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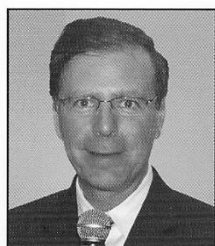
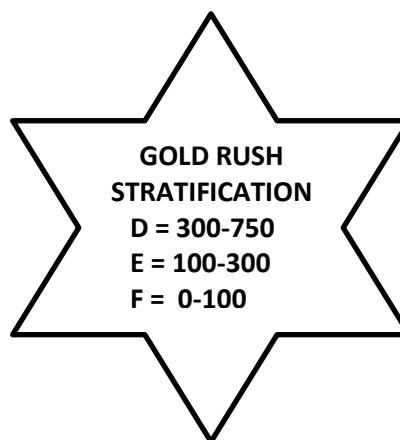
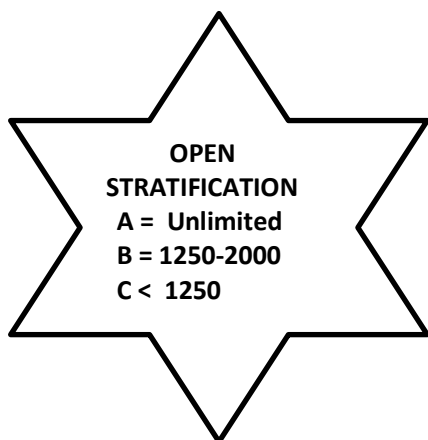
With Larry Cohen



Daily Bulletin

Tuesday, Nov. 12 & Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019

Welcome aboard the **Crystal Serenity** 12-night Lisbon-Ft. Lauderdale cruise. This will be a fun-filled time 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 regular lectures in the morning, and frequent post-mortem analyses following the afternoon Open Pairs. We'll finish with a Cocktail/Awards Party on Saturday evening, November 23.



## 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 (Tuesday) Schedule**

5:15 PM .....Boat Drill

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM .....Registration  
Bridge Lounge (Deck 7)



**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 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.

The Morning (AM) Side Games will all be played at 10:15 AM, and the Afternoon (PM) Side Games will all be played at 2:15 PM or 3:15 PM.

The Evening Side Games will be at 8:15PM and in the Card Room on Deck 7.

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.



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

GOLD POINTS ARE AWARDED:

- 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.

**TIP(S) FROM LARRY**

- 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).

**Tomorrow (WEDNESDAY) Schedule**

- 9:15 AM .....Lecture with Larry
- 10:15 AM .....Open and Gold Rush Pairs  
(Session 1 of 2)
- 10:15 AM .....Morning Side Game Series
- 2:15 PM .....Open and Gold Rush Pairs  
(Session 2 of 2)
- 2:15 PM .....Afternoon Side Game Series

**Need A Partner? No worries!**

If you want to play and need a partner and/or teammates, check in at the partnership desk 15 – 30 minutes before game time.

**ALL MORNING AND AFTERNOON EVENTS ARE  
 IN THE STARDUST CLUB ON DECK 6**

**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.



**THURSDAY Schedule**

- 9:15 AM .....Lecture with Larry
- 10:15 AM ..... Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 10:15 PM ..... Morning Side Game Series
- 2:15 PM .....Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
- 2:15 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series
- 8:15 PM ..... Evening Side Game Series

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