



# ACBL REGIONAL AT SEA WITH BARBARA SEAGRAM



Daily Bulletin

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Welcome aboard Royal Caribbean's Liberty 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. There will be daily lectures by our host, with Q&A sessions in the afternoons. We'll finish on Saturday evening with a Cocktail Party and presentation of awards.

## Your Host: **BARBARA SEAGRAM**

Barbara Seagram hails from Barbados, West Indies. Barbara started working for the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio in 1975, and in 1990, she and her husband, Alex Kornel, bought the club which subsequently, under their ownership, became the largest bridge club in Canada and the fourth largest on the continent. In 2006, it was named by ACBL as the top Bridge Club in North America.

Barbara received the Kate Buckman Award, given to the person who has contributed most to others' enjoyment of the game and the Audrey

Grant Award for teaching. She is a Gold Life Master and a frequent speaker at NABC's.



Barbara is the co-author of 24 published bridge books; the most well-known being "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know" which won "Book of the Year"

award from the American Bridge Teachers' Association. It is now in its 14th printing and has been translated into French, German, Japanese and Danish.

## Today (Sunday ) Schedule

### Registration:

Early registration: 5:30-6:00 pm  
Late registration: 7: 30pm

### Duplicate:

8 pm- Side Game



## 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 below):

- 1) Unlimited (Flights A, B, and C)
  - A = 2000+
  - B = 1250-2000
  - C = 0 - 1250
- 2) Gold Rush (Flights D, E, and F)
  - D = 300 – 750
  - E = 100 – 300
  - F = 0 - 100



## 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**

All events on this cruise pay 100% of land formula

#### **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.

### **Bridge Etiquette**

*-Show good manners; be polite to opponents.*

*-Don't yell at or criticize your partner.*

*-Don't offer unsolicited post-mortems (better to be silent and thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt).*

*- Be scent-sitive. Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances and in an enclosed space, it can trigger asthma or allergic reactions. Please don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.*

### **Need A Partner? No worries!**

If you want to play and need a partner and/or teammates, check in at the partnership desk and we will help you put your team together.

### **Need A Team? No worries! BUT...**

The earlier you let us know, the better. We'll try to introduce you in advance of the start of the knockout or swiss so you can be sure to only get one entry.

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### **Elaine Baker**

*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 Barbara'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 several games in each Series. For example, beginning on Sunday (tonight) the 8:00 PM game will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Evening Series, Monday's 8:00 PM game will be 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.

Beginning Monday, the Morning Series Side Games will all be played at 10:00 AM, with the Monday 2:00 PM game being the 1<sup>st</sup> in the Afternoon Series. 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 AM ..... Lecture with Barbara Seagram  
 10:00 AM .....Caribbean Pairs (Session 1 of 2)  
 10:00 AM .....Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)  
 10:00 AM .....Morning Side Game Series  
 2:00 PM .....Caribbean Pairs (Session 2 of 2)  
 2:00 PM .....Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)  
 2:00 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series  
 4:00 PM ..... Q & A with Barbara  
 8:00 PM .....Evening Side Game Series

### **ALL EVENTS ARE IN THE CONFERENCE CENTER ON DECK 2 (FORWARD)**

**You must take the forward elevators to reach the playing area.**

**Restrooms are located on decks 3 and 4.**

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