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With Larry Cohen



Daily Bulletin

Saturday, Nov. 10 & Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Welcome aboard the **Crystal Cruises' Serenity** 11-night transatlantic 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, Larry Cohen, 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 Tuesday evening, November 20.

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, Stratified 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, November 12 through Tuesday, November 20 but none on November 21, the day we disembark. Daily Bulletins will keep you up-to-date with lecture times, playing schedules, Overall Results, and other helpful information.

YOUR HOST – LARRY COHEN



Larry will present daily lectures including all-new material at 9:15 AM, ending at 10:00 AM (morning bridge games will begin promptly at 10:15 AM.) He will have a Q&A session at the end of all afternoon Open Pairs/Gold Rush games.

Larry is renowned in the world of bridge. His career path began in New York when, at the age of 6, his grandparents taught him to play bridge. He graduated to duplicate at 14, began playing in tournaments at 15, became a Life Master at 17, and won his first National Championship at 22.

After a full-time career in numerous national and international tournaments, Larry is now mostly retired from the tournament-playing circuit; however, he teaches, gives seminars (both on land and at sea), writes columns for bridge magazines, has published many highly-acclaimed bridge books and videos, and keeps his own Web site up to date with the latest bridge news at <http://www.larryco.com>. Larry lives with his wife, Eugenia, in Delray Beach, Florida.

ALICE TRAVEL On-board Liaison

Cheryl Angel will be available in the Stardust Club 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

Stardust Club, Deck 6

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

 **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 *stratiflighted* Pair games there are two different events (masterpoint strata listed below):

- 1) Unlimited (Flights A, B, and C)
- 2) Gold Rush (Flights D, E, and F)

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

The 2-session Swiss Teams events are *stratified*.

2-SESSION EVENTS ...

Open Pairs, Gold Rush Pairs, Swiss Teams

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

- 9:15 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:15 AMSunday Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 10:15 AMMorning Side Game Series
- 2:15 PM Sunday Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
- 2:15 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
- 8:15 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.

Bridge games (unless otherwise noted) are in the Stardust Club. Larry's lectures are in the Hollywood Theater.

Both are located on Deck 6.

MONDAY Schedule

- 9:15 AMLecture with Larry
- 10:15 AMMonday Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
- 10:15 AMMorning Side Game Series
- 2:15 PMMonday Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
- 2:15 PM Afternoon Side Game Series
- 8:15 PMEvening Side Game Series