

ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL

Welcome to the Rogue Valley Regional everyone!

Since you are reading this, you have already experienced some of the fabulous improvements the Inn at the Commons has made to its property. All the remodeling is sure to make our week here more pleasant than ever.

In addition to ambiance, the Inn has some wonderful treats in store for us. Free coffee and tea will be provided in the playing area during every session, courtesy of the Inn. The Inn and District are holding a one hour "whine" reception following the afternoon session on Friday. Wine, beer, soda and light snacks will be served in the Meadows room, just off the lobby, where the complementary breakfast is served for hotel guests.

"WHINE PARTY" Friday night with complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres

Since there isn't much time between sessions, the Lark Restaurant in the hotel is providing a Pre-Order Menu. Orders will be taken in the foyer between 9:30-11 am each day for pick up at 15 minute intervals between 1:15 and 2:00 PM. Order early to secure your pick up time.

Our host Unit #484, Jackson County, established a "think tank" over a year ago to brainstorm ways to make this tournament outstanding for the Intermediate/Newcomer players and there are many events planned, as you can read in the I/N welcome column. Don Walker, Tournament Chair, Becca Ostrom, Hospitality and Gee Gee Walker, Partnerships, along with a host of other enthusiastic committee people have worked very hard to get ready to welcome all of us and make our stay enjoyable.

4 KO Events!
2 Gold Pair Events!

We have a great Directorial staff: Brian Russell is in charge, assisted by John Gram and Jeff Jacob. John Gram and David Taylor are providing pre-duplicated boards for all of the pair events. David is also doing the Daily Bulletin; you can offer stories for publication to him at his bookstore. Busy guy! Get your picture taken for wins and milestones by Becca Ostrom and Terry Ansnes. They will be available in the foyer before and after the morning session and after each afternoon session.

And yes, Tuesday is sticker day! Have fun and thank you for coming.

Marie Ashton

Tournament Manager

Monday Schedule

7:00 pm

- Medford Bracketed KO's (1 of 4)
- Stratified Charity Pairs (Single session)

Tuesday Schedule

10:00 am

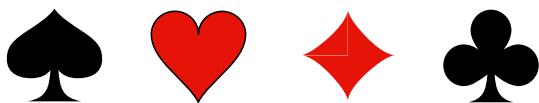
- Medford Bracketed KO's (2 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (1 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Pairs** (1 of 2)
- Grants Pass Side Game Series (1 of 5)

3:00 pm

- Medford Bracketed KO's (3 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (2 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Pairs** (2 of 2)
- Grants Pass Side Game Series (2 of 5)

7:30 pm

- Medford Bracketed KO's (4 of 4)
- Evening Bracketed KO's (1 of 3)
- Klamath Falls Side Game Series (1 of 5)



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW AND INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS!!!

I/N Coordinator: Margi Redden

- ♦ Talk about the hands after Wednesday 10 am session.
- ♦ Mini workshop before Thursday 299er Swiss Teams.
- ♦ Party between sessions on Friday.
- ♦ 299er Swiss Teams
- ♦ Prizes and awards!

♦ **Indicates Intermediate / Newcomer events**

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I/N Corner

Hi Margi here,

Welcome to the "new look" 2014 Rogue Valley Regional. It is going to be very different from most of our Regionals, we are changing the times and keeping the fun!! Instead of the traditional talks, we are facilitating interactive workshops between sessions, please bring us your problem hands.

See next column for special I/N events.

All the events are stratified. Gold Pairs strats are 750-300-100 and you can win in any qualifying stratification. The stratifications for the 299er single session events are 0-50, 50-100, and up to 299 for the top strata. You can win in any stratification or all of them if you have few enough points. The only two session events are the Gold Pairs.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at our I/N lunch between sessions on Friday. Lots of rehashing and refreshments, meet the District 20 movers. Bring fun hands to discuss. I am looking for double issues and double the fun at this Party. I will be hanging out at the I/N desk before and after most sessions. Where I am hoping to find out what you find most puzzling about bridge and how we can help you improve. "What has been your hardest lesson to learn at bridge?" Winners and New life masters, get your beads from me and your pictures taken in the winners' circle.

Margi Redden

ACBL District20 I/N Coordinator

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Special Events for I/N Players

- Tues Aug 5 Gold Pairs at 10 and 3 (GOLD points!)**
2pm: Mary Alice Seville talk: *Expanding beyond the Yellow Card* (Gift for all attendees)
- Wed Aug 6 299er Stratified Pairs at 10 and 3 (single sessions)**
2pm: Randall Paul: *Rehash hand from 10am game* (Gift for all attendees)
- Thur Aug 7 299er Stratified Pairs at 10 and 3 (single sessions)**
2pm: Randall Paul: *Workshop: Defensive Signals*
- Fri Aug 8 299er Stratified Pairs at 10 and 3 (single sessions)**
Luncheon between sessions: *Door prices, lunch, meet the District 20 movers*
- Sat Aug 9 Gold Pairs at 10 and 3 (GOLD points!)**
2pm: Margi Redden talk: *Workshop: Doubles bring us "problem doubles"*

Explore the scenic Rogue Valley

- **Oregon Shakespeare Festival:** www.osfashland.org, 800-219-8161
- **Hellgate Jet Boat Rides:** www.hellgate.com, 541-479-7204
- **Klamath Basin Birding Trails:** www.klamathbirdingtrails.com
- **River Rafting:** www.wildrogue.com, 800-451-6034
- **Cycling & Hiking:** Local trail maps and phone number at hospitality desk
- **Wine Hopper Tours:** www.winehoppertours.com, 541-476-9463
- **Main Street Adventure Tours:** www.ashland-tours.com
- **Southern Oregon Wine Tours:** 541-482-9852
- **Hometown Wine Tours:** www.wildprovidence.com, 541-601-6150
- **Britt Classical Under the Stars:** www.brittfest.org, 541-773-6077;

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Plays available during the regional:

- The Tempest: Shakespeare
- The Comedy of Errors: Shakespeare
- Richard III: Shakespeare
- Into the Woods: Sondheim
- The Two Gentlemen of Verona: Shakespeare

