

OPEN SECTIONAL & NLM REGIONAL

JUNE 17TH - JUNE 20TH, 2026

Blue Ridge Community College

Conference Center, E. Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC

Unit 171 is very proud to once again present our popular NLM Regional and Open Sectional in the very comfortable Blue Ridge Community College. This tournament, founded in 2010 as a Sectional, has grown in scope and popularity, nestled as it is in the attractive Blue Ridge mountains of western NC.

Lunch will be available from food trucks Wednesday through Friday and will be provided on Saturday. We are also pleased to report that our popular W(h)ine and Cheese reception continues. **St. Paul Mountain Vineyards**, a sponsor, since our inception, will host our first day welcome reception.

Hotel Information *ASK FOR BRIDGE RATES*

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES by MARRIOTT

836 Upward Road, Flat Rock, NC
828-513-5100

Weekday: \$119.00 + tax
Weekend: \$179.00 + tax
Reserve by May 15, 2026

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

107 Upward Crossing Drive, Flat Rock, NC
828-698-8899

Weekday & Weekend: \$119.00 + tax
[Flat Rock Sectional Bridge Tournament](http://www.flatrocksectional.com)
Reserve by May 18, 2026

MOUNTAIN INN & SUITES

755 Upward Road, Flat Rock, NC
828-692-7772

Weekday: \$109.00 + tax
Weekend: \$159.00 + tax
Reserve by May 20, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To access additional information about area attractions, restaurants and a link for hotel booking, please visit the UNIT 171 website via scanning the QR or



<http://www.bridgewebs.com/wncunit171/>

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OPEN SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

9:30 AM Nantahala Bracketed Round Robin Teams (1 of 2)
9:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs
9:30 AM 0-500 Pairs
2:00 PM Nantahala Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 of 2)
2:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
2:00 PM 0-500 Pairs
After Play **Welcome Reception**

St. Paul Mountain Vineyards

THURSDAY JUNE 18

9:30 AM Conestee Bracketed Round Robin Teams (1 of 2)
9:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs
9:30 AM 0-500 Pairs
2:00 PM Conestee Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 of 2)
2:00 PM Stratified Pairs
2:00 PM 0-500 Pairs
After Play **W(h)ine & Cheese Reception**

FRIDAY JUNE 19

9:30 AM Catawba Bracketed Round Robin Teams (1 of 2)
9:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs
9:30 AM 0-500 Pairs
2:00 PM Catawba Bracketed Round Robin Teams (2 of 2)
2:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
2:00 PM 0-500 Pairs

SATURDAY JUNE 20

Oconaluftee Swiss -A/X and Bracketed
9:30 AM & TBD'd

Stratified Open Pairs A: 3500+ ,B: 1500-3500, C: 0-1500.
Saturday A/X SWISS: A: 6000+, X: 0-6000.
Saturday Bracketed B SWISS: 0-3500.
Bracketing and stratification based on team/pair average.
WEDNESDAY is ACBL Grass Roots Fund Day.
Sectional **PAIRS** players receive extra points at no extra cost!

NLM REGIONAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss Teams** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM **Side Series** (1 of 6)
9:30 AM **0-50 Pairs**
2:00 PM **Side Series** (2 of 6)
2:00 PM **0-50 Pairs**
After Play **Welcome Reception**

St. Paul Mountain Vineyards

THURSDAY JUNE 18

9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss Teams** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM **Side Series** (3 of 6)
9:30 AM **0-50 Pairs**
2:00 PM **Side Series** (4 of 6)
2:00 PM **0-50 Pairs**
5:30 PM **W(h)ine & Cheese Reception**

FRIDAY JUNE 19

9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss Teams** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM **Side Series** (5 of 6)
9:30 AM **0-50 Pairs**
2:00 PM **Side Series** (6 of 6)
2:00 PM **0-50 Pairs**

SATURDAY JUNE 20

9:30 AM, two sessions **Gold Rush Pairs**

Gold Rush Pairs A: 300-750 B: 100-300 C: 0-100
Gold Rush Teams: Bracketed by attendance
Bracketing and stratification based on team/pair average, except no player over 750 MP's and no Life Masters

Events in **'bold'** qualify for Gold points; MP awards 1/3 **Gold**, 2/3 **Red**
Must play in at least **two** side series events to compete for **Gold**

Food Trucks are available for lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
A Pizza Party is provided on Saturday