



# ACBL REGIONAL AT SEA WITH ROBERT TODD



Daily Bulletin

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Welcome aboard The 6-Star Crystal Serenity on our Colorful Caribbean Cruise! This will be a fun-filled two weeks 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. There will be daily lectures by our hosts, with Q&A sessions in the afternoons. We'll finish on Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> evening with a Cocktail Party and presentation of awards.



## Your first-week host: **ROBERT TODD**

In 2010 **Robert Todd** founded Adventures in Bridge, a group of young talented bridge players with whom he teaches and promotes the game. He teaches in person and online, plays with students from club games to world championships, hosts cruises and destination seminars, and writes for various publications. Robert has twice finished in the top 20 of the Barry Crane list, winning over 1500 masterpoints each of those years, and won the inaugural 0-10,000 Knockout Teams ("Mini-Vanderbilt") at the Dallas NABC. Alice Travel's bridge cruisers enjoy Robert's spot-on teaching style and his enthusiasm for the game.

- 1) Unlimited (Flights A, B, and C)
  - A = 2000+
  - B = 1250-2000
  - C = 0 - 1250
- 2) Gold Rush (Flights D, E, and F)
  - D = 300 – 750
  - E = 100 – 300
  - F = 0 - 100

### **Today (Friday) Schedule**

- 4:15PM:** Welcome Party (Stardust Club on deck 6)
- 5:15PM:** Boat Drill
- 8:15PM:** Side Game (Bridge Lounge on deck 7)



### **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 below):



### **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 GOLD POINTS:

- 1) for placing Overall in any 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);
- 4) Any points not GOLD will be RED.

## Bridge Etiquette

-Show good manners; be polite to opponents.

-Don't yell at or criticize your partner.

-Don't offer unsolicited post-mortems (better to be silent and thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt).

- Be scent-sensitive. Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances and in an enclosed space, it can trigger asthma or allergic reactions. Please don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

## Need A Partner? No worries!

If you want to play and need a partner and/or teammates, check in at the partnership desk and Laurie and Larry Levin will help you put your team together.

## Need A Team? No worries! BUT...

The earlier you let us know, the better. We'll try to introduce you in advance of the start of the knockout or swiss so you can be sure to only get one entry.

## HAVE A QUESTION?

### Michael Berkowitz

*Is your Alice Travel representative on this cruise. He 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 Robert's lecture as well as before each session of bridge.*



## THINGS TO KNOW ...

### ... about Side Games

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: that 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.

The morning/afternoon side game series may be considered part of the evening series if we do not run enough of them to create their own series.

## Tomorrow (Saturday) Schedule

9:15 AM Lecture with Robert Todd (Hollywood)  
10:15 AM .....Crystal Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)  
10:15 AM .....Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 of 2)  
10:15 AM .....Morning Side Game Series  
2:15 PM .....Crystal Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)  
2:15 PM .....Gold Rush Pairs (Session 2 of 2)  
2:15 PM ..... Afternoon Side Game Series  
4:45 PM ..... Q & A with Robert  
All Bridge Games in the Bridge Lounge (Deck 7)

## THINGS TO KNOW ...

### ... about Evening Games

We are not offering evening games every night so be sure to check the schedule to be sure that there are evening games that night. We hope that by offering fewer games, we will have more participation on the days we do offer evening events

## ROBERT'S LECTURES ARE At 9:15 IN THE HOLLYWOOD THEATER

## ALL BRIDGE GAMES ARE IN THE BRIDGE LOUNGE ON DECK 7

**DON'T FORGET to wear your name badge to all bridge events.**

Date	9:15 A.M.	10:15 A.M.	2:15 P.M.
6-Dec Depart Fort Lauderdale			Meet & Greet @4:15 Stardust
7-Dec At Sea	Lecture	Crystal Open & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	Crystal Open & Gold Rush Pairs
8-Dec At Sea	Lecture	Caribbean Open & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	Caribbean Open & Gold Rush Pairs
9-Dec St. Thomas	Lecture	Saints Morning Open & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	Island Afternoon Open & Gold Rush Pairs
10-Dec St. Barts	Lecture	Saints Morning Open & Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)	Island Afternoon Open & Gold Rush Pairs
11-Dec St. Lucia	Lecture	Lucia/Nevis Morning Open & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	Stardust Afternoon Open & Gold Rush Pairs
12-Dec Nevis	Lecture	Lucia/Nevis Morning Open & Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)	Stardust Afternoon Open & Gold Rush Pairs
13-Dec Tortola	Lecture	Tortola A/X Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (1 of 2)	Tortola A/X Stratiflighted Swiss Teams