

Upcoming Tournaments

Grand Junction Peach Sectional August 6-8, 2010

The Country Inn on Horizon Drive in Grand Junction, Colo. is home for the annual Peach Sectional. Friday has Stratified Open and 199er Pairs, Saturday same. On Sunday the traditional Swiss Teams and 199er Teams. Sunday entries include lunch, see our ad in this issue.

Northern Colorado Summer Sectional August 27-29, 2010

It's only the beginning of summer, but you can start making plans for the end of summer at the Northern Colorado Summer Sectional in Loveland (just off Interstate-25, south of Fort Collins) August 27-29 at the Thomas M. McKee Building at the Larimer County Fairgrounds Complex.

Colorado Springs Fall Sectional September 2-5, 2010

The Norris Penrose Event Center at 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road is playing site for the next Colorado Springs Sectional September 2-5. Check out the full schedule in the ad this issue and put the popular tournament on your end of summer agenda.

International City El Paso Labor Day Tournament September 3-6, 2010

El Paso's traditional Labor Day tournament is Sept. 3-6 at the Westside Community Center at 7400 High Ridge. El Paso has been out of the regional business a few years, but they still put on a fine sectional and you won't want to miss this one. Please see the ad elsewhere.

Prescott Fall Sectional September 10-12, 2010

The Adult Center of Prescott at 1280 E. Rosser St. hosts the Prescott Fall Sectional September 10-12. Prescott is a nice, somewhat cooler setting in the mountains of central Arizona. The entire schedule of events is set forth in the ad in this issue of *ScoreCard*.

Cheyenne Indian Paintbrush Sectional September 17-19, 2010

Our northernmost unit has its annual fall sectional September 17-19 at the Laramie County Community College, Center for Conferences and Institutes at 1400 E. College Dr. Knockouts, Stratified Open Pairs, 299er Pairs and Swiss Teams are on tap. See the ad this issue.

Carlsbad Harvey Hicks Sectional September 17-19, 2010

We are now at the Leo Sweet Community Center, 1302 Mission Ave. In Carlsbad. Friday at 1:00 & 7:00 are single session Open Pairs. Saturday is also 1:00 & 7:00 and has Bracketed KOs and single session Open Pairs. Sunday is Swiss Teams beginning at 9:30. Free coffee, tea and snacks during all events, catered lunch on Sunday.

Taos Fall Sectional October 1-3, 2010

One of the newest sectionals on the District 17 schedule is Taos, scheduled October 1-3 at the Sagebrush Inn and Conference Center at 1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur. Taos is in the mountains of northern New Mexico and you can check out the bridge selections in the ad this issue.



Editor's Desk

By Jared Johnson
ScoreCard Editor

I could say goodbye, farewell, so long, *adieu*, *adios*, *bon jour*, *ciao* or (given my German and Scandinavian background) *auf wiedersehen*, but given my abiding love for the Orient (trips to Japan on an annual basis), I think it should be *sayonara*.

It's been a pleasure to act as editor for the *Contract Bridge Forum*, *ScoreCard* edition for the past quarter century plus. I hope that over the years you have found some items of interest, value or amusement in these pages. Above all, I've tried to keep it varied. I am sure you will find the same items of value, interest and entertainment, as your new *ScoreCard* editor takes over duties with the upcoming September issue.

Since I have been on an extended hiatus from actual play for a good while, I can't necessarily say see you at the table (at least in the immediate future), but I will always treasure the many longstanding and valuable friendships in the bridge world and of course, extend thanks to the many people who have contributed material to this publication over the years, both regular columnists and those submitting the occasional news items, and of course, to *Contract Bridge Forum* publisher Ken Monzingo. It's been a group effort and your help, support, and contributions have been greatly appreciated. *Sayonara!*

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ferred by the host hotel, including free wireless and free breakfast. Many players are willing to give up the comfort and convenience of staying at the host hotel in order to save three or four hundred dollars for the week.

In recent months the district has stepped up by requiring that all hotel contracts be reviewed by a district committee composed entirely of lawyers (shudder). The lawyers are free (unshudder). In addition to often providing immediate assistance, the committee's ultimate goal is to produce a list of the best of contract clauses from all our regionals which should be useful for everyone.

"We get by with a little help from our friends." Ironically, it's those tournaments that had the foresight to sign multi-year contracts that are now getting bitten by the changed economy. Room rates that seemed reasonable before the bubble collapsed have become simply too expensive in today's market.

Some of our regional people have gone back to the hotel and obtained significant reductions in the bridge rate. The Phoenix Regional (August 9 to 15) just got the price reduced from \$90 a night to \$71 for the four diamond DoubleTree hotel. The official deadline will have passed by the time you read this, but the hotel has agreed to keep the offer open on a "space-available" basis, so give them a call at 800 446-8667.

Right after the Phoenix Regional you can be part of the Western Conference's Sectional Tournament at Clubs from August 16 to 22. It's billed as the world's largest sectional tournament and you play in your own home club.

The last District 17 regional of the year will be in Tucson, October 4-10. The room rate is an attractive \$82 a night, including free wi-fi and breakfast. With average daytime highs of 84 degrees, this is a great deal.

The bridge rate is alive and well.

That's all for now. I've got to go play some bridge. As always, your comments are appreciated at 970 923-2500 or johnvanness@comcast.net

TAOS 5TH ANNUAL SECTIONAL

October 1,2,3, 2010

Sagebrush Inn and Conference Center

1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571

Tournament Schedule

Friday, October 1

Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM
299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 2

Bracketed Knockout Teams (1st Round) 9:00 AM
299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 9:00 AM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 9:00 AM
Bracketed Knockout Teams (2nd Round) 1:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 1:00 PM
Bracketed Knockout Teams (Finals) 7:00 PM
Stratified Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 3

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 AM and TBD
Strati-fied 299er Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30 AM and TBD

Fees: Open Games: \$10/person/session
Swiss Teams on Sunday: \$96/team inc. lunch
Non-ACBL Members add \$1 per session,
or join ACBL on Fri or Sat and play free that day
Saturday Luncheon Buffet: \$15 by Reservation

Stratification:

Open Events: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750
299er events: D=150-300, E=50-150, F=0-50
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams: A=unlimited,
AX=0-3000 (these play separately).
B=1500-2000, C=750-1500, D=0-750

Key Tournament Personnel

Tourney Chairperson: Mason Palmer, masonpalmer@gmail.com, 575-613-4911
Partnerships: J.P. Agrawal, vnsagra@gmail.com, 575-770-5776
Director in charge: Bob Craig

Host Hotel: Sagebrush Inn: www.taoshotels.com

Room Rates: Single - \$69.00 + Tax
Double - \$79.00 + Tax

For other nearby accommodations see

<http://www.taoschamber.com/index.html>
<http://taosweb.com/>



International City Unit 159

El Paso, Texas

Maura Cauldwell & Beverly Thrasher Labor Day Tournament

September 3, 4, 5, & 6, 2010
Westside Community Center
7400 High Ridge, El Paso, Texas 79912
www.elpasobridge.com
Sanction #1009081

Friday, September 3

10:00 a.m. Bracketed KO #1 Session 1
Stratified Pairs (single session)
3:00 p.m. Bracketed KO #1 Session 2
Stratified Pairs (single session)

Sunday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Bracketed KO #2 Session 2
Stratified Pairs (single session)
3:00 p.m. Bracketed KO #2 Finals
Stratified Pairs (single session)

Saturday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Bracketed KO #1 Finals
Stratified Pairs (single session)
3:00 p.m. Bracketed KO #2 Session 1
Stratified Pairs (single session)

Monday, September 6

9:30 a.m. and TBA Swiss Team
Stratified - Average of Team

Stratification: (A) 2000+; (B) 500 - 2000;
(C) 0 - 500
All stratification based on average masterpoints

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per member per session;
\$11.00 per non or unpaid members and unpaid Life Masters per session
\$80.00 per Swiss Team on Monday (includes lunch)

Average masterpoints for all pair and team games
Players with fewer than 200 masterpoints who win their strata/section on Friday afternoon will be awarded a free play entry on Saturday afternoon.

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