

# TAOS REGIONAL



Taos, NM

September 21 - 27, 2015



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## MONDAY

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*From the office of:  
Daniel R. Barrone  
Mayor*

Welcome to all American Contract Bridge League members,

Thank you for traveling to our beautiful mountain Town. As the Mayor of Taos, I am delighted to invite you to participate in all Taos has to offer, and I extend a warm welcome.

This week we have lots for you to see and do while you are here. Cultural events, mountain and river adventures, hot air balloon rides, fine dining, art, music and more await you. We have many relaxing amenities as well, if you wish to get pampered. Who can't use a really good massage?

Web site: [www.Taos.org](http://www.Taos.org) everything going on at your fingertips!

This is a wonderful time to be visiting Taos. Enjoy the San Geronimo Days, our Fall Arts Festival, and our warm days and cool nights. Get out into the mountains, travel the Enchanted Circle, and view our scenic Taos Gorge. Our wonderful New Mexico Green Chili is world famous, and many of our restaurants have their own special recipes.

Taos is a unique place in the world, and our 1,000+ year old Taos Pueblo has been continually inhabited all that time, and is designated as a [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO) World heritage site.

We are glad you are here!

Dan Barrone  
Mayor of Taos

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# Welcome to the Taos Regional Bridge Tournament

I am delighted to welcome you to our second Taos Regional Bridge Tournament. When we held our first Regional in 2013, we didn't know if there would ever be another one. But our dreams came true and it was a tremendous success, thanks to all of you who were here then. And now another dream is coming true and here we are in 2015 doing it again. We are so happy to

welcome old friends and supporters, and equally glad to see those of you who are here for the first time.

We thank District 17 and Unit 381 and the ACBL for giving us this opportunity to host our second regional. We would also like to thank all who have given us support-the Town of Taos, County of Taos and the many volunteers who have spent countless hours to help make this a great tournament. The little bridge club that could is positioned at the starting line and ready to open our doors.

There are few things to which I would like to bring to your attention, besides all the snacks and beverages you care to partake of, the wonderful venue, and Taos itself. They are located in the lobby.

First there is our **Registration and Hospitality Desk**, where just for registering, you will receive a choice of souvenirs of Taos and our tournament, dome labels for your convention cards, personalized registration labels, and name tags.

If you are a 299er, and register at our **New Comer and Intermediate program Welcome Desk**, you will be rewarded with a coupon for a free play in a 299er game and another coupon for a book from our library of new and gently used bridge books for advancing players (located in the prize room).

**Notice Boards** in the lobby will keep you informed about seminars, given by well know speakers (described in greater detail elsewhere), during the afternoon break. Lunch and dinner specials at the Sagebrush and other specials being offered by local businesses to our guests.

Our **Concierge Desk** is manned by Tournament Co-chair, Leslie Cronin (at 575 779 0416) and volunteers from the Taos Visitors' Center. They are professionals at this, glad to help you with dining suggestions and with reservations at restaurants and for events and attractions. You can pick up Taos Dining Guides and other tourism publications for them.

Our **Partnership Desk** is managed by Dennis and Patsy Scott, with an able staff and a stable of stand-by players. They will do their best to find you a match whatever systems you play at whatever level. Please fill out your partnership request cards completely to make their job easy. If you need to contact them by phone, Dennis' cell phone number is 575 224 1055.

And then there is our **Prize Room**. Prizes will be awarded in every event, including smaller ones for section tops and for single session events. T-shirts will be awarded in multisession events. The prize room will be open during the noon hour and after the afternoon session until 5:30. The staff will have a roster of winners updated daily to include the previous day's winners.

Our **Daily Bulletin** available in the lobby is edited by Karen Miller, assisted by the Tournament Photographer, Brian Greer, who will be photographing winners during the noon hour in the south east ballroom, near the fireplace on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Results** of the games, posted in the ballroom, will also be available on line, posted daily. Please see Dennis' detailed instructions for using the results website elsewhere in this issue.

*Winifred Stebbins*

Tournament Chair



## REGISTRATION

## 299er REGISTRATION

Please register to receive a souvenir of the tournament registration labels.

Register to get: 1 free play in a 299er event, a souvenir of the tournament, and a free book from our library of new gently used bridge books.

# Welcome from the Taos County Chamber of Commerce

## ¡Bienvenidos!



Photo by Katharine Egl

This is a celebration year in Taos. In 1615 Taos was established as a Spanish village. It is the 100th anniversary of the Taos Society of Artists, the 300th anniversary of the acequia culture, 200th anniversary of the famed, historic San Francisco de Asís Church in Ranchos de Taos, the 60th ski season at Taos Ski Valley, and the 50th anniversary of accessibility to western Taos County over the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. Of course, Taos Pueblo has been continuously inhabited for over a 1,000 years and is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Our enchanted land is not only steeped in history but also has the future well in hand with the new Río Grande Del Norte National Monument — 310,528 acres of beautiful land, river and gorge in Northern New Mexico.

The Taos County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to creating a community of possibilities and opportunities for those new to Taos and lifelong Taoseños. Our slogan of “Taos County Chamber of Commerce Makes Business Better” is guiding our efforts to include all businesses and individuals in an enhanced life in Taos County. Please feel free to contact us for more information. Please visit our website at [www.taoschamber.com](http://www.taoschamber.com) for member events and current information. Welcome and enjoy our wonderful Taos County!

Executive Director  
Taos County Chamber of Commerce

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### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

	Charity Pairs, Open & 299er:	Mon	7:00		
	299er Pairs :	Tues->Fri	9:00, 1:00 & 7:00	Sat 9:00 & 1:00	
	0-1500/3000/3000+ Pairs:	Tues->Sat	1:00/7:00		
	Gold Rush Pairs	Tues->Sat	1:00/7:00		
	Side Games Series:	Tues->Sat	9:00, 1:00 & 7:00		
	KO Teams 4 session:	Mon 7:00/Tues	9:00/1:00/7:00		
	KO Teams 4 session:	Wed/Thurs	1:00/7:00	Thur/Fri 1:00/7:00	
	KO Teams 2 session:	Wed & Thurs	1:00/7:00	Fri/Sat 9:00/9:00	
	Swiss Teams 1 session:	Tues->Sat	7:00		
	Swiss Teams 2 session:	Wed/Thurs	9:00/9:00	Sun 9:00/1:00	
	Bracketed Teams 0-3000:			Sun 9:00/1:00	

### SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Speakers will begin at 6:15 p.m.

-  Tuesday - Dennis Scott - The Gold Rush to Life Master 
-  Wednesday - Jerry Fleming - Support Doubles 
-  Thursday - Dennis Dawson - The Power of Shape 



# WELCOME 299ers! - GOLD POINTS AND GREEN CHILE

Are you new to bridge? Or perhaps you have been playing awhile and are developing your skills? We are thrilled to offer games (targeted) toward new and advancing players. 299er games are limited by master points so you only play against players at your own level. All 299er games are directed in a relaxed manner and are played in a non-threatening venue.

You have gained confidence with your play and have taken the next step from club to tournament play. You will find the 99% of players at any level are pleasant and eager to help with problem hands, bidding and play of the hand. Duplicate is both a social game and a sport so there is a competitive edge. Most experienced players are approachable and open to help with understanding conventions, bidding or a line of play. They too often have the same problem with what to do with a particularly difficult hand.

The ACBL awards master points for your success in club games and tournaments. When you join the ACBL your master points are recorded and they are sent to you on the back of the bulletin so you can check your progress. You can win black, silver, red or gold points depending on the importance of the event. When you start playing tournaments you can win the prettier colored points. Club games are mostly black points, sectionals-silver and regionals-red and gold. To reach the level of Life Master you will have to amass a certain number of black points and a combination of silver, red and gold. The ranks are found on the ACBL website (ACBL.org). The requirements for Life Master if you became a member before Jan, 2010 are 300 mps but changed if you joined after Jan 2010 to 500 mps. There are excellent charts for the requirements for each rank on the website.

Welcome to the Taos tournament. Many local players are available to answer bridge questions or any other suggestions for restaurants, shopping or the unique attractions of Taos. You will meet many players who are bound to become friends who share bridge as a common bond.

PLAY HARD AND HAVE FUN!



## GO FOR THE GOLD!



**Two-session Open Pairs:** If you win a 1st in your section in Strats A or B in an open pairs game you will get gold points.

**Two-session Open Pairs Overall:** If you have a high percent average in your two sessions and place in the overall in strats A or B, you will win gold points.

**Gold Rush Pairs:** This relatively new tournament offering is a limited strati-flighted two session pairs event. No player can have more than 750 masterpoints and players compete in B, C and D strats (A and Ax players play in separate sessions). If you finish 1st in your section or make the overall in Strat B, you will win Gold Points.

**Knockout Teams:** KOs can be four session or compact (two session). Your team will play in a bracket with other teams that have a similar number of masterpoints. If you progress past the first two rounds and make it to the semi-finals, everyone on your team will win some gold points. The fraction of gold vs red points depends upon the masterpoint range of your bracket.

**Two Session Swiss Teams:** You are awarded gold points if you make the overall list in either Strat A or B of a two session Swiss Team event. Some tournaments now feature a "Bracketed" Double Session Swiss Team where more teams win gold. In this type of event, the A and Ax teams play in a separate group. All of the other teams are clustered in generally groups of eight and play only the teams in their group. Regardless of the masterpoint level of these groups or strats, some gold points are awarded to first, second and third place teams!

**Side Game Series:** There are two ways to earn gold points in a side game series. If you play in a least two sessions in a side game series and place 1st in your section in either session, you will earn gold points. The second way to earn gold in a side series is if your average percent in from you top two scores in the same side series qualifies you placement in the overall.

## PARTNERSHIP

The partnership desk will be open at least 30 minutes before each session. Partners are guaranteed for anyone who arrives at least 15 minutes before game time. Please fill out a card at the partnership desk for each game that you need a partner/teammates. We will do our best to find the best match possible. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Dennis at 575-224-1055 or Patsy at 575-224-1760.

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## How to Obtain Tournament Results Online

District 17 has made arrangements for Taos Regional results to be posted on the [bridgeresults.net](http://bridgeresults.net) website. By using this site, you can quickly obtain results for all events shortly after they are available in the playing area.

To obtain results, go to [www.bridgeresults.net](http://www.bridgeresults.net). Click on Login/Register at the right hand end of blue tool bar at the top. If you are not already registered, complete the required registration information in the Registration for First-Time Users section and then click the gray Register button. If you are already a registered member of the Bridge Results website, click on the gray Login button near the top and enter your email address and password.

After logging in, click on Home at the bottom of the box that appears. In the left column, under the heading, Calendar and Results for a Specific Club, use the pull down menu to select Taos Regional-District 17 and click the gray View Calendar and Results button. On the Full Results for the 2013 Taos Regional page, click the tab for the day and then on Results for an event.

If you prefer shortcuts, login to the [bridgeresults](http://bridgeresults.net) website and go to:  
[http://www.bridgeresults.net/cal\\_list.cgi?trnid=38](http://www.bridgeresults.net/cal_list.cgi?trnid=38)

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