; #13112 Aldis Raymond, Chesapeake VA	625.35
3.73	14	#04015 Wanda Mc-Wills, Southfield MI; #04011 Barbara Hutson, Detroit MI	617.67
4.22	15	#12551 Susan B Furchtenicht - #12483 John Lyddon, Santa Maria CA	614.78
18.31		4 #09493 James Lee, Las Vegas NV; #09222 Barbara Adams, Warren OH	596.99
13.73		5 #03013 Lazell Harris - #03274 Merverline Brown, Chicago IL	595.38
10.30		6 #01383 Wilma Alexander, Westbury NY; #11937 Natalie McFarlane, New Rochelle NY	586.02
7.72		7 #06496 Ruby L Handcox, Austin TX; #02243 Lillian Holeman, Fairburn GA	566.35
5.79		8 #05977 Charles W Townsel, Phoenix AZ; #01320 Valerie H Moultrie, Youngtown AZ	560.24
4.82		9 #12623 Deloris Simmons - #13277 Bertha C Robinson, New York NY	556.65

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS

	1	Angela Hester, Rose Carvin
1		Marian Womack, James Woodard
1		Benny Patton, Evelyn Adkins
	1	Deloris Simmons, Bertha Robinson
1		James Lee, Barbara Adams
1		Samuel Graham, Marvin Comer
	1	Doretha Leak, Ida E Simms
1		Julius Fields, Bill Turner
	1	Eugenia Weaver, Betty Battles

FIRST SESSION WINNERS

	1	Eugenia Weaver, Betty Battles
1		Marian Womack, James Woodard
1		Mae Clark, Lela Wilson
	1	Deloris Simmons, Bertha Robinson
1		Susan Furchtenicht, John Lyddon
1		Jewel Chapman, Cheryl Jones
	1	James O Morgan, Mary Lowery
1		Lazell Harris, Merverline

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U2000 OPEN PAIRS FINALS 4-13-09 8PM  
20.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
32.87	1			#06417 C Nell Peterson - #06430 LaRue Smith, Beaumont TX	216.00
27.80	2	1		#13054 Frank Hawkins - #13065 Waymon T Webster, Prairie View TX	198.50
18.49	3			#07034 Brenda Polk, Portland OR; #05132 Rita W Coleman, Las Vegas NV	198.26
20.85	4	2		#13108 Laura M Smith - #12207 Marsha James, Chicago IL	196.86
15.64	5	3		#06224 Marie E Anders, Cedar Hill TX; #03982 Elvarie Menefee, Dallas TX	193.39
9.39	6			#03358 William G Lorenz, University City MO; #03300 Gloria Bess, St Louis MO	190.29
8.22	7			#04461 Wilhelmenia Jackson, University Hgts OH; #11356 Lucille McGhee, Shaker Heights OH	183.44
7.30	8			#13791 Carrie Grady - #13790 Paul Grady, Charlotte NC	182.74
11.73	9	4		#13512 Shirley F Baker, Columbia MD; #14185 Daisy Smith, Silver Spring MD	180.36
5.98	10			#10377 Alfred Hooper Jr - #04094 Flora Hazzard, Detroit MI	179.73
23.23	11	5	1	#13797 Lovie L Lynch - #13813 Delphine Butler, Houston TX	178.22
17.42		6	2	#04517 Marian Baylis - #11085 Cornelia McGowan, Detroit MI	176.93
13.07			3	#12076 Annie P Wilkerson - #12073 Rachel Rumph, Fort Valley GA	168.29
				FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS	
		1		Cassandre Wallace, Rosemary Bickham	
	1			Wilhelmenia Jackson, Lucille McGhee	
		1		Ann Fleming, Gwendolyn Hilliard	
	1			Brenda Polk, Rita Coleman	
		1		Shirley Baker, Daisy Smith	
	1			William Lorenz, Gloria Bess	
	1			Marie Anders, Elvarie Menefee	
				FIRST SESSION SECTION WINNERS	
			1	Annie Wilkerson, Rachel Rumph	

EARLY BIRD OPEN PAIRS UNDER 2000 4-13-09 10AM  
8.0 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B			
14.47	1			#00805 Joyce Trammell - #06587 Ermile Stewart, New York NY	78.16
10.85	2			#03951 Robert McIntosh Jr - #03970 Ruth McIntosh, Kansas City KS	77.76
8.14	3			#04850 Jacqueline Moss, Detroit MI; #02093 Johnnie Saunders, Riverview FL	71.60
6.10	4			#11356 Lucille McGhee, Shaker Heights OH; #04461 Wilhelmenia Jackson, University Hgts OH	69.30
7.49		1		#13763 Larry Cooke - #13368 Maxine Grant, Indianapolis IN	66.10
5.62		2		4975111 Joshua Lecesne - #14425 Errol LeCesne, Houston TX	63.20
4.21		3		#13797 Lovie L Lynch - #13813 Delphine Butler, Houston TX	57.70



SIDE GAME 2      8PM 4-13-09  
18.0 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
15.92	1	1		#01402 Mildred C Crump, Newark NJ; #00993 Cynthia A Washington, New York NY	186.50
11.94	2			#04047 Barbara J Gooden - #04066 Dolores Taylor, Detroit MI	175.91
8.96	3			#05818 William A Johnson, Los Angeles CA; #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	166.41
6.72	4			#04036 Berrye A Thompson, Farmington Hills MI; #04084 Clerely Chaney, Southfield MI	162.00
10.26	5	2		#00465 Jane S Harris, Far Rockaway NY; #03657 Ella S Monroe, Gary IN	159.50
7.70	6	3		#01820 Rose M Pyles - #01829 Mildred S Grier, Charlotte NC	158.00
9.36	7	4	1	#03067 Willie L Gray - #10629 Mary E Johnson, Chicago IL	152.50
4.33	8	5		#01449 Lillian Allen, Newark NJ; #01735 Mildred McLeod, Union NJ	151.82
1.77	9			#04122 Janet Barnes, Detroit MI; #09552 Wayman Minor, St Louis MO	149.82
3.25		6		#06135 Opal M White - #06149 James O Mays, Houston TX	142.50
7.02			2	#05462 Inez V Petty, Stafford VA; #14456 Rose Warren, San Diego CA	125.00
5.27			3	#09055 Juanita Woods, Chattanooga TN; #02419 Jessie L Lanier, Atlanta GA	123.50
				FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS	
		1		Rose Pyles, Mildred S Grier	
			1	Juanita Woods, Jessie Lanier	

SIDE GAME O/U 2000 3PM 4-13-09  
8.0 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
13.51	1		#03379 Dorothy Harper, Florissant MO; #06055 Clarena Richardson, Houston TX	76.50
10.13	2		#05643 James D Pruitt - #05626 Andreda Pruitt, Los Angeles CA	74.00
8.02	3	1	#11215 Christine Johnson - #11213 Armie Jean Johnson, Chicago IL	70.00
6.02	4/5	2	#08333 Della Willis - #05010 Joe F Crenshaw, Las Vegas NV	67.00
4.99	4/5		#01449 Lillian Allen, Newark NJ; #01735 Mildred McLeod, Union NJ	67.00

NEW PLAYERS 4-13-09 3PM  
6.0 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
9.60	1		#14154 Ellen Fleming, Rochester Hills MI; #14153 Sherry Griffin, Farmington Hills MI	64.00
7.20	2		#14068 Linda Hines Wilson, Orange CA; Stephanie Young, Los Angeles CA	58.50
5.40	3		#13590 Naomi L Manuel, Houston TX; #13064 Bernice S Webster, Prairie View TX	57.50
5.70		1	#14530 Thelma Palmer - #14528 Loretta M McCrosky, Decatur GA	55.50
4.28		2	#14170 Gloria V Cooper - #11426 Iris Sally, Houston TX	48.50



AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 WESTIN GALLERIA—HOUSTON, TEXAS  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA  
 THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009



Introduction of Board—Iris Williams-West

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation—Jewel Chapman, Mid-Atlantic SVP
- III. Welcoming Remarks
- IV. Introduction of City Council Member, The Honorable Wanda Adams, City of Houston, District D
- V. Roll Call—National Secretary, Anita Troy
- VI. Minutes of Milwaukee Membership Meeting—Anita Troy
- VII. Reports
  - A. President—Leola Rucker
  - B. Secretary—Anita Troy
  - C. Treasurer—George Saunders
  - D. Houston Spring National General Chairman—Opal White
  - E. Recommendations Committee
  - F. National Tournament Authority,
  - G. Memphis Summer National General Chairman
  - H. ABA/ECF
  - I. Elections Committee Chairman
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

NEW PLAYERS OP 4-13-09 8PM  
 3.5 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
5.73	1	Nate Clements, ; #13028 Rosie Thomas, Chicago IL	22.00
4.30	2	#14154 Ellen Fleming, Rochester Hills MI; #14153 Sherry Griffin, Farmington Hills MI	21.00

## Hospitality Info

Please sign in on your SECTION Page for Hospitality  
 at the Hospitality Table outside the Playing area.

EASTERN & GREAT LAKES  
 WEDNESDAY—4/15/09

SOUTHERN, SOUTHWESTERN & WESTERN  
 THURSDAY - 4/16/09

MIDWESTERN & NORTHWEST & MID-ATLANTIC  
 FRIDAY - 4/17/09  
 ROOM 2354

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# Great Lakes Sectional

July 2-5, 2009

Red Rock Inn

24801 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio

Room Rate: \$49/99+ Tax Single/Double

Deadline June 19, 2009

Reservations (440) 439-2500 Ask for CCBC Group Rate

**Thursday July 2, 2009**

2:00 PM	Early Arrival Pairs	Single Session
6:30 PM	Section Representatives Meeting	
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams*	1st Round

**Friday July 3, 2009**

9:00 AM	Knockout Teams	2nd Round
	Open Pairs	Single Session
2:00 PM	Knockout Teams	3rd Round
	Swiss Team	1st Session
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams	Finals
	Swiss Team	2nd Session

**Saturday July 4, 2009**

9:00 AM	Awards Breakfast Program	
	Membership Meeting to Follow	
2:00 PM	Open Pairs (Double Session)	1st Session
8:00 PM	Open Pairs	2nd Session

**Sunday July 5, 2009**

9:00 AM	Modified Round Robin	1st Session
	Side Game	
TBA	Modified Round Robin	2nd Session
	Side Game	

**Playing Fee \$8.00 per session**

**Registration begins one (1) hour prior to game time**

**\*Knockout Registration 2:30 PM Thursday, July 2, 2009.**

**Awards: Scrip ONLY**

**Section Vice President: Barbara Hutson (313) 835-5543**

**Partnership: Florence Carter (216) 382-2907**

**Tournament Chairman: Albert Freeman (216) 921-0273**

**Director-in-Charge: Jay Levine (313) 568-7732**



# New Players Schedule

(0-299 FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE)

Welcome New Players.....all games are stratified

Wednesday—April 15	CG Fredd K.O Teams	1:30 P.M.
	President's Reception for New Players and Section VP's	5:30 P.M.
	CG Fredd K.O Teams	8:00 P.M.
Thursday—April 16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
	AWARDS PRESENTATION BRUNCH	11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
	CG Fredd Semi-finals KO	1:30 P.M.
	Open Pairs	1:30 P.M.
	Open Pairs	8:00 P.M.
Friday—April 17	PRO AM GAME	9:00 A.M.
	( Pre-register by midnight Thursday)	
	Dan Scrivens Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1:00 P.M.
	2nd Session	8:00 P.M.
Saturday—April 18	Swiss Team (1st Session)	1:30 P.M.
	Swiss Team (2nd Session)	8:00 P.M.

GAME TIPS WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE EACH GAME!!  
B. Harden and R Young Co - chairmen  
NEW PLAYERS COMMITTEE

## ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great regret that I must announce my withdrawal from the Election for National Secretary of the American Bridge Association, Inc. After careful consideration of my current situation with my health, (the "C" has returned), I find it necessary to concentrate on my personal well-being. I would like to thank all of the members of the ABA for their support through the years of my various roles in the ABA. You all know how much I love the ABA and knowing that I would not be able to serve the ABA during the next two years in the best possible fashion, I must withdraw. I will however continue to serve as National Secretary until October 1, 2009 when my term is up. Thank you, and God Bless you all.

Anita Troy  
National Secretary

Bridge Books  
Bridge Books

If you need Bridge books, convention Card holders, or other bridge supplies, please see JOHN WASHINGTON . He will be in the Playing Area daily to assist you.

## Awards Room Change

The Awards Room has been changed to the 4TH FLOOR in the Woodway Hall. When you exit the playing area, go the room at the back left. The hours are:

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

4:30 PM to 8:00 PM



# HOUSTON SPRING NATIONAL SCHEDULE—2009

## MONDAY, April 13, 2009

EARLY BIRD OPEN PAIR	10:00 AM
DOUBLE SESSION OPEN PAIRS	1st Session 3:00 PM
DOUBLE SESSION OPEN PAIRS	2nd Session 8:00 PM
Side games opposite double session	

## TUESDAY, April 14, 2009

AM KO TEAMS (16 Teams) (Pre-register by midnight, Mon.)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#1 of 4)	9:00 AM
MIXED PAIRS Championship — 2 Sessions	1:30 - 8:00 PM
Field IV - Qualifying; All others play through G-1CR	<b>ABA MEMBERS ONLY</b>
WOMEN'S PAIRS (Single Session)	1:30 PM
Side Game Series (#1 of 4)	1:30 PM
MIXED PAIRS Consolation (Closed event)	8:00 PM
Side Game Series (#1 of 4)	8:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2009

AM — KO TEAMS 2nd Round	9:00 AM
AM II — KO TEAMS (8 Teams) (Pre-register by midnight, Tue.)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#2 of 4)	9:00 AM
CG FREDD KO 16 TEAMS (Pre-register by midnight, Tues.)	1:30 & 8:00 PM
<b>ABA MEMBERS ONLY</b>	
Side Game Series (#2 of 4)	1:30 PM
SECOND CHANCE KO (Closed Event)	8:00 PM
Side Game Series (#2 of 4)	8:00 PM

## THURSDAY, April 16, 2009

<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>9-11 AM</b>
<b>AWARDS PRESENTATION BRUNCH</b>	<b>11 AM - 1 PM</b>
CG FREDD KO TEAMS - Semi-Finals and Finals	1:30 & 8:00 PM
SECOND CHANCE KO TEAMS - Semi-Finals and Finals	1:30 & 8:00 PM
OPEN PAIRS (G-2)	1:30 & 8:00 PM

## FRIDAY, April 17, 2009

AM — KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	9:00 AM
AM II — KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	9:00 AM
PRO — AM OPEN PAIRS (Pre-register by midnight, Thur.) (AM's Must be under 600 Master Points)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	9:00 AM
DAN SCRIVENS OPEN PAIRS 2 Sessions (Field IV - Qualifying; all others play through GIC)	1:30 & 8:00 PM
<b>ABA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED</b>	
Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	1:30 PM
DAN SCRIVENS Consolation (Closed Event)	8:00 PM
Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	8:00 PM

## SATURDAY, April 18, 2009

AM — KO TEAMS Finals	9:00 AM
AM II — KO TEAMS Finals	9:00 AM
OPEN PAIRS (Single Session)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#4 of 4)	9:00 AM
NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS - CHAMPIONSHIP 2 SESSIONS - FLIGHTED - STRATIFIED - G1C) (0/2000 - Imp's to VP's, 20 pt. Scale, all others Wins/Losses)	1:30 PM & TBA
<b>ABA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED</b>	
Side Game Series (#4 of 4)	1:30 PM

**New Player Reception at 5:30 PM Wednesday**

