



# OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL



## Welcome to Sun River!

Welcome to the High Desert Regional! After many years of pursuing its dream to bring a regional back to central Oregon, the Bend Unit 471 and Local Chair Nelda Linman can now be officially congratulated for succeeding! We were lucky to secure such a wonderful spot in Sunriver Resort for the tournament, as it showcases the area's beauty and offers countless activities.

All events will be played in the Homestead conference center. The noon and 6:15 speakers will present their programs in the Homestead also. The Directors' Course will be in the Vandevent Room in the Sunriver Lodge, which is also the location of the board meeting on Friday. If you are an I/N, plan to attend a reception on Wednesday in the Cascade Gallery 712, which is located in the River Lodge.

The resort is offering a 15% discount on dining and activities at the Resort; see the lists at the Hospitality Table provided by Chair Dee Cockfield. Also available are maps and discounts at shops and restaurants of the Village at Sunriver. The Resort will also have daily dining specials (not subject to the 15% discount).

If you need a partner, Larry and Laura Smith will be at the partnership desk.

Shirley Weissenfluh wears two hats this tournament, as Caddy Master and Photographer. She and Margi Redden will meet you at the Winners Circle. Margi and Mary Alice Seville have worked hard on the speaker line up for each day.

Your directing staff is led by Matt Smith who pulled a number out of the air for me on the number of tables to expect this week. He is assisted by Pam Hughes, Jeanne Van Den Mieracker, Jeff Jacob and Brian Russell.

David Taylor, who you know as the bookseller, also provides our tournaments with tables and supplies. David is now expanding his duties to include preparing the boards for play in all of the pair games, a first for our District. He is also the Daily Bulletin editor, so stop by the bookstore and give him some content to consider.

Last but not least, coffee is being provided to you for the low price of \$2 per cup by the District and Bend Unit. Nancy Serne has taken on this major project after months of futile searching for an outside provider, and I want to publicly thank the Unit and Nancy!

*Marie Ashton, Tournament Manager*

## Directors & Teachers

Director Course will be held in the Vandevent Room. There is still room for more participants in the three morning course 9 to noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The cost is \$100 and may be paid at the door.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Meadow Restaurant in the Lodge. All D20 teachers are invited at D20 expense. Come join the conversation. We'll start talking about mentor programs and see where that takes us.

## Monday Schedule

**7:00 pm**

- John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs (1 of 4)
- Stratified Charity Pairs (Single session)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Charity Pairs** (Single session)

## Tuesday Schedule

**9:00 am**

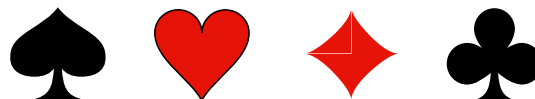
- John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs (2 of 4)
- High Desert Side Game Series

**1:00 pm**

- John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs (3 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (1 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Point Pairs** (1 of 2)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single session)
- Deschutes River Side Game Series (1 of 4)

**7:00 pm**

- John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs (4 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (2 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Point Pairs** (2 of 2)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single session)
- Deschutes River Side Game Series (2 of 4)



- Director in Charge:** Matt Smith
- Tournament Manager:** Marie Ashton
- Local Chair:** Nelda Linman
- Partnerships:** Larry and Laura Smith
- Hospitality Chair:** Dee Cockfield
- Caddy Master:** Shirley Weissenfluh
- Photographer:** Shirley Weissenfluh
- Coffee Sales:** Nancy Serne
- I/N Coordinator:** Margi Redden
- Education Liaison:** Mary Alice Seville
- Daily Bulletin:** David Taylor
- D-20 President:** Molly Harris

**Don't forget!** The Sunriver Resort offers a 15% discount off food and beverages as well as discounts for golfing and spas.

## I/N Corner

Welcome to the Premier High Desert Regional! Good luck in the 299er Charity event. Tuesday there is an exciting 2 session Gold Pairs event. Sun River is a lovely place to go for the Gold!! I hope to hear some wonderful success stories from your first knockout events.

If any of you newcomers have questions, come and chat with me. I will be at the I/N desk before and after most sessions. If I do not know the answer to your question, I can find someone who does.

Wednesday, 4pm, you are invited to a Social for intermediate/newcomer with wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres. There will be no evening speaker. Bring your most problematic hands; we will have some of our celebrity bridge players to drop by to answer questions. Jeff Roman, representing D20 on a Grand National Team, said he would drop by. Watch for growlers.

The wonderful news about bridge is that if you ask three experts or bridge Pros the same question you may get 3 or 4 answers, depending on system and partnership agreements, etc. I hope if you are confused about something you jot me a note so we can follow up on it.

Winners and new life masters collect your "laurels" from me and have your picture taken in the Winners' Circle.

If I do not see you around, I may have played hooky to hoppy hour at the Sun River brewery - what could be better -Sun River, bridge and an brew. Visit the web page beermebend.com. Hoppy hour at the Sun River brewery is 3-5:30pm and I expect bridge will be spoken there.

**Margi Redden**, ACBL District20 I/N Coordinator  
(503-239-0218)

## Classes

### Afternoon Mini-lessons at noon, evening Speakers at 6:15 pm

- Tues Noon **Judy Davidson: Jacoby Transfers Or who is in Charge?**
- Tues 6:15 **Jeff Roman: The Difference Between IMPs and Matchpoints**
- Wed Noon **Kevin Kacmarynski – "Major-suit Game Tries**
- Thurs Noon **Mary Alice Seville: Lebensohl in a Nutshell**
- Thur 6:15pm **Mike Eyer: Vagaries of Leads**
- Fri Noon **Dick Morris: Roman Key Card Blackwood (1430)**
- Fri 6:15pm **Jeff Roman: Partnership Defense**
- Sat Noon **Greg Smith: New Minor Forcing Made Easy**
- Sat 6:15pm **Ian Martindale: Making and Responding to Takeout Doubles**

## The Art of Declarer Play

**"The more you sweat in practice,  
the less you bleed in battle."**

Now how's that for a quote from a bridge book? Tim Bourke's latest effort (with Justin Corfield) targeting more advanced players opens with this quote and uses it as a theme throughout, providing excellent examples of card play that will challenge you to think through many issues in advance so that you'll be prepared for them when they come up at the table. The authors follow Sun Tzu's *Art of War* approach, emphasizing **recognition** of the key issue, **visualization** of how to address it and **realization** (execution) of the solution.

Here's a fun example. In the hand below, trick 1 starts with the ♥2, followed by the 9, J, 7. East continues with a trump, which turns out to be stiff. If you get stuck, come see me at the bookstore to check out the book! (This is Hand #6: Two Aces Wrong.)

The authors guide the reader through identifying and weighing possible solutions for a 10th trick through visualization of East's likely holdings and how to leverage each. This leads to an elegant solution to maximize your chances.

♠ J 10 5				
♥ K 10 9				
♦ K 4 2				
♣ A Q 9 4	W	N	E	S
			1 ♥	1 ♠
	Pass	2 ♥	Dbl	3 ♦
♠ A K Q 7 4	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
♥ 7	Pass			
♦ 10 7 6 3				
♣ K J 5				

## SUNRIVER



## Special Events

**Better Bridge Training Program:** Monday May 12, 9am to 5pm

**I/N Reception:** Wednesday, 4pm (Cascade Gallery 712, River Lodges)

**Dub Directors Course and Test:** Wed, Thur, Fri, 8am to noon (Mary Alice Seville: seville@comcast.net)