



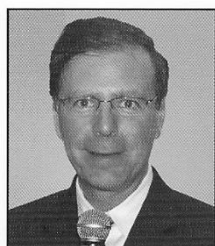
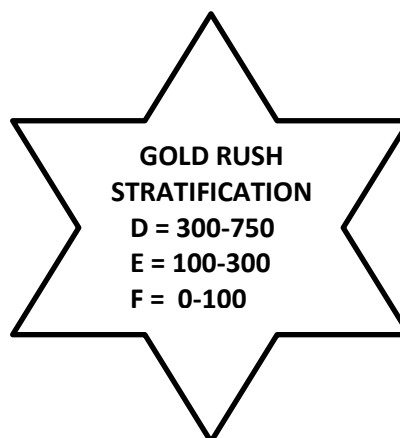
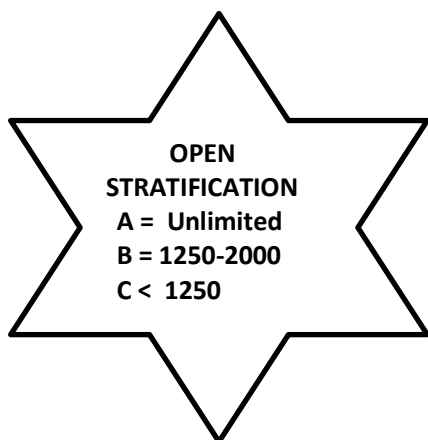
ACBL Regional at Sea with Larry Cohen



Daily Bulletin

Sunday, January 26 & Monday, January 27, 2020

Welcome aboard Royal Caribbean's **Oasis of the Seas** 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise. This will be a fun-filled week of great food, fabulous entertainment, and of course lots of bridge. You'll have your choice of playing in Pairs, Swiss Teams, Knockout Teams, and/or Side Games with many opportunities to win Gold Points. Larry will present daily lectures in the morning, and hand analyses following the afternoon Open Pairs. We'll finish with a Cocktail/Awards Party on Saturday evening.



MEET **LARRY COHEN**

Larry is renowned in the world of bridge. His career path began in New York when, at the age of 6, his grandparents taught him to play bridge. He graduated to duplicate at 14, began playing in tournaments at 15, became a Life Master at 17, and won his first National Championship at 22.

After a full-time career in numerous national and international tournaments, Larry is now mostly retired from the tournament-playing circuit; however, he teaches, gives seminars (both on land and at sea), writes columns for bridge magazines, has published many highly-acclaimed bridge books, and keeps his own Web site up to date with the latest bridge news at <http://larryco.com>. Larry lives with his wife, Eugenia, in Delray Beach, Florida.



THINGS TO KNOW ... **... about Stratification**

All stratifications are done by masterpoint average (per pair or team). For example, if one player in a partnership has 700 points and the other has 100 points, the points will be averaged out to the 400-point flight: $(700 + 100 = 800 / 2 = 400)$.

In the 2-session Pair games there are two different events (masterpoint strata listed above):

- 1) Unlimited (Flights A, B, and C)
- 2) Gold Rush (Flights D, E, and F)

Today (Sunday) Schedule
8:00 PMWelcome Pairs
(Part of Evening Side Game Series 1st of 6)



THINGS TO KNOW ...
... about Gold Rush Pairs

To play in the GOLD RUSH PAIRS (which awards GOLD points for the top finishers), no player in Flights D, E, or F can have more than 750 masterpoints.

In this event, averaging is applied to determine which Flight you and your partner will qualify for. Regardless, you must both have fewer than 750.



THINGS TO KNOW ...
... about Gold Points

You will receive GOLD POINTS....

- 1) for placing Overall in any event;
- 2) for a Section Top in all 2-session Pairs games;
- 3) for a Section top in all Side Games (providing that you play in at least one other session in that particular series);
- 4) Any points not GOLD will be RED.

TIPS FROM LARRY

- Always show good manners; be polite to partner and to opponents.
- Card play basics are more important than fancy conventions.
- Learn to master the first 3 bids of the auction (Opening, Response and Opener's Rebid).

"Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster."

-Anonymous

Cheryl Angel

Is your Alice Travel representative on this cruise

She will be on board and will be happy to help with any of your cruise-related questions. She will be available each morning prior to Larry's lecture as well as before each session of bridge.



THINGS TO KNOW ...
... about Side Games

The Morning, Afternoon, and Evening Side Games are grouped into a Series, depending on game time. There will be six games in each Series. For example, beginning on Sunday, the Evening Series Side Games will all be played at 8:00 PM, with the Sunday 8:00 PM game being the 1st of 6, Monday's 8:00 PM game will be 2nd of 6, Tuesday's 8:00 PM game will be 3rd of 6, etc.

The Morning (AM) Side Games Series will all be played at 10:00 AM each day, and the Afternoon (PM) Side Games Series will all be played at 2:00 PM each day.

To be eligible for Overall awards in the Side Games Series, you must play in at least two sessions in a particular series. You may play with different partners each time if you wish because you will score as an individual not as a partnership, and your score for that Series will be the total of your own two best games.

The top Overall placers will win GOLD points. OVERALL means only the highest score, not broken down by Flights.

NOTE: that if you get a section top in one side game, and you play in at least two sessions, your section top will convert to GOLD.

Tomorrow (MONDAY) Schedule

- 9:00 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:00 AMCaribbean Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
- 2:00 PMCaribbean Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
- 4:30 PM Hand Analysis with Larry
- 8:00 PMEvening Side Game Series

DON'T FORGET to wear your name badge to all bridge events.

TUESDAY Schedule

- 9:00 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:00 AMAM Haiti Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
- 2:00 PMPM Jamaica Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
- 4:30 PM Hand Analysis with Larry
- 8:00 PMEvening Side Game Series