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The Western Conference



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## Mesa Roadrunner Senior Regional

April 3-9, 2017



Crowne Plaza/San Marcos Resort, Chandler, Arizona - Home of the 2017 Roadrunner Senior Regional

**By Cliff Hudson**  
Tournament Chair

The April 3-9 Roadrunner Senior Regional will be held at the updated Crowne Plaza/San Marcos Resort. The San Marcos is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Chandler, 20 minutes from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. As always, game times are 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The tournament will be offering games specifically for the Intermediate/Newcomer player. In fact, 0-20 novice players can play for free on Tuesday morning.

From Tuesday through Saturday there will be new Knockout Teams, Gold Rush Pairs, and Open Pairs events starting daily. Every afternoon there will be a one session Swiss Teams, and every evening there will be a one session Fast Pairs, which is open to all ages. Sunday, we will again be offering Swiss Teams, with a box lunch pro-

vided for your convenience.

**The Partnership Desk** is now open! The partnership committee is happy to assist you to find a partner; please email Eileen Friend at [efnyaz@yahoo.com](mailto:efnyaz@yahoo.com) or call Sandy Jennings at 480 699-4444 or use the partnership desk at the tournament. For hotel reservations, call 877 685-5594. Use the group code L7X to get a rate of \$138.00 with no resort fee! Cutoff date for the bridge rate is February 17. The tournament flyer and schedule are both posted on our website [unit351.com](http://unit351.com) and at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org)

**You can find** restaurant options of nearly every "flavor" within walking distance of the hotel. Really, there's no need for a car once you arrive at the hotel! Early April has highs in the low 80s, most pleasant in our dry Arizona climate. For further questions contact me, Cliff Hudson, at [cnhudson4@gmail.com](mailto:cnhudson4@gmail.com) or 480 788-8715.

### Money for Units

**By Steve Nordberg**  
Small Units Grants  
Committee Chairman

Hello District 17 units without a regional tournament. It is my pleasure to announce that your unit could be eligible for funds to help in the development of new players in your unit. We at the District 17 Board are interested in getting more people learning to play bridge.

If you are interested in receiving funding from the District 17 Education Fund please submit a request detailing the way the money will be used and how much you need to achieve your goals. Requests should be submitted to me

no later than August 1. This date allows me time to answer your questions about the program, as well as allowing me time to find answers to any questions I may have about your plans.

The total amount of funding available is \$2500, but if more than one unit applies, the \$2500 would then be split among the units whose applications are approved by the District 17 Board.

Thank you for considering this item with your local unit board of directors.

Submit your request to the address or email address below:  
Steve Nordberg  
5513 Beth View  
El Paso TX 79932-1418  
[texminn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texminn@sbcglobal.net)



### Bon's Mots

**By Bonnie Bagley**  
National Board Representative

Year 2017 is underway and changes are already occurring. The most significant for ACBL is the resignation of our CEO, Robert Hartman. In January Robert tendered his resignation to President Bob Heller, effective July 31. He will be moving to Florida to take over the reins of a family business. I am grateful for his contributions to ACBL and will miss him, but certainly wish him well and much success.

A search committee has been appointed by President Heller and the process for finding a new CEO has begun. Interested? Go to [web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/CEO.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/CEO.pdf) for the responsibilities of the position, qualifications required, and details on the application process.

**January brought us a new** marketing director, Dan Storch of Lexington, Kentucky. Dan has more than 20 years of marketing experience, most recently six years as manager of the market and competitive intelligence team at Lexmark International. Learn more about Dan in the February *Bridge Bulletin*, page 19. Welcome, Dan.

### District Changes

The District 17 Board made changes as well, adopting new bylaws, which took effect January 1. One significant change is lengthening the term of office for board members from two years to three years. Implementation will be a three year process, with one third of the positions up for reelection each year, rather than one half, as has been the case. Another significant change is that starting January 1, 2017, no board member may serve more than twelve consecutive years.

Want to read the District 17 bylaws? Go to [d17acbl.org/index.php?page=bylaws](http://d17acbl.org/index.php?page=bylaws)

**There are also personnel changes** on the D17 Board: Ed Yosses, Denver representative, and John Van Ness, Colorado at Large representative, are leaving the board this year. Replacing them are Jennifer O'Neill and John Grossmann, respectively. Ed and John will be missed, but we welcome Jennifer and John. The first D17 board meeting of the year will be at the Tucson Regional on March 4.

### Good News

I am delighted to report that, effective April 1, the \$1.00 club fees imposed on STACs last year have been rescinded. This is great news for our Western Conference STACs, which are: the May Spring Fling, May 8-14; the August Summer Fun, August 21-27; and the December Holiday, December 4-10. Plan now to play at your local club and get those silver points!

**The next NABC** held in District 17 will be the 2019 Summer NABC in Las Vegas, July 18-28. There will be an NABC Fund Raiser Week March 27-April 2. These are special games which are held at your club, with \$1.00 per person going to provide extra hospitality for you at the NABC and extra points when you win. Please ask your director to hold these games.

### ACBL 2016 Year End Reports

#### Club Tables

Face-to-Face Clubs.....2,309,096 total tables  
(2927 Clubs: 788.9 average tables)

Online Clubs..... 1,031,270 total tables

Bridge Base Online ..... 931,410 total tables

OKbridge Inc. .... 94,826 total tables

Swan Game ..... 5,034 total tables

Grand Total ..... 3,340,366 tables

**There were 31,753 fewer** total tables in 2016 than in 2015 (3,372,119 in 2015). The major loss came from OKbridge, which had 45,932 fewer tables in 2016. Bridge Base Online had about 20,000 more tables, a 2% increase which helped offset some of the losses. Face-to-face clubs had about 4000 fewer tables as compared to 2015, less than a 1% decrease.

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### 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.

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

### Change of Address

Send change of address to: [addresschange@ACBL.org](mailto:addresschange@ACBL.org) or by snail mail to:

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Las Vegas NABC  
Fundraiser Week

March 27-April 2, 2017