



Issue One Saturday August 3, 2024

SUNDAY August 4, 2024

"MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY"

9:00 AM	MEMORIAL S	ERVICE

10:00 AM George Hudson PRO-AM Game

1:30 PM Pauline Taylor Mixed Pairs (1st Session)

Side Game

7:30 PM Pauline Taylor Mixed Pairs (2nd Session)

Side Game

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COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE, TEA, AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED PAIRS IN THE GEORGE HUDSON PRO-AM GAME.



American Bridge Association, Inc.

89th Summer National Bridge Tournament

August 2 - 10, 2024 - Atlanta, Georgia



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FROM YOUR HOST GROUP:

After months of planning for you, you are finally here and we look forward to ensuring that you have a great experience here in the Peach State! Your host committee will be at your service to make sure that your time here will be memorable.

Some of the special events that we have for you include:

MEMORIAL SERVICE on Sunday at 9:00 AM in Room 707 on the Atrium floor. This service will recognize all members who have left us since August of last year.

HOSPITALITY on Monday and Wednesday in the Host Group Suite between the afternoon and evening sessions. Monday we will serve members from the Eastern, Northern and Western Sections. Wednesday, members from the Southern Section will be welcomed. Please adhere to these guidelines.

Sales of T-shirts, Souvenir kits, and Y.O.U. raffle tickets. If you haven't purchased in advance, please stop by the host group desk to see if we have your preference.

Of course we hope that you will purchase tickets to our **Sparkles, Sequins and Sneakers Gala** event on Thursday night. Not only will we recognize our members who have reached ABA milestones, but we will have special entertainment by a phenomenal Comedian and DJ who will help you laugh after a grueling six days of Bridge.

Our pre-registration numbers indicate that this will be the largest attended tournament since the pandemic! We cannot wait to see you!

For those of you who have registered, please write the name of your emergency contact person on the back of your ABA name tag that you received. In Case of an emergency, this information will be very helpful.

Please enjoy the tournament and if you have any questions or need assistance while you are here, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the committee.

Willetta Phipps Host Committee Chair



NAME OF ACTIVITY	Date/Time	LOCATION	Chairman
	-		Chairman
Tips for Tops	Aug. 3 6:30PM	A706	
MEMORIAL SERVICE	Aug. 4 9AM	A707	Willetta Phipps
Selected Hand Review	Aug. 4 1:30PM	A706	
Aba,ECF Meeting	Aug. 5 10AM	President's Suite	Clarice Reid
Tips for Tops	Aug. 5 6:30PM	A706	
New Player	Aug. 6 After	President's	INVITATION
Reception	1:30 Game	Suite	ONLY
Membership Meeting	Aug. 7 10AM	A707	Gloria Christler
Bridge Education	Aug. 7 6PM	COO's Suite	Eunice Patton
Meeting			
Tips for Tops	Aug. 7 6:30PM	A706	
AWARDS GALA	Aug. 8 7PM	A703-704	Willetta Phipps

CORRECTION

In the **CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**, it states:

CHECK CASHING POLICY Entry fees may be paid by personal check made payable to the ABA for the exact amount of the entry fee. The registrar may request ABA membership identification. A handling fee of \$25.00 will be charged on all returned checks. Returned checks must be redeemed within thirty days of notification to preclude suspension.

THERE IS NO LONGER A CHECK CASHING POLICY. ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PURCHASED USING A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.

WELCOME OPEN PAIRS NEW P	LAYERS 8/2/2024 10:00 AM Tables: 5				
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	ker Jr, Woodstock, GA 37.50 6.74 Lott-Barnes, Fairburn, GA				
	mith, Baton Rouge, LA 37.00 4.62 rkins, Durham, NC				
=	rge, Atlanta ,GA 32.00 2.58 Price, Henrico, VA				
WELCOME OPEN PAIRS 8/2/2024 10:00 AM Tables: 11 Over All Section					
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A B C A B C Pairs	Scores MPA				
	ickham, Carmel, IN 109.66 19.49 hristler, Atlanta, GA				
_	Chapman, MD 106.14 14.62 ingleton III, Atlanta, GA				
_	raker, W. Hempstead, NY 101.83 11.69 cBean, Rockville Centre, NY				
-	ch, Alpharetta, GA 99.09 9.74 atton, Bloomington, IL				
	onway, Silver Spring, MD 97.79 8.77 rryhill, Silver Spring, MD				
	orris, Cleveland, OH 95.29 7.80 orris, Cleveland, OH				
	l Cook, Atlanta, GA 95.07 2.06 Hutson, Detroit, MI				
	itchem Jr, Columbia, SC 93.31 14.40 Haggerty, Glenelg ,MD				
2 4 1 Annie Ma	ys, St Louis, MO 91.00 10.80 Goldman, St Louis, MO				
_	rkland, St. Louis, MO 85.70 8.64 ndolph, Leesburg, FL				
2 2 Katrenna	Casey, Atlanta, GA 75.45 5.16 dley, Mableton, GA				
1 Harriet	Walcott, NJ, 70.98 1.24 Jackson, Massapequa, NY				

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A	В	c .	а в	C Pairs	Scores	MPA
1		:	1	Linda Hall, Missouri City, TX Helen Matson, Houston, TX	78.50	7.72
2		:	1	Mary Diallo, Tallahassee , FL Ronald Robinson, Indianapolis , IN	74.50	5.79
3	1	;	2 1	James Baker Jr, Woodstock, GA Deborah Lott-Barnes, Fairburn, GA	68.50	4.63
	2			Gretchen Thornton, Atlanta, GA Zandra Perrymon, College Park, GA	68.00	2.58
		2	2 1	Louis Perkins, Durham, NC Brenda Smith, Baton Rouge, LA	63.00	1.43
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A	вс	A	в с	Pairs	Scores	MPA
1	_	1		Celeste Williams, Florissant MO	92.00	14.51
				Dorothy Bailey, Atlanta, GA		
2		2		Delores Turner, Atlanta, GA Elaine McCray, Atlanta, GA	84.57	10.88
3		1		Emory Kirkland, St. Louis, MO Larry Randolph, Leesburg, FL	84.00	8.70
4		2		Michelle Green, Somerville, MA Christine Sloane, Brockton, MA	82.50	7.25
		3		Noah Newman, Marietta, GA Dana Newman, Marietta, GA	82.29	2.18
		3		Tyra Mills, Chicago, IL Charleen Mills, Orland Park, IL	80.50	2.18
OPEN PAIRS O/5000 8/2/2024 3:00 PM Tables: 10						
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1		. A. 1	2 0	Jim Wakefield, Arlington, VA	108.02	19.44
		-		Helene Bauman, Las Vegas, NV	_00.02	, 43
2		1		Barbara Hutson, Detroit, MI Nathaniel Cook, Atlanta, GA	99.57	14.58
3		2		Reginald Chapman, MD Mae Clark, Arlington, TX	96.49	11.66
4		2		Harold Bickham, Carmel, IN Jerrie Thomas, Upper Marlboro, MD	95.17	9.72
5		3		Larry Rich, Alpharetta, GA Eunice Patton, Bloomington, IL	89.97	8.75
		4		Mary Young, Durham, NC Henry Irwin, Austin, TX	89.22	2.43
		3		Norman James, Chicago, IL Mattie Young, Country Club Hills, II	85.07	2.92
		4		Elaine Conway, Silver Spring, MD Clara Berryhill, Silver Spring, MD	84.20	2.43
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A	В	С	A	В	C Pairs Scores MPA
1			1		Patricia Jackson, Massapequa, NY 73.80 18.81
					Harriet Walcott, Cape May Courthouse, NJ
2			1		Agnes Harper, Decatur, GA 73.08 14.11 Cynthia Alexander, Decatur, GA
3			2		Celeste Williams, Florissant, MA 70.08 11.29 Dorothy Bailey, Atlanta, GA
4/5			2		Reuben Schooler, Raleigh, NC 67.20 8.94 Mickey Burnim, Bowie, MD
4/5	1		3	1	Pat Booker, Garland, TX 67.20 9.46 Linda Carlisle, Dallas, TX
	2		3	1	Loann King, Chicago , IL 63.60 7.09 William Tillery, Chicago , IL
F.A.PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP 8/2/2024 8:00 PM Tables: 12 Over All Section					
A	В	С	A	В	C Pairs Scores MPA
1			1		Harold Singleton III, Atlanta, 171.95 29.30 Evelyn Adkins, Atlanta, GA
2			1		Helene Bauman, Arlington, VA 170.41 21.98 Jim Wakefield
3			2		Reginald Chapman, MD 169.32 17.58 Mae Clark, Arlington, TX
4			3		Linda Dunn, Memphis, TN 158.82 14.65 Deborah Cole, Chicago, IL
5			2		Harold Bickham, Carmel, IN 155.68 13.19 Gloria Christler, Atlanta, GA
6			3		Noah Newman, Marietta, GA 146.18 11.72 Estelle Lavender, Lithonia, GA
	1		4	1	Annie Mays, St Louis, MO 141.59 12.90 Michael Goldman, St Louis, MO
			4		Larry Rich, Alpharetta, GA 141.55 3.58 Eunice Patton, Bloomington, IL
			5		Nathaniel Cook, Atlanta, GA 138.41 3.22 Barbara Hutson, Detroit, MI
	2			1	Tyra Mills, Chicago, IL 137.68 9.67 Charleen Mills, Orland Park, IL
			5		Marilyn Johnson, Birmingham, AL 128.82 3.22 Lydia Alexander, Bessemer, AL

MAJOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

BRACKETING - Each flight may consist of 16 teams aligned according to the average master point holding of the top four members of each team. In Flight "A" the defending team will be seeded number one provided four members of the original team are still members. Opponent pairing in all Flights of the MAJOR KNOCKOUT TEAMS will be determined by seeding. Teams will be seeded in each flight to determine their ranked positions and numerical designations. Adjustments may be made in the lower flights to accommodate excess registrants. 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 where they are 16 teams in the flight. Flights of less than 16 subtract your team number from the total number of teams in the flight plus one.

TEAM ENTRY The Team Entry shall be completed with 4, 5 or 6 names. Each name shall be followed with an ABA Number and Current Master Point holding. The Total Master Point Holding for the team (4, 5 or 6 members) shall be placed in the space for Total MPA's found at the top of the Entry Form. THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THIS MASTER POINT TOTAL. Any change in the TOTAL MASTER POINT HOLDING SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY (that is before team assignments are made). Failure to do so will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

SCORING – Each match will be scored by Imps, with a margin of single IMP constituting a victory. Any tie at the end of regularly scheduled number of boards will be resolved by a 5 board playoff. Such playoffs will begin immediately after a short (5 minute) interval and continue until the match is resolved.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION – 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 of the knockout, must play at least 50% of all ensuing matches as long as the team progresses. The National Supervisory Director may waive this requirement only in cases of dire emergency. Sit 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 substitutes are allowed at anytime without prior authorization of the DIC.

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CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION — Players entering two games concurrently must play the entire session of the event in which there is active participation. Substitutes are not permitted. Players are not allowed to register for single session games opposite any round of the Knockout Teams other than the first. Players must notify the Director selling entries, at the time of registration, that they are playing in another game. Should a player's team progress to the next round this player will receive masterpoints for only the team game regardless of the next level of finish in the single game session event. Violations of these rules could result in disqualification from both games. Entry fees in these instances will not be refunded.

SEATING – There are no seeding rights. In the first half, Tables and Directions are determined by the Directors. The North / South and East/West are assigned to a specific table. In the second half, the team that trails in the match sits first and the Leaders sit around them. For the second half, partnerships may be reassigned, but no pair that met in the first half will play each other in the second half. In the event of a tie at the half, simply reverse the initial assignment by the Directors.

CONVENTIONS – All conventions shown on the General Convention Chart are allowed in this event. Conventions listed as Mid-Chart are allowed in all flights where the bottom team has an average of 1200 or more masterpoints. The Super Chart applies to Flight "A". The National Tournament Authority must approve all special conventions at least two hours prior to the start of the game.

PROTEST PERIOD – The period for the appeal of Directors' rulings or for filing protest expires 30 minutes after each match. 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 bidding begins in the playoff. When a committee is required, the DIC' should have it convene before the match resumes.

PENALTIES – ALL STARTING TIMES WILL BE PROMINENTLY POSTED AND OBSERVED. FAILURE TO SEAT A COMPLETE TEAM BY THE OFFICAL STARTING TIME WILL, AT THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION DURING A TEN (10) MINUTE GRACE PERIOD, CARRY THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES FOR TARDINESS.

- A. 1 IMP for the first 5 minutes
- B. 2 IMPS for each additional 5 minutes.

The 10-minute grace period does not mean the event is scheduled to start 10 minutes after the official start time, but rather this is the period where the Director can excuse tardiness without penalty.

If the player doesn't have an acceptable excuse then the penalties identified can be imposed at the Director's discretion. **BE ON TIME!** In addition, the match will be curtailed one board for each 5 minutes of lateness after the grace period, up to a maximum of three (3) boards. 3 IMPS per board will be awarded for tardiness during the 10-minute grace period. 30 minutes after the posted starting time for the game 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 a match, he must complete that half. In case of an emergency, the DIC may excuse the player.

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SUBSTITUTES – Substitutes may be used in an emergency with the express permission of the DIC with no penalty. (An emergency is defined as an unforeseen combination of dire circumstances, or the resulting state, requiring exigent action). A substitute may also be used to temporarily replace a late (unexcused) player. 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 presumed 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.

PLAYING TIME LIMITS Time limits apply: 6½ minutes per board. Playing time for 24 boards is 3 hours. Times are adjusted accordingly for other numbers of boards. Players have the responsibility to inform the Director of slow play. When the Director has fixed responsibility for slow play 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF PENALTIES – Penalties assessed by the Director for an infraction, including slow play, tardiness and lateness, must be accepted by the non-offending team.

REPORTING RESULTS – 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 upon.

KIBITZERS – Kibitzers will be permitted but 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" if there is a "Closed Room".

DISQUALIFICATION – A team may be disqualified, at the discretion of the NTA, for failure to comply with the conditions of contest.

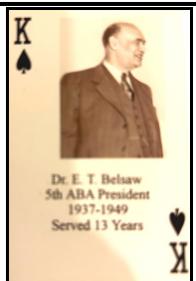
ZERO TOLERANCE – Discourtesy to opponents, partner, or Director will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses will subject the offender to suspension from participation in that particular match. The NTA will determine any future participation in the event and the tournament.

BOARDS IN PLAY – All Flights will have 24 Boards in play all rounds.

ATTENTION

The National Office will be open daily between sessions.

Please see Gertrude Guffie (Good Morning ABA!)



Who was Belsaw?

Dr. E.T. Belsaw was the 3rd National President of the ABA. His tenure was 1936 to 1949. He was from Mobile, Alabama. "During his administration, the basic structure of the Association - in organization, procedures, policies, and administration - took shape: the rotational principle of convening the annual convention in various key cities, the master point schedule of rating competing players; the **ABA BULLETIN**, the structural relationship of clubs and units, the sectional divisions of the Association - each headed by a Section Vice President, the various levels of tournaments, and the spread of membership across the country."

Curiel and Gregoire prepared a nationwide master point schedule based on the previous successful experience of the Eastern Bridge League. Until 1939, there were three tournament levels: National, Regional, and City. At this time, the Sectional was introduced, to be held once a year "...in each of our geographical subdivisions to make National master points available to members unable to attend national tournaments. Chicago in the Midwest and Washington, D.C. in the East were hosts to sectionals the first year." In 1943, Michigan was incorporated into the ABA.

Another step established during Belsaw's tenure was the Printing and Supplies Authority in 1949 which furnished groups with scoring material bearing the ABA imprint. Also, a Benefit Fund was established to "aid one charitable organization and to issue one or more scholarships annually to some deserving youth."

Thus the aims of the American Bridge Association in 1933 were in progress: To conduct annually a National Championship in the various divisions of bridge; to sanction tournaments and to keep permanent records of the results of such tournaments for the annual publication of the ranking of players in their respective clubs, cities and states; to promote and conserve without gain the best interests of Auction and Contract Bridge; to print, publish and distribute by sale or otherwise such literature and supplies as would assist in the further standardization of bridge; and to cooperate with all clubs and bridge organizations for mutual legislation and the conducting of club, city or state tournaments.

"REMEMBER OUR MOTTO-'CLEAN SPORT AND FAIR PLAY'" (information is taken from DEFINING MOMENTS, A 70 YEAR CHRONICLE OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, p. 37.)

This game that was played on the first Friday of the Summer National was first called the Belsaw Cup and an actual Bridge cup was given to the winners with their names engraved on it. They were able to keep it for a year and return it for the next winners. It was quite an honor. Taken from **DEFINING MOMENTS**, a history of the American Bridge Association, Inc. p. 37.

Dt's Just Peachy

(0 - 299 MP's)

NEWER PLAYERS SCHEDULE

Get ready for "Hotlanta"!

The tables will be burning with Masterpoints for All!



NOTE: Registration for all games will open 1 hour before game time and close 15 minutes before game time. This will be enforced.

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Made a 7 No Trump!

Luv this game!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LECTURE SERIES: "Tips for Tops"



August 2 - 10, 2024 - Atlanta, Georgia

Day 6

1:30 PM

6:30 PM*

7:30 PM

Day 8

9:00 AM

1:30 PM

7:30 PM

10:00 AM 🥁

Friday, August 2 10:00 AM Open Pairs Open Pairs 3:00 PM 8:00 PM F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Game





Day 2 Saturday August 3		
	Day 2	Saturday, August 3

9:00 AM Open Pairs 1:30 PM Open Pairs

LECTURE SERIES: Tips for Tops 6:30 PM* 7:30 PM

Open Pairs

Day 7 Thursday, August 8 10:00 AM Open Pairs 2:30 PM Open Pairs 7:00 PM AWARDS G

Friday, August 9

Open Pairs

Wednesday, August 7

Open Pairs

Open Pairs

Day 3 Sunday, August 4

MEMORIAL SERVICE 9:00 AM 10:00 AM George Hudson PRO-AM Game

(complimentary coffee, tea, and refreshments provided for registered pairs) Education: Selected Hand Review

1:30 PM* 3:00 PM Open Pairs

8:00 PM Open Pairs



Day 4 Monday, August 5

9:00 AM Open Pairs 1:30 PM Team Game (first session)

6:30 PM* LECTURE SERIES: Tips for Tops 7:30 PM

Team Game (second session)

Day 5 Tuesday, August 6

9:00 AM Open Pairs 1:30 PM Open Pairs

RESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPT

(Immediately following 1:30 game By Invitation Only)

7:30 PM Open Pairs



Team Game (first session)

(Registration by 7:30PM Thursday) Team Game (second session)

Day 9

9:00 AM Au Revoir Pairs (stratified game)





DAY 4

1:30PM

7:30PM

Monday, August 5

(Registration by 8PM Sunday

Open Pairs

Side Game

Side Game

1:30 & 7:30PM Victor Daly KO Teams

1:30PM

7:30PM

DAY 9

Side Game

Side Game

9 AM

9 AM

Saturday, August 10

AM KO Teams Finals

Au Revoir Pairs