



# ACBL REGIONAL AT SEA WITH ROBERT TODD



Daily Bulletin

Sunday March 8th and Monday March 9th

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 Robert Todd, with Q&A sessions following afternoon duplicate games. We'll finish on Saturday evening with a Cocktail Party and presentation of awards.

In this Welcome Bulletin we give basic information about our Regional Tournament at Sea. We will be offering Stratiflighted Open Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs, several Side Game Series, Open and Gold Rush Swiss Teams, and Knockout Teams. You'll also learn how to earn Gold and/or Red Points, how events are stratified, which events are one-session and which are two-session, and why it's important to know the difference. You might want to keep this Bulletin handy for future reference. On board we will have a knowledgeable staff that will help you determine which event(s) will be best for you. There will be additional Daily Bulletins on Tuesday, March 10 through Saturday, March 14 but none on March 15, the day we disembark. Daily Bulletins will keep you up-to-date with lecture times, playing schedules, Overall Results, and other helpful information. These Daily Bulletins will also be available online at [www.larryco.com/bridge-cruises](http://www.larryco.com/bridge-cruises)

## Your Host: **ROBERT TODD**



In 2010 **Robert Todd** founded Adventures in Bridge, a group of young talented bridge players with whom he teaches and promotes the game. He teaches in person and online, plays with students from club games to

world championships, hosts cruises and destination seminars, and writes for various publications. Robert has twice finished in the top 20 of the Barry Crane list, winning over 1500 masterpoints each of those years, and won the inaugural 0-10,000 Knockout Teams ("Mini-Vanderbilt") at the Dallas NABC. Alice Travel's bridge cruisers enjoy Robert's spot-on teaching style and his enthusiasm for the game.

### **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

### **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.**



## **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 can pay gold points  
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.

## **Linda Green**

*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 Robert'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 and sessions run. 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.

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.

Side games will be offered at all sessions (including opposite team events). In the event that we do not have enough tables to fill a side game, we may invite you to play one session of a two-session event. You will always be able to play if you want to.

## **Tomorrow (Monday) Schedule**

9:00 AM ..... Lecture with Robert Todd  
 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  
 4:45 PM .....Q & A with Robert Todd  
 8:00 PM .....Evening Side Game Series