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Please support your club's Face-to-Face Games

Invite your friends to play! Everyone is welcome!

Member Access: Virtual Clubs – ACBL North America

Guest Access: Competitive – All Tournaments – “caro” in search area

***** Happy Holidays! Be safe! Have fun! *****

2023 ACBL Online Game Changes: On December 11, ACBL made several really important positive announcements toward creating an integrated F2F and online bridge playing environment that is fair to everyone: big clubs, small, clubs, online clubs, teaching clubs, etc. While it may make things more challenging for SE Carolina, I think it is a good step forward.

First, it fully embraces integrating Local Brick-and-mortar F2F and VACB Online clubs into the ACBL game environment creating a better foundation for the future. The ACB announced special perks to award more masterpoints in F2F games and a robust schedule of special online VACB games (more info in next paragraph). Second, starting 1 January, the ACBL is initiating a surcharge-rebate program to allow smaller online VACBs to be more competitive with the larger VACBs. The goal is to allow a larger number of clubs to participate in the VACB online environment where the larger clubs are subsidizing the smaller online clubs. The change may result in some games being a little more expensive in some clubs.

While not perfect (gee, nothing ever is), we fully support the goals the ACBL is trying to achieve.

Get Ready for January! Big happenings, lots of special games.

- 200% Silver Points, Silver Linings Week, 17-23 January. **Wow!** Get these hard-to-get elusive points! We will schedule extra games for you!
- 200% Black Points, Junior Fund Games, 6-9 January. Money goes to help finance getting younger folk into the game.
- Thursday Night 200% (1/2 Red, 1/2 Black), Grand National Team Qualifying Games. Folks that score 50% or better qualify. If you don't have a 4-person team, create one with another pair or other single players at the Partnership desk. Come one, come all!

SE Carolina Academy Lesson Info: Equal Level Conversion Takeout X. There are a lot of different approaches to how to bid after an opponent preempts at the 4-Level. Based on my experience, good players will only make a 4-level preempt if they feel comfortable they will still get the best score if Ded for a penalty. For this reason, I like the approach that allows me to show two and three suit Takeout X's through and including 4S. Click on the following icon to access the lesson.



When watching a YouTube lesson video, click on "SUBSCRIBE" and "LIKE". Add a comment! Access to our online is free through the following webpage link.

<https://sites.google.com/view/eastern-carolina-online-bridge/se-carolina-bridge-academy>

2023 VACB Online Special Game Schedule: You can win "Black" points every day in our VACB games. You can win red, silver, and/or gold in the following ACBL-announced special games in our BBO VACB games. **Mark your calendar and get your Partners lined up!** Click on the table to print it.

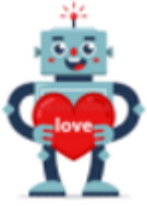
2023 SE Carolina (262410) Special Game Schedule

Based on ACBL Released Online Special Game Schedule

Month	From	To	Event	Type	Late				Robo	Times	Black	Silver	Red	Gold
					Morning	Afternoon	Afternoon	Evening						
January	5	Thursday	Grand National Team Qualifiers	Team				\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2	
	6	Friday	9 Monday	Junior Fund Games	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
	12	Thursday	Grand National Team Qualifiers	Team				\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2	
	17	Tuesday	23 Monday	Silver Linings Week	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
	26	Thursday	Grand National Team Qualifiers	Team				\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2	
February	9	Thursday	Grand National Team Qualifiers	Team				\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2	
	12	Sunday	13 Monday	Valentine'S Weekend	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	1/2		1/2
	16	Thursday	Grand National Team Qualifiers	Team				\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2	
	21	Tuesday	27 Monday	Educational Foundation Week	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
March	28	Tuesday	31 Friday	Ukraine Charity Event	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
April	4	Tuesday	10 Tuesday	Charity Foundation Week	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
	25	Tuesday	1 Monday	Stardust Week	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	3/4		1/4
May	14	Sunday	15 Monday	Grass Roots Weekend	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
June	1st or 2nd Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2
	18	Sunday	19 Monday	The Longest Day	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	200%	All		
	3rd or 4th Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2
July	1st or 2nd Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2
	3rd or 4th Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2
August	1st or 2nd Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2
	3rd or 4th Week			North American Pairs	Pair	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		200%	1/2		1/2

ACBL Player Rank Requirements: Wanted to make sure everyone understands the requirements to reach the different player ranks. Each rank requires a minimum number of masterpoints of different colors. The following table shows the requirements for each rank. It also shows where you can win the different colored points. Click on the table to print it.

ACBL Rank Pigmented Points Required							
Rank	MPs	Colorless	Black	Silver	Red	Gold	Platinum
Rookie	<5						
Junior Master	5						
Club Master	20		5				
Sectional Master	50		10	5			
Regional Master	100		15	15		5	
NABC Master	200		20	25		20	
Adv NABC Master	300		50	50		50	
Life Master	500		75	75	100 red/gold/ platinum 50 must be gold/platinum		
Silver Life Master	1000		75	200 silver/red/gold/platinum			
Gold Life Master	2500		75	500 silver/red/gold/platinum			
Diamond Life Master	5000		75	1,000 silver/red/gold/ platinum 250 must be gold/platinum			
Emerald Life Master	7500		75	1,500 silver/red/gold/ platinum 750 must be gold/platinum 100 must be platinum			
Platinum Life MASTER	10000		75	2,000 silver/red/gold/ platinum 500 must be gold/platinum			
Grand Life Master	10000	National Title	75	2,000 silver/red/gold/ platinum 500 must be gold/platinum			
Types of points can be won in these types of games	BBO ACBL	Yes					
	BBO VACB		Regular Games	Special Games	Special Games	Special Games	
	F2F Club		Regular Games	STaC	NAP GNT		
	Sectional Tour.			All Games			
	Regional Tour.			Single Events		Double Events	Double Events
	National Tour						



Robbie & Robette invite you to play! Game times are 8:00 am, 12:00, 4:00 pm, and 8:00 pm. Win BLACK points! **Everyone can play!**

Bridge Tidbit – The Leading Trumps Fear Syndrome (often deadly). You are in 2, 3, or 4 of a suit contract. You have K9873 of trumps; Dummy has 654. You think, "Oh, crap!" You have strength in the side suits and not a lot of ruffing potential. You avoid leading trumps, the opponents get a cross ruff going and you lose 5 trump tricks. Why didn't you lead trump? Fear! Yes, your trump suit sucks! You don't know how to attack the suit. What do you do? Close your eyes and lead trumps every chance you get. If you can, lead towards the K and duck the first round, and maybe the second round. Maybe you will get lucky and the trump suit will split 3-2 and the Ace will drop. Think about it!

Two-Week Game Schedule: \$3 entry fee for all afternoon games for the rest of the year! 299, 799, and Open game every afternoon. Thanks for playing with us!

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SE Carolina BBO Game Schedule

All Times Eastern (NY) Time Zone

Open Games Stacked with Limited Game Tables

Day	Regular Games (No Robots)						Robot Games		
	Morning \$5.00		Afternoon \$ 3.00		Evening \$ 5.00		\$ 3.00		
Sat 17 Dec	9:30 799	Ben	1:00 299 \$3	Ben					
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Sun 18 Dec	9:30 799	John P	1:00 299 \$3	Gloria	6:45 Raleigh 500	Jay			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3		7:00 Raleigh Open				
			1:05 Open \$3						
Mon 19 Dec	9:30 799	Gloria	1:00 299 \$3	Gloria	6:30 Wilmington Open	Marie			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Tues 20 Dec	9:30 799	Al	1:00 299 \$3	Al	6:45 Raleigh 500	John T			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3		7:00 Raleigh Open				
			1:05 Open \$3						
Wed 21 Dec	9:30 799	Lisa	1:00 299 \$3	Ben	7:00 Macon Open	David			
	9:35 Cary Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Thurs 22 Dec	9:30 799	Al	1:00 299 \$3	Gloria					
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Fri 23 Dec	9:30 799	Barbara	1:00 299 \$3	Ella					
	9:35 Vanderbilt Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Sat 24 Dec	9:30 799	Ben	1:00 299 \$3	Ben					
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Sun 25 Dec	9:30 799	John P	1:00 299 \$3	Al	6:45 Raleigh 500	Jay			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3		7:00 Raleigh Open				
			1:05 Open \$3						
Mon 26 Dec	9:30 799	Al	1:00 299 \$3	Al	6:30 Wilmington Open	Marie			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Tues 27 Dec	9:30 799	Gloria	1:00 299 \$3	Gloria	6:45 Raleigh 500	John T			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3		7:00 Raleigh Open				
			1:05 Open \$3						
Wed 28 Dec	9:30 799	Lisa	1:00 299 \$3	Ben	7:00 Macon Open	David			
	9:35 Cary Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Thurs 29 Dec	9:30 799	Al	1:00 299 \$3	Gloria					
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Fri 30 Dec	9:30 799	Barbara	1:00 299 \$3	Ella					
	9:35 Vanderbilt Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Sat 31 Dec	9:30 799	Ben	1:00 299 \$3	Ben					
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$3						
			1:05 Open \$3						
Sun 1 Jan	9:30 799	John P	1:00 299 \$??	Al	6:45 Raleigh 500	Jay			
	9:35 Open		1:03 799 \$??		7:00 Raleigh Open				
			1:05 Open \$??						

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Changes
Afternoon Games \$ 3.00
299, 799, and Open Game Every Afternoon
599 Morning Games changed to 799

Every Day at 8:08
Every Day at 12:00
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