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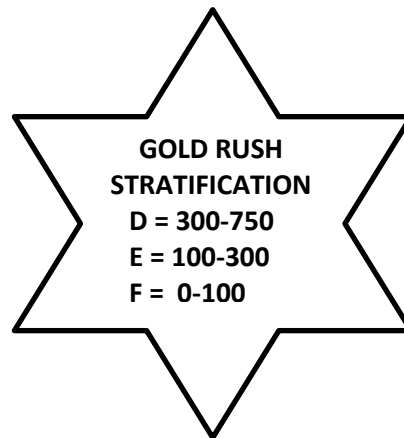
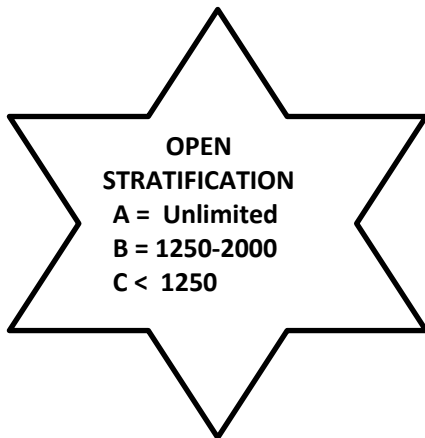
With Larry Cohen



Daily Bulletin

Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16, 2022

Welcome aboard Regent's **Seven Seas Mariner** 10-night Mexican Riviera cruise. This will be a fun-filled journey 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 lectures most mornings, and will be available for questions following the afternoon Open Pairs games. We'll finish with a Cocktail/Awards Party on Saturday evening, October 24.



## 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, won his first National Championship at 22 and was elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

After a full-time successful career in numerous national and international tournaments, Larry is now mostly retired from the tournament-playing circuit. He now 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's (Saturday) Schedule**

3:00 PM .....Registration

5:00 PM\* .....Welcome Party

Stars Nightclub.....Deck 6

\*Subject to boat drill



## **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**

When the opponents compete:

- Prioritize finding a major fit--if you have a choice of doubling to show an opening hand and the other suits or bidding hearts/spades to show a five-card suit, try to show the major.
- Don't paint yourself into a corner--if you have the wrong shape for a takeout double don't force it or you might have to do something unpleasant later.
- Pass doesn't mean that you don't have a good hand--auctions rarely end after you've taken one call. You'll likely get a chance later.

### **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 in the morning prior to Larry's lectures as well as before each session of bridge.*



## **THINGS TO KNOW ...** **... about Side Games**

The Side Games are grouped into a Series beginning this Sunday evening

To be eligible for Overall awards in the Side Games Series, you must play in at least two sessions in the 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's (SUNDAY) Schedule**

- 9:00 AM .....Lecture with Larry
- 10:00 AM .....California Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 2:00 PM .....California Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
- 8:00 PM .....Side Game Series

**Lectures (9:00 am) will be in the Horizon Lounge on Deck 6**

**Games will take place in the Card Room (also on Deck 6 midship, port side)**

### **Monday's Schedule**

- 9:00 AM .....Lecture with Larry
- 10:00 AM .....Mexico Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 2:00 PM .....Mexico Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)

**Masking policies will be consistent with ACBL guidelines and local ordinances, and may vary with date and location.**