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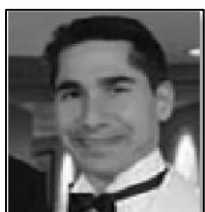
Monday, July 10 & Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Welcome aboard the **Crystal Serenity** 10-night Alaska 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. Your hosts, Robert Todd and Christopher Rivera, will present regular lectures in the morning, and frequent post-mortem analyses following the afternoon Open Pairs games. We'll finish with a Cocktail/Awards Party on Wednesday evening, July 19.

MEET OUR HOSTS



ROBERT TODD is a professional bridge player and teacher from Tallahassee, Florida. Although he began playing contract bridge with his parents as a young lad, when he was exposed to duplicate in grad school his enthusiasm deepened into a career. In 2010, Robert identified a need to nurture young bridge players and founded *Adventures in Bridge, Inc.* for that purpose. In addition to teaching and playing bridge, both in person and online, and in national and international competition, he still finds time to host cruises and seminars, and write about bridge for various publications. Robert has been a regular finisher in ACBL's Barry Crane Top 500 (for number of points won in a year) to include this current year, 2017.



CHRISTOPHER RIVERA is a professional bridge player, accredited bridge teacher, and club director at Honors Bridge Club in Manhattan, the largest full-service bridge club in North America. He is also a professional member of the American Bridge Teacher's Association (ABTA), and a former editor of the ABTA's quarterly magazine. Christopher spent nearly twenty years in other career fields, to include publishing, before choosing to make bridge his full-time profession. Nowadays, in addition to directing the club's competitive games, he teaches beginner-to-advanced students in both classes and private lessons.



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 2-session 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);

Today's (Monday) Schedule

2:15 PMRegistration
4:00 PMWelcome Party
Stardust Club (Deck 6)

6:00 PMDinner
8:15 PMNo bridge tonight



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)

OPEN STRATIFICATION	GOLD RUSH STRATIFICATION
A = Unlimited	D = 0 - 750
B = 1250 - 2000	E = 100 - 300
C = 0 - 1250	F = 0 - 100



Beginning Tuesday, the Morning Series Side Games will all be played at 10:15 AM, with the Tuesday 2:15 PM game being the 1st of the Afternoon Series. The Morning (AM) Side Games Series will all be played at 10:15 AM each day, and the Afternoon (PM) Side Games Series will all be played at 2:15 PM each day. Depending upon attendance, the morning and afternoon series may be combined to create a daytime series.

The top Overall placers will win GOLD points. OVERALL means only the highest score, not broken down by Flights. NOTE: 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.

***NOTE: BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR NAME
BADGE TO ALL BRIDGE EVENTS***

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.

Is your Alice Travel

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 the daily lecture as well as before each session of bridge.



9:15 AMLecture with Chris and Robert
10:15 AMCanadian Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
10:15 AMMorning Side Game Series
2:15 PMKetchikan Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
2:15 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
8:15 PMEvening Side Game Series

ALL GAMES ARE IN THE STARDUST CLUB
located on Deck 6

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                Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
2:15 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series
8:15 PM .....Alaska KO (session 1 of 3)
8:15 PM .....Evening Side Game Series

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Open Pairs, Gold Rush Pairs, Swiss Teams

Most of our 2-session pairs games are scheduled at the ***same time for two consecutive days*** to accommodate your excursion plans. When you get an entry for a 2-session event the directors are expecting you to play **both** sessions. Please notify them in advance if circumstances prevent you from satisfying that commitment.