

February at BAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Take A Closer Look At Tuesday Afternoons in February All Triple & Double Pt Games</p> <p>POINTS! POINTS! POINTS!</p>		<p>February is Junior Fund Month!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥</p> <p>EVERY GAME Double Pts, Triple Pts, or National Bonus Pts!</p>	<p>1 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 NEW! Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>2 9:30 Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>12:30 NEW! Double Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Double Pt 49er Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>3 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt Monthly Open Swiss & 499er Swiss</p>	<p>4 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>
<p>5 1:30 Double Pt Open Prs 1:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 1:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p> <p>Super Bowl Sunday!</p>	<p>6 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>7 9:30 NEW! Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs Up-Club Championship 12:30 Triple Pt Open Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 49ers Prs Trophies & Pictures! 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>8 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 NEW! Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>9 9:30 Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs 12:30 Double Open Prs</p> <p>12:30 NEW! Double Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Double Pt 49er Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>10 12:30 No Games Arlington Sectional</p>	<p>11 12:30 No Games Arlington Sectional</p>
<p>12 1:30 No Games Arlington Sectional</p>	<p>13 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>14 HAPPY ♥ DAY!</p> <p>9:30 NEW! Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs</p> <p>12:30 ICCG Open Prs National Overall Pts</p> <p>12:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Double Pt 49ers Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>15 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 NEW! Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>16 9:30 Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs 12:30 NEW! Double Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Double Pt 49er Prs 6:30 Unit Double Pt Unit Swiss Open/499 Teams</p>	<p>17 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>18 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>
<p>19 1:30 Unit Double Points 299er & 49er Prs</p> <p>Pictures & Trophies Unit Free Plays For Winners!</p>	<p>20 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>21 9:30 NEW! Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs Club Membership 12:30 Triple Pt Open Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 49ers Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>22 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 NEW! Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>23 9:30 Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs 12:30 ICCG Open Prs National Overall Pts 12:30 NEW! Double Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Double Pt 49er Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>24 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>25 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>
<p>26 1:30 Double Pt Open Prs 1:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 1:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>27 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>28 9:30 NEW! Double Pt Newcomer 0-20 Prs GNT Fundraiser 12:30 Triple Pt Open Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 299er Prs 12:30 Triple Pt 49ers Prs 6:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p>	<p>29 12:30 Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 NEW! Double Pt Open Prs</p> <p>6:30 Double Pt 299er Prs 6:30 Double Pt 49er Prs</p>	<p>BPM Play Free Tues 0-20 Prs 9:30am Wed Open Prs 6:30pm Thurs 299er & 49er 12:30pm Check out the BPM webpage for other FREE Plays!</p>	<p>♥ ♥ New Games ♥ ♥ in ♥ February ♥ 0-20 Prs—Tuesday at 9:30am Open Prs—Wednesday at 6:30pm 299er & 49er Prs—Thursday at 12:30pm</p>	

February Top Tips

When giving partner a ruff, the card you lead is a suit preference card telling partner which suit to return after the ruff.

The return of a relatively high spot card asks for a return in the higher ranking of the two remaining suits. A return of your lowest card asks for a return in the lower ranking of the two remaining suits. The return of a middle card is designed to drive partner crazy. It actually means you have no preference.

When drawing trump try to keep a flexible entry position after trumps are drawn.

Ideally you want to be able to enter dummy in the trump suit and also be able to enter your hand with a trump. Say you have the KQJ432 and dummy has the A105. If you play the ace and king, you have an entry to dummy with the 10 and you can get back to your hand by overtaking the 10. If you play the KQ, you block the trump suit. You can get to dummy with the ace, but you can't get back to your hand with a trump.

A good idea when playing Blackwood is to count the king of the agreed suit as an ace! This is called 'Key Card Blackwood'. When using this convention do not contract for slam unless you have at least four of the five 'aces'.

Duplicate Etiquette at BAND

MANNERS ARE IMPORTANT Greet your opponents at the beginning of the round and smile! At the end of the round, they are still your friends...

SILENCE IS GOLDEN Conversation stops when you remove your hand from the board.

THINK BEFORE YOU TOUCH Once you have decided on a bid in your mind, then use your hand to choose the bid from the box.

Don't let your fingers do your thinking!

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE Once the auction is complete, make your opening lead and table the dummy before you write the contract in your private score.

Remember to lead face down!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CURRENT ROUND...STAYS IN THE CURRENT ROUND

Once the round is finished, you may then discuss hands from the current round. Refrain from discussion between hands. Hands from previous rounds should never be discussed in front of the new opponents.

YOUR MOTHER'S RULE If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!

HAVE FUN! At the end of the day, we are all here to meet new friends and to have a good time. Enjoy...

February Special Events

February is Junior Fund Month—Double/Triple Points Every Session!
\$4 per table is donated to the ACBL Junior Fund which supplements junior players in international competitions.

Monthly Friday Night Swiss—Open & 499er—February 3rd at 6:30pm
Friday Night Swiss—Open and 499er Events...Double Points & Lots of FUN!

Upgraded Club Championship Pairs—Triple Points!

This is a special game awarded to **BAND** (by the ACBL) for membership recruitment. The winners of Strata A, B and C receive trophies and have their pictures placed in the Winner's Circle at **BAND** and on the website. Triple points are awarded!

GNT Fund Raiser Open Pairs—Triple Points!

This is a monthly game to raise funds for D16 GNT teams to participate in the NABC Finals! \$4 per table goes to this fund. Triple Black Points are awarded.

Club Membership Games—Triple Points!

This game may be played once a year per sanctioned event. Its purpose is to thank the ACBL Membership for their support of the game. Triple Black Points are awarded.

299er & 49er Monthly Unit Game—Double Points!

On the Third Sunday of this month, BAND hosts the Unit **299er & 49er** Games. Trophies, Pictures and Unit Free Plays are awarded to the top pairs in each strata. Points are awarded towards the Unit Mini-Mac Masterpoint Race.

Inter-Club Championships—National Bonus Points!

Play bridge with your friends and then score against all of the other participating clubs. Win club points at local level and triple points at national level. Overalls based on ~150+ tables! Last national winners won over ~10 points!

299er, 49er & 0-20 Games

BAND's goal is to cater to the up-n-coming players to nurture the spirit of the game: To play each hand to the best of one's ability; to recognize good play by the opponents; and to treat each and every player as a friend. To this end, BAND offers many different types of events throughout the week including 299er, 49er and 0-20 games. The games are supervised with mini-lesson 30 minutes prior to game time.

No Partner necessary. Contact Kathy for a partner today!

Quarterly "8 Is Enough" Team Game—Saturday, April 14th

This Quarterly "8 Is Enough" Mentor/Mentee Team event starts at 12:30. A light lunch is provided for all participants at 11:30pm. Players with 300+ masterpoints pay 1/2 price! Deadline for signing up is April 4th so that Mentors and Mentees may be paired up prior to the day of the event. You are welcome to put your own team together.

**A=300+; 100-300; C=0-100 A=3 points; B=2 points; C=1 Point
A Teams = 8 Points; B Teams = 6-7 Points; C Teams = 4-5 Points**