

Finger Lakes Regional Speakers

Hampton Inn – Keuka Breeze Restaurant

Monday – June 8 – 9 AM

“Branching out, experience the challenge of tournament play!”

Sally Swing

After retiring from a 40-year career in nursing, Sally found herself living in Florida and challenged by the great game of duplicate bridge. Her bridge journey of mentoring and facilitating others to learn this remarkable game started in Syracuse in the 80's when her husband gave her lessons with Bill Barrington. As family and work allowed, holidays were typically spent at Rochester Regional or Sectional events, and Thanksgivings at the NABC. There was always a wise sage offering words of wisdom at the tournaments and she would come away with many new tools to add to her convention card.

Sally returned to Central NY in 2025 and is passionate about being an advocate for the game of bridge. Not all bridge players find the stimulation of a duplicate game appealing and opt for a more social environment. She encourages all to join a bridge group and participate in a local tournament. You will make friends for life and *NEVER* stop learning!

Tuesday – June 9 – 9 AM

“Save the Entries”

Ala Hamilton-Day

Ala is a Diamond Life Master and an avid face-to-face bridge player. A familiar sight at tournaments as the one wearing the hat, she currently serves as President of District 4 and as a member of the Board of Directors of Delaware Unit 190. She has taught bridge at numerous locations but stopped teaching to do pro bono legal work. She enjoys dark chocolate and black coffee and welcomes you to this great tournament.

Wednesday – June 10 – 9 AM

“Takeout Doubles and Advancing TO Double”

John Dickenson

John is a bridge player and instructor from the Philadelphia area. He began playing bridge at age 10 when his best friend’s mother had one of her foursomes call in ill and he was pressed into service.

He is an Emerald Life Master with nearly 9000 points and has been an ACBL certified teacher since 2007. He has one National title, the Non-Life Master Swiss teams in Toronto in 1986 and multiple Regional wins. He is a member of the American Bridge Teachers Association and has served on club, unit and district boards, as well as the ACBL Advisory Council.

John is a cofounder and board President of the King of Prussia Bridge Club, founded in 2021 and presently in the top 20 face to face bridge clubs in the ACBL.

He teaches at bridge clubs, country clubs, and in private homes in the Philadelphia area.

Thursday – June 11 – 9 AM

“Hold-Up Play”

Michael Nupuf

Michael is a club director and current president of the Oswego County Bridge Association. He has played bridge for over 50 years and has developed an innovative way to teach newcomers called B-7.

Friday – June 12 – 9 AM

“Deceptive Declarer Play”

Joann Glasson

Joann is a Grand Life Master with eight North American Championships and three World Championship medals. She served as ACBL President in 2022 and 2023 and is currently the Region 3 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors.