



Emerald Empire Regional

A very warm welcome to the 2015 Emerald Empire Regional, my penultimate regional as your Tournament Manager! I have always loved this tournament; the Valley River Inn is so lovely and accommodating and the location on the Willamette River is so inviting. I hope you all enjoy a walk on the path, as the weather promises to be perfect. We also have a fabulous staff, headed by Brian Russell and the local chairperson Sherri Morgan really takes care of the Hospitality and Partnership areas.

If you don't already know, Mary Alice Seville has brought in Larry Cohen for a three day seminar. There may still be seats available, so look for a notice in this issue of the Bulletin. His programs are for everyone.

Be sure to play in Tuesday afternoon's appliqué session! We also have treats and a gift in store on other days. If you teach bridge you probably want to join Mary Alice in Sweet Waters grill on Wednesday at 9:30 for breakfast and a roundtable discussion.

Your Intermediate/Newcomer coordinator, Margi Redden, will host her usual pleasurable party in her suite between sessions for the I/N crowd. She has also lined a list of speaker that includes expert Mark Lair!

I wish you all many laughs and more points!

Thank you for coming,

Marie Ashton

Tournament Manager



The Larry Cohen Seminars still have space available!

8:45 Meet and Greet, 9 to 11:30 Lesson

Thursday 7/30 Opening Leads

Friday 7/31 Law of Total Tricks

Saturday 8/1 Defense (passive or aggressive)

Take one (\$40), two (\$80) or all three (\$100). Pay at the door - Columbia Ballroom (across the driveway).

Monday Schedule

7:00 pm

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

Tuesday Schedule

9:00 am

- Blue Heron Bracketed KO's (2 of 4)
- Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)

1:00 pm

- Blue Heron Bracketed KO's (3 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (1 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Point Pairs** (1 of 2)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)
- Side Game Series I (1 of 4)

7:00 pm

- Blue Heron Bracketed KO's (4 of 4)
- Stratified A/B Pairs (2 of 2)
- ♦ **Gold Point Pairs** (2 of 2)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)
- Side Game Series I (2 of 4)



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I/N Corner

Hi Margi here,

Welcome to Eugene and the Emerald Empire Regional!

We have a full week of events for our newer players commencing with tonight's 299er Charity Pairs. Tuesday there is an exciting 2 session Gold Point Pairs, Saturday there is another 2 session Gold Point Pairs event. On Wednesday Deborah will give you tips on how to get Gold points in many events.

Our Tuesday evening speaker is Mark Lair who ranks fifth on the all-time masterpoint list and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. He has won 21 North American championships, including three Vanderbilts, two Spingolds, and a Reisinger. Mark also has over 1,000 regional events and has represented the U.S. internationally in the Bermuda Bowl in 1995.

Every day except Wednesday there will be two informative talks!

Wednesday, 4pm, join us for a Social for intermediate/newcomers with wine, and hors d'oeuvres and socializing with other newcomers. There will be no evening speaker. Bring your most problematic hands; some of our celebrity bridge players and speakers may drop by to answer questions.

Thursday, David Taylor, our bookseller, has some amazing bridge tips to go with his tomes. I have been beta testing some of his scripts.

Ending the wonderful week of stretching your bridge brains is Mike Eyer and Donna Compton. The wonderful news about bridge is that if you ask three experts or bridge Pros the same question there is only one right answer! If you believe that, then, on Saturday at noon, you may want to hear the illuminating talk from Mike Eyer. Donna Compton an amazing lady from Texas will be coaching you how to "count like an expert" Saturday evening. I am looking forward to a bit of drawl but no brawling at the table. The Texans are coming, the Texans are coming!

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

Margi Redden

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I/Ns Just for You

TUES

12pm: **Mary Alice Seville:** *Second Hand Low: When to Cover; When to Hold*

6pm: **Mark Lair:** *Q&A with Mark Lair*

WED

12pm: **Deborah Lackey:** *Mining for Gold*

4pm to 6pm: **I/N Party!**

THUR

12pm: **Jeff Jacobs:** *Make the First Choice*

6pm: **David Taylor:** *Tools to Upgrade Your Game*

FRI

12pm: **Chuck Burns:** *To Overcall or not to Overcall*

6pm: **Don Marsh:** *How to Succeed at Bridge Without Really Trying*

SAT

12pm: **Mike Eyer:** *Almost Any Bid Can be Right... Or Wrong*

6pm: **Donna Compton:** *Count Like the Experts*

Top-rated Tourist Attractions in Eugene

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art



5th Street Market

Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House



Alton Baker Park



Cottage Grove, Oregon, "Covered Bridge Capital"

D 20 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Join Mary Alice and other teachers for breakfast and conversation on Wednesday, 7/29, 9:30, at Sweetwaters on the River (the restaurant in the Valley River Inn). No reservations needed, just show up.