

# Larry N. Cohen Biography



## Personal

Larry Neil Cohen was born in New York City in 1959. He is a former computer-programmer and options trader, but presently works exclusively in the world of bridge--lecturing in venues on land and sea, writing several best-selling bridge books and hundreds of articles. Larry has played bridge in a dozen different countries in special invitational tournaments. His biggest passion/hobby is golf (handicap 11). In 2009, Larry "semi-retired" from playing to focus on teaching and writing. He currently resides in Delray Beach, Florida with his lovely wife, Eugenia (Maria).

## Bridge Career

Larry learned bridge at age 6 from his grandparents. He began playing duplicate at age 14 and was competing in tournaments by 15. By 17 he had earned the title of Life Master and by 22 he had won his first of **25 National Championships**. Among his titles are a Vanderbilt, two Spingolds, two Reisingers, two Life Master Pairs, and four Blue Ribbon Pairs. Additionally, he is also a two-time winner of The Cavendish Invitational Pairs, winner of the 1999 Cap Gemini World Top 16 Pairs Tournament in the Hague, Silver Medalist in 1998 World Pairs Championships, and Bronze Medalist in the 2000 Olympiad Teams. In 2002 **ACBL named him Player of the Year** and in 2011 named him Honorary Member of the Year. He is also listed on their **Top 10 Living Most Influential People in Bridge**. In 2020, in his first year of eligibility, he was elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame.

## Books-CDs-DVDs

His best-selling book, To Bid or Not to Bid--The LAW Of Total Tricks, was published in six different languages. The sequel, Following the LAW, was also a best-seller. Between 2012 and 2017 Larry wrote six workbooks: Larry Teaches 2/1 Game Force, Doubles and Redoubles, Opening Leads, Defense, Declarer Play at Notrump and Declarer Play at Suit Contracts. In 2019 and 2020 he collaborated with David Bird on two books: On the Other Hand and On the Other Hand - Defense. Larry has written and published the following CD's: Play Bridge with Larry Cohen (1999 Life Master Pairs) -- Days 1,2,3, 2005 My Favorite 52, 2010 The Real Deal for both Advanced and Intermediate players, and 2011 Audio CD: Talking Bridge. In 2017/18 he released 10 DVD's on several bridge subjects. All of the above are available on this website and **all are ABTA Award Winners!**

In March 2020 Larry and his team transitioned into live webinars with viewers from around the world. Recorded versions are available in the STORE at larryco.com

## **Other Bridge Activities**

Director of the prestigious Bridge World Master Solvers Club for 11 years / National Appeals Committee Member and casebook panelist / Vu-graph commentator at national championships and on BBO / Member of the ACBL Conducts & Ethics Committee / Writer of ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game Booklet since 2007 / Former Chairman of the ACBL Hall-of-Fame Committee.

## **Career Details**

2012 - Voted Top 10 Living Most Influential in Bridge

2011 - ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

2009 - Retired from playing

2009 - 2nd Place in Spingold

2009 - 1st place in National Open Pairs

2008 - 2nd place in U.S. Team Trials

2008 - 1st place in Grand National Teams

2008 - 2nd place in Open BAM Teams

2007 - 2nd place in Reisinger BAM Teams

2007 - 1st place in Open BAM Teams

2007 - 1st place in Grand National Teams

2006 - 1st place in National Open Pairs

2006 - 2nd place in National Swiss Teams

2005 - 1st place in Vanderbilt Knockout Teams

2004 - 2nd Place in Reisinger Teams

2004 - 1st place in National Open Pairs

2004 - 2nd place in Vanderbilt Teams

2003 - 2nd place in U.S. Team Trials

2003 - ACBL Sportsman of the Year

2002 - 2nd Place in National Open Pairs

2002 - 2nd place in Life Master Open Pairs

2002 - 1st place Master Mixed BAM Teams

2002 - 2nd place in Reisinger Teams

2002 - ACBL Player of the Year

2000 - 1st place in U.S. Team Trials

2000 - Bronze Medal World Team Championships

1999 - 1st place in North American Swiss Teams

1999 - 1st place in Cap Gemini World Top Pairs

## Career Details Cont.

1998 - Silver Medal in World Open Pairs  
1998 - 2nd place in U.S. Team Trials  
1998 - 2nd place in Vanderbilt Teams  
1996 - 2nd place in Blue Ribbon Pairs  
1996 - 1st place in Life Master Pairs  
1996 - 1st place in National Open Pairs  
1996 - 1st place in Blue Ribbon Pairs  
1995 - 1st place in Grand National Teams  
1994 - 2nd place in Master Mixed Teams1993 - Semifinal in Bermuda Bowl  
1993 - 2nd place in Vanderbilt  
1992 - 1st place in Pan American Open Teams  
1991 - 1st place in Reisinger  
1991 - 1st place in Open BAM  
1991 - 2nd place in Grand National Teams  
1991 - 2nd place in North American Open Teams  
1990 - 2nd place in Open BAM Teams  
1990 - 2nd place in Vanderbilt  
1988 - 1st place in Life Master Pairs  
1988 - 1st place in Cavendish Invitational Pairs  
1988 - 1st place in Blue Ribbon Pairs  
1987 - 1st place in Life Master Pairs  
1986 - 2nd place in LM Mens Pairs  
1985 - 1st place in Reisinger  
1984 - 1st place in Spingold  
1984 - 2nd place in Grand National Pairs  
1984 - 1st place in National Mens BAM  
1983 - 1st place in Cavendish Invitational Pairs  
1983 - 1st place in Life Master Pairs  
1983 - 1st place in Blue Ribbon Pairs  
1983 - 2nd place in Spingold  
1981 - 1st place in Blue Ribbon Pairs  
1981 - 1st place in Spingold  
1980 - 2nd place in Grand National Pairs  
1979 - 2nd place in National Open Pairs