

District 22 presents the 73rd Annual San Diego ♦ Daily Bulletin ♥

# Pacific Southwest Regional



March 26-April 1, 2018

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center • San Diego, California

**Co-Chairmen: Lamy Agelidis & Bill Grant ♠ Director: Gary Zeiger**

## Tuesday, March 27

Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) .....	10:30 a.m.
Open Pairs 0-1500/1500-3000/+ (two sessions) .....	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
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Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) .....	3:15 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 0-750/2000/+ .....	3:15 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 2-for-1 (2nd of 5 sessions) .....	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams 2-for-1 (1st of 2 sessions) .....	7:30 p.m.

## Today's Guest Speaker

Tuesday, March 27, around 2:15 p.m.

**Robert Todd** "*Competing over Opponents' Preempts*"



People have learned that bridge is a bidder's game, so many are preempting more and more with less and less. This can create havoc for the opposition. Robert, who has spoken on the value of preempts, and tailoring them to vulnerability and position—will now offer some insights from the other side. He will give you guidelines for when to bid over preempts—and what call is likely to be best in different circumstances.

**Robert Todd** is a professional bridge player and teacher whose hometown is Tallahassee, Florida, but you will find him all over the country playing and teaching bridge. Robert began playing bridge at a very young age and came to duplicate while

working on his graduate degree in Mathematics. He spent a year in Helsinki, Finland, where he met and played with many fine European players. Robert has finished in the top 20 on the Barry Crane list (with over 1500 masterpoints) and placed highly in many national events playing with both students and professional partners – recently 1st place in the under 10,000 Knockouts in Dallas NABC. Robert has degrees in Mathematics, Physics, and Political Science from Florida State University and Mathematics from the University of Helsinki. He's been a computer programmer as well as a university teacher.



## Welcome

Welcome to San Diego's Pacific Southwest Regional: this one housed – for the 39th time – in the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center in beautiful Hotel Circle. We look forward to hosting you. Drop by the Hospitality Desk to pick up this year's Seahorse logo (in shades of blues and pinks) and a candy for the extra boost. Let Jim and Shay Andrews find you partners if you're in need, and allow Marge Van Hemert to show off her great caddies. Thank you for coming.

*Lamya Agelidis & Bill Grant*  
Tournament Co-Chairs

## Tournament Notes

- Concession Stand Opens 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Daily.
- We Offer Free Coffee Daily Each Morning at 10:00 a.m., Afternoon at 3:45 p.m., and Evening at 7:15 p.m..
- Evening Game Are Value Priced at 2-for-1!
- Scoring Corrections Need to Be Made in Person to the Directors.
- Parking at T&C Value Priced at \$6.00 (\$2.00 for Hotel Guests).
- End of Tournament Reception Will Be in the Penthouse Suite Saturday after the 3:15 Session.
- Light Lunch Will Be Available for Free on Sunday for All Players.

## Daily Bulletins by Email

In an effort to save trees and reduce our printing costs, the Daily Bulletin will be available electronically only. If you would like to receive the automated bulletin via email, you can do so by following these directions: Email your ACBL number (typed in the subject line) to [FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com](mailto:FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com). No need to write a message in the body of the text.

## FREE Bridge Boot Camp

For intermediate and newcomer players (and any other interested individuals), there are numerous FREE educational offerings at the San Diego Regional. Once you get to the tournament, take advantage of:

- 1) FREE "Ask An Expert" table with people available after the morning and afternoon sessions to answer your questions about bidding, play, and defense. Available Tuesday through Saturday.
- 2) FREE "Test Your Play" hands with Maritha at the "Ask An Expert" table every morning: 9:00-10:00 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday. You can try your hand at keeping the dangerous hand from getting the lead, getting the opponents to help you make your contract, taking out insurance so you can surmount bad breaks at the table, and more.
- 3) FREE classes with bridge celebrities and teachers between the morning and afternoon sessions, every Tuesday through Saturday. Check the bulletin for topics and bios of the celebrity speakers each day.
- 4) FREE Bridge Handouts. Maritha has a notebook of about 200 handouts on various bridge topics. Most are one page. You can look through them and ask for any of them you want. Maritha will e-mail you copies after the tournament ends. The notebook will live at the "Ask An Expert" table during the tournament.
- 5) FREE Wrap Up and Review. Often Maritha and other local teachers go over hands during dinner at the hotel. Feel free to join in the discussions (or just "lurk" and see what you can learn).

## Partnership Desk

Jim and Shay Andrews will be staffing the Partnership desk in the tournament lobby with a crew of volunteers the entire week. Stop by to place your partnership requests and get matched up with the best!

## Guest Speakers

Wednesday, March 28, 2:15

**Marjorie Michelin**

*Bid this Slam or Not?*

**S**lam bidding is exciting, but getting to the best slam-and playing it optimally is not always so easy. Marjorie will offer tips about not just bidding slams in general, but also getting to the right slam when you have choice. She will also provide examples and information to help you make your slams once you bid them.

Marjorie has taught bridge all across the country and on the high seas (bridge cruises). She is a National Champion (Women's Pairs) and noted for her clarity of presentations. Her nickname is "The Partnership Desk" because she has brought together so many winning teams and partnerships. Marjorie also won "best costume" in Ventura Regional when she came as Cleopatra and again with her husband, Ellis, when they came in convict costumes with "bridge cheater" labels on their backs.

Thursday, March 29, 2:15 p.m.

**Norman Schwartz**

*Know Your Notrump*

**T**here are additional permutations to Stayman and to Jacoby Transfers. Norman will review the basics with you, but also explain some of the variants which are useful. Here is a chance to solidify and expand your knowledge of two conventions that come up in just about every session of bridge you play. Norman Schwartz learned bridge as a freshman in college and quickly became the youngest Life Master in the country. He played for the next few years on several well known teams of the day, primarily with Eddie Kantar. In the mid '70s he quit bridge altogether due to family and business commitments. Since he has gotten

back to bridge in the last eight years, it has been non-stop. He plays professionally, teaches groups and private lessons, directs and does several luxury bridge cruises every year. Norman has won numerous Bracket 1 Knockouts and Regional Open Pairs events, and won the Bruce Life Master Pairs at the Chicago NABCs in 2015. Norman uses primarily the Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge Series methods and lesson plans.

Friday, March 30, 2:15 p.m.

**Paul Darin**

*A New Approach to Jacoby 2NT*

**T**he Jacoby 2NT bid is one avenue to showing a forcing-to-game raise in a major, and getting more information about partner's hand. Paul has some fresh ideas to offer regarding this convention. Exploring for slam is an exciting part of bridge (even if you have to stop at game), so come hear what Paul has to add on this topic.

Paul has been playing bridge for 30 years. He is a Emerald Life Master and a certified Director. Paul has many sectional and regional wins and is a professional bridge player & teacher. His style as a teacher (at the table and in the classroom) is very laid-back and clear. He strives to make things as easy as possible for his partner with positive comments, unambiguous bidding, and obvious signals and leadership as a defender. He loves bridge and delights in helping people to see deeper levels of our fascinating game.

Saturday, March 31, 2:15 PM

**Paul Foster**

*To Preempt or Not to Preempt*

**P**reempting is two-edged sword. Sometimes you shut the opponents out. Sometimes you preempt your partner and make things difficult for your side.

## Hospitality Desk

*Chair: Kathy Byrne*

**K**athy Byrne and her crew of volunteers will welcome you daily with a smile. Section Top/Overall Awards Awards will be available daily from the Hospitality Desk in the Tournament Lobby. Please wait till the results are printed in the Daily Bulletin the day following your event. The Prize Desk opens 45 minutes before morning and afternoon sessions. Awards will be given to event overall winners and section top winners in every strat.

### \$2.00 Concession Coupons

**S**tarting Tuesday, we will be handing out \$2.00 coupons which can only be used at the daily cash bar inside the Ballroom playing area. Use them for food or drink.

### Photographer

**D**id you win an event? Did you become Life Master? Please look for Bill Grant, our official photographer, in between sessions in the Hospitality lobby area to record your achievement!

### Meet Our Directors

*Gary Zeiger, Phoenix, DIC*

*Dianne Barton-Paine, San Francisco*

*Eric Bell, Las Vegas*

*Scott Campbell, Sun City*

*Arleen Harvey, Riverside*

*Patty Holmes, Las Vegas*

*Ken Horwedel, Las Vegas*

*Peter Knee, Canyon Country*

*Brandon Sheumaker, Santa Ana*

### Our Staff

*Co-Chairs: Lamyra Agelidis & Bill Grant*

*Caddie Chairman: Marge Van Hemert*

*Partnerships: Jim & Shay Andrews*

*Hospitality: Kathy Byrne*

## Town & Country Eateries

**Charlie's:** Lunch & Dinner

Hours: 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**R**oll up your sleeves and get down to business – enjoy house-made Texas style barbecue at Charlie's, where you can watch the big game, play a game of pool, and refresh with a cocktail or beer. San Diego is known for our local breweries and Charlie's embraces that by offering a full bar with over 20 beers to choose from, including local micro-brews. Appetizers, burgers, salads, savory barbecue will satisfy any craving. Happy Hour from 4:00-6:00 p.m. daily.

**The Market:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Hours 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**W**e know our travelers are always on the go – whether you're eager to explore San Diego or to start networking at a business event, The Market offers deliciously quick food options that you can sit and enjoy or grab and go. From locally brewed Café Moto coffee, pastries and fruit, to salads, sandwiches and even pizza. The Market is centrally located on property, close to meeting and event facilities. Open daily.

**Terrace Café Buffet:** (only Buffet)

- Friday March 30 6:00-9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Saturday March 31 6:00-9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Parking

**W**e have great parking rates of \$6.00 here at the Town & Country. T & C hotel guests pay only \$2.00.

### Morning Joe

**W**e hope you enjoy the complimentary coffee the tournament features for you every morning, afternoon and evening.

### Sea Horse Applique

**H**ope you enjoy the cute Sea Horse Applique (our brand). Pick one up at Hospitality in the lobby.

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Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions)	3:15 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 0-750/2000/+	3:15 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams 2-for-1 (2nd of 2 sessions)	7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 2-for-1 (3rd of 5 sessions)	7:30 p.m.

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Thursday Bracketed Swiss Teams (two sessions)	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday Bracketed Knockout Teams Rounds 3 & 4	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions)	3:15 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 0-750/2000/+	3:15 p.m.
Thursday-Friday Evening Swiss Teams 2-for-1 (1st of 2 sessions)	7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 2-for-1 (4th of 5 sessions)	7:30 p.m.

## Friday, March 30

Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)	10:30 a.m.
Open IMP Pairs (two sessions) 0-1500/1500-3000/+	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions) 0-300/300-750	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
299er Pairs (single sessions)	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams Rounds 1 & 2	10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 0-750/2000/+	3:15 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)	3:15 p.m.
Thursday-Friday Evening Swiss Teams 2-for-1 (2nd of 2 sessions)	7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series 2-for-1 (5th of 5 sessions)	7:30 p.m.