

Daily Bulletin ♠

Enjoy Phoenix in August!  
August 15-21, 2016

# Phoenix Desert Empire Regional

Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona

Tournament Chair: JoAnne Lowe ♠ Director: Gary Zeiger

Monday, August 15

199er Pro-Am Pairs (single session).....	1:30 p.m.
Charity Pairs (single session) .....	1:30 p.m.
Charity Pairs (Evening Side Game Series 1 of 6) .....	7:15 p.m.
Agave Bracketed Knockout Teams (1 of 4).....	7:15 p.m.

## Another Warm Welcome to Phoenix

**P**hoenix Unit 354 welcomes you to the Desert Empire Regional Tournament. We are so excited to be returning to the Talking Stick Resort with its wonderful amenities. You will be extremely pleased with the venue and the service. JoAnne Lowe, our tournament chair, has done a marvelous job putting our regional together. I have no doubt that you will think of it as a wonderful experience – worthy of repeating annually.



First and foremost, please register at the tournament registration desk. The desk will be open for about an hour prior to each event through Sunday morning. Each registrant receives a packet that includes a Kokopelli souvenir that is unique to each tournament. Registering enters you in our daily door prize drawings. The registration desk also conducts the daily fish bowl prize award program. Second, we have made some changes from prior years' schedules.

**We have something** for bridge players of every experience level. Check the tournament flyer/schedule for all the details, but we have many single and multi-session Knockout events, pairs events, and Swiss Teams events for newer and less experienced players, including Gold Rush Pairs. Nearly all events are flighted, even less experienced players will be able to win masterpoints against players of their skill level, even if they are not beating up on the experts yet!

Third, we have another special treat: a Monday Pro-Am event. The “amateurs” are players with less than 200 masterpoints. The amateurs get to play with an experienced celebrity player. Ken Monzingo, the president of the ACBL, will be one of our celebrity pro players. We also have our customary Charity Pairs game on Monday night. We ask that each of you try to come out and support our charity game. Expert professionals are to give talks/lessons Tuesday thru Saturday. These sessions are free and of great value to players of all skill levels.

**The partnership desk** will be run by a fine crew. If you have difficulty getting a partner or teammates for team games, by all means stop by the partnership desk. They will help you find a partner/team if one is to be found. As ever, information and handouts regarding other major tournaments in the southwest will be available, as well as some vendor items for sale.

Last, but not least, in addition to the fine amenities at Talking Stick, there are also many wonderful places to visit, dine, and otherwise enjoy in nearby Scottsdale and Phoenix. Talking Stick Resort has two champion 18-hole championship golf courses that open early in the morning. There is also an indoor golf facility and other nearby attractions.

**W**elcome back to the Desert Empire Regional Tournament. We look forward to providing you with a first class bridge experience. I expect to be at the tournament most of the week. If any of you have problems that you think I can solve or help with, or kudos to deliver, by all means feel free to take a moment to speak to me.

S. Alan Cook, President, Unit 354.

## ♠ Guest Speakers ♠



**Tuesday, August 16**

**Bob Morris**

*"Opening Leads"*

**B**ob Morris is 57, lives in Houston, Texas, where he is in constant demand as a teacher and professional partner. He has acquired 20,000

Masterpoints, two NABC wins, more than 300 regional wins. Bob, a high school math teacher many years ago, has taught bridge all over the USA and on many cruises.



**Wednesday, August 17**

**Mark Itabashi**

*"Balancing"*

**M**ark Itabashi is a full time bridge professional and teacher. He is an ACBL Grand Life Master with more than 50,000 MPs. He has won multiple national

championships including the prestigious Von Zedwitz Life Master Pairs. Mark resides in Newport Beach, Calif., and when not playing bridge enjoys tennis, skiing, fishing, hiking and spending time with Sandy, and with his two college age daughters Christina and Michelle.



**Thursday, August 18**

**Mike Passell**

*"Everything You Always Wanted to Know about When to Cover an Honor with an Honor"*

**M**ike is an ACBL Hall of Fame member and one of the League's top masterpoint holders with more than 80,000. He has won three world championships and dozens of national titles including two wins in the Summer NABC in Washington last month. He is always friendly at the table with a great sense of humor. Mike and wife Nancy (also a world champion) live in Dallas.



**Friday, August 19**

**Curtis Cheek**

*"Your Partner Overcalls ... Now What?"*

**C**urtis is a full time bridge professional who has won five NABC championships including

the prestigious Vanderbilt Teams, Reisinger B-A-M Teams and Life Master Open Pairs. Curtis, a Grand Life Master, has earned more than 40,000 masterpoints. A popular figure on the tournament trail, Curtis is a fun partner and opponent, but tough competitor. Curtis and wife Phyllis live in Las Vegas.



**Saturday, August 20**

**Marc Jacobus**

*"Questions & Answers"*

**M**arc is a World Class pro with more than 40,000 masterpoints. He is 14th on the ACBL Grand Life Master list. Marc has won numerous national

championships and a gold medal in the World Bridge Federation Senior Teams. He lives in Las Vegas with his wife Brenda.

## Registration Desk

**P**layers, be sure to visit the Registration Desk as soon as possible. Registering entitles you to a welcome packet including a convention card holder and this year's version of our traditional and popular Kokopelli decal. Also, you can find information there concerning local restaurants, upcoming sectionals and regionals. Your registration card will be used for door prize drawings. You don't have to be present to win, but make sure you claim your prize at the Registration Desk by the end of the tournament. Winners will be drawn daily beginning Tuesday.



**Be sure to try** your luck at guessing the number of cards in the fish bowl to win a daily prize basket. Fish bowl winners will be listed in the following day's Daily Bulletin.

The registration desk is open one hour before each session.

## Partnership Desk

**D**o you need a partner or assistance putting a team together? Come to our Partnership desk. Unit 354 can proudly proclaim we have assembled a great team to assist you. The Partnership Chair Anne Marie Harrington and her experienced volunteers will do their best to accommodate your needs. We service all strats of players for all events.



You will need to fill out a Partnership card with some basic information such as your name, number of masterpoints, bidding system preference, and a number at which you may be reached. We cannot always guarantee a good

"fit" for a partner, but we do guarantee we'll try our very best. Remember, cell telephone numbers should be how to reach you at the tourney, not your home number.

### Photos: Winners & New Life Masters



**P**lease get your pictures taken. Meet Bonnie Bagley, Suzette Wynn or JoAnne Lowe, our friendly photographers, in the hall next to the registration desk at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Your photos will appear in the District 17 *ScoreCard* edition of *Contract Bridge Forum*.

## Active Ethics



**The I/N Crowd - Rod Bias**  
**Report Your Opponents (Who Practice Active Ethics)**

*Bank Error in your favor — collect \$200!*

Rod Bias

**I** found the following paragraph in Welcome to the North American Bridge Championships by the ACBL.

A primary objective of the ACBL is to instill in all players the concept that vigorous efforts should be made to provide fair play. Every player should strive to make sure the opponents have in no way been harmed through incomplete or misleading information about the meaning of conventional calls and treatments. An aggressive approach along these lines on the part of each and every individual will do much to make sure bridge remains enjoyable to all.

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### Yes, I want you to turn in your opponents!

If you enter a wrong score that favors your opponents and they ask you to adjust it (to their disadvantage), report them. I want stories about players who practice Active Ethics!

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**Active Ethics** is a term for doing the right thing ... even when it hurts you. They bid three of a major and go down one. You score it as two of a major — making two (+110). They could just accept your score and pretend they did not notice. Instead, they give \$200 back to the bank. That's what you would do ... right? That's Active Ethics! They did not just passively accept your "Bank Error" in their favor; they actively attempted to rectify the situation (give you back your \$200).

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**Please** contact me (623 444-7960 or by email [Rod.Bias@Cutlip.Org](mailto:Rod.Bias@Cutlip.Org)) with your story of someone else's Active Ethics.

These people need to be spotlighted!



## Tuesday, August 16

Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5).....	9:30 a.m.
199er Pairs (single sessions) .....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
A/B/C Stratified Open Pairs (2-session event).....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs (2-session event) .....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Agave Bracketed Knockout Teams (2 - 4 of 4) .....	9:30 a.m., 1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5) .....	1:30 p.m.
Barrel Bracketed Knockout Teams (1 & 2 of 4).....	1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss (single session) .....	7:15 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6) .....	7:15 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 17

Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5).....	9:30 a.m.
Cholla Bracketed Knockout Teams (1 of 3) .....	9:30 a.m.
199er Pairs (single sessions) .....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
A/B/C Stratified Open Pairs (2-session event).....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs (2-session event) .....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5) .....	1:30 p.m.
Ocotillo Bracketed Knockout Teams (1 & 2 of 4).....	1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Barrel Bracketed Knockout Teams (3 & 4 of 4).....	1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss (single session) .....	7:15 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6) .....	7:15 p.m.

## Thursday, August 18

Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5).....	9:30 a.m.
Cholla Bracketed Knockout Teams (2 of 3) .....	9:30 a.m.
A/B/C Stratified Open Pairs (2-session event).....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
199er Pairs (single sessions) .....	9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5) .....	1:30 p.m.
Ocotillo Bracketed Knockout Teams (3 & 4 of 4).....	1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Strati-Flighted Swiss (2-session event).....	1:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6) .....	7:15 p.m.

