

ABTA TORONTO JULY 18-21, 2017

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AN UPDATE!

We still have some rooms available in our block at STRATHCONA HOTEL, across the street from Royal York Hotel where ABTA Convention is being held.



CALLING ALL BRIDGE TEACHERS!!

PLEASE COME TO TORONTO: 18-21 JULY, 2017

FLY IN ON MON 17 JULY...

WE HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED FOR YOU!! See coupon below where you can send in your payment and sign up for our special events NOW.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANS!

TUESDAY, JULY 18: 9 am - 3 pm Drive in air-conditioned bus to Kleinburg, ON, ½ hr north of where we will be staying in downtown Toronto.

HAVE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE FAMOUS **McMICHAEL COLLECTION**. A VERY WELL KNOWN ART GALLERY OF CANADIAN ART, MOST FAMOUS FOR THE "GROUP OF SEVEN" ARTISTS.

Enjoy some free time exploring the beautiful grounds and enjoy a delicious lunch before returning to the city. The entire venue is well-worth seeing.

Price for the day: \$100.00 Can \$ or \$75.00 US

Price includes the chartered air-conditioned coach to get us there, tour admission and lunch in the restaurant at the Gallery.

On Tuesday late afternoon and evening, Ginny & Jeff Schuett will speak on card combinations and Patty Tucker will speak on teaching Splinter bids.

WED. JULY 19: Enjoy a packed day of exciting speakers at ABTA Convention.

LUNCHEON OUT WITH THE GROUP @ 12 noon:

BADALI'S RESTAURANT: 156 FRONT ST WEST

Enjoy lunch out with your fellow teachers.

It is a three course meal for \$35.00 Can including tax and grats: \$27.00 USD.

Badali's is known for its Italian cuisine at delicious prices.

No wheelchair access.

WED. 19 JULY: The fun continues!!

4.45 pm: Bus Pick up at Royal York.

DINNER OUT AT "FRED'S NOT HERE" RESTAURANT
@ 321 KING ST WEST. Excellent dining and good service.

We will take a bus to the restaurant and have a **three course dinner.**

NOTE: Five steps up to dining area so no wheelchair access.

Then we will go in buses and be taken a short way to

ED MIRVISH THEATRE @ 244 Victoria St (Yonge & Dundas).

8.00 pm: ED MIRVISH THEATRE:

**SEE THE PLAY TAKING BROADWAY BY STORM
BEAUTIFUL
THE STORY OF CAROLE KING'S RISE TO STARDOM**

Join us for this fun-packed evening!!

COST FOR DINNER & THEATRE PACKAGE

\$200.00 CAN or \$155.00 USD

THU 20 JULY: Enjoy a packed day of exciting speakers at ABTA Convention.

THU EVENING: A.B.T.A. BANQUET. Strathcona Hotel: Lower level

FRI 21 JULY: MORE SPEAKERS FOR ABTA Convention until 11 am or so.

FULL SCHEDULE OF ABTA CONVENTION (tentative schedule) is below. Scroll down.



PLEASE SIGN ME UP NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING
Send payment for **entertainment only to Barbara Seagram**

Send payment for convention to Kathy Rolfe (see below)

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED (no credit cards please)

Mail checks (**made out to Barbara Seagram**) to:

Barbara Seagram
220 Lawrence Ave East
Toronto ON M4N 1T2
Canada

Cost of postage from USA is \$1.20 US

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TEL. NO: (____) _____

ADDRESS:

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH EVENT YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

TUESDAY July 18: McMichael Art Gallery: 9 am-3 pm

WED July 19: Lunch at Badali's: 12 noon

WED July 19: Dinner at Fred's Not Here & Theatre: BEAUTIFUL

ABTA CONVENTION PAYMENT

NOTE: SUBMIT PAYMENT FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION TO KATHY ROLFE
(ABTA) ADDRESS IS BELOW.

Please note that cost of ABTA Convention is not included in above entertainment costs.

THE COST OF ATTENDING the ABTA CONVENTION ITSELF INCLUDING BANQUET:

Tuesday evening July 18, 2017 to Friday morning July 21, 2017.

Cost: US \$190.00

(\$25 is not refundable. Every effort will be made to refund beyond that if we have not already committed to the expenditure.)

DO NOT MAIL AFTER JULY 5 POSTMARK.

Call (816-237-0519) or email (abtaemail@gmail.com) to register and pay in person or with a credit card over the phone after this date.



2017 Toronto, ON ABTA Convention Registration

Register me for the Convention, held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON

NAME: _____

CELL NO: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I am unable to attend the Thursday evening banquet.

_____ Deduct \$25.00 USD from above conference fee

_____ Please register my guest(s) for the Thursday evening banquet

\$55.00 US per guest (list guests beyond 2 on back)

GUEST NAME: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

Send your registration and
check to:
ABTA,
P.O. Box 232,
Greenwood, MO 64034-0232
USA

Or call Kathy Rolfe at 816-237-0519 and
pay with credit card (U.S. dollars)

\$190.00 USD make payable to ABTA

Cost includes:

Continental Breakfast Wednesday - Friday mornings, 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. at

the Strathcona Hotel, across the street from the Royal York.

Don't miss the Thursday night Banquet (also at the Strathcona) as this is when our very popular pro-panel will be joining us!

Here is the provisional schedule for our Convention:

Mon. July 17	6.00 pm	Master Teacher Interviews
	7.00 pm	Work party
Tue. July 18	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	McMichael Art Gallery
	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm	ABTA Board meeting
	6.00 - 6.30 pm	Registration / Check-in
Tue. July 18	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Jeff & Ginny Schuett "Card Combinations"
Grant funding by ACBL	8.00 - 8.15 pm	Break
Educational Foundation	8.15 - 9.45 pm	Patty Tucker "How to teach Splinters over 1♥ or 1♠ openings"
Wed. July 19	7.30 - 8.45 am	Continental breakfast Strathcona Hotel (across street from Royal York Hotel)
Breakfast and mid-morning snack sponsored by ACBL	8.10-8:30 am	Stephanie Threlkeld, ACBL Education Department
	8.30 - 9.00 am	Annual ABTA Membership meeting (at the Strathcona)
	9.00 - 9.10 am	Announcements
	9.10 - 10.10 am	Audrey Grant Multi-level materials & its meaning
	10.10 am	Break
	10.20 - 11.00 am	John Rayner: "Some ideas about bridge & teaching"
	11.00 - 11.30 am	Rosemary Boden "More money, less time"
	11.30 am – noon	Bob Morris
Wed. July 19	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Lunch at Badali's for those signed up
	1.45 - 2.30 pm	Chris Moll
	2.30 - 3.15	Julian Laderman
	3.15 - 3.30 pm	Break
	3.30 - 4.15 pm	Corey Krantz
	4.45 pm	Bus to Fred's Not Here & then Theatre to see "Beautiful"
Thu. July 20	7.30 - 8.45 am	Continental breakfast Strathcona Hotel

Breakfast sponsored by Master Point Press	9.00 - 10.30 am	Teacher of the Year Award. Sponsored by Master Point Press
	10.30-10.45 am	Break
Mid-morning snack sponsored by Baron Barclay	10.45 - 11.15 am	Jerry Clerkin
	11.15 - 11.45 am	Ray Lee
	11.45 am - 12.15pm	Master Point Press Sam Marks: "The business of teaching bridge"
		Lunch break
	12:15 – 1:45 pm	
	1.45 - 2.30 pm	Terry Collier "Wind of change. Technology-Friend or Foe?"
	2.30 - 2.45 pm	Jim Maier: Baron Barclay "What's new at Baron Barclay?"
	2.45 - 3.15 pm	Theri Andino; "Starting from scratch. Teaching kids bridge"
		Break
	3.15 - 3.30 pm	
		Jerry Helms
	3.30 - 4.30 pm	
Thu. July 20	6.30 pm	Banquet dinner and Pro-panel at Strathcona Hotel across street
		Master of Ceremonies: John Rayner
	1 drink included Cash Bar	
Fri. July 21	7.30 - 8.45 am	Continental Breakfast Strathcona Hotel Post-Convention Board Meeting
Breakfast sponsored by Unit 166	9.00 - 9.20 am	Linda Green "Interactive Partnership Bidding Practice: Vu Bridge"
	9.20 - 10.05 am	Bob Hamman
	10.05 - 10.50 am	Zia Mahmood: "Ask Zia"

For more information on ABTA, contact

Patty Tucker (President) at wimsey@mindspring.com
or Kathy Rolfe (Secretary) at abtaemail@gmail.com

As well, we will have our annual

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

sponsored by **MASTER POINT PRESS**

and our **Book of the Year and Software of the Year Awards**
Contact Pat Harrington at mrsbridge@embarqmail.com
for more information.

and our **MASTER TEACHER award program**.
Apply for this prestigious upgrade to your teaching status.
Contact Betty Starzec lstarzec@comcast.net
for more information on how to do this. **It is NOT too late for this.**

This is a very prestigious title to add to your resume or business card..."Master Teacher!" You really should all be thinking about applying for this status.

Submit an article with your favorite teaching tip.
ABTA has an Award called the Apple Basket Award. Submit your ideas for the Apple Basket to Brenda Montague bestbridgeteacher@yahoo.com

SHARE A ROOM



If you are needing someone with whom to share a room, Wendy Dewell, one of our ABTA members, has volunteered to help with this.

You may reach Wendy at
wendy_dewell@yahoo.com

408-807-4596

**TORONTO NABC
(NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS)
STARTS ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

NABC EVENTS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE AT THE

CONVENTION CENTRE ON FRONT STREET

**To book your ACBL Host Hotel:
Contact ACBL Housing Bureau
@ 1-855-742-9185**

ABTA IS HOLDING SPACE WHICH YOU CAN STILL BOOK NOW

**AT STRATHCONA HOTEL (A 4 MINUTE WALK (3 blocks) from CONVENTION
CENTRE @ \$139.00 CAN \$ PER NIGHT
(APPROX. \$106.00 USD PER NIGHT) + tax**

**This is a boutique hotel. It is right across the street from Royal York Hotel
where ABTA Convention will be held.**

NOTE: ROOMS ARE VERY SMALL.

To book, call STRATHCONA HOTEL

**Please call toll free at 1-800-268-8304 or 416-363-3321. Guests may also send
an email request to reservations@thestrathconahotel.com to reserve their
rooms. Ask for the rates for the American Bridge Teachers' Association
(ABTA)**

**This hotel is directly across the street from Royal York Hotel and is where we
will have breakfasts and our banquet dinner.**

If you have trouble, please email Barbara bseagram@uniserve.com

**AT TIME OF PRINTING, \$100.00 USD
BUYS YOU \$137.00 CAN \$
You can use an ATM when you get here
to buy Canadian dollars**



e.g. Go out for a \$40.00 Can dinner and it costs you only \$29.00 USD

BOOK YOUR AIR TICKET SOON!!

**AMERICANS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT WILL BE VALID. YOU
NEED A PASSPORT TO ENTER CANADA.**

We welcome you to our country which is celebrating our 150th anniversary of independence in 2017.



It is a good idea to always travel with a passport that is good for six months after the end of your stay. Many countries fuss about this.

When you book online, there is one airline that will not come up on the regular roster. That is Porter Airlines. Their rates are often better and they are an excellent airline. They come and go from our ISLAND AIRPORT in downtown Toronto which is also more convenient for you.

www.flyporter.com

They fly to and from

Boston, Chicago, Myrtle Beach, New York City, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Washington and Burlington, Vermont.

**We really hope you will also stay and play in the excellent NABC that follows.
The NABC continues on for 10 days 21-31 July, 2017.
Stay for some or all of this!**

There are many opportunities for taking more courses at the NABC.



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QUESTIONS: EMAIL BARBARA SEAGRAM

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and thanks to Enid Roitman for co-chairing the hospitality events and for doing all the legwork.

Barbara Seagram Bridge, 220 Lawrence Ave. East, Toronto, ON M4N 1T2 Canada

