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REGIONAL at SEA with Larry Cohen

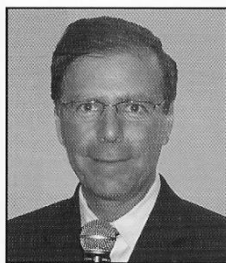
DAILY BULLETIN

Sunday, January 29 & Monday, January 30, 2017

- ❖ Welcome aboard Royal Caribbean's **Allure of the Seas** 7-night Eastern Caribbean Cruise.
- ❖ This will be a fun-filled week with great food, fabulous entertainment, and of course lots of bridge with many opportunities to win Gold Points.
- ❖ You'll have your choice of playing in Open Pairs, Bracketed Swiss, Knockout Teams, or Side Games. Gold points are awarded for overall placing or section tops in all two-session events as well as for section tops in side games (as long as you play in another side game in that series).
- ❖ One-session Side Games will be available every session for those who do not wish to play in the two-session events.
- ❖ Larry will present lectures at 9:00 AM every day, ending at 9:45 AM (the morning bridge game will begin at 10:00 AM).
- ❖ He will review pertinent deals after the Open Pairs games on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- ❖ At the end of the week we'll finish with an Awards Party

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

YOUR HOST – LARRY COHEN



Larry Cohen is one of the most respected experts in the world of bridge. He earned the rank of Life Master at 17, and won his first National Championship at the age of 22.

After a full-time career playing in numerous national and international tournaments, Larry retired from the tournament-playing circuit, and now teaches, writes columns for bridge magazines, has published many highly-acclaimed bridge books, and gives seminars, both on land and at sea.

Check out Larry's Web site (<http://larryco.com>) for more information about his extensive career. You'll also find the latest bridge news as well as hundreds of free instructional articles.

Larry lives with his wife, Eugenia (Maria), in Delray Beach, Florida.

Stratification:

Stratifications are done by masterpoint average, per pair or team. In the two-session Open and Gold Rush events, there are two different strata:

OPEN STRATIFICATION	GOLD RUSH STRATIFICATION
A = Unlimited	D = 300-750
B = 1250-2000	E = 100-300
C = 750-1250	F = 0-100



(See the section about Side Games on the next page for stratifications in the Side Games Series)

TODAY (SUNDAY) SCHEDULE

8:00 PM.....Evening Side Game Series

**This Regional at Sea is
fully sanctioned by ACBL**

FYI ... Gold Points

All events on this cruise pay 100% of land formula GOLD points.

Gold points are awarded for

- 1) placing in the Overalls of any two-session event
- 2) earning a Section Top in two-session Pairs games
- 3) earning a Section Top in a Side Game if you play in another session of the same Series.

NOTE: Any points not GOLD will be RED.

FYI ... Gold Rush

GOLD RUSH events are always two-sessions. To qualify for Gold Rush no one player can have more than 750 points. If one player in a partnership has 700 points and the other has 100, the points will be averaged out to 400-points:

$$(700 + 100 = 800 / 2 = 400).$$

FYI ... Side Games

STRATIFICATION for Side Game Series:

A = 1000+ B = 300 – 1000 C = 0 - 300

Side Games are one-session events that will be offered throughout this Regional in conjunction with all other games.

For those who prefer to play only one-session events and still have an opportunity to win gold points, the side games are separated into Series. e.g. The **Evening Side Game Series** will be offered at 8:00 PM Sunday thru Friday; the **Morning Side Game Series** will be offered at 10:00 AM Monday thru Saturday, and the **Afternoon Side Game Series** will be offered at 2:00 PM Monday thru Saturday.

We hope to offer six games per Series but because ACBL requires a minimum number of tables for each side game there is always the possibility that a game could be integrated into the Gold Rush or Open Pairs (but you still would be required to play only that one session).

At the end of the week those players who place in the Overalls in each Series will win GOLD points.

Side Game Series GOLD points can be won in one of two ways: (1) as stated above, if you place in the Overalls for a particular Series, or (2) if you win a Section Top in one game and play in at least one other game in that Series.

It is important to note that section top points will be RED initially. If, however, you play in another game in that same Series, those RED points will convert to GOLD.

Although you must play in at least two games in a particular Series to be eligible for Gold points, it is not necessary to play with the same partner each time because you will score as an individual, not as a partnership, and your final score will be the total of your own two best scores.

Tomorrow (MONDAY) Schedule

9:00 AM.....Lecture
10:00 AMNassau Open Pairs (1st of 2)
10:00 AMGold Rush Pairs (1st of 2)
10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
2:00 PMNassau Open Pairs (2nd of 2)
2:00 PMGold Rush Pairs (2nd of 2)
2:00 PMAfternoon Side Game Series
4:30 PMReview of Pairs Game deals
8:00 PMEvening Side Game Series

FYI ... Bracketed Swiss Teams

A bracketed Swiss has a non-eliminating tournament format. Brackets are determined not by masterpoints as for Open or Pairs games, but by a **team's total points** so that teams are evenly matched with other teams within their group (bracket).

***NOTE: BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR NAME
BADGE TO EACH BRIDGE EVENT***



Cruise ships can be a breeding ground for the transmission of germs. As it's not always possible to access soap and water while playing cards, please take advantage of the hand sanitizers provided by Royal Caribbean in many locations on board, to include in our playing area. Additionally, if you are coughing or sneezing, please consider skipping bridge that day.

TUESDAY Schedule

9:00AMLecture
10:00 AM ..Eastbound Bracketed Swiss (1st of 2)
10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
2:00 PM ..Eastbound Bracketed Swiss (2nd of 2)
2:00 PMAfternoon Side Game Series
8:00 PM ...Caribbean Knockout Teams (1st of 3)
8:00 PMEvening Side Game Series

FYI ... ALICE TRAVEL.

Cheryl Angel will be available prior to the lecture each morning and before each session throughout the day. She will be happy to help with any of your cruise-related questions.

