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## Phoenix Desert Empire Regional Scottsdale, Arizona August 15-21



Talking Stick, the Four Diamond Resort & Casino

By JoAnne Lowe  
Tournament Chair

Phoenix in August? "Crazy - too hot," you say? Not at Talking Stick, the Four

Diamond Resort & Casino. You never have to leave the site – five restaurants, four bars, spa, casino, fitness center and, of course, bridge.

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daily except Thursday, five days of Gold Rush Pairs, Stratified Open Pairs, 199er games, and side game series. Something for everyone! Regularly scheduled

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## Las Vegas Regional



By Liz Hamilton  
Las Vegas, Nevada

The Las Vegas Regional, one of the largest in the United States, will be held June 6-12 at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, in the heart of the world renowned Las Vegas Strip. This is an amazing destination location for bridge players of all ages.

The tournament offers Gold Rush events all week, including daylight Gold Rush games (10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) on Friday and Saturday. Gold Rush games are a great way to win

gold points, and nobody you play against will have more than 750 masterpoints. If you're planning to play in the 0-100 or 0-300 masterpoint games, you'll now find those games at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. We also have a full schedule of pairs and teams at 1:15 & 7:00 p.m., plus morning games at 9:00 a.m.

There are many options, so pick what's right for you! Partnerships can be arranged online at our website or at the partnership desk at the tournament.

A special Las Vegas welcome is waiting for you!



## Jerry's Journal

By Jerry Ranney  
District 17 President

### North American Pairs National Finals

Congratulations to this year's very successful D17 pairs in the NAP national finals held at the Reno NABC:

- Markland Jones (Phoenix, Arizona) and Havinder Sidhu (Scottsdale, Arizona) placed third in Flight A.
- Burke Snowden and Greg Herman (Fort Collins, Colorado) finished eleventh in Flight B.
- Phil Debus (Centennial, Colorado) and Dan Stern (Denver, Colorado) finished fourth in Flight C.
- Ashok Immaneni (Albuquerque, New Mexico) and Tom Estenson (Tijeras, New Mexico) placed eleventh in Flight C.

### Small Unit Grants Program

The Cheyenne unit has had excellent results from an EZ-Bridge program started last fall, partially supported by a District 17 Small Unit Grant. The program was advertised in the local newspaper and has resulted in 30 new ACBL members. For a unit that had only 58 members prior to the program, this is an outstanding accomplishment. The program was led by Cheyenne Unit members Clara Bunning and Dave Zwonitzer. Two separate sets of sessions were held, on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings.

Many of the new ACBL members are now playing in local club games.

### Mesa Regional Results

Several District 17 members had considerable success at the recent Mesa Senior Regional. Billy Miller (Las Vegas, Nevada) led the masterpoint winner list again this year with 155 MP. Other top ten masterpoint leaders from D17 include Markland Jones (Phoenix) in sixth place with 86 MP, and Joan Cremin (Paradise Valley, Arizona) and Curtis Cheek (Las Vegas, Nevada) tied for seventh place with 85 MP. Table count was 1821, down from 1898 in 2015.

### District 17 Website Update

Thanks to Rod Southworth, the District 17 representative from Cheyenne, Wyoming for taking on the important task of maintaining D17's website, [d17acbl.org](http://d17acbl.org) I encourage all district members to take a look at the many useful features on the site. Currently highlighted in the news section are the NAP district finals winners and the pairs that placed in the NAP finals. Information is also provided on member achievements, and the "Learn Bridge in a Day" program recently held in Northern Colorado. The tournament information section contains a full tournament schedule for D17 regionals, sectionals, STAC games, and other special games, as well as links to some results pages.

There is also extensive educational information in the "Rising Player" and "Columns" sections of the website. I especially encourage newer players to have a look at the many educational aspects of the site, including an extensive section on the Roman Keycard convention, complete sets of the *Consult the Coopers*, and Bill Michaels's *Ruling Our Game* series of articles, as well as a sampling of Dave Caprera's articles, *Sleeping on the Couch*.

### BridgeResults Website

District 17 currently provides timely game results for all D17 regionals, and a number of our units also provide sectional results via the BridgeResults website. If you would like to receive results shortly after the end of a session, I encourage you to register at [BridgeResults.net](http://BridgeResults.net) – this is a very slick website that provides not only game results, but also a number of additional features that I think you will find interesting and useful.

### Feedback and Member Input

If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please get them to your District 17 representative, or email them to me at [jtranne2@msn.com](mailto:jtranne2@msn.com), or call me at 303 697-9468.

### ScoreCard Deadlines

Steve & Kitty Cooper, Editors

ScoreCard's deadline for District 17 articles and ads is the fifth of the preceding month; However, earlier submissions are encouraged.

Although we welcome unsolicited articles, there is no guarantee of publication.

Articles submitted will be edited, and may be cut; the author will receive a copy of the edited article before publication.

E-mail all ads and copy to: [D17editors@contractbridgeforum.com](mailto:D17editors@contractbridgeforum.com)

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