



Tournament Report

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Hello from your District 21 Tournament Chairs!

Spring is in the air! Hoping this finds you well and that you are enjoying the good weather and planning for your next big regional event.

CALIFORNIA CAPITAL REGIONAL (Sacramento)

Double Tree by Hilton – 2001 Point West Way – Sacramento CA 95815

Monday, May 25 – Sunday, May 31, 2026

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 24! +

To change the date range while booking: Click the **Edit Stay** button at the top right side of the page, add the dates you actually want, and then click **Update**

NOTE: The flyer hotel prices advertise \$134/\$169 but we have since been advised that a mandatory city fee is now displayed and the rates show \$140/\$177. Additional taxes will also be applied at booking. Higher priced rooms are in the Cal Expo wing which are slightly larger and closer to the ballrooms. They sell out quickly.

Tournament highlights include Bracketed Pairs (Wednesday), Newcomer Game (Thursday), IMP Pairs (Friday) and California Capital Swiss Teams (Saturday/Sunday). Come hear our Speaker Series invaluable information.

- Wear layered clothing. Much as we try to manage the room temperature, the ballroom air conditioning may be uneven and slow to respond.
- Game registration is credit card only – no cash payments!
- If you want a headshot photo linked to your name so it will appear in the online Daily Bulletin, send the photo to Help@TheCommonGame.com, with your ACBL# in the subject line.
- If you are not staying at the hotel, there is a parking lot behind the hotel and an entrance into the downstairs area where the California Ballroom is located. From there you can go upstairs to the Grand Ballroom. An elevator is available.
- We need volunteers to help with the partnership desk and welcome/prize desk. Please sign up if you have some extra time [Click here for California Capital Regional Volunteer Sign Up](#)



Useful links:

[California Capital Flyer](#)

[DoubleTree by Hilton Reservations](#)

[California Capital Partnership Desk](#)

[California Capital Volunteer Sign Up](#)

ALL WESTERN REGIONAL (Santa Clara)

Hyatt Regency – 5101 Great America Pkwy – Santa Clara CA 95054

Tuesday, Sept 1 – Monday, Sept 8, 2026

Come enjoy the California Bay Area sunshine and wide diversity of cuisine. Easy access from San Jose Airport (SJC) and 30 miles from either San Francisco Airport (SFO) or Oakland Airport (OAK). Hosted by the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, games will be back in the large downstairs ballroom.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!

[All Western Regional Flyer](#)

[Hyatt Regency Santa Clara Reservations](#)

[Partnership Desk](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

RENO/SPARKS REGIONAL (Sparks, NV)

Nugget Resort & Casino – 1100 Nugget Avenue – Sparks NV 89431

Monday, October 12 – Sunday, October 18, 2026

MONTEREY CLAMBAKE REGIONAL

Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa - One Old Golf Course Road - Monterey, CA 39340

Monday, January 4 – Sunday, January 10, 2027

Q&A: Here are some answers to questions received lately.

What happened to the side game series? The side game series were not garnering sufficient attendance to run most days. Instead, we now allow attendees to play single sessions, either morning or afternoon, in all of the pair games.

What if you want to play only one session? Single session attendance is allowed in all games. You can sign up in any of the pair games in either the first or second session

What are Bracketed Pairs? Bracketed Pairs is a new game format designed by the ACBL that attempts to “flatten” out the competition. Normally pairs are restricted by either player’s masterpoints (mp), providing games such as 299rs (under 300 mp), Gold Rush (under 750), Midflight (under 3000), and Open (no mp restriction). In the Bracketed Pairs game, all pairs register for the same game and then



pairs are split into sections of 8 or 9 tables by total masterpoints. This way pairs play only against other players with approximately the same masterpoints.

Mark your calendar! We are working on special events for Intermediate and New players, so bring your friends that are just learning to play.

Here are some useful links:

www.d21acbl.org the District 21 website for links to flyers (with schedule, volunteer and partnership desks) and for all other District 21 information

[D21TournamentDirectory](#) has a list of all District 21 tournament events (**NEW***) Tournaments.acbl.org is the national ACBL website tournament directory

We look forward to a great year of bridge and hope you will join us.

Look forward to seeing you across the table,

Brenda & Anne

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