

Unit 255 Board of Director Meeting
January 5 2026
Bridge Centre of Niagara
Minutes



Attendance

Present: Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay, Wiebe Hoogland, Brian Jones, Kathy Morrison, Sheila Langstaff

Regrets: Ginger Grant

- 1) **Welcome and Call to Order** Muriel
Muriel called the meeting to order at 4:25

- 2) **Approval of Agenda** Muriel
Motion: Muriel **Second:** Sheila

- 3) **Review and Approval of Minutes** from October 6 2025- attached Sheila
Motion: Muriel **Second:** Kathy **Approved**
 - a) **Business arising from Minutes** Muriel
Claude noted that changes in stratification have been made for the upcoming Tournament from 199 and 499 to 299 and 999.
Start times have been changed to 1:00 and 6:00 for the Friday games.

Brian stated that the March 14/15 Tournament will be an open game.
Brian will contact Chandi re Brock contact.

Kathy Morrison will replace Cathy Williams as chair of the February tournament.

- 4) **Treasurer's 2025 Financial Year End Statement** – attached Kathy
Kathy presented the financial report and explained that there is a surplus due to the Regional Tournament. This will not be the case next year.
The report was approved as amended.
 - a) **Appointment of Corporate Auditor**
Ron Martin will act as the auditor for the coming year.

There will be no election. Kathy and Brian are standing for election, there are no other nominations - Acclaimed

11) **Elections of New Board Executive and Committee Chairs**

Muriel

- a) President Muriel
- b) Vice President Brian
- c) Secretary Sheila
- d) Treasurer Kathy
- e) Tournament Coordinator Claude
- f) Education & I/N Coordinator Ginger
- g) Membership Chair Wiebe
- h) ACBL Electronic Contact Wiebe - Brian will notify ACBL to make changes.
- i) District 2 Representatives Wiebe and Brian

12) **New Business**

- a) AGM – April 11, 2026 – Kathy will plan and budget for the dinner.
- b) BCON Proposal for AC/BC Team Game sponsorship of \$500 per quarter.

Motion: Kathy

Second: Wiebe

Approved

- c) Discussion of our Logo - Niagara Unit 255 with Suit symbols underneath. We have to use a different logo when we submit material to ACBL for approval. It was agreed that we would use the following logo for ACBL, but keep our original logo for our own use.



- d) Wiebe and Muriel will work on the Policy Manual

13) **Next Meeting** March 9 2026 at BCON

14) **Meeting adjourned** at 5:42.

Unit 255 Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

Holiday Inn, St. Catharines



Present: Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay, Wiebe Hoogland, Brian Jones, Kathy Morrison, Ginger Grant, Sheila Langstaff

Muriel called the meeting to order at 4:41

Minutes from July 14, 2025 – attached

Moved by Brian, Seconded by Kathy; approved

Business Arising:

Brian will follow up with contact from Brock to investigate using Brock Business students to devise a plan for increasing enrollment and involvement in our Bridge Community. Sheila will discuss this process with Brian. Brian will contact Patti Tucker to implement the Learn to Play Bridge in a Day program. With Ginger's help, they will be targeting 2026 for this.

Record of approved motions via email voting:

A motion was approved by email August 31, 2025 to provide financial support to BCON for their Rookie Master game.

Treasurer's Report - attached

Kathy has presented the financial statements to the end of September. Essentially, we are running a deficit which should be resolved after the Regional Tournament.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's Report - attached

Claude addressed the report for the **February Tournament** that Cathy Williams had created. Two action items were addressed for this tournament. – Change the stratification from 199 & 499 to 299 & 999 and the start times from 1:30 & 7:00 to 1:00 & 6:00 for the Friday games. Hospitality will continue to happen at 4:30 between games.

Muriel reported on the **August 750 Tournament**. She expressed concern about the lack of local participation in this tournament. She raised the question of the validity of holding the August tournament if locals were not going to take advantage of it. No change to the Unit's tournament plans for 2026. The start time for the Sunday Team game will be 10:00 & 2:00 rather than 10:00 & 2:30.

Review Budget and Plan for November Regional - attached

Kathy explained that the ACBL has increased the US/Canadian exchange rate to 39%. Niagara Bucks will continue to be used for prizes.

The Banquet Manager, Jon Figllioni, has agreed to some extras such as the room next to the hospitality to set up tables and chairs for two of the days for \$200. The board agreed to the extra \$200.

There will be a coffee station set up outside the main room each morning. Boxed lunches will be available to order. Cathy Williams will make up the boards and take care of awarding prizes. One Caddy per day will be paid.

Proposed Survey

Claude presented a survey to be completed by Unit 255 members to help us better understand our members' interest in participating in local tournaments. It was suggested that player's master point level be added to the survey so that Claude can do a more informed analysis according to responses and player's ability.

Wiebe asked if there was a special question that advanced players might need to be asked but the survey is open ended enough for them to write their opinions.

Claude hopes to have the survey in final form before the end of October and will personally deliver them to members.

Tournament Report - Claude

Unit 255 has signed a 10-year agreement with the Holiday Inn. Increases in prices will happen every other year. A new item that was added to the agreement for Sectional Tournaments in February: for every 35 rooms occupied, Unit 255 receives credit for a complimentary room.

Claude proposed an increase in pay for Local Directors as follows:

Restricted Tournaments: Director in Charge - \$250 per session; Assistant Director \$200 per session seconded by Kathy; Approved

Open Sectional Tournaments: Associate Directors - \$300 per session; seconded by Wiebe; approved

Sponsorship - Jackie Morrison will continue to sponsor the tournaments for \$7,000 per year, which will be divided between the three tournaments as follows:

\$3000 to February Tournament

\$1000 to Restricted Tournament

\$3000 to November Tournament

Claude moved to make these changes in distribution of the money; seconded by Kathy; approved

Member Benefit Program; it was suggested that these benefits be promoted more at the club level.

Tournaments have been sanctioned until 2031.

Membership

Wiebe informed the Board that our membership stands at 255. We lost 7 members and gained 2 new. Wiebe will follow up with emails to people who need to renew their ACBL memberships.

Planning and Budget – Draft to be reviewed at our January Meeting

Muriel prepared a budget format for 2026. The income and expenses were established by the Directors for each of their areas of responsibility. A deficit of \$12,000 is currently projected. It was suggested that we look at a two-year financial statement to include the profit from the Regional Tournament.

Club Support Review

BCON AC/BC Team Games

There was discussion regarding whether the AC/BC games continue to meet the objectives set out last year. We are not seeing new players participating in these games, and the social component has been reduced to coffee and dessert. Kathy said that she would address these concerns.

Unit 255 will continue to support the quarterly AC/BC team games at \$500 per event. This will be reviewed in January as part of the 2026 Budget finalization.

Membership Support

The Unit Board was very pleased with the results that Dena achieved using the free plays that Unit 255 provided to encourage people to play bridge and become members of both the club and ACBL. A budget of \$200 was approved for 2026

Rookie Master game at NOTL was very successful in bringing 40 “master” and 40 “rookies” to participate in this event. Unit 255 provided funding for the refreshments that were served after the game. A budget for \$600 was approved for 2026.

Rookie/Mentor game at BCON, as part of their celebrating 25 years, was also very successful with 32 “rookies” and 32 “mentors” participating. A budget for \$600 was approved for 2026.

Nominations for New Directors

Brian will send a message to Unit 255 members to inform them about opportunities to join the Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted until November 30. If there are more than 2 nominees, an election will be held in December.

New Business

Brian asked the Board to approve BCON running a Local Sectional Tournament for 0-750 players on March 14/15 2026. Unit 255 will apply for the Sanction; BCON will pay all of the expenses. Seconded by Kathy; approved

Next Meeting January 5 at BCON to plan and confirm budget.

Meeting adjourned and Board members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Holiday Inn

UNIT 255 2025 FINANCIALS														
	January	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE	46,872.48	46,627.01	44,442.42	44,201.51	44,054.97	44,253.82	43,541.17	41,623.88	48,325.52	47,755.89	47,035.08	64,677.77	58,171.26	
TOTAL IN	3,065.40	(2,057.07)	(2.11)	2,223.84	398.46	316.58	8.78	6,704.34	274.22	294.92	17,735.24	(5,239.22)	26.49	
TOTAL OUT	\$ 3,310.87	127.52	238.80	2,370.38	199.61	1,029.23	1,926.07	2.70	843.85	1,015.73	92.55	1,267.29	3,045.97	
BANK BALANCE	46,627.01	44,442.42	44,201.51	44,054.97	44,253.82	43,541.17	41,623.88	48,325.52	47,755.89	47,035.08	64,677.77	58,171.26	55,151.78	
REVENUE														
CBF				300.00										300.00
ACBL MEMBERSHIP	537.19			459.44			278.86			279.86				1,555.35
AGM				1,448.50	14.11									1,462.61
MISC INCOME														-
STAC MAY								174.88						174.88
STAC OCTOBER														-
TOURNMENT FEBRUARY	2,500.00	(2,074.85)												425.15
TOURNAMENT JUNE														-
TOURNAMENT AUGUST			(20.00)					1,514.81						1,494.81
TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER							(287.33)	5,000.00			17,721.71	(5,259.52)		17,174.86
INTEREST INCOME	28.21	17.78	17.89	15.90	384.35	316.58	17.25	14.65	274.22	15.06	13.53	20.30	26.49	1,162.21
TOTAL INCOME	3,065.40	(2,057.07)	(2.11)	2,223.84	398.46	316.58	8.78	6,704.34	274.22	294.92	17,735.24	(5,239.22)	26.49	23,749.87
OPERATING EXPENSES														
AUDIT				50.00										50.00
BOARD DINNER										420.05				100.00
MEETING VENUE	100.00													100.00
BANK CHARGES	2.70	11.40	1.05	1.65	2.70	1.20	4.20	2.70	2.55	1.50	2.55	3.00	1.35	38.55
EDUCATION			237.75	(200.00)			200.00							237.75
EXPENDIBLE SUPPLIES							1,131.87							1,131.87
CLUB SUPPORT BCON	500.00			500.00			500.00		624.00	500.00		500.00		3,124.00
CLUB SUPPORT NOTL						600.00						250.00		850.00
NABC														-
INSURANCE				270.00										270.00
MEMBERS RECOGNITION						73.53	90.00				90.00		100.00	353.53
KIBITIZER		116.12			122.41				217.30			155.01		610.84
PIANOLA						354.50				361.36		359.28		1,075.14
SPECIAL GAMES AGM				1,748.73	74.50									1,823.23
SPECIAL ROOKIE GAME														-
STORAGE	2,708.17												2,944.62	5,652.79
WEBSITE														-
TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT										152.87				152.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,310.87	127.52	238.80	2,370.38	199.61	1,029.23	1,926.07	2.70	843.85	1,015.73	92.55	1,267.29	3,045.97	15,470.57
TOTAL INCOME OR LOSS	(245.47)	(2,184.59)	(240.91)	(146.54)	198.85	(712.65)	(1,917.29)	6,701.64	(569.63)	(720.81)	17,642.69	(6,506.51)	(3,019.48)	8,279.30

UNIT 255 2026 BUDGET

REVENUE	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026
CBF	300.00		
ACBL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 1,555.35	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,500
AGM	\$ 1,462.61	\$ 1,800	
MISC INCOME	\$ -		
STAC MAY	\$ 174.88	\$ 250	\$ 200
STAC OCTOBER	\$ -	\$ 250	
TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY	\$ 425.15	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)
TOURNAMENT AUGUST	\$ 1,494.81	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER	\$ 17,174.86	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,200
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 1,162.21	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200
JUNE TOURNAMENT			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,749.87	\$ 21,500	\$ 3,100
 OPERATING EXPENSES			
AUDIT	\$ 50.00	\$ 300	\$ 50
MEETING VENUE	\$ 100.00	\$ 200	\$ 100
BOARD DINNER	\$ 420.05		\$ 500
BANK CHARGES	\$ 38.55	\$ 100	\$ 50
EDUCATION	\$ 237.75	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
EXPENDIBLE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,131.87	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
CLUB SUPPORT BCON	\$ 3,124.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,800
CLUB SUPPORT NOTL	\$ 850.00	\$ 500	\$ 600
INSURANCE	\$ 270.00	\$ 300	\$ 300
MEMBERS RECOGNITION	\$ 353.53	\$ 500	\$ 200
KIBITZER	\$ 610.84	\$ 600	\$ 750
PIANOLA	\$ 1,075.14	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
SPECIAL GAMES AGM	\$ 1,823.23	\$ 2,200	\$ 400
SPECIAL ROOKIE MASTER	\$ -		
STORAGE	\$ 5,652.79	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,800
WEBSITE	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 152.87	\$ 100	\$ 100
NABC			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,890.62	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,650
 NET FOR THE YEAR	 \$ 7,859.25	 \$ 7,500	 \$ (9,550)

Unit 255 Tournament Chair Report January 5th, 2026

The attendance and associated financial results of U255 Tournaments for the past few years are shown below. Unit 255 has made \$97,054 from the tournaments since 2018.

Unit 255 Tournaments Summary																					
Year	Regional				Sectional																
	November				February				May				August				November				
	Tables	%	\$		Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	
2004																					
2005																					
2017	1,166	6	12,314		355	4	2,345						113	(10)							
2018					252	(29)	(2,391)						97	(14)	1,231		268		5,024		
2019	1,129	(3)	20,052		334	33	2,913		198		334		125	29	3,936						
2020					261	(22)	1,891														
2021			COVID				COVID								COVID						COVID
2022	729	(35)	8,305				COVID		83	(58)	1,728		57	(54)	1,275						
2023	725	(1)	19,071		219	(16)	742		77	(7)	988		65	14	2,021						
2024					221	0	2,190	494	65	(16)	817	232	79	21	1,766	272	152		2,762		729
2025	750	3	17,174	2,057	191	(14)	425	684					71	(10)	1,501	167					
2026																					
2027																					
2028																					
Total			64,602	2,057			5,770	1,178			7,167	232			11,730	439			7,786		729
Grand Total			97,054																		
Member's Benefit			4,635																		

Unit 255 Tournament Schedule

In general, U255 will hold a Sectional in February (Open) at the Holiday Inn in St Catharines, August (750) and November (Open) at NOTL. We hold all our Regional in November and Sectional in February at the Holiday Inn in St Catharines. We have all our tournament sanctions approved up to 2031 inclusive except for our Regional in 2031.

BCON has requested to hold an Open and 499 Local tournament for March 14-15, 2026. The tournament has been sanctioned as shown on the list of tournaments. Brian Jones will be the chair for this tournament and Claude and Muriel Tremblay will be the directors for the tournament.

We have renewed our contract with the Holiday Inn for our tournaments. In general, it was agreed that we would keep the same price for guests' room and events space for two years and then increase the prices for the following two years. The price increase would be repeated for all following years. The increase for the guest's room will be \$10 and the event space will be raised by \$50. We now have in place a contract with the Holiday Inn that covers all our Regionals until 2035 (incl) and our Sectionals until 2035.

See attached list of status of current tournament until 2035.

Tournament Results

Our Regional Tournament had 750 tables exactly the same as 2 years ago and brought in \$17,174. Kathy Morrison will report separately on this tournament. A financial summary is attached part of this report.

Survey

We conducted a survey of our membership during the month of September and October 2025. The goal of this survey was to understand tournament attendance patterns and identify ways to improve participation and satisfaction. See attached details for the results. The attached report summarizes the responses of 131 members of Unit 255, divided into three Masterpoint (MP) groups: 500+ (55 responses), 200–499 (43), and 0–199 (33).

The recommendations made were:

1. **Maintain both Open and Restricted tournaments but promote Restricted (<750 MP) events more actively to newer players.**
2. **Improve visibility of the Member Benefit Program through club announcements, posters, and reminders at registration.**
3. **Emphasize the friendly, social, and local nature of tournaments in all communications.**
4. **Continue to offer hospitality and good tournament management as they are valued highly.**

Sponsorship

I have contacted our only sponsor, Jackie Morrison, and she had committed to continue her support. Jackie will e-transfer every year starting in 2026, \$7,000 and it will be up to the Unit to distribute it amongst the tournaments. I will update my recommendation previously made for distribution of the sponsorship as follows;

Even year when we have an Open Sectional in November: \$2,000 each for February and August tournament and \$3,000 for the November Sectional.

Odd year when we have a Regional: \$3,000 for February and \$4,000 for August.

This is due to the significant profit generated by the Regional which does not need additional financial assistance.

Membership Benefit Program

Our Member Benefit Program continues to be well received and highly successful. As previously noted, we should continue offering these benefits and plan to review the program prior to our next AGM. It is worth noting that several members have indicated they were not aware of the program. As a result, we should make greater efforts to promote it more effectively through our member communications and broadcasts.

Tournament Changes

At our August tournament, several players suggested that the start time for the second session be moved earlier by 30 minutes. As a result, future session start times will be **10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

For our upcoming February tournament, Kathy Morrison will assume the role of Chair, as Cathy Williams is unable to continue in that position due to health reasons.

The financial responsibility for the March tournament rests with BCON.

Following the Regional tournament, several observations were made, leading to the following recommendations:

Prizes:

I spoke with four to five members who regularly attend tournaments to understand how other organizations handle prizes. All indicated that many tournaments are eliminating prizes altogether. It is also worth noting that fewer than 50% of prize winners actually collect their prizes. **As a result, and in an effort to ensure the financial viability of our tournaments, I recommend that we discontinue offering prizes.**

Tournament fees:

I also discussed the significant costs associated with directing and ACBL operations with Bronia Jenkins, ACBL Executive Director. She acknowledged these concerns and advised that she is currently working on an initiative

to address cost reductions in this area. Bronia further indicated that our Unit should be charging \$22 rather than \$20 for the Regional, which aligns with fees observed at other tournaments. **Accordingly, I recommend increasing the Regional fee to \$22, the Open Sectional fee to \$19, and maintaining the Restricted Sectional fee at \$15.**

Budget Changes

The storage space for our equipment will be renewed on January 22, 2026 and the total cost for 2026 will be \$2,706.68.

I have included the budgets of the upcoming yearly tournaments.

Summary of Motion Approved to Date

1. The Entry fees be set: Restricted Sectional \$15, Open Sectional \$17 and Regional \$20 (February 2023)
2. For the Regional: only Tournament and Hospitality Chair be provided with five complimentary room night (February 2023)
3. For the Regional only the Hospitality Chair to be provided with per diem of \$50 (February 2023)
4. For the Sectional only Hospitality Chair be provided with two complimentary room night (February 2023)
5. For the Equipment crew only the lead/driver to be provided with two complimentary entries (February 2023)
6. For all our tournaments the Partnership Chair be provided with two complimentary entries (February 2023)
7. That Volunteers, freely offering to help at the tournament will **NO** longer be compensated in any means (February 2023)
8. That Prizes for the section winners are Niagara Bucks representing approximately 40% of the entry fee (February 2023)
9. I move that a small committee be struck to examine ways to continue our fantastic hospitality within an affordable budget (February 2023)
10. Raise the fee for the Director in Charge for the Restricted tournaments to \$250 per session and for the Associated Director to \$230. In addition, for the Open tournaments the directors should be paid \$300. (October 2025)
11. The Member's Benefit program be extended for one more year and review it at our next meeting prior to our AGM. (October 2025)

November Open Regional Budget & Actual

November 11-16, 2025

11-Dec-2025				Open 2025	
Probability of Table Count		100%		Budget	Actual
No.Tables.	750			750	749.5
Entry Fee	\$ 20.00				
Student Fee	\$ 10.00				
Exchange Rate	39%				
Sanction Fee per table \$US	\$ 5.50				
Equipment Rental & Supplies					
Holiday Inn Room	\$155.00				
Hospitality Fee	5.90%				
HST	13.00%				
Transportation for Directors (\$/km)	\$ 0.57				
Pre-dealing	\$ 10.00				
Caddies	\$ 55.00				
Per Diem ACBL	\$119.40				
Per Diem Local	\$ 50.00				
District 2 Fee	\$ 2.00				
Income					
Tables	\$ 80.00			\$ 60,000.00	59,960.00
Non-ACBL members					43.99
0-99 Players	54				0.00
Students					0.00
Free Entries (Volunteers)	11				(500.00)
Niagara Bucks Redeemed				(400.00)	(1,302.00)
Niagara Bucks Member's Benefit				(1,500.00)	(2,057.00)
Free Fill-ins					0.00
Sponsorship				\$ 5,000.00	5,000.00
Sales windfall					84.00
D2 Contribution to I/N Program					
Total Income				\$ 63,100.00	61,228.99
Expenses					
Management Honorarium				\$ 2,000.00	2,000.00
Shortage				\$ -	
Management Accommodation				\$ -	
Other Rooms				\$ -	
Hospitality Honorarium				\$ 250.00	250.00
Daily Bulletin		200		\$ 278.00	287.33
District 2 Fee				\$ 1,500.00	1,499.00
Transportation				\$ 2,395.68	1,303.85
Accommodation				\$ 3,040.83	3,081.78
Per diem				\$ 2,865.60	2,895.45
A Director fees (US)	11,760			\$ 16,346.40	14,678.40
C ACBL sanction fees: \$5.12/table (US)	4,125			\$ 5,733.75	5,729.93
B Surcharge (US)				\$ 180.00	0.00
L ACBL duplicated hands (US)				\$ 139.00	0.00
Non Member Fees (US)					43.99
Venue				\$ 9,005.65	8,559.75
Room credit from room night of players					(1,883.27)
Equipment Rental, Van,				\$ 350.00	173.00
Hand records and Printouts				\$ 500.00	77.80
Pre-dealing (making boards)	\$ 10.00	48		\$ 480.00	710.00
Caddies	\$ 55.00	12		\$ 660.00	660.00
Volunteers TIPS				\$ 120.00	120.00
Prizes				\$ 2,532.00	
Publicity (photocopies)				\$ 500.00	
Hospitality				\$ 3,850.00	3,865.00
Miscellaneous (see UTC)				\$ 1,000.00	0.00
Total Expenses				\$ 53,726.91	\$ 44,052.01
Profit/(Loss)				\$ 9,373.09	\$ 17,176.98



Open and 499 Local Sectional

Location: Bridge Centre of Niagara
2E Tremont Drive #5
St. Catharines
Phone: 905-704-0446

Saturday, March 14:

- Open and 499 single sessions
- Stratifications determined by the Director
- Times: 10 am and 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 15:

- Bracketed Swiss Teams: 2 Session play through.
- Stratifications determined Director.
- Times: 10 am & TBD

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Silver Points (80% of total)
- Coffee and light snacks will be available
- \$16/player/session for current ACBL members.
- Not an ACBL member? Not to worry. [Click here](#) to find out how to join for FREE! (Additional fee of \$4/person/session for lapsed memberships)
- Only one person to register & pay on behalf of each partnership or team
- To ensure your place at the table please pay by March 7
- Registration deadline is March 7

This is a **Zero Tolerance** Tournament. Play fair and have fun.

Click [here](#) to register and pay

Tournament Chair:

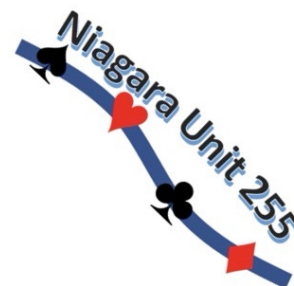
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Niagara Open Sectional February 13-15, 2026



Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference
327 Ontario St, St Catharines
(QEW take Exit 47 Ontario Street)
905-688-2324

Friday February 13, 2026

Open Pairs	1:00 & 6:00
999 ^{er} Pairs	1:00 & 6:00
299 ^{er} Pairs	1:00 & 6:00

Hospitality will follow afternoon game

Saturday February 14, 2026

Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
999 ^{er} Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
299 ^{er} Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Hospitality will follow afternoon game

Sunday February 15, 2026

Bracketed Swiss 10:00am playthrough

Short break after 3rd Round

For Reservation

1-877-688-2324 Ext 2

Or Click

[Niagara Area Unit 255 Sectional Tournament](#)

Or

www.holidayinn.com/stcath

enter NAU as the group code

\$149 (single or double)

if booked before

January 26, 2026

FREE Parking

Fantastic Niagara Hospitality

Tournament Chair:

Kathy Morrison 289-968-9889
Email chair@unit255.org

Partnership Chair:

Sheila Langstaff 905-246-3309
Email partnership@unit255.org

Stratification

(Subject to Director's discretion)

Open Pairs	0 to ∞ masterpoints
999 ^{er} Pairs	0 to 1000 masterpoints
299 ^{er} Pairs	0 to 300 masterpoints

General Information

Two single Session entry is available for all pairs
All events will have 3 strata at the Director's discretion.
\$17/player/session. All players **MUST** have an ACBL #.
Guest memberships are currently FREE. Contact
Tournament Chair if you require a number.
Extra \$4 for non-current members
All events stratified by average masterpoint.

Sectional Tournament Sponsored by

Jaclyn Morrison



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Open Sectional Budget & Actual

February 13-15, 2026

31-Dec-2025					
Probability of Table Count		100%	\$US	Open 2025	Actual
No. Tables.		210.00		210.00	0
Entry Fee		\$ 17.00			
Student Fee		\$ 10.00			
Exchange Rate		39%			
Sanction Fee per table \$US		\$ 4.00			
Equipment Rental & Supplies					
Per Diem (Local)		\$ 50.00			
Per Diem (ACBL)		\$ 109.45			
Director Fee/session		\$ 300.00			
Associate Director/session		\$ 300.00			
Pre-Dealing		\$ 10.00			
Caddies		\$ 55.00			
Income					
	Tables	210.00	0	\$ 14,280.00	0.00
	Non-ACBL members				
	Students. EXTRA FEES				
	Free Entries (Volunteers)				0.00
	Niagara Bucks Redeemed			(400.00)	
	Niagara Bucks Member's Bene		228	(700.00)	
	Free Fill-ins				
	Sponsorship 1 Jackie			\$ 2,000.00	
	Sponsorship 2				
Total Income				\$ 15,180.00	0.00
Expenses					
	Honorarium \$200/day			\$ 600.00	0.00
	Hospitality Honorarium			\$ 100.00	0.00
	Hospitality Room			\$ 320.00	0.00
	Director fees/session		6	\$ 1,800.00	
	Associate Director/session		6	\$ 1,800.00	
	Accommodation			\$ 300.00	
	Transportation			\$ 250.00	
	Per Diem (ACBL)			\$ 328.35	
	Per diem		6	\$ 300.00	
A C B L	Directing ACBL (US)	\$ 1,440.00		\$ 2,001.60	
	ACBL sanction fees: \$4.00/tab	\$ -		\$ 1,167.60	0.00
	Surcharge (US)	\$ 225.00		\$ 312.75	
	ACBL duplicated hands (US)	\$ -		\$ -	
	Non Member Fees (US)	\$ -		\$ -	
	Sub-Total (US)	\$ 1,665.00			
	Venue			\$ 4,746.00	0.00
	Equipment Rental & Supplies cube Van			\$ 200.00	
	Hand records and Printouts			\$ 100.00	
	Pre-dealing 22		0	\$ 220.00	
	Caddies 0		0	\$ -	0.00
	Volunteers (Exclusive of Free Entries)			\$ 135.00	0.00
	Prizes			\$ 1,092.00	0.00
	Publicity			\$ 150.00	0.00
	Hospitality			\$ 1,200.00	
	Entertainment				
	Credit Card Charge			\$ 60.00	
	Miscellaneous (see UTC)			\$ 500.00	0.00
Total Expenses				\$ 17,683.30	0.00
Profit/(Loss)				\$ (2,503.30)	0.00