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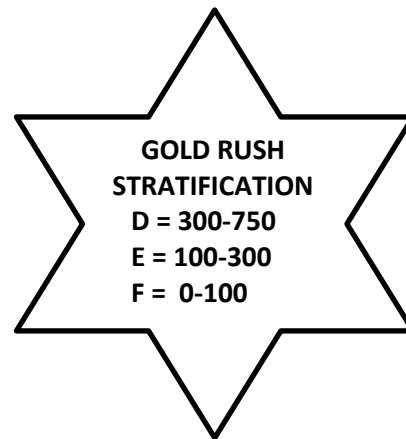
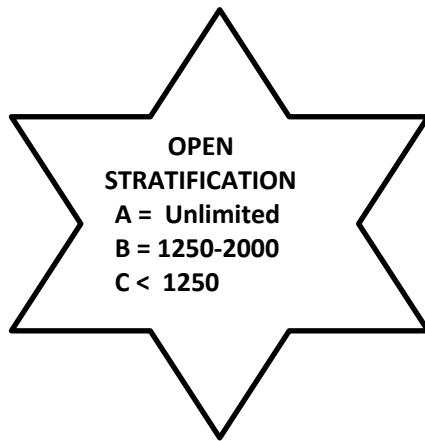


With Larry Cohen

Daily Bulletin

Sunday, February 26 & Monday, February 27, 2023

Welcome aboard the **American Countess** 7-night Mississippi River cruise. This will be a fun-filled week of great food, entertainment and, of course, lots of bridge. We will be offering a menu of 2-session Pairs and/or single-session Side Games Series with many opportunities to win Gold Points. Larry will present lectures most mornings. There will also be a Q&A with Larry and Michael following the afternoon Open Pairs games.



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 and was elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

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://larrycohen.com>. Larry lives with his wife, Eugenia, in Delray Beach, Florida.



MEET **MICHAEL BERKOWITZ**

Michael Berkowitz tells his life story, through bridge, every month in the ACBL Bulletin. His funny, instructive columns show how he has often learned important lessons the hard way. He is passionate about bridge and has worked in the bridge world writing, directing, and teaching. Michael learned from the very best: his parents, both of whom are world champions. Michael believed that they would win every time he missed an overtrick (they deny this). As a result, he understands how difficult it can be to get to the next level of bridge play without getting discouraged. His clear instruction allows students to make concrete steps forward without getting lost in pursuit of perfection. In addition to teaching for Bridge with Larry Cohen, Michael is the Program Chair for the ACBL Education Foundation, a non-profit working to promote bridge for all. He lives in Salt Lake City with his wife, Emily, and dog Yeti.



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.

Dining on Board

	Dining Room	River Grill
Breakfast	7:00 – 9:00 am	6:30 – 8:00 am
Lunch	12:30 – 2:00 pm	12:00 – 2:00 pm
Dinner	6:00 – 7:45 pm	5:30 – 7:00 pm

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

Stuart Rothenberg

President of Alice Travel will be on board and will be happy to help with any of your cruise-related questions.



Cheryl Angel will be your **Partnership Chair** and 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. The first series on this cruise begins this Sunday afternoon..

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.

Today's (Sunday) Schedule

- 2:15 PMSide Game Series
(session 1 of 3)
- 5:00 PMQ&A
- 8:15 PMEvening entertainment

Tomorrow's (MONDAY) Schedule

- 9:00 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:00 AM NOLA Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (session 1 of 2)
- 2:15 PMNOLA Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (session 2 of 2)
- 5:00 PMQ&A
- 8:15 PMEvening entertainment

Tuesday's Schedule

- 9:00 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:00 AM Side Game/Excursion
- 2:15 PMMississippi Open and Gold
Rush Pairs** (session 1 of 2)
- **Session 2 will be 2:15 PM on Wednesday****
- 5:00 PMQ&A
- 8:15 PMEvening entertainment