



Bermuda
Regional
2010

BERMUDA
feel the love

THE Fairmont
SOUTHAMPTON
BERMUDA

Editor: Barry Rigal & Sue Picus

Daily Bulletin No. 1 Saturday, January 23, 2010

WELCOME TO BERMUDA!



Hello and welcome to the Bermuda Regional. I'm Jane Clipper, Tournament Chairman for the Regional this year which starts on Saturday 23rd and ends on Friday 29th with our signature Prize giving and Banquet. Once again we are pleased that the venue is hosted by the beautiful Fairmont Southampton Hotel.

My committee and I have arranged a week packed not only with bridge but also other entertainment, so check the daily Bulletin and at the Hospitality desk for details.

Tonight, after the Charity game, please join us for a welcome cocktail party in the Poinciana Foyer. We are very grateful to AXIS, one of our local companies, for sponsoring this event. Mingle with many of our local players and discover more about this beautiful island.

I wish you great bridge success and a fabulous vacation with us this week.

Today's Programme
Sponsored by Axis
8:15 PM Stratified Charity
Pairs
Novice Stratified
Charity Pairs

CONTENTS	
Schedule of Events	2
Notices and Announcements	4
Bermuda 2000	7
Restaurants	8
Eddie Kantar	10

2010 Schedule of Events

Saturday, Jan. 23rd	8.15 PM	Stratified Charity Pairs+ Newcomer Stratified Charity Pairs+ <i>Stratification by Average Masterpoints not highest player</i>
Sunday, Jan. 24th	1.00 PM	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (1st Session) Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 1 <i>(Total of 5 single session side games)</i> Newcomer Stratified Pairs
	8.15 PM	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2nd Session) Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 2 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
Monday, Jan 25th	9 AM, 1 PM	Compact Knockout Teams - Cedar Series <i>(Finishes Tuesday morning) Maximum 4 players per team</i> Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 3
	12 AM	Expert Lecture by GS Jade Barrett
	1PM	Bracketed Championship KO Teams - (1st Round) <i>(Continues to Thursday)</i> Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 4 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
	8.15 PM	Stratified Championship Pairs (1st Session) Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series Session 5) Newcomer Stratified Pairs
Tuesday Jan 26th	9.00 AM	Compact Knockout Teams - Cedar Series (Completion) Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 1
	10.30 AM	Expert Panel Show
	1.00 PM	Bracketed Championship KO Teams - (2nd Round) Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 2 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
	4:30 PM	Expert Lecture by Barbara Seagram "Common Errors in Bidding And Play"
	8. 15 PM	Stratified Championship Pairs (2nd Session) Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 3 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
Wednesday, Jan 27th	9.00 AM	Stratified Swiss Teams - (1st session) - finishes Thu. a.m. Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 4
	1.00 PM	Bracketed Championship KO Teams (semi-finals) Compact KO Teams Sandy's Series Max 4 players per team <i>(finishes Thursday afternoon)</i> Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 5 Newcomer Stratified Pairs

2010 Schedule of Events (Cont.)

	8.15 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session) Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series Session 6 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
Thursday Jan 28th	9.00 AM	Swiss Teams (<i>final session</i>) Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 1
	10.30 AM	Expert Panel Show
	1.00 PM	Bracketed Championship KO Teams (Finals) Compact KO Teams - Sandy's Series (Completion) Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 2 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
	8:15 PM	Stratified Open Pairs (Final Session) Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 3 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
Friday Jan 29th	9 AM	Stratflighted Swiss Teams 1st Session Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 4
	1.00 PM	Stratflighted Swiss Teams 2nd Session Stratified Side Game - Paget Series Session 5 Newcomer Stratified Pairs
	6:30 PM	Cocktail Party and Prizegiving+ followed by Gala Dinner Dance+

+ Formal dress suggested

Championship events are in bold.

K-O Teams continue daily at 1PM until a winner is determined

Players may play in any number of Stratified Side Games with the same or different partners.

**Saturday Evening
Charity Game – 8.15PM**
Sponsored by Axis

The Charity games are formal –
Black Tie or jacket is requested
though not mandatory!

Make plans to attend the
Cocktail Party after the Charity
Game and enjoy the Steel Pan
player.



ATTENTION!!

Reminder: those of you who have not yet
renewed your ACBL memberships will be
charged an extra \$2 per session entry fee.

The Tournament Directors will gladly take
your renewal for you. Payment may be
made by cash, credit or cheque.

Register at the Hospitality Desk and collect your goodie bag!

Notice Board

SECTION TOPS

All winners of a Section Top should collect their prize from the Section Top Desk next to Hospitality from Monday onwards.

GARDEN TOUR Wednesday at 9.30am

Sign up early in the week to join a small group to visit a beautiful local garden, hosted by the owner, and learn about local flora. Cost \$20 (transport included).

(In the event of rain the tour may be cancelled.)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Expert Lectures – Gardenia Room
Tuesday 26th at 12:00 and Thursday
28th at 4:30 PM.

Expert Panel Show – Tuesday and
Thursday mornings for an
entertaining discussion of the
previous days' deals and other
topics. Gardenia Room, 10:30 AM.

ALERT!!

1-800, 866, 877, 888 phone calls are not free from the hotel. They will be charged at international rates.

LOCAL MARKET – Wednesday 4pm

A craft market of local products will be set up in the bridge foyer at tea time on Wednesday. Browse around the stalls and buy a locally made memento of your trip.

Cash sales only please.

There is an ATM machine in the lower lobby of the hotel.

DRINKS TICKETS

A bar will be set up outside the playing area every evening. Special price drinks tickets (\$6.75 for alcohol and \$4.00 for sodas) may be purchased at that time or in advance. Advance purchases can be made at the Hospitality desk either with cash or charged to your room.

You can also use the tickets in the Jasmine Bar or ask for the regional bridge specials.

The main restaurants have a tiered price list of house wines.

Hotel Shopping

There is a selection of shops within the hotel. Please note the opening times are from 10am to 4pm, but the stores are **closed between 1 – 2pm** and all day Sunday.

BANQUET & PRIZE GIVING

You are invited to the Banquet and Prize giving on Friday 29th. Cocktails are in the Poinciana Foyer from 6.30pm, followed by the prize giving and dinner in the Mid Ocean Amphitheatre at 7pm. **You must sign up at the Hospitality desk by Wednesday.** Start getting a table of 10 together or we can assign you to a table.

This evening is formal - Black tie or jacket is requested, but not mandatory!

GOLF TOURNAMENT **Wednesday, times flexible**

Test your golfing skills on the challenging 18-hole par 3 executive course at the Fairmont Hotel. A tournament for our Bermuda Regional guests will be held on Wednesday when participants will be paired up at a mutually convenient time during the day. Prizes awarded depending on numbers entering.

Cost \$50 for green fees and golf cart. Clubs and shoes may also be hired from the pro shop.

Sign up at the hospitality desk.

Attention Event Winners!

We would like photographs of all event winners, including flight B and C winners. Alas we do not have room for section winners. To have your photo taken for the bulletin, please come to the table in the corner of the main playing area just to the right of the directors' table immediately after the results are announced.

Volunteer caddies at the Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament

The tournament caddies are all volunteers, and have been recruited by Girlguiding Bermuda, which provides girls and young women aged 5-25 years with the opportunity to develop new skills, gain new experiences and to make a positive contribution to society. With over 400 members in Bermuda it is making a real difference to the current and future lives of many young women and adult supporters on the island.

2010 is Girlguiding's 100th anniversary, and the donation which the tournament is giving to Girlguiding Bermuda will be used to send two groups of Guides on international visits, to its World Centre in Mexico, and to centenary camp in the UK, both in July. These Guides will be carrying the flag (literally!) for Bermuda.

Guides and their parents, as well as other supporters of guiding, look forward to caddying at the Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament.

Bermuda prides itself on its courtesy – remember to say “Caddy PLEASE ... and Director PLEASE”. You’ll get a far more favourable response!

When Denmark met France in the early stages of the Venice Cup it gave Charlotte a chance to break one of the cardinal rules on defence -- but it just happened to be the only way to set the hand! Put yourself in the West seat to see what I mean.

Dealer South E/W game

♠ J 7 3	
♥ K J 10	
♦ Q J 10 7	
♣ 10 7 5	
♠ ---	♠ K 8 6 5
♥ 7 6 4 3	♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ K 5 4 2	♦ 9 8
♣ A K Q 8 3	♣ J 6 2
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2	
♥ A 5	
♦ A 6 3	
♣ 9 4	

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Dbf	INT	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Charlotte sat West and led out three rounds of clubs against Four Spades. When declarer ruffed and played a heart to the ace to run the jack of spades Charlotte pitched a diamond. Now declarer correctly decided to repeat the spade finesse, and when East covered the seven of spades with the eight declarer won in hand and led a low diamond up. Charlotte hopped up with the king and had reached the critical point of the defence. She made the key play when she broke all the rules by giving declarer a ruff and discard -- which she did not need. Since declarer needed the trump in dummy for the spade finesse, she ruffed in hand, but that gave East the chance to discard her last diamond on this trick. Now when South tried to cross to dummy for the trump play, that let East ruff in, for one down.



What is the best play for four tricks with

K 10 6 4

Facing

A J 8 3?

(Answer on Page 10)

2010 Dining Selections

Dinner reservations are strongly advised. The concierge requests that all guests kindly make Dinner reservations for Bacci, the Newport Room and the Waterlot. Nothing could be easier – stop by the Concierge desk off the main lobby next to the playing area OR telephone the Concierge from your room.

If you are planning to play after dinner notify the maitre'd and the wait staff that you must be finished in time to get to the playing area by 8pm

WATERLOT INN

Steeped in Bermudian History. Our magnificent and historic waterfront inn, gracefully nestled dockside on Jew's Bay, has been offering breathtaking sunsets and delectable Bermudian fare over 320 years and proudly boasts both AAA Four Diamond and Wine Spectator Awards. You are guaranteed the Best Steak in Bermuda. Beamed ceilings and an inviting and gracious décor provide a wonderful setting to enjoy savoury Prime and Dry Aged Steaks to please the most discerning steak connoisseur. Service is impeccable, but friendly.

Open Each Evening from 5:30p.m (Closed on Monday January 25). Dress Code: Jackets Suggested.

BACCI

Lively Italian Cuisine. Delight in authentic Italian Cuisine delivered with real fine dining flare in a stylish yet relaxed family atmosphere. Our chef has creatively blended the very best of classical Italian traditions with the latest world-class cooking trends to create a symphony of original recipes and blended flavours from select regions of Italy. Bacci is a celebration of the life, wine and great food of Italy.

Open each evening from 5:30p.m (Closed on Wednesday January 27). Dress Code is Smart Casual.

NEWPORT ROOM

The Premier Dining Experience in Bermuda. Exquisite French Cuisine is presented with style and elegance within the luxurious ambience of what could well be the Royal Yacht. Amid its luxurious brass and mahogany interior, our AAA Four Diamond award-winning restaurant is an unparalleled dining experience for any occasion.

Open each evening from 5:30 p.m. (Closed on Tuesday January 26) Dress Code: Jackets Required, Tie Optional.

WINDOWS ON THE SOUND

Breakfast with a View. Off the Main Lobby of the Hotel, Windows on the Sound offers breathtaking views of the Great Sound and an amazing breakfast extravaganza with many morning favourites. On Sundays, our traditional and famous Bermuda Breakfast Buffet featuring authentic Bermudian dishes takes centre stage.

Open Daily from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Sundays from 7.00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

JASMINE LOUNGE

The Place for the Quintessential Martini. Elegant and relaxing, Jasmine is the ideal spot for meeting, greeting or simply relaxing, any time of the day, open from 11:00a.m. to 1:00a.m. Your favourite cocktails are served throughout the day along with an elegant selection of light entrees, snacks, sandwiches, salads and sinful desserts. In the evening Jasmine steps up the pace from 9:00p.m. to 12:00midnight with live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. ***Don't miss the Happy Hour Drink Special of \$6.75 for all Bridge Players.***

Open Daily. Reservations not required. Dress Code is Smart Casual.

THE CELLAR

Discover the unique atmosphere of an Old English Pub. A favorite place for both locals and guests alike, The Cellar is hidden away adjacent to the indoor pool via the Mezzanine. While enjoying your favourite cocktail, you can watch your favorite sports, play a game of pool on our custom cherry wood table or dance the night away.

Open Wednesday to Sunday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 am.

LUNCH SPECIAL

For a fast turnaround between games, purchase a \$15.00 soup and sandwich from Jasmine Lounge.

MEAL PLANS

As an added flexibility, you can opt for a meal plan on one or several days. Visit the front desk and choose which days you want to spoil yourself with a great meal at one of Fairmont's wonderful restaurants. The cost can be charged to your room.

BERMUDA BREAKFAST

Come for the Bermuda breakfast on Sunday. Look for the Bermuda station in Windows, where you will see the traditional Bermuda breakfast of codfish, bananas, avocado, eggs and Johnny Bread.

BREAKFAST

You can indulge in the full buffet at Windows on the Sound, or choose off the a la carte menu for a lighter option.

HIGH TEA

There will be high tea each afternoon in the Poinciana foyer after the afternoon session

THINKING BRIDGE by Eddie Kantar

All this week we shall be running some Eddie Kantar Lesson Hands. Our thanks to Eddie for making them available!

#1	Dealer North	Game All
	♠ A J 7	
	♥ Q 8 3	
	♦ A J 10 7 6 5	
	♣ K	
	♠ 4 3 2	♠ 5
	♥ 2	♥ A K J 10 9 7
	♦ K Q	♦ 9 8 4 2
	♣ J 8 7 5 4 3 2	♣ 10 9
	♠ K Q 10 9 8 6	
	♥ 6 5 4	
	♦ 3	
	♣ A Q 6	

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East's 2♥ weak jump overcall is comparable to a Weak Two bid - basically a reasonable six card suit with 6-9 HCP. It frequently serves as a good lead director. South's two-level suit response of 2S guarantees at least five spades and 11 + HCP.

West's lead is painfully obvious. Some players will lead a singleton even when they don't have one! East wins the first trick as cheaply as possible and continues with the king and ace of hearts. West anticipates making TWO discards. Why not discard the KQ of diamonds so a diamond can be ruffed at trick four? West knows East has only six hearts, so he will surely be able to make two discards – declarer cannot have fewer than three hearts since East would have bid three hearts with a seven-bagger. Bear in mind that declarer may have a singleton diamond and no diamond trick may be forthcoming. Today, this is not only the best defence, it is the only defence that defeats 4♠

When several discards can be envisioned, consider discarding from shortness, putting yourself in a position to ruff the suit you are discarding.

Answer to Puzzle on Page 7:

The optimum line with K 10 6 4 facing A J 8 3 for four tricks is to lead the king and run the ten at the next trick. By leading up to the AJ8 you give yourself a chance of picking up 4-1 splits onside. The alternative strategy of starting with the ace does not allow you to negotiate the bad splits if East has a small singleton.