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Regional at Sea

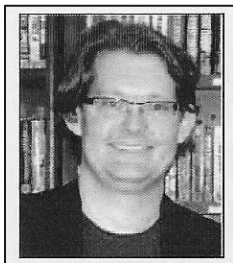


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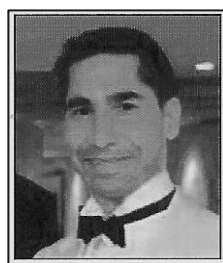
Welcome to the ACBL Regional at Sea aboard Royal Caribbean's **Liberty of the Seas**. We have scheduled a fun-filled week of bridge giving you a choice of playing Open Pairs, Bracketed Swiss Teams, Knockout Teams, or Side Games. Of course, each of these events provides an opportunity to win Gold Points. Be sure to attend the daily lectures presented each morning by our hosts, Robert and Christopher (arrive early to ensure a good seat) They will also offer Q&A sessions in the afternoons. On Saturday, the last day of play, we'll have a Cocktail Party at which awards will be presented. Oh, by the way, in between bridge games, don't forget to enjoy the ship's great food, ports of call, and fabulous entertainment.

MEET OUR HOSTS



ROBERT TODD, who hails from Tallahassee, Florida, began his bridge life as a young child learning party bridge from his parents. He discovered duplicate bridge just before grad school and was hooked! Robert is now a bridge professional teaching duplicate

classes both online and in person, writing, hosting seminars on land and at sea, and playing in tournaments both nationally and internationally. In 2010 he founded the very successful *Adventures in Bridge* for the purpose of developing individual and group teaching skills. Among other achievements, Robert has been among the top 20 finishers in the ACBL Barry Crane Top 500 (for the number of points won in a year), and he has earned over 10,000 points, most of which while playing with students.



CHRISTOPHER RIVERA is a professional bridge player, accredited bridge teacher, and tournament director at Honors Bridge Club in Manhattan, the largest full-service club in North America. Christopher spent nearly 20 years with careers in Hollywood

and in the publishing business before choosing to make duplicate bridge his full-time profession. In addition to his Honors Club responsibilities, Christopher also teaches bridge to all levels of students in both classes and private lessons.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO ALL BRIDGE EVENTS

PARTNERSHIP TIPS FROM LARRY
DO remember that you and partner are on the same side.
DON'T yell at or criticize him/her.
DO be kind.
DON'T give lessons unless you're being paid to do so.
DO remember that bridge is just a game.
DON'T forget to have a good time.
.....Larry Cohen

SUNDAY (TODAY) SCHEDULE
Conference Center, Deck 2 Forward
Registration begins immediately following the Life Boat Drill until 5:30 PM
7:30 – 8:00 PMregistration continues
8:00 pmSide Game

GOLD POINTS

All events on this cruise pay 100% of land formula GOLD points as follows:

- 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 a Side Game (as long as you play in at least one other session in the same series).
- 4) Any earned points that are not gold will be RED.

STRATIFICATION

. . . . for all OPEN 2-session Pairs games

Flight A = Unlimited

Flight B = 1250-2000

Flight C = 750-1250

All stratifications are done by masterpoint average (per pair or team). For example, if one player in a partnership has 800 points and the other has 1400, the combined total will be averaged out as follows: $800 + 1400 = 2200 / 2 = 1100$ qualifying for Flight C .

. . . .for GOLD RUSH PAIRS (2-sessions)

Flight D = 300-750

Flight E = 100-300

Flight F = 0-100

GOLD RUSH PAIRS are always two sessions. To play in Gold Rush (Flights D, E, or F), no one player in a partnership can have more than 750 points. Averaging is applied so that, for example, if one player has 700 points and partner has 100, the combined total will be averaged out as follows: $700 + 100 = 800 / 2 = 400$ points which would qualify this partnership for Flight D.

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

This is a non-eliminating tournament format. Brackets are determined differently from Open or Pairs games. In this case, a **team's total points** are combined so that teams are evenly matched with other teams within their bracket (group).

TOMORROW (MONDAY) SCHEDULE

9:00 AM.....Lecture
10:00 AMTexas Open Pairs (1 of 2)
10:00 AMTexas Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)
10:00 AMSide Game
2:00 PMTexas Open Pairs (2 of 2)
2:00 PMTexas Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)
2:00 PMSide Game
4:45 PMQ&A with Hosts
8:00 PMSide Game

SIDE GAMES

STRATIFICATION for Side Game Series

Flight A = 1000+ Flight B = 300-1000 Flight C = 0-300

For those players who prefer to play one-session events and still have an opportunity to win GOLD points, Side Games will be offered throughout this Regional in conjunction with all other games. It's important to know that Side Games are separated into SERIES:

- The **Evening Side Game Series** will be offered at 8:00 PM Sunday thru Friday, beginning with the Welcome Pairs on Sunday night.

- The **Morning (AM) Side Game Series** will be offered at 10:00 AM Monday thru Saturday

- The **Afternoon (PM) Side Game Series** will be offered at 2:00 PM Monday thru Saturday.

- We hope to offer six games per Series but because ACBL requires a minimum number of tables for each Side Game there is always the possibility that a game could be integrated into the Gold Rush or Open Pairs. If this occurs you will not be required to play both sessions.

- GOLD POINTS for Side Game Series can be won either by placing OVERALL in a particular Series OR by winning a SECTION TOP (which initially pays RED points, not GOLD) in a particular Series **AND ALSO play in at least one other game in that same Series** in which case the RED points will convert to GOLD.

NOTE: Although you must play in at least two games in a particular Series to be eligible for a RED point conversion to Gold, it is not necessary to play with the same partner each time because you will score as an individual, not as a partnership, and YOUR final score will be the total of your own two best scores.



Cruise ships can be a breeding ground for the transmission of germs. It's not always possible to access soap and water while playing cards so please take advantage of the hand sanitizers provided by Royal Caribbean in many locations on board, including in our playing area. Additionally, if you are coughing or sneezing please consider skipping bridge that day.

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AMLecture
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