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# District 25

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Regional-level bridge will be returning to Nashua, NH, June 11-16 at the familiar site shown at the right. The Sheraton Nashua hotel is conveniently located one mile from the Massachusetts border, just off of Route 3. The tournament has a wide-range of events that should appeal to nearly everyone. Its schedule can be viewed at



[https://calendar.nebridge.org/media/userdocs/2024/05/08/NASHUASchedule24\\_May07.pdf](https://calendar.nebridge.org/media/userdocs/2024/05/08/NASHUASchedule24_May07.pdf).

My job at the tournament is to promote the Pro-Am game on Friday evening. This has been made somewhat easier by the creative schedule for that date that definitely has something for everyone:

- \* The knockouts start on Thursday. Everyone who participates will have made a commitment to play on Friday.
- \* An Open Swiss will accommodate players who prefer to play teams.
- \* A brand new GOLDen Granite Pairs will allow all those who prefer pairs to play against opponents with a comparable level of experience.

I hope that you agree with me that the tournament in Nashua is worth attending and that the best day is Friday. Moreover, the best event IMHO will be in the evening.

On a Saturday evening six years ago an astoundingly successful event was staged at this hotel. It was called a "Pro-Am". Every pair in the event included at least one non-Life Master. My wife and I were among the 84 people who attended, and we all had a good time. Judge for yourself:



At 7:30 on Friday evening another Pro-Am will be held at the same site. The rules will be slightly different. Anyone who is **not a Life Master and has less than 750 masterpoints** will be considered an "Am" and can pair up with anyone. In addition, any two non-Life Masters can play together even if one or both of them have more than 750 points.

This is an opportunity for Pros such as yourself to give a little back to bridge while enjoying the world's greatest card game in a somewhat relaxed atmosphere. I have attended every Pro-Am that District 25 has sponsored in the last fifteen years, and I heartily recommend the format.

You can, of course, find your own partner; in fact, I hope that you do. My wife Sue and I are in charge of matching up Pros and Ams. If you need a partner or have questions, I can be reached by replying to this email or at [Mike@Wavada.org](mailto:Mike@Wavada.org). Sue's email address is [ChaChaSue@AOL.com](mailto:ChaChaSue@AOL.com). Her BBO handle is chachasuew. We also plan to solicit participants all week at a table near the tournament's partnership and information area.

The evening will have a Hawaiian flavor. If you spent all day dealing with 5-0 splits, you can be excused for looking for a good lei in the evening. Nashua is not exactly famous for bodacious waves or hula dancing, but I have been assured that there will be enough leis for everyone playing in the Pro-Am. There will also be tasty Hawaiian treats, but NO POI!

Two personal notes:

\* We can definitely use some help with the manning (or womaning) of the Pro-Am table. Please notify us if you can lend a hand.

\* Sue has claimed that because New England's Ams outnumber the Pros by more than two-to-one more Ams will want to play. I feel certain that more than enough Pros will embrace the opportunity to help advancing players to overcome the membership disparity. We made a friendly wager on the subject. **Please help me win!**



Mike Wavada  
Pro-Am Chairman