



The Western Conference STAC

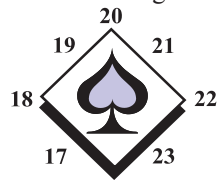
How About Silver?



By Bonnie Bagley
WC STAC Coordinator

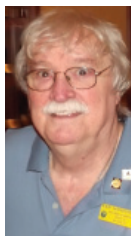
Need silver? Be sure to play in the Western Conference 2013 Spring Fling Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC), May 5-12, in most clubs throughout Districts 17, 21 & 22 of the Western Conference, plus guest associate Districts 18, 19, 20, and 23. Last year this annual Spring STAC, the second largest sectional in the country, was enjoyed by 8189 tables of bridge players, an average of 1170 tables

per day which was 200 tables more per day than the 2013 Spring NABC in St. Louis! The awards during 2012's Spring STAC week were staggering as 19,684 players (more than twice as many as attended the Spring NABC) won 20,506.35 silver masterpoints. *Clubs:* sign up now to enjoy the extra excitement of this great event.



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Gold Point Events Defined



By Ken Monzingo
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Gold Rush Pairs

Regional schedules in the Western Conference have expanded the popular Gold Rush Pairs, facilitating a need for definition of exactly what the Gold Rush event is, and what it awards. It is really a Strati-flighted Pairs event with Flight A/B played separately and open to all players, while simultaneously, the "Gold Rush" Pairs is limited to players with up to 750 MPs, playing in their own event.

The lower flight is normally stratified into players of 0-300/300-750.

The draw here is the 300-750 strat winners are awarded Gold Points for overall placings and section top winners (you must beat *all* players in your section to be awarded gold, not just the 0-300 players).

The event allows players to win gold without ever competing with, or against, anyone with more than 750 masterpoints.

More Gold Innovations

Last year the popular Palm Springs Regional tournament offered two new events: a Super Swiss Teams

and a Bracketed Swiss Teams. The Super Swiss Teams was played over two days – Saturday and Sunday – with the first day a qualifying two sessions, and the last day a two session championship. District 21 also offers very successful 4-session championship pairs and teams events.

The final Swiss Teams in Palm Springs (and Mesa) was another big hit as, for the first time, they "bracketed" the Flight B 0-2000 teams, similar to a Bracketed Knockout Teams. The event was separated into Flight A/X teams 0-5000/5000+ and Flight B teams, 0-2000, playing in brackets of eight teams each. Although brackets were determined by the average of all members of a team, no player with more than 2000 MPs was allowed in Flight B.

Since seven matches were played, each team played against all other teams in their 8-team bracket, no matter the current records of either team, and never played a team in a higher bracket!

The rewards: Each bracket pays Gold Points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams within their bracket, therefore many, many more players win coveted gold points. For example, the Mesa Senior Regional had an amazing 10 brackets of eight in their final day Sunday Bracketed Swiss Teams. With three winners in each bracket, that's thirty different teams – at least 120 total players – winning some coveted gold.

Western Conference 2013

WC 2013 President: **Bonnie Bagley**, District 17
Colorado Springs, Colorado,
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Conference Website: www.thewesternconference.com
Forum Website: www.contractbridgeforum.com
Western Conference total Membership: 24,754 (as of 3/31/2013)
Contract Bridge Forum mail circulation: 22,478 (as of 3/20/2013)

District 17

District Director: Bonnie Bagley, Colorado Springs, Colorado
District President: Darwin Afdahl, Oro Valley, Arizona
District 17 Web Site: www.d17acbl.org
District Membership: 8980 (as of 3/31/2013), 3rd largest in ACBL. Includes 23 Units in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, plus Cheyenne, El Paso, Laramie, & Las Vegas

District 21

District Director: Bruce Blakely, San Rafael, California
District President: Katherine Ewing, Sacramento, California
District 21 Web Site: www.d21acbl.com
District Membership: 8698 (as of 3/31/2013), 5th largest in ACBL. Includes 22 Units in the Bay Area California, from Modesto to Sacramento, plus Reno & Carson/Tahoe, Nevada

District 22

District Director: Ken Monzingo, San Diego, California
District President: Andrew Loh, Solana Beach, California
District 22 Web Site: www.acbldistrict22.com
District Membership: 7047 (as of 3/31/2013), 9th largest in ACBL. Includes 25 Units in Southern California, Bakersfield to San Diego, except Los Angeles County

Western Conference STAC

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2013 WC STAC Conditions of Contest

Participating WC STAC Clubs: Review the 2013 Conditions of Contest for the three annual Western Conference STACs at: www.thewesternconference.com



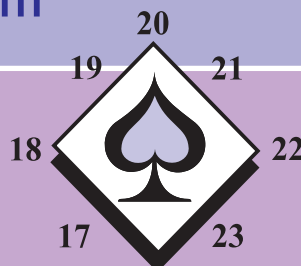
GREAT WESTERN SPRING FLING STAC XIV

May 6-12, 2013

What is the 2nd largest Sectional in the country?
Answer: The Great Western Spring Fling Sectional
Tournament at Clubs! This year the Spring STAC
will be May 6-12, as always in your local clubs.

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