



# ACBL REGIONAL at SEA

With Larry Cohen



Daily Bulletin

Sunday, March 3 & Monday, March 4, 2019

Welcome aboard the **Royal Caribbean Allure 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, 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 Saturday, March 9.

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, Open and Gold Rush 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 future 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 additional Daily Bulletins on Tuesday, March 5 through Saturday, March 9, but none on March 10, the day we disembark. Daily Bulletins will keep you up-to-date with lecture times, playing schedules, Overall Results, and other helpful information. These Daily Bulletins will also be available online at [www.larryco.com/bridge-cruises](http://www.larryco.com/bridge-cruises).

## YOUR HOST – LARRY COHEN



Larry will present daily lectures including his recently updated material at 9:00 AM, 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 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 or near the conference room 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 (SUNDAY) SCHEDULE

Conference Center, Deck 3 Mid-ship

8:00 PM.....Welcome Pairs  
(Evening Side Game Series session 1<sup>st</sup> of 6)



## THINGS TO KNOW ...

### ... about Gold Points

All events on this cruise pay 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)

Note: Players with more than 750 MPs are ineligible for Gold Rush events

<b>OPEN STRATIFICATION</b>	<b>GOLD RUSH STRATIFICATION</b>
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 (Monday) Schedule

9:00 AM .....Lecture with Larry  
 10:00 AM .....Nassau Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)  
 10:00 AM .....Morning Side Game Series  
 2:00 PM .....Nassau Open and Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)  
 2:00 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series  
 8:00 PM .....Evening 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 Sunday the 8:00 PM game will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Evening Series, Monday's 8:00 PM game will be 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.

Beginning Monday, the Morning Series Side Games will all be played at 10:00 AM, with the Monday 2:00 PM game being the 1<sup>st</sup> 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? A Team? No worries!

If you want to play and need a partner and/or teammates, check in at the partnership desk and we will help.

**All games and lectures are in the Conference Center**  
**Located on Deck 3 mid-ship.**

### TUESDAY Schedule

9:00 AM .....Lecture with Larry  
 10:00 AM .....Florida Open and Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Session 1 of 2)  
 10:00 AM .....Morning Side Game Series  
 2:00 PM .....Florida Open and Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Session 2 of 2)  
 2:00 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series  
 8:00 PM .....Knockout Teams (Session 1 of 3)  
 8:00 PM .....Evening Side Game Series