



ACBL REGIONAL at SEA

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Daily Bulletin

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Welcome aboard the **Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas** 7-night Caribbean 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 host, Robert Todd, will present regular lectures in the morning and post-mortem analyses following the afternoon Open Pairs games. We'll finish with a Cocktail/Awards Party on Friday evening, October 12.

In this Welcome Bulletin we give basic information about our Regional Tournament at Sea. We will be offering Open Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs, several Side Game Series, Stratiflighted 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 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 a Daily Bulletin, Monday through Friday but none on Saturday, the day we disembark. Daily Bulletins will keep you up-to-date with lecture times, playing schedules, Overall Results, and other helpful information. At the end of play on our last day, Friday, we'll finish up with a Cocktail & Awards Party

YOUR HOST – ROBERT TODD



Robert will present lectures at 9:00 AM Sunday thru Friday, ending at 9:45 AM (morning bridge games will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.) He will have a Q&A session at the end of afternoon Open Pairs/Gold Rush games on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.



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 is a Platinum Life Master and has been a regular finisher in ACBL's Barry Crane Top 500 (for number of

points won in a year).

ALICE TRAVEL On-board Liaison

Cheryl Angel will be available at the registration area prior to each morning's lecture, and before each session throughout the day. She will be happy to help with any of your cruise-related questions.

TODAY'S (SATURDAY) SCHEDULE

Conference Center, Deck 3

Registration will begin immediately following the Life Boat Drill until 5:30 PM

8:00 PMWelcome Pairs*

*will include 1st game in Evening Side Game Series



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).



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)

**OPEN
STRATIFICATION**
A = Unlimited
B = 1250 - 2000
C = 0 - 1250

**GOLD RUSH
STRATIFICATION**
D = 300 - 750
E = 100 - 300
F = 0 - 100

2-SESSION EVENTS ...

Open Pairs, Gold Rush Pairs, Swiss Teams

Our Horizontal (Tues-Wed) 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.

Tomorrow's (Sunday) Schedule

9:00 AMLecture with Robert
10:00 AMCaribbean Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
2:00 PM Caribbean Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
2:00 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
8:00 PMEvening Side Game Series



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. For example, beginning on Saturday the 8:00 PM game will be the 1st of the Evening Series, Sunday's 8:00 PM game will be 2nd, etc.

Beginning Sunday, the Morning Series Side Games will all be played at 10:00 AM, with the Monday 2:00 PM game being the 1st of the Afternoon Series. The Morning (AM) Side Games Series will all be played at 10:00 AM each day, and the Afternoon (PM) Side Games Series will all be played at 2:00 PM each day. Depending upon attendance, the morning and afternoon series may be combined to create a daytime series.

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: 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***

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.

**ALL BRIDGE EVENTS ARE IN THE
CONFERENCE CENTER**
located on Deck 3

MONDAY Schedule

9:00 AMLecture with Robert
10:00 AMIsland Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
10:00 AMMorning Side Game Series
2:00 PMIsland Open and Gold
Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
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