

# Chairman: George Vasilevsky & Co-Chairman: Ed Matulis

Monday, June 6
Monday-Tuesday Knockout Teams (1st & 2nd of 4 sessions) 1:15 & 7:00 p.m.
Stratified Gold Rush Pairs (0-100/100-300/300-750) (2 sessions) 1:15 & 7:00 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (0-1500/1500-3000/3000+) (2 sessions)
0-100 & 0-300 Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 1:15 & 7:00 p.m.
All of the above games benefit either an ACBL Charity or a local Charity
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (single session or 1st of 4) 1:15 p.m.
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (single session or 1st of 4)
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

### Welcome to Las Vegas!

istrict 17 and Unit 373 welcome you to the 2016 Las Vegas Regional. Volunteers are here to help you ... if you want dining suggestions, need directions, or have any other questions, stop someone wearing a name badge and ask. Las Vegas has endless dining choices. A list of a few of our local favorites is available either on our tournament website or at the registration desk.



If you should have an evening free while you are here, world famous Cirque du Soleil has a special offer for our regional attendees. There are six remarkable shows available. Just check our website for a link to purchase discounted tickets: *lvregional.com* 

Our tournament staff and volunteers wish you a fun filled week packed with great bridge and lots of gold points.

Welcome!

### **New Knockout Teams**

*NOTICE*: An all new Knockout Teams, not on the original schedule, has been added for Thursday- Friday 1:00 & 7:30.

### **Playing Locations**

All events on Monday will be held in the Events Center.

\* The Silver and Gold Rooms will be for all 10:00 to 3:00 events starting on Tuesday and continuing through Friday. All other events will be in the Events Center.

### **Partnerships**

Partnership will have a temporary space in the Events Center on Monday only from 11:45-1:15 & 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Beginning Tuesday partnership will be in Bally's Palace Room #3 for the duration of the tournament. Gary McGough, Chair.

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 7:30-10:00, a.m., 11:45-1:15, & 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday: 8:00-10:00,

11:45-1:15, & 5:30-7:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### Wheelchair Available

We have at least one wheelchair that can be used for transport throughout the casino for players with special needs. Call Ed Matulis at 702 575-8628.

### **Section Tops/Photos**

For winners, section top awards and Forum photos the photographer will be available at Palace #3, 11:45-1:00 and 5:45-6:55, and after the events. Sunday hours will be 8:45-9:50 a.m. Jackie Brickey, Chair.

### **Tournament Staff**

Tournament Chair: George Vasilevsky
Tournament Co-Chair: Ed Matulis
Hospitality & Section Tops: Jackie Brickey
Intermediate/Newcomer: Judi Weissinger
Partnerships: Gary McGough
Web Master: Bert Kulic

### **Meet our Directors**

Matt Koltnow, DIC, Bothell, Wash. Eric Bell Henderson, Nev. Scott Campbell, Sun City, Calif. Tom Ciacio, Ventura, Calif. Arleen Harvey, Riverside, Calif. Ken Horwedel, Las Vegas, Nev. Jeff Jacob, Vancouver, Wash. Peter Knee, Canyon Country, Calif. Patty Holmes, Las Vegas, Nev. Bill Michael, Florissant, Colo. Linda Mitchell. Phoenix. Ariz. Kevin Perkins. Austin. Tex. Matt Smith, Victoria, B.C. Sam Stoxen. Denver. Colo. Jeanne Van Den Meirack, Bend, Ore. Lynn Yokel, Campbell, Calif. Gary Zeiger, Phoenix, Ariz.

# Photos for Event Winners & New Life Masters



If you win an event, or become a Life Master, at the Las Vegas Regional, we would like to take

your photo for publication in the Western Conference *Contract Bridge Forum*, and on our website, *LVRegional.com*The photographer hours will be in Palace Room 3 11:45-1:00 and 5:45-6:55, and after the events. Sunday hours will be 8:45-9:50 a.m. Jacque Bricky, Chair.

For any questions call George Vasilevsky, chairman, at 702 349-8872, or co-chair Ed Matulis at 702 575-8628.

# **The Recorder System**

By Danny Sprung Unit 373 Recorder



he Recorder
System is a
mechanism to
help with dealing
complaints arising from
Conduct and or Ethical
Violations at ACBL
tournaments.
If you or your partner
feel there is an incident

that needs consideration, a Player Memo should be completed. They may be found at ACBL.org, or you can ask the director for one.

Some of the incidents that should be brought to the recorders attention include:

- Poor Behavior
- Unethical Bridge Actions
- Public Accusations of Cheating

When a Memo is filed, it goes to the recorder, who will discuss the matter with all parties involved, and determine the facts as best as they can. If further action is required, the recorder can refer the player to the appropriate authority. If no further action is required at that time, the Memo will be recorded, and possibly used to determine patterns of behavior, should multiple incidents and Memos be filed against the same partner and or pair. This is an important system to help keep the game we love great. Please do not think "nothing ever happens" when a Memo is filed; that is not the case. This year I have received a number of recorder forms. I personally spoke with all parties involved and one case was referred to our Unit Disciplinary Chair who convened a conduct committee.

# Intermediate/Newcomer Reception

Monday 4:30 p.m. Skyroom I – 26th Floor

**Guest Speaker: Bobby Wolff** 



Bobby Wolff is past president of both the ACBL and the World Bridge Federation. He has won eleven world championships (in five different categories). Bobby has published a book – The Lone Wolff – about his history in bridge, and will be at the I/N reception to share his experience from learning bridge to becoming Bobby Wolff!

# Intermediate/Newcomer Lectures Gold & Silver Room 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. **Janis Lilie** What are you Thinking About?
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m. **Bruce Rubin** *Opening Leads*
- Thursday 6:30 p.m. **Karen Kimes** *The Precision of Notrump*

#### **Hospitality Specials**

- Wednesday: following the evening games
   Ice Cream Night
- Thursday: following the evening games *Soft Pretzel Night*
- Sunday morning: starting at 9:30 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*.

## **Star Speaker Series**





# 12:30 Thursday Chris Compton

Bridge Logic: Who Has What?



CBL Hall of Fame member, Mike Passell has been one of North America's leading players for more than three decades. As one of the League's top masterpoint holders with 80,000, Mike has won three world championships and dozens of national titles. Mike is always friendly at

the table with a great sense of humor. Mike and wife Nancy (also a world champion) live in Dallas.



# 12:30 Wednesday Bobby Levin

Tips for Forming a Great Partnership



Bobby has won too many bridge events to list. He is the youngest player ever to win the Bermuda Bowl, in 1981 when he was 23. He and Steve Weinstein were second in the

World Open Pairs in Verona in 2006 and won the event 4 years later in Philadelphia. Bobby and Steve have one of the most successful partnerships in bridge history. He has more than 41,000 masterpoints. Bobby and his wife Jill (also a world champion) live right here in Las Vegas.



Join 3-time Top 500 Champion Chris Compton for a session of thinking logically on defense. Have you ever had a partner who never gives signals? Chris will walk you through the thought process of

figuring out who has what honors on defense based on logic rather than signals (or coughing). Chris began playing Bridge professionally in the ACBL at the age of 17. He is a World Grand Master and an ACBL Grand Life Master with over 41,000 ACBL masterpoints. Chris and wife Donna (a world champion) live in Dallas.



# 12:30 Friday Curtis Cheek

Partner Has Overcalled – Now What?



urtis is a full time bridge professional who has won five NABC championships including the prestigious Vanderbilt, Reisinger and Life Master open pairs. Curtis, a Grand Life Master, has earned over 35,000 masterpoints. A popular figure on the

tournament trail, Curtis is a fun partner and a fun, but tough, opponent. Curtis and wife Phyllis live right here in Las Vegas.