

# WESTERN CONFERENCE CONTRACT BRIDGE Forum



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## Palm Springs Regional December 14-20



Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage

By Roberta Grubb  
Tournament Chair

Make plans now to celebrate this upcoming Holiday Season by joining us at the Palm Springs Regional, December 14-20 at the prestigious Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage. The Westin has given us an excellent bridge rate of only \$117 a

night. And, the resort fee of \$25 will be waived!

Register online at [www.palmspringsregional.com](http://www.palmspringsregional.com) or call the Westin direct at 760 328-5955 or toll free 800 335-3545. Be sure to ask for the ACBL rate. Reservations close November 20.

Why do bridge players love the Palm Springs Regional? Well, perhaps it's because of the balmy weather, clear skies, awesome views, or perhaps it's because of the warm cordial welcome players receive upon arrival ... complete with gifts, loads of coffee, refreshments, and cocktails and discussion in the hospitality suite that's open nightly.

Bridge players love the excitement of honing their skills playing against the best players in the nation. They love being able to play in a game at their own level. And they especially love the knockout events (and gold points they pay) scheduled every day except Sunday.

For fun and variety a Barometer Pairs game is scheduled for Tuesday night. In this game you always know how well you're doing. Example: Everyone plays board 1. The boards are matchpointed across the field. If you got all the matchpoints for that first hand, you will be posted as the

first-round leader!

Besides matching wits and skill against a field of world class bridge players, you could plan to see some of the many Palm Springs attractions. A mile north is the Agua Caliente Casino.

The River, a unique shopping center, is also nearby. It has premium restaurants and shops along the banks of the river that runs through it. Palm Springs is a golfer's paradise so bring your clubs and plan to play on one of the Westin's courses. Or just relax, go to the spa or bask in the desert sun.

District 22 and the Palm Springs Bridge community want you to enjoy every day of your visit. Each evening from 6:15-7:15 the Hospitality Suite is open for your pleasure. Snacks, sips, socializing are on the agenda. Photos will be taken of section first winners, event overall winners and new Life Masters. Treats have been planned for each day. Sunday we are offering a free lunch.

This tournament is not only an opportunity to improve your bridge skills but a place to create your own vacation. We're hoping that you will continue to make attendance at the Palm Springs Regional your Holiday tradition. Come out and play with us!

### District 22 70% Games

78.37%	Tony Miller - Greg Vernon, TGIF Bridge Club, Aug. 24
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74.41%	Warren Cederborg - Gerard Laqueriere, Visalia, Aug. 13
74.40%	Paul Chung - Xiaoxue Walker, Dana Harbor, Aug. 14
73.06%	Audrey and John Currie, Palm Springs, Aug. 30
72.94%	Marie Haggard - Marilyn Christy, Dana Harbor, Aug. 13
72.62%	Pat and Audrey Moore, Morro Bay Charity Club, Aug. 31
72.54%	Ron Schwarer - Kandi Osborne, San Luis Obispo DBC, July 17
72.50%	Alfred Schekman - Donald Ward, Anaheim/Santa Ana, Sept. 9
72.50%	Grant and Sue Morgan, North County DBC, Aug. 27
72.19%	Betty-Jo Petersen - Janet Ansfield, La Jolla Bch & Tennis, Sept. 9
72.12%	John Ruffo - Steve Koller, Duplicators B.C., Sept. 7
72.00%	Hal Gloff - Marj Robertson, Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 5
71.88%	Carolyn Koroknay - Carolyn Berenson, Lexington B.C., Aug. 16
71.88%	Gert Prejean - Beverly Busacca, Bakersfield, Aug. 12
71.71%	Rebecca Higgins - Jane Good, San Diego, Aug. 30
71.53%	Mary Ellen Parker - Pat Mattingly, Yucca Valley, Sept. 2
71.43%	Wallace Goldban - David Wei Chuan, Palm Desert, Aug. 29
71.43%	Betty Doig - Sarah Carter, TGIF Bridge Club, Aug. 28
71.08%	Jane Leigh - Jim Darvey, Cat City, Aug. 22
71.02%	Paul and Lynn Johnston, San Diego, Aug. 15
70.98%	Phil Akre - Alice Dudley, Coronado, Aug. 18
70.94%	Gina Otto - Robbie Trindl, At the Bridge Club, June 22
70.89%	Villa Vejvoda - Howard Arquette, Visalia, Aug. 21
70.83%	Ken Slagle - Jerry Woodworth, Oceanside, August
70.83%	Etty Yenni - Larry Klimko, Santa Barbara B.C., Aug. 27
70.67%	William Grant - David Oakley, San Diego, Aug. 17
70.57%	Sandra Stanger - Nadia Araabi, Dana Harbor, Aug. 17
70.52%	Charles Wallace - Gary Solomon, Cat City, Aug. 8
70.48%	Gina Otto - Evelyn Kanter, At the Bridge Club, Aug. 31
70.39%	Patricia Schoppman - Sankar Reddy, Anaheim/Santa Ana, Aug. 28
70.00%	Sandy Kucha - Bob Horowitz, Esplanade B.C., Sept. 6

### Forum Deadlines

The D22 Forum deadline for articles and ads is the 5th of the preceding month. Ads must be prepaid, payable to D22 ACBL, c/o Fran Foresta, 38385 Rock Creek Circle, Temecula CA 92592

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### Teri's Table Talk

By Teri Atkinson  
District 22 President

I consider myself a very lucky duck! I have the honor and privilege of working with some great folks on your District 22 Board of Directors. There have been questions to answer, problems to solve and decisions to be made all year long. This group has definitely been up to the task!

In particular, I would like to call attention to two board members who have gone far beyond any basic job description for their positions. The first of these is Rex Latus, our secretary and vice-president. When the board was questioning the feasibility of taking over total responsibility for getting tables and supplies to our tournament sites, Rex volunteered to do some investigating. He researched costs for all the items we would need to buy; he located and compared storage sites and trucks; he did all the math involved in this complex venture. Most importantly, he met with and negotiated new terms with our current supplier. After countless hours invested in this project, Rex presented the board with the information it needed to make a sound decision. Meanwhile, Rex was handling all the usual responsibilities of his position, including keeping minutes of meetings and preparing for the fall elections. In addition, Rex was recently named to the ACBL's Goodwill Committee as one of our District 22 representatives. We are extremely indebted to Rex for all of his efforts.

The second board member I wish to recognize is our treasurer, Fran Foresta. Fran has worked diligently over recent months, putting together a financial analysis of our tournaments past and present. He has incorporated every little expense and income source he could find, providing us with a very good picture of how we are operating in our principal business. His report will certainly help the board make decisions for future tournaments and special events. While doing all this, Fran has also been serving as treasurer for the San Diego NABC, coming in November.

As is often the case, these two men were successful in their endeavors because they each had a woman working in the shadows behind them. Sheila Latus and Linda Foresta are to be appreciated for the help they gave and the sacrifices they made in order for the important work to be accomplished. Thanks, Sheila and Linda!

It is not too late to make your reservations for the Fall NABC. Beautiful San Diego beckons. I can't wait to get there and get a new tote bag! I have almost worn out my "walking advertisement" - it goes where I go. My bridge partner and I have decided to take the train to San Diego and save the hassle and expense of parking. Come join us and we can play bridge on the way there!

### Ten Commandments for Reporting 70%-Plus Games

By Joel Hoersch  
Editor, D22 Forum

Occasionally I am asked, "What criteria do you use to determine if a 70%-plus game is a proper item for the column in the Forum?" Here are the guidelines that we use:

- (1) The event must occur in an ACBL-sanctioned game.
- (2) The event must be in regular tournament format, in that the hands are randomly dealt - (i.e., not set up or "skewed" in any way (such as for a teaching class or lecture, etc.)
- (3) There must be a minimum of 20 hands played in the session.
- (4) There must be a minimum of five tables in play, unless the number of hands played is more than 26.
- (5) If the event has masterpoint restrictions or is flighted in any way, there must be no ineligible players. Open games or stratified events can be counted, but a result generated by, say, a B player participating in an event normally restricted to C players would not be considered.
- (6) Persons who are entitled to report 70% games are ACBL certified directors, club owners or unitscope reporters. If you personally accomplish this feat, please check first with the ACBL person responsible for the tournament where it occurred, so that this official can properly report it.
- (7) ALL reports of 70% games must contain four different pieces of information to be considered for publication. This information must be submitted to the editor by email, either in a unitscope report in a separate paragraph at the TOP of the article, or in a separate submission with the words "70% games" in the subject line.
- (8) The format for the report should be as below, with the information in this proper order:  
74.67% Jane Doe - Richard Roe, Atascadero B.C., Oct. 30
- (9) As you will note, the order of information is (1) exact percentage, (2) Name of each member of the pair, (3) club where the event was played, and (4) date of the game.
- (10) Proper adherence to these 10 commandments will result in fewer lost reports, unhappy achievers and frustrated editors.