

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



Dear Bridge Competitors:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Fall 2007 North American Bridge Championships and to the City and County of San Francisco. We are delighted to have you return to our city for your competition and we thank the organizers for choosing us as your host city.

I personally welcome each and every one of you and hope that during your stay in San Francisco, you will take advantage of all that our beautiful city has to offer. You will have the opportunity to enjoy fine dining, great shopping, many cultural and social attractions and lively entertainment, while being surrounded by the natural beauty of San Francisco Bay Area.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful tournament and a stay that will remain in your memory long after we say goodbye.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor

From Roger L. Smith _____
ACBL District 21 Representative



Welcome to San Francisco, the world's favorite city! District 21 is proud to play host in this great site and great bridge facility. While we look forward to seeing you across the table in one of the many events offered at the tournament, we encourage you to get out and enjoy San Francisco and northern California, too. It is our goal that everyone have a terrific time in this fantastic city!

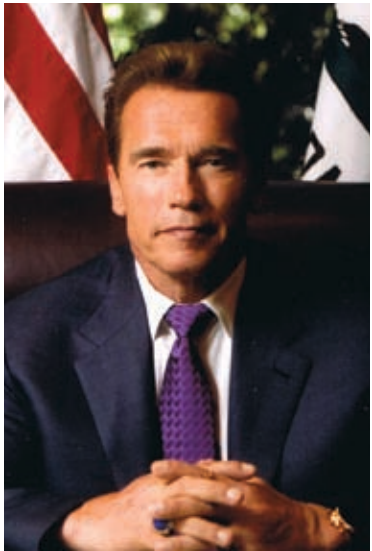
Roger L. Smith
District 21 Representative
to the ACBL Board of Directors



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

On behalf of all Californians, I am pleased to offer my greetings to all those gathered for your Fall 2007 North American Bridge Championships.

This event brings together accomplished bridge players from around the world to compete in the beautiful city of San Francisco.



I am delighted that the ACBL is able to bring the championships back to the most dynamic state in the nation. California is proud to host this event, and I commend the players for their participation, as well as the organizers for staging this exciting tournament.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger



From Bruce Blakely —————
NABC Tournament Chairman

Welcome to San Francisco



On behalf of District 21 and our entire NABC Tournament Committee, I would like to welcome you to San Francisco and the Fall 2007 North American Bridge Championships. Whether you have come for bridge, culture, sports, entertainment, or cuisine, you will find it all in this most

livable of American cities.

The tournament offers duplicate bridge for everyone, from a free 0-5 masterpoint game on Friday, Nov. 23, to the three-day Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams on the final weekend. We have a wonderful Intermediate/Newcomer program and 11 days of every conceivable form of competition, including Open Pairs, Swiss Teams, Knockouts, IMP Pairs and BAM Teams.

For those of you who have come to San Francisco for its non-bridge offerings, there is a feast. One doesn't have to leave the hotel for entertainment. There is Breakfast with the Stars on Tuesday morning, Nov. 27, free food every night and entertainment throughout the week. A highlight of the tournament will be world-renowned playing-card magician, Tom Nixon, who will be performing amazing close-up prestidigitation on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27 and Friday afternoon, Nov. 30, between sessions. Skip dinner if you have to; you won't want to miss Tom's magic.

If you are willing to leave the site, the Tournament Committee is offering a variety of tours around the city and environs, including an informative city bus tour, a scenic boat cruise, a trip to majestic Muir Woods and delightful Sausalito, and two different walking tours: Waterfront and Civic Center.

The San Francisco Marriott is located in the heart of the city's best opportunities. Numerous museums, the Steinhart Aquarium, the Ferry Building with its gourmet food and wine shops, the beautiful Bay Shoreline along the Embarcadero, movie theaters, the IMAX, bowling and ice skating are all less than a five-minute walk away. If you are a car buff, the International Auto Show takes place concurrently with our tournament at the Moscone Center, again only five minutes away. San Francisco is a wonderful place for evening entertainment and night life. There are abundant theater venues, live music and dozens of clubs located close to the hotel, and District 21 is selling a limited number of tickets for the Thursday, Nov. 29 performance of Beach Blanket Babylon, San Francisco's unique, zany, comedy musical.

Of course, San Francisco is one of the great dining cities of the world. In addition to its seafood and famous Fisherman's Wharf, the city is renowned for its prolific ethnic cuisine, which includes Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Mexican, French, Italian, and much more.

If shopping is your bag, San Francisco is a paradise. The city's newest shopping destination, with over 100 stores, is across the street at the Westfield Mall. Literally hundreds of fabulous stores are located at Union Square, the Crocker Galleria and the Embarcadero Center, all within walking distance of the hotel.

And the Bay Area offers endless outdoor activities including hiking, mountain biking, windsurfing, sailing, riding the cable cars, visiting beautiful Golden Gate Park, walking across the Golden Gate Bridge, or just enjoying the inspiring sights in our hilly, picturesque city located between the beautiful Pacific Ocean and the spectacular San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco is truly a wondrous, world-class city, but is still a small, walkable town. Whatever you choose to do during your stay, all of us on the NABC Committee hope you will have a fabulous visit when you "Experience America's Favorite City!"

Bruce W. Blakely
NABC Tournament Chairman