



# Resort City Regional

May 17-23, 2010, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Sponsored by Unit 161

*At the Elegant, Historic Arlington Hotel on Bath House Row*

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## Welcome!

Welcome to Hot Springs and the Resort City Regional. We're delighted to have you here, and we'll do all we can to make your tournament a success. Our terrific Tournament Committee members are identified with name tags. Please talk with any of them if you have any questions, needs, or concerns.

Please visit the Registration Desk on the Mezzanine to pick up your registration gift. A map with information on restaurants within walking distance, parking availability, and Hot Springs information booklets are also available. The desk will be manned one hour before each session.

Lunch is available for your convenience. A green salad or a sandwich, a bag of chips, soft drinks, water, and assorted ice cream treats are served outside the big playing area from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Please use the large trash cans to dispose of your lunch garbage.

As usual, we have a terrific line-up of excellent speakers. See the schedule in this Bulletin. **Please** be courteous by giving every speaker your full attention. If you want to talk, quietly move into a different room.

The men from **Teen Challenge** are our caddies. Since Teen Challenge is a great organization supported primarily by donations, please be generous with caddy tips. Jars for this purpose are provided. The caddies do a great job, and we are happy to have them with us again this year.

Be sure to visit our Hospitality Suite (the Hickory Suite) on the 3rd floor while you are here. We offer great hospitality—don't miss it!

Have a great tournament!

Celinda (Cindy) Devish

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## Schedule

### Monday, May 17, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs .....	7:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Charity Game .....	7:30 p.m.
Bracketed Knockout I ( <i>continues Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., 2:30 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</i> ) .....	7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs .....	10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs ( <i>two sessions</i> ) .....	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Side Game Series I .....	10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Two-session Swiss Team .....	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Bracketed Knockout II ( <i>continues Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 2:30 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</i> ) .....	7:30 p.m.



## Schedule cont.

### Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Stratified Open Pairs (*two sessions*) .. 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Side Game Series I ..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Side Game Series II ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Single-session Swiss Teams ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Bracketed Knockout III (*continues Thursday,*  
*10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.*) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, May 20, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Stratified Open Pairs (*two sessions*) .. 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Side Game Series II ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Two-session Swiss Teams ..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Bracketed Knockout IV (*continues Friday,*  
*10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.*) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 21, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Stratified Open Pairs (*two sessions*) .. 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Side Game Series II ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Side Game Series III ..... 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
 Compact Knockout ..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Board-a-Match ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Bracketed Knockout V (*continues Saturday,*  
*10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.*) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, May 22, 2010

Stratified 299er Pairs ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Strati-Flighted Pairs (*two sessions*) .... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
 Side Game Series III ..... 10:00 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 Single-session Swiss Teams ..... 2:30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 23, 2010

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (*two sessions, meal*  
*included*) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (*two sessions, meal*  
*included*) ..... 10:00 a.m.

## No Cell Phones

Cell phones, audible pagers, or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director-in-charge.

## Newcomer (299er) Greetings

A separate Newcomer Desk is available in the lobby. Stop by for information just for you! Intermediate-Novice (299er) pairs games are at 7:30 p.m., Monday, and 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

A Stratified 299er Swiss Team Game is on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The discounted entry fees for all 0–5 masterpoint (MP) pairs games and for night 0–20 MP pairs games is \$8.

## Parking Availability

Free parking is available at the Arlington Hotel Parking Garage just north of the hotel on Central Avenue. Metered parking (or free on top deck) is also available in a covered garage just off Central Avenue: go 0.3 mile south of the Arlington, turn right on Court Street, right on Exchange Street, then left into the parking garage. Valet parking is available at the Arlington for the following: 2 hours – \$2; 4 hours – \$4, 8 hours – \$8, and overnight – \$15. *Tax will be added to these amounts.*



## Registration, Partnership, and Newcomer Desks

The Registration / Information, Partnership, and Newcomer Desks are located on the Mezzanine. Gifts are available at the Registration and Newcomer Desks.

## Directing Staff

Charlie MacCracken—Director-in-Charge

Rick Beyé                      Donna Coker                      Susan Doe  
Tom Marsh    Guillermo Poplawsky  
Priscilla Smith    Nancy Watkins

## Zero Tolerance

The Resort City Regional is a Zero Tolerance tournament. Below are some examples of **commendable behavior**, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to making the game of bridge more enjoyable for all and improving the atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table
- Greeting others in a friendly manner
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (*required, not just a nicety*)

The following are some examples of behavior which will **not be tolerated**:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding
- Gloating over good results
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called **immediately**. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game are unacceptable.



You may have noticed the yellow Smiley face cards in your bidding boxes. Use of these cards gives you an easy, non-confrontational way of letting your partner or an opponent know that his or her behavior is not conforming to Zero Tolerance.

If you feel the situation warrants, simply pull out the card and lay it on the table for a moment. If the behavior doesn't stop, **call the director**. Using the Smiley face card can be a good way to lessen the tension at the table.

## Denny Penticoff

The first featured speaker is Denny Penticoff from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Denny had one of the most unusual introductions to bridge. He was attending law school when one of his professors asked if Denny would teach him how to play billiards in exchange for bridge lessons. (Denny was the Southeast Regional Billiard Champion at the time.) After class most days they would stop first at the pool hall then finish up with a night of bridge. Within three months, Denny attended the Gatlinburg Regional Tournament, and his partnership managed to win two section tops in the Open Pairs and a 2nd overall in the Open Swiss Teams. Denny found himself with 15 gold points before he had 3 black points!

Denny is a multi-talented individual. He has been a lawyer and a professional fisherman as well as a bridge club owner. Denny, an ACBL-certified teacher and director, is also a bridge writer. Most of his written material is for his students, but he also wrote a column titled "Bridge Babble" that was published in a weekly newspaper when he lived in Florida.

Everyone is invited to come hear Denny speak on the topic of "Responses to 2NT Opening Bids" at 1:45 p.m. in the Novice / Intermediate side game area in the Ballroom on Tuesday.

## Personalized Labels

Sheets of 30 personalized entry labels—printed with your name, address, and ACBL number—are available for \$2 a sheet (FREE for under 300 MP players) and may be ordered at the Newcomer Desk. We strive for same-day service!

## Tournament Committee

Chairman/Treasurer .....	Celinda Devish
Tournament Coordinator.....	Ned Irving
<i>Daily Bulletins</i> .....	Jane Dickey
Publicity & Signs.....	Dick Heil
Hospitality .....	Nancy Luehring & Cathy Irving
Bartenders .....	Ron Trainer
Decorations.....	Ginna DeThomas
Registration.....	Marilyn Biegler
Partnerships.....	Fran Anderson, Bonnie Blankinship, Andy Cosby, Lew Johnston, & Betty Schultz
Intermediate/Novices.....	Dick Heil
Speakers.....	Dick Heil
Housing.....	Somers Collins
Restaurant Info/Maps .....	Cathy Irving
Caddies/Welcome Packages .....	Bill Yester
Table Bags.....	Barbara Stiff
Photographer .....	Dick Chapman
Tournament Flyers/Ads .....	Cathy Irving

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Suite is in the Hickory Suite on the 3rd Floor. Hours are from 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

## Celebrity Speaker Schedule

### Responses to 2NT Opening Bids

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m..... Denny Penticoff

### Experts Question & Answer Panel

Wednesday, 1:45 p.m..... Eddie Wold & Bob Morris

### Visualization

Thursday, 1:45 p.m..... Allan Siebert

### Clues from the Bidding

Friday, 1:45 p.m. .... Chris Compton

### Creating Game Forcing Auctions

Saturday, 1:45 p.m. .... Gordon Campbell

All presentations will be in the Intermediate / Novice area in the Ballroom. Please be courteous: **Pay attention or leave.**

The News Items Box, Lost & Found, and a Message Board are located near the Registration and Newcomer Desks on the Mezzanine.

## Team Games

In addition to the daily Knockouts, two-session Swiss Team games are Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Also, single-session Swiss Team games are Wednesday and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. On Friday, Flighted Compact Knockout games (*two sessions*) are at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and a Board-a-Match game is at 2:30 p.m. Gold points may be earned in the two-session Swiss and the Compact Knockout, but the Board-a-Match & single-session Swiss are red points only.

## Fees

\$11 per session; \$2 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members

\$3 discounts: All pairs games: 0–5 MP & full-time students and 0-20 MP evening pairs games

Two-session Swiss Teams: (Tuesday & Thursday) Team of 4: \$88

Sunday Two-session Swiss Teams: 4 members: \$120 (meal included); extra team members \$8; no discounts

## Recorder Forms

Recorder forms are available at the Registration Desk. Jane Dickey is the District 10 Recorder.

## Excessive Fragrances

Excessively strong fragrances or poor person hygiene may lead to refusal of admission to or removal from the playing area.



## Lunchtime Snack Bar

The Snack Bar sells salads and good sandwiches (beef, ham, turkey, and pimento) with cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, onion, and pickles available on the side.

The snack bar will be open outside the large playing area Tuesday through Saturday from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m.



Sandwich and a bag of chips.....	\$6
Green salad .....	\$6
Soft drink or bottle of water.....	\$1.50
Assorted ice cream treats.....	\$1-\$3

## Strata Information

299er Games:

0-20 / 20-100 / 100-300 (Director discretion)

Stratified Open & Side Game Series:

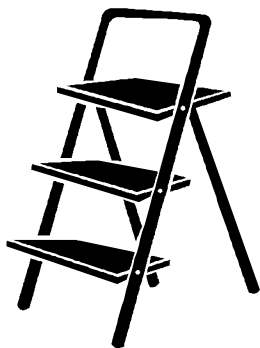
0-500 / 500-1500 / 1500+

Strati-Flighted Pairs & Swiss Teams:

D = 0-500 / C = 500-1000 / B = 1000-1500

X = 0-3000 / A = 3000+

(A/X play separately from B/C/D)



Single-session Swiss Teams and Board-a-Match: Stratum will be determined using team's average points; red points only.

Side Game Series: Must play at least two of the five sessions to qualify for overall award.

Bracketed Knockouts: Top bracket may be handicapped.

Compact Knockouts – two sessions

Flight B = 0-2000

Flight A (Handicapped) = 2000+

## New Life Masters

Players who earn Life Master status here in Hot Springs, please report in to the Newcomer Desk. Include your hometown, name and hometown of your partner or teammates, the event in which you earned your gold card, and how many and what kind of points you needed.

## Prizes for 299er Winners

Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners in the 0-20 (or C) strata and to all section top winners in the 299er games (no team game prizes). You may pick up your prize at the Newcomer Desk after the game results are posted.



## Photos

A photographer will be at the Newcomer Desk 30 minutes before each game to take pictures of new Life Masters and 299er winners.

## Hot Springs Welcome

Some places have that special something that captures your heart and won't let go. Here, in our friendly, historic city of Hot Springs National Park, we're used to people falling in love with us. As America's First Resort and one of the South's most popular family vacation and convention destination spots, Hot Springs carries on some very important hospitality traditions. Maybe that's why everyone keeps coming back to see us. We're glad you're here!

## I am a Novice

### Dick Heil

Just a short time ago I didn't know my Ace from my elbow.  
I want to learn to play bridge.  
I want to make new friends.  
I want to have fun.  
I want the challenge of learning something new.  
For I am a Novice.

I thought Trump was an alimony-paying billionaire in New York  
(Gee, I wish I was a blonde!!),  
Clubs were carried by cave people (being politically correct),  
Diamonds were symbols of shared love,  
Hearts were for loving, and  
Spades were for digging.  
For I am a Novice.

My job is to calculate the strength of a steel truss during the day,  
But I have not mastered counting to thirteen at the table.  
I can speak three foreign languages fluently,  
But Jacoby transfers are Greek to me.  
I can argue the finer points of criminal law at the Supreme Court,  
But I don't understand the Law of Total Tricks.  
For I am a Novice.

I may have two or three graduate degrees,  
But I am still in kindergarten bridge.  
I want to learn.  
I do not want to be lectured.  
I will make mistakes; I may show brief flashes of brilliance.  
Forgive my mistakes; recognize my small accomplishments.  
Be my mentor, not my harsh master.  
For I am a Novice.

Blackwood is ebony.  
Gerber is a baby food.  
Cappelletti is a coffee drink, isn't it?  
There are only 15 words in bridge.  
But when is a double a double?  
What is the real meaning of 2 clubs?  
For I am a Novice.

I am new. I may hesitate to say hello to you from fear.  
Will you take the lead and say hello to me?

Please be my mentor, my partner, my new friend.

For I am a Novice.



## Electronic Scoring Pads

BridgePads are being used in all pairs games. North or South should enter the contract and results. East or West must "okay" the results. It also is critical for North or South to press "okay" one last time **after the last hand is played**.

## Oaklawn Gaming

Located at the south end of Oaklawn Race Track is a full Gaming Center. You will find a Texas Hold'em Poker Room, Blackjack, Video Poker, and other electronic games of skill. You received a \$10 free play coupon at the Registration Desk, valid for all players who are not already members of Oaklawn's Winners Circle. Try your skill after you've had enough bridge for the day.

A buffet is available at the Gaming Center and free parking is provided at the south end of the building.

Oaklawn is located on Central Avenue two miles south of the Arlington Hotel. The Gaming Center is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.