

Roadrunner Senior Regional



San Marcos Crowne Plaza Resort in downtown Chandler!

By Kitty Larson
Tournament Chairman

The Roadrunner Tournament Committee is pleased to announce that the 2016 Roadrunner Senior Regional is moving back to the San Marcos Crowne Plaza Resort in downtown Chandler! Tournament dates are March 28-April 3, 2016.

The San Marcos has undergone major renovations over the past three years. The hotel, the Pavilion, and the golf course and clubhouse have all had major updates. The team events will be played in the all new Pavilion with improved carpeting, lighting, air conditioning, and seating. The San Marcos has updated its rooms and dining options. Downtown Chandler has also seen significant development, with 15 restaurants to choose from within a two block area. The combination of the updated Pavilion, the San Marcos Resort, and Downtown Chandler has created an outstanding setting for the 2016 Roadrunner Senior Regional.

Once again we have a great schedule to offer. On Monday there are two single session Charity Pairs, open to all ages. Throughout the week there are Knockout Teams starting every day, along with Gold Rush and Open Pairs. Intermediate/Newcomer games will be held Tuesday through Saturday.

New to this year's schedule are the evening Fast Pairs. Open

to all ages, the Fast Pairs are a great option for a fun evening. And don't forget the Sunday Swiss Teams, where we will be providing lunch to all players.

We also have an outstanding speaker and "ask the expert" sessions planned for the week, open to players at all levels. Each day one lucky Intermediate/Newcomer pair will be drawn to have lunch with an expert. Make sure to check the detailed schedule so that you can attend these excellent game improvement opportunities.

If you need help finding a partner, no worries. The partnership desk will be open during the tournament to assist players finding partners. In advance of the tournament, Intermediate/Newcomer players may contact Eileen Utter at azeileenu@gmail.com - all other players please contact Eileen Friend at efnyaz@yahoo.com

Please see our website at unit351.com for a complete schedule. For hotel reservations call 1 888 233-9527 and ask for the Roadrunner Bridge Rate of \$138.00 single/double.

A 'Mile High' Thank You



John Grossmann, partnership - Bonnie Janzen, restaurant guide - Don Heitler, treasurer - Roy Weinstein, co-chairman - Bonnie Smith, pre-tournament hospitality - Chris Champion & Wendy Turk, registration - Bonnie Bagley, co-chairman - Cal Newlin, I/N - Marilyn Eber, pre-tournament hospitality - Jerry Ranney, partnership - Flo Newlin, I/N - Ruth Pana, volunteer coordinator (not pictured Nancy Rassbach, caddies - Rick Weigle, I/N partnership - Joan Kushner, volunteer coordinator)

While the table count of 9,058 ½ at the Denver Fall NABC was a bit under the estimated 10,000, the 3,430 players who attended had a wonderful time. The playing venue is one of the best, and the free 16th Street shuttle afforded players the opportunity to dine at a variety of Denver's fine restaurants. Many thanks from Roy and myself to

the players, the ACBL staff and the hotel staff and especially our committees chairs, who outdid themselves to produce an outstanding tournament enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Roy, who could be found almost everyday at the Registration Desk, also managed to play enough bridge to win 39.52 masterpoints. Well done, Roy!

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Bon's Mots

By Bonnie Bagley
National Board Representative

Farewell 2015, and Happy 2016. A somewhat sad farewell for me, as the 2015 Fall Denver NABC, which I co-chaired with Roy Weinstein, just ended. We were a "Dynamic Duo" ... Roy's strengths were my weaknesses and vice-versa, a good team, complemented by the hardest, most capable volunteers. After three years of planning and preparation there is now a void, but it will be filled with tackling the upcoming challenges facing ACBL.

Elections

Prior to the start of the Nationals, the ACBL Board of Directors (BOD) had its third meeting of the year.

- Ken Monzingo, D22 (our ScoreCard publisher) was elected 2016 ACBL President. By acclamation, Georgia Heth, D8 (St. Louis, Northern Indiana, Central and Southern Illinois, and Paducah) was appointed as ACBL treasurer as of January 1, 2016 to finish Ken's term (he had been elected ACBL Treasurer for the term April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.).

- We bid farewell to three veteran BOD members: Don Mamura, D19 (Alaska, Washington State, and British Columbia), Rand Pinsky, D23 (Los Angeles County), and Rich DeMartino, D25 (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts).

Their knowledge and expertise will be missed, but we look forward to the contributions of their elected replacements: Marv Norden, D19, Kevin Lane, D23, and Mark Aquino, D25.

- Incumbent BOD members Paul Janicki, D2 (Ontario, Manitoba, and Bermuda) and Al Levy, D24 (New York City & Long Island) were reelected to three year terms as Zone 2 (that's us) representatives to the World Bridge Federation (WBF).

- BOD member Russ Jones, D10 (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Western Tennessee, and Eastern Arkansas), as well as Rod Bias, D17 representative from Phoenix, and Betty Starzec, from D16 (Texas) were elected trustees of the Educational Foundation for three year terms. Jay Winter, from D14 (Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska) was appointed to fulfill the remaining term of Michael Bandler, from D21 (Northern California and part of Northern Nevada), which ends December 31, 2016.

- Elected as trustees of the Charity Foundation for four year terms were BOD members Georgia Heth, D8 (St. Louis, Northern Indiana, Central and Southern Illinois, and Paducah) and Russ Jones, D10. I was elected as president of the Charity Foundation for a one year term.

- Congratulations to Linda Gordon, Sedona, Arizona, who was reelected to a three year term and to JoAnn Sprung, Las Vegas, and Jim Calhoun, Denver, who were elected to three year terms on the Board of Governors (BOG) representing D17. Many thanks go to Frank Queen, Denver, and Dan Williams, Henderson, Nevada, for their many years of representing D17 on the BOG. Your service is much appreciated.

Appointments

Sandy DeMartino, Riverside, Connecticut, by acclamation, was appointed to a three year term as the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Chairman.

- Debbie Rosenberg, Cupertino, California, was selected as the 2015 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year by ACBL President Suzi Subeck.

- Patty Tucker, Atlanta, Georgia, was selected by the BOD Honorary Member Committee as the 2016 Honorary Member of the Year, and ratified by the BOD.

- Flora Pettit, Austin, Texas, was selected by Sandy DeMartino and her Goodwill Co-Chairs as the 2016 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

Motions

A motion passed that the 2016 President of the ACBL appoint a Board Composition Advisory Committee of nine members, consisting of three BOD members, one of whom would serve as chair of the committee, two members from management, two BOG members, and two members at large. This is a serious attempt to decrease the size of the twenty-five member BOD, which many believe to be too large and unwieldy. This committee will submit a status report at each BOD meeting, with the final report due no later than the Spring 2017 BOD meeting.

- A motion submitted by the BOG that nominations for Second BOD Alternate not close for at least one week after the

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ScoreCard Deadlines

Steve & Kitty Cooper, Editors

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