

We're happy you've come to play and we hope you enjoy the festive spirit! Our Hospitality and Tournament committees have worked hard to make sure this tournament provides good bridge and good fun.

The schedule includes **4 days of Bracketed Teams, 5 days of Gold Rush Pairs or Teams, Open Pairs, Fast Pairs and Flighted Pairs and Teams**. All of these provide players with an opportunity to win tons of Gold Points. If you want to challenge yourself against some of the best players in the world (or at least at this tournament), try the **Truscott Board-A-Match**. Our Newcomer schedule features the 2nd annual two-session **Countess Cup** on Friday, named for **Margie Gwozdzinsky**, a New York legend. Daily **side games** are at Honors. See last page for details.

As this is a year-end regional, there will be extra excitement as many 2019 races will be decided:

- GNYBA member **Joe Grue** who set the all-time record in last year's ACBL **Barry Crane Top 500 Race** is in contention to win it again this year.
- We don't limit the **GNYBA Player of the Year** races to GNYBA members (see page 3). Going into the regional, New Yorker **Glenn Robbins** is tied for the lead with New Englander **Lloyd Averdon**. Many other players are in the running including Italian super star, **Alfredo Versace** who could win with a first place in the **Truscott BAM** and some other good results. The race will likely be settled by the BAM.
- See page 4 for GNYBA **Mini McKenney** standings. Many of the races will be determined this week.

### Prizes and Surprises

This year, in addition to oodles of candy, stickers, Daily Bulletins and a Restaurant Guide, we have a number of extra ways to win. Here are just a few....

- Twice-daily door prizes – buy an entry to play and you are automatically eligible for the daily drawings for Starbucks and Amazon gift cards.
- \$100 for the top master point winners in each of these masterpoint ranges: 0-300, 300-750, and 750-2,000.
- Registration Gifts for players with 0-100 Masterpoints – if you're a newcomer, come to the Newcomer Desk. We want to meet you.
- Trophies to the winners of **The Countess Cup**
- GNYBA scrip for Section Tops
- Frequent Player Drawing – if you have no more than 2000 masterpoints and play 5 or more sessions at the Hilton, your name will be entered into a drawing for \$100 in free entries to any future GNYBA regional
- Cash and other awards for winning featured events –
- 12/26 – **Mid-Flight Pairs** - \$100 to the overall winning pair
- 12/27 – **Gold Rush Pairs** - \$100 to the overall winners
- 12/28 – **Stratified Open Pairs** - \$50 to the overall winners in flight A, B, and C
- 12/29 – **Mid-Flight Teams** - \$120 to the first place team
- 12/30 – **Bracketed Swiss** - \$120 to the first place team in the lowest bracket

We have some other tricks up our collective sleeve for the tournament, so stay tuned. Read the Daily Bulletins and if you have questions, drop by the Hospitality, Newcomer and Partnership Desks. People will be there every day a half hour before the morning and afternoon sessions.

Have a great tournament! Win some points and make some friends. If you have questions, compliments or complaints, stop by the hospitality desk or see any board member.

Bonnie Gellas  
Hospitality Chair

Steve Levine  
Tournament Chair

David Moss  
GNYBA President

### JUST FOR NEWCOMERS

New to tournaments? We will have a Newcomer Desk for players with 0-99 points. When you come to play, just look for the Newcomer banner. There will be a GNYBA volunteer there to step you through the registration process and get you settled for the game. You will also receive a special newcomer gift as our welcome. And, you'll be eligible for the daily door prize drawings. Single session games are \$22.50. The Countess Cup is \$22.50 per session.

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees at the Hilton are \$22.50 per person, per session - \$4.00 additional for unpaid ACBL members. ACBL player number required for play. Undergraduate college students or younger play for FREE. Credit cards may be used to purchase entries. See Side Game information on back page for fees at Honors.

## ZERO TOLERANCE

The GNYBA hosts competitive events, but players expect to have a congenial experience. We follow the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy. Please report rude or abusive behavior to the directors.

## FRAGRANCES

Many of our players have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Strong fragrances can cause real health issues. The GNYBA asks that its players be conscious of the needs of fellow players and not wear cologne, perfume and scented lotions.

## SCORES & RESULTS

Posted nightly on ACBL Live. See [acbl.org](http://acbl.org) or [gnyba.org](http://gnyba.org). Note that score corrections must be reported in person to a director at the tournament. Results are mailed out to each player by ACBL Live. If you do not receive these emails, check your profile in "MyACBL" on [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org).

## PHOTOGRAPHS

We are pleased to work with FastResults.com to issue electronic copies of the Daily Bulletin delivered to your email account each day. Make sure your current email address is on file with the ACBL if you want to receive these.

Even if you haven't won a Team Bracket or a Section Top –YET, we would love to add your photo to our photo library. Please email a photo (headshot) along with your ACBL# to [help@thecommongame.com](mailto:help@thecommongame.com).

## PERMITTED CONVENTIONS

2018 ACBL convention charts are in effect.

## PARTNERSHIP

Stop by the partnership desk to find a partner or teammates for today's or future day events. You can also send a note to [partnersGNYBA@gmail.com](mailto:partnersGNYBA@gmail.com).

## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

**Gold Rush Pairs** Two Session Pair event limited to players with less than 750 masterpoints. It is stratified in two groups. Pairs with an average of over 300 mps are in Stratum A, under 300 is Stratum B. Both strata play together but placings are determined for each stratum. Pairs receive gold points for winning their section in Stratum A in either session or by placing in the Stratum A overalls.

**Stratified Open Pairs** Open to any pair. There are three strata based on average masterpoints, 0-1500, 1500-3000 and 3000+. Gold Points are awarded for section tops and two-session overalls by Stratum.

**Flighted Pairs** There will be 3 separate flights in the Thursday pair games:

**Gold Rush Pairs** – No player above 750 points

**Mid Flight Pairs** – No player above 3000 points

**Open (A/X) Flight** - Open to all

There are two strata within each flight. See back page.

**Side Game Series** (Played at Honors – See schedule on back page) Single Session stratified pair games 0-750, 750-2000, and 2000+. Red points awarded for each session. Gold Points are awarded to individuals who play more than one session in the series and rank in the series overalls. Also, points won for winning the top stratum of a section become Gold if the player plays at least one more session in the series.

**Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams** 4, 5 or 6 person teams are divided into brackets by average masterpoints. Brackets typically have 8 teams with each team playing a 7- board match against each other team in their bracket. IMP differential for each match is converted to Victory Points (20 pt. scale). Overalls for the bracket are determined by total VPs. For 8 team brackets, Gold points are awarded to the top 3 teams in each bracket. The top or another bracket may be run as a Swiss depending on the number of entrants. Teams may request to play in the top bracket regardless of their masterpoints.

**Horizontal Fast Pairs** Two session stratified pair game held Thursday and Friday at 7:15pm. Pairs have approximately 5 minutes to complete a board. The game should end by 9:45pm.

**Truscott Board-A-Match** This is the GNYBA's premier team event of the year. Each team plays a series of matches against other teams. Each board is scored win, loss or tie. Roughly the top half of the field on Saturday will qualify for the Sunday final.

**Flighted Swiss Teams** Teams play Swiss matches against only the teams in their flight. There are three flights:

**Gold Rush Teams** – no player above 750 points

**Mid Flight Teams** - no player above 3000 points

**Open (A/X) Teams** - Open to all

There are two strata within each flight. See back page.

**Fast Pairs** This is an open stratified two session event played Monday at 10:30am and 1:30pm. The game should end by 4:00pm. Players will have approximately 5 minutes to complete a board. You will find that this leads to a very pleasant game. Most players seem to be able to think as much as they usually do. You just have to skip the post mortem.

**The Countess Cup** Two session pair game limited to players with under 100 master points. Pairs may play in one or both sessions. Players must play with the same partner in both sessions to be eligible for overall awards and trophy. Stratified at director's discretion.

# 2019 GNYBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## STANDINGS AS OF NOVEMBER 2019

GNYBA Player of the Year		Team Player of the Year		The Bob Factor Flight B Player of the Year				
1	Lloyd Arvedon	202	1	Joe Grue	100	1	Robert Forster	125
2	Glenn Robbins	202	2	John Hurd	100	2	Stefano Merlo	125
3	John Hurd	155	3	Kent Mignocchi	100	3	Ettore Bianchi	75
4	Gillian Minitier	155	4	Gillian Minitier	100	4	Yoko Sobel	75
5	Joel Wooldridge	150	5	Joel Wooldridge	100	5	Siqing Yu	74
6	R Jay Becker	121	6	Mustafa Cem Tokay	87	6	E Melnick	68
7	Hjordis Eythorsdottir	121	7	Lynne Koeppel	87	7	M Melnick	68
8	Kent Mignocchi	121	8	Lorenzo Lauria	87	8	Ruth Fleischmann	67
9	Alfredo Versace	109	9	Alfredo Versace	87	9	Leonardo Fruscoloni	67
10	Adam Wildavsky	108.2	10	Daniel Lev	55.2	10	David Yoon	57
11	Joe Grue	100	11	Sam Lev	55.2	11	Warren Chang	55
12	Sam Ehrilchman	94	12	Michael Polowan	55.2	12	Jeffrey Millman	51
13	Richard Popper	94	13	Adam Wildavsky	55.2	13	Jacqueline Chang	41
14	Mustafa Cem Tokay	87	14	Alison Wilson	55.2	14	Robert Barrington	38
15	Lynne Koeppel	87	15	Omer Ekinci	25	15	Michael Berkowitz	38
16	Lorenzo Lauria	87	16	Cenk Tuncok	25	16	Jess Jurkovic	38
17	Jeffrey Rothstein	68	17	Stephannie Culbertson	19	17	Sherry Ann Kavalier	38
18	Richard Zucker	67	18	Nathan Gindi	19	18	Paul Kirby	38
19	David Moss	57	19	Jin Hu	19	19	Lynne Koeppel	38
20	Daniel Lev	55.2	20	David Moss	19	20	Betty Levin	38
21	Sam Lev	55.2	21	Igor Savchenko	19	21	Beverly Pogoda Meyers	38
22	Michael Polowan	55.2	22	Peter Trenka	19	22	David Robinson	38
23	Alison Wilson	55.2	23	John Adams	6	23	Gail Schargel	38
24	Stephen Nellissen	53	24	Lizabeth Adams	6	24	Stephanie Weisberg	37.5
25	Andrew Rosenthal	50	25	T. Andino	6	25	Charles Bilich	33.6
26	Aaron Silverstein	50	26	Kim Coleman	6	26	Abbott Feren	33.6
27	Walter Lee	40	27	Deborah Crisfield	6	27	Michael Krevor	33.6
28	Alex Perlin	40	28	Isaac Stephani	6	28	Dina Schechter	33.6
29	Paul Bethe	38				29	Norman Trabulus	33.6
30	Jason Ciano	38				30	Matthew Gordon	33
31	Pamela Furtsch	38				31	Samuel Amer	29
32	Thomas Rozinski	38				32	Hank Cortsen	29
33	Russell Samuel	38				33	Martin Deneroff	29
34	Jeff Hand	34				34	Valerie Vaughn	29
35	Linda Rothstein	30				35	Raluca Dobrescu	29
36	Brian Glubok	29				36	Amit Duvshani	29
37	Nancy Katz	29				37	Marilyn Fedak	29
38	Gail Schargel	29				38	Paul Frean	29
39	Walter Schenker	29				39	Karen Green	29
40	Melanie Tucker	29				40	Samuel Guzzardo	29
41	David Yoon	29				41	Jeanne Hanrahan	29
42	Robert Kuhnreich	28				42	Jin Hu	29
43	Elliot Sternlicht	28				43	Alan Kudisch	29
44	Omer Ekinci	25				44	David Lin	29
45	Cenk Tuncok	25				45	Mark Oettinger	29
46	David Adler	22				46	Ida Parks	29
47	Vera Carpenter	22				47	David Parsons	29
48	Rashid Khan	22				48	Victor Poon	29
49	Rozanne Pollack	22				49	Marsha Porcell	29
50	William Pollack	22				50	Fran Posnick	29
51	Stephannie Culbertson	19				51	David Sloane	29
52	Nathan Gindi	19				52	Kitty Stanton	29
53	Jin Hu	19				53	Leslie Weisbrod	29
54	Igor Savchenko	19				54	Ronald Weiss	29
55	Peter Trenka	19				55	Frank Dinoff	28
						56	Christopher Rivera	28

# 2019 GNYBA MINI-McKENNEY RACES

## 0 to 5

Rank	Player	Points
1	Barbara Schwartz	56.57
2	Sharon Trocher	31.41
3	Pei Lin	29.31
4	Laszlo Seress	24.18
5	Sara Bayone	22.93

## 5 to 20

Rank	Player	Points
1	Andrew Dyson	104.37
2	Wendy Wen	101.52
3	Judy Goodman	39.86
4	Joshua Allen	30.51
5	Danielle Tawil	28.21

## 20 to 50

Rank	Player	Points
1	Edward Kaufmann	82.87
2	Bingjie Wang	52.08
3	Patrick Questembert	50.72
4	Eileen Lostetter	40.54
5	Barry Fishkin	38.68

## 50 to 100

Rank	Player	Points
1	Catherine Williams	134.68
2	Brooke Cohen	115.65
3	Ida Parks	100.52
4	Adam Siegel	68.71
5	Peter Bakstansky	67.38

## 100 to 200

Rank	Player	Points
1	Lee Lin	196.32
2	Nicole Hudak	192.97
3	Katherine Todd	159.48
4	John Wilson	149.12
5	Frank Dinoff	120.61

## 200 to 300

Rank	Player	Points
1	J. E. Scherl	111.91
2	Nancy Calomiris	108.21
3	Audrey Meredith	92.32
4	Michael Destefanis	77.44
5	Yolanda Rudich	71.36

## 300 to 500

Rank	Player	Points
1	Ruth Fleischmann	325.14
2	Melissa Fawer	185.38
3	Karen Robbins	146.1
4	Madeline Cohn	128.45
5	Mee Warren	117.44

## 500 to 1000

Rank	Player	Points
1	Siqing Yu	327.51
2	Leslie Weisbrod	246.84
3	Jordan Lampe	219.11
4	Stanley Sterenberg	209.45
5	Mark Mariaschin	195.75

## 1000 to 1500

Rank	Player	Points
1	Daniel Lev	576.05
2	Yoko Sobel	461.8
3	Amy Rhodes	328.98
4	Ettore Bianchi	279.27
5	Shlomit Rind	191.57

## 1500 to 2500

Rank	Player	Points
1	Samuel Amer	522.53
2	David Yoon	371.97
3	Lynne Koeppel	351.81
4	Raluca Dobrescu	286.43
5	Margie Cole	240.09

## 2500 to 3500

Rank	Player	Points
1	Leonardo Fruscoloni	404.59
2	Giorgia Botta	360.05
3	Jess Jurkovic	206.03
4	Beverly Pogoda Meyers	200.91
5	Stephen Levine	182.51

## 3500 to 5000

Rank	Player	Points
1	Gillian Minter	1,455.67
2	Sharon Goldman	705.81
3	Jack Alhale	281.17
4	Adam Parrish	241.74
5	Omer Ekinci	236.46

## 5000 to 7500

Rank	Player	Points
1	Radu Nistor	918.29
2	Lynda Nitabach	815.47
3	David Moss	315.71
4	Lew Walter	290.11
5	Justine Cushing	282.30

## 7500 to 10,000

Rank	Player	Points
1	Susan Schnelwar	691.85
2	Barry Rigal	550.63
3	Michael Lipkin	440.81
4	David Gurvich	388.74
5	Peter Trenka	387.07

## Over 10,000

Rank	Player	Points
1	Joe Grue	2,090.30
2	John Hurd	1,676.72
3	Joel Wooldridge	1,540.56
4	Steve Weinstein	1,189.63
5	Glenn Robbins	1,044.49

*All Point Totals as of the December 6th Cycle*

# GNYBA ANNUAL MEETING

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2020

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Greater New York Bridge Association will be held on Friday, December 27th at 2:30 p.m. at the Big Apple Winter Regional for the purpose of electing candidates to the Board of Directors for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2020. The GNYBA Nominating Committee has selected the following new candidates to a one-year term:

Lee Lin	Joe Meyers	Jacqlyn Wank
Mark Mariaschin	Norman Trabelus	

In the absence of petition candidates, this slate will join the following continuing (completing a 2-year term) and returning (starting a new 2-year term) Directors to comprise the GNYBA Board of Directors for 2020:

Vicki Apter*	Francine Levine**	Jeffrey Rothstein*
Jeff Bayone**	Steve Levine**	Allison Rudary**
Devi Garber*	Richard Marchione**	William Sigward*
Bonnie Gellas**	Gillian Minitzer*	Aaron Silverstein*
Uday Ivatury**	Rachael Moller**	Katherine Todd*
Jin Hu**	David Moss*	Gail Wallach*
Barbara Kimmel**	Adam Parrish**	Mee Warren*
Philip Lentz**	Amy Rhodes*	Leslie Weisbrod**
	Andrew Rosenthal**	

Starting a new Two-year Term \*      Completing Two-year Term \*\*

The Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2020:

President	Bonnie Gellas
Administrative Vice Presidents	Gillian Minitzer
	Adam Parrish
Secretary	William Sigward
Treasurer	Jeffrey Rothstein
Tournament Chair	Steve Levine

## 2020 Grand National Teams – District 24 Final

### Qualify for GNT Final at Montreal, Canada - Win GOLD Points

The Grand National Teams is played each year at the summer NABC. Teams qualify for the finals at the NABC by district. District 24 consists of the GNYBA (New York City) and the NSBA (Long Island). To determine the team representing District 24 in each of the four flights, the District is holding opening rounds on the dates below.

Surviving teams advance to semi-finals. Team captains will schedule head-to-head matches to determine the teams that will represent District 24 at the Summer 2020 NABC in Montreal.

All players must be residents of District 24 as of Sept 1, 2019. Players may play in multiple flights in the qualifying rounds but may only represent the district at the national level in one.

**All opening rounds (2-session): 11:00 am at Honors Bridge Club: 133 East 58th Street**

Card fees will be \$100 per team per session.

#### Championship (Open) Flight – Unlimited Masterpoints

Opening Round – Saturday, February 22nd

Semi-Final – Sunday, February 23rd

<p><b>Flight A – 0-6000 MPs</b></p> <p>Opening Round Sunday, March 1</p> <p>1st Place: 40 Gold Points 2nd Place: 30 Gold Points</p>	<p><b>Flight B – 0-2500 MPs</b></p> <p>Opening Round Sunday, February 23</p> <p>1st Place: 33.5 Gold Points \$1,000 Team Subsidy 2nd Place: 25 Gold Points</p>	<p><b>Flight C – Non-LM, &lt;500 MPs</b></p> <p>Opening Round March 1</p> <p>1st Place: 20 Gold/Red Points* \$1,000 Team Subsidy 2nd Place: 15 Gold/Red Points</p>
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- In **Flights B & C only**, the top TWO teams will be eligible for the NABC final if the Opening Round has 8 or more teams.

- Teams that elect not to play in the NABC final will receive the Masterpoint awards but not the travel subsidy.

\* Masterpoint awards assume at least 6 teams in the opening round

**Club qualification is no longer required for any flight.**

Complete Conditions of Contest are at [www.gnyba.org](http://www.gnyba.org)  
GNT Coordinator: Amy Rhodes [amrhodes913@gmail.com](mailto:amrhodes913@gmail.com); 917 587 5375

# REGIONAL EVENTS AT THE HILTON

New York Mid Town Hilton (212) 586-7000  
1335 6th Avenue (Between 53rd and 54th)  
3rd Floor – Grand Ball Room  
See [gnyba.org](http://gnyba.org) for more information

## Thursday, December 26, 2019

Newcomer Pairs 10:30  
Flighted Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
A/X Pairs  
Mid Flight Pairs  
Gold Rush Pairs  
Bktd Round Robin Swiss Teams (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & TBA  
Expert Lecture: **Zach Grossack - Doubles** 2:30  
Strat Horizontal Fast Pairs (1 of 2) 7:15

## Friday, December 27, 2019

The Countess Cup 0-100 Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Gold Rush Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Bktd Round Robin Swiss Teams (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & TBA  
Expert Lecture: **Joe Byrnes - Hand Reviews** 2:30  
Strat Horizontal Fast Pairs (2 of 2) 7:15

## Saturday, December 28, 2019

Newcomer Pairs 10:30  
Gold Rush Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Truscott Open B-A-M (1&2 of 4) 10:30 & 3:00  
*Two Qualifying Sessions*  
Bktd Round Robin Swiss Teams (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & TBA  
Expert Lecture: **Adam Parrish - Being a good partner** 2:30

## Sunday, December 29, 2019

Newcomer Pairs 10:30  
Stratified Open Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Truscott Open B-A-M (3&4 of 4) 10:30 & 3:00  
*Two Final Sessions*  
Flighted Swiss Teams (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
A/X Swiss Teams  
Mid Flight Swiss Teams  
Gold Rush Swiss Teams  
Expert Lecture: **Giorgia Botto - TBD** 2:30

## Monday, December 30, 2019

Stratified Open Fast Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 1:30  
Gold Rush Pairs (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & 3:00  
Bktd Round Robin Swiss Teams (1&2 of 2) 10:30 & TBA  
Expert Lecture: **David Yoon - New Minor Force** 2:30

## SIDE GAMES AT HONORS

All single session side games will be played at  
**Honors Bridge Club**

133 E 58th St (At Lexington Ave) 14th Floor  
(212) 230-1230 [honorsbridge@gmail.com](mailto:honorsbridge@gmail.com)  
See [honorsbridgeclub.org](http://honorsbridgeclub.org) for more info.

Side games are at 1:00pm each day and include a meal before the session. Card fees are \$35 per session Thursday, Friday and Monday; \$30 on Saturday and Sunday. A player's two best scores will count towards overalls with Gold Points available.

## STRATIFICATION

Stratification is based on average MP pair or team.

### Stratified Open Pairs:

A (3000+) B (1500-3000) C (0-1500)

### Side Games:

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

**Gold Rush Events: (No player above 750 MPs)**  
(300-750) (0-300)

**Mid Flight: (fewer than 3000 MPs)**

B (1500-3000) C (0-1500)

**Open Flight A (5000+) X (0-5000)**

## New Dates in 2020!!!!

**Both New York City Regionals will have  
new dates in 2020**

Spring: Monday May 25 (Memorial Day) - Saturday May 30

Winter: Sunday November 8 - Friday November 13

Both tournaments will be held at the NY Midtown Hilton

Details and schedule will be on our web site [www.gnyba.org](http://www.gnyba.org) or visit us on Facebook (GNYBA) [www.gnyba.org](http://www.gnyba.org) or refer to ads in the Bulletin