The Fairmont Hamilton Princess Bermuda

# The Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament, 2024

## Saturday, January 27th

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## BACK AND BETTER THAN BEFORE – BERMUDA BRIDGE IN 2024
## RACHAEL'S THE RIGHT REIGN FOR RESURGENT REGIONAL

**Tournament Chair, Rachael Gosling**

When a much-loved annual Bridge Bash is postponed for a couple of years through circumstances beyond anybody's control, you'd be forgiven for thinking that the good times would never roll again. At a moment like this, what you need is to put somebody in charge of the resurgence who has the energy and drive to get the party up and running with its legendary swing. Such a resuscitator is Rachael Gosling, the Bermuda Regional's tenacious and dynamic Chair for this bounce-back year."

"No goose is ever cooked if a Gosling has anything to do with it," she cleverly quips, milking her distinguished Bermudian family name to maximum effect. "Instead, with the help of my fantastically competent Comeback Committee (introduced mainly in tomorrow's bulletin but also in later bulletins), and with the triumphant return of this very special tournament, I plan to be the goose that delivers the golden egg!"

And so, Bermuda welcomes back all its former fabulous fine-feathered friends, many of whom supported the Island's first ever online tournament in 2021, and who have kept faith with the local bridge community over these last few difficult years - thank you! Bermuda also extends a very warm welcome to all its fledgling participants in the Bermuda Tournament, here for the first time, and here, we're confident, for the bridge experience of their lives. We are all excited about getting to know you and to making your visit here unforgettable.

To keep up-to-date with all that's happening in this shining new era, at the bridge table and elsewhere, scour this bulletin every day or check on our website at www.bermudaregional.com. If you prefer communication that's more up close and personal, Members of the Comeback Committee are a constant presence around the hotel, especially in the playing room area, and will be happy to chat with you at any time. As there are many firsts for everyone this year, there is plenty of information in this bulletin and in further bulletins.to guide old and new friends alike around the iconic Hamilton Princess Hotel and through the tournament in general. Look out especially for the handy hotel maps in your goody bags or at the hotel reception desk which will tell you where you are and help you get to where you're going.

**After all, the redoubtable Ms Gosling wouldn't want a single one of you on any – er –wild goose-chase this week.**

*Please remember to REGISTER for the Tournament as soon as you arrive. The Registration Desk is set up in the Princess Rooms, where you can also collect your Goody Bags and sign up for the Banquet and Prizegiving. Oh, and Welcome!*

THIS WAY

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*You are cordially invited to the Welcoming Swizzle and Stormy Soiréé in the Trudeau Room after tonight's Charity Game. This is your chance to sample Bermudian food and beverage delicacies and to engage with local wildlife for a traditional Regional Watering Hole Experience*

### Today's Programme

**8:15 P.M.**

**The Ernie Owen Memorial Stratified Championship Charity Pairs and** 99er Game **(Trophy Event in Bold;** Formal Dress Suggested – see page 11 for guidance**)**

This year's beneficiary charity is **the Lady Cubitt Compassionate Association** helping Bermudians in need both financially and emotionally.

**Following the bridge game, the Swizzle and Stormy Soiréé will swing out in the Trudeau Room**

# BERMUDA REGIONAL 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

**8:15 p.m.**

**The Ernie Owen Memorial Stratified Championship Charity Pairs ***

99er Game (0-99 Masterpoints)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

**9:30 a.m.**

Swiss Teams 1 (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow morning*)
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues this afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 Masterpoints)

**2:00 p.m.**

**Championship Bracketed Round-Robin Teams (Session 1 of 2)**
**(*continues this evening*)**
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes this evening)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**8:15 p.m.**

**Championship Bracketed Round-Robin Teams (Session 2 of 2)**
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

**9:30 a.m.**

Swiss Teams 1 (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues this afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**2:00 p.m.**

**The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams (Session 1 of 4)**
(*continues to Thursday afternoon*)
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes this evening)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**8:15 p.m.**

**The Alan Douglas Championship Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD**
**(Session 1 of 2)**
**(*continues tomorrow evening*)**
The Gosling's' Gold Pairs - 0-750 points (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow evening*)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

**9:30 a.m.**

Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues this afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**2:00 p.m.**

**The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams (Session 2 of 4)**
(*continues to Thursday afternoon*)
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes this evening)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**8:15 p.m.**

**The Alan Douglas Championship Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD**
**(Session 2 of 2)**
The Gosling's Gold Pairs - 0-750 points (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

**9:30 a.m.**

**The Joe Wakefield Memorial Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD**
**(Session 1 of 2 - *continues tomorrow morning*)**
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs - 0-750 points (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow morning*)
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues tomorrow morning)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**2:00 p.m.**

**The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams (Session 3 of 4)**
**(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)**
Swiss Teams 2 (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BC (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)
Open Side Game – Hamilton Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues tomorrow afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

**9:30 a.m.**

**The Joe Wakefield Memorial Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD**
**(Session 2 of 2)**
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs - 0-750 points (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes tomorrow morning)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**2:00 p.m.**

**The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams (Session 4 of 4)**
Swiss Teams 2 (Session 2 of 2)
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BC (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Hamilton Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes tomorrow afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

**9:30 a.m.**

**The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Session 1 of 2)**
**(*continues this afternoon*)**
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

**2:00 p.m.**

**The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Session 2 of 2)**
Open Side Game – Hamilton Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 points)

**All bridge sessions are $20.00 per player per session.**

**In addition to the bridge games, there will be complimentary fun, fabulous and informative expert lectures and panel-shows throughout the week**
**(see page 4)**

**And, finally, on Friday evening, the Bermuda Regional's Signature Prize-Giving and Banquet will be held ***, **in the stunning Harbourview Ballroom. Tickets are $119.90 (grats included).**
**(see page 5)**

# MORE SKINNY ON THE SCHEDULE FOR 2024

## MASTERPOINT LIMITS

**CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS STRATA**:

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|---|---|
| **STRATIFLIGHTED CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS** | A/X – Unlimited/tbd, stratified together;<br>B/C -1500/3000, stratified together |
| **STRATIFED CHAMPIONCHIP PAIRS** | A – Unlimited; B – 3000; C-1500 |
| **BERMUDA GOLD** | Gold – 300 to 750; Red – 0 to 300 (Red) |
| **STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS:** | A/X – Unlimited/tbd, stratified together;<br>B/C/D – 1500/750/300, stratified together |

**OTHER EVENTS STRATA:**

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|---|---|
| **OPEN** | A – Unlimited; B – 1500; C-500 |
| **STRATIFIED NEWCOMER EVENTS** | A – 100; B – 50; C - 20 |

**All stratification is based on the average for the pair or team;
except, in any event or flight where there is an upper limit,
no individual player's master point total may exceed that upper limit (see note at bottom left).**

## SCHEDULE LEGEND

**Championship Trophy Events are listed in bold:
(only points gained in these events
will count towards the
Norman Bach and Maude Lines Trophies)**

**Bermuda Gold Points are available in all events
except the Saturday Charity Pairs and
the 99er Pairs
(See also below)
KO events may be handicapped**

**+ Formal dress is suggested
(see page 10 for guidance on dress)**

## ENTRY FEES
## $20 per player per session

**"With these entry fees, partner,
let's get our money's worth and not use our
pass cards at all!"**

## ALERT!
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AVERAGE MASTER POINTING!

**The Directors would like to remind you that NO
player may compete in any game
if his/her points
exceed the upper limit of that game.**

**For example, nobody may compete in a 99er game
if he/she has more than 100 master points.
Once in the game for which you are eligible,
however, the master point averaging applies.**

**For example, if you have 70 points and your partner
has 20, then your average is 45 and you may
compete as a pair
in the under 50's of a Newcomer game.**

## PROSPECTING FOR BERMUDA GOLD POINTS

**With the exception of the
Saturday Charity Pairs and the 99er Pairs,
GOLD points are awarded for placing overall or
winning a Section/Flight/Stratum A or B in events
shown in bold. GOLD points are also awarded in
the Knock-Out Team events.
Flight A Section Top awards in a Stratified Side
Game session become (quite alchemically)
GOLD
for players who have played two or more sessions
in the same series.
Check with the Directors for details.
All other awards earn RED points.**

# COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE COMEBACK

## EVENT PRIZES AND SECTION TOP PRIZES

Event prize winners (congrats!)
and Section Toppers (hurrah!)
may collect their prizes from the -
er - **Prizes and Section Tops Desk,**
just outside the playing area,
which is open just before and for a short time after any game session

See back page for more info on these prizes

F.Y.I.

## CASHING IN!

There is a cash machine in the main lobby opposite the Hotel Registration Desk.

## DESK ORGANIZER

The Registrations Desk, the Hospitality Desk, the Partnerships Desk and the Section Tops an Prize Desk are all located in the Lobby outside the Playing Area in the Princess Rooms and are open before and shortly after each session.

## TOP TALKS DURING THE WEEK
## all in the Trudeau Room

**Sunday 28th – 1:00 p.m.**
Hand's On - Expert Lecture with Jeff Hand

**Monday 29th – 1:00 p.m.**
"Revelations" – The Prophet's Panel Show

**Tuesday 30th – 1:00 p.m.**
Expert Lecture with Robert Todd

**Wednesday 31st - 1:00 p.m.**
"The Second Coming" - The Prophet's Panel Show 2

Feel free to bring your lunch, but please don't rustle your brown bags noisily, and definitely don't ask questions with your mouth full!

F.Y.I.

## TEA FOR YOU IN TRUDEAU

Join us for our delicious signature tea and scones after the afternoon sessions on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday in Trudeau - help settle the age-old question: cream or jam first?

## SCENTS AND SENSITIVITY

Please be aware that, in line with popular scentiment – er – sentiment, the Bermuda Regional is a FRAGRANCE-FREE ZONE, and kindly take this into consideration when gussying up to come to the table.

"You don't think I've overdone the perfume, do you, partner?"

## EARLY BIRD BREW FOR YOU

Morning coffee and tea may of course be purchased from the Duchess Gelateria in the hotel lobby but early risers might want to expand their beverage options by patronising one of these outlets, less than a 10-minute walk from the hotel.

In all cases, turn right at the hotel entrance into Pitts Bay Road and keep walking until you find your hot spot.

Miles Coffee Shop - first right off Pitts Bay into the Waterfront complex- left into Chesney House - down steps on right

Buzz - on the left of Pitts Bay in the Belvedere Building

L'Artisan Boulangerie - further along Pitts Bay on the right just past the distinctive green Bluck's Building

Milan Milan – on the opposite side of the street from L'Artisan

F.Y.I.

## NEXT YEAR'S BERMUDA REGIONAL

Hardly have you had time yet to dip your toes in our warm waters or to run your fingers through our pink sands when we are reminding you of

**The Bermuda Regional 2025**

which will take place

**January 25th – January 31st**

Mark your diaries NOW!
We'd love to see you back here!

The Bermuda REGIONAL

# COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE COMEBACK CONTINUED

## GOODY BAGS

**Register soonest, if not before,**
**at the Tournament Registration Desk**
**and collect your fabulous welcoming Goody Bag from the Comeback Committee who are busy being hospitable there.**

**And, while we've bagged your attention, we would like to extend a sack-load of thanks to**

**for their generous contribution towards the products which you will find in those very good goody bags.**

**WARNING!**

**Please note that the goody bags may contain products with nuts and other allergenics in them so please check carefully.**

## FIVE ON THE CARDS and ON THE MONEY

**The Bermuda Regional's Famous Five Directors would like to remind players that each pair is required to have TWO completed convention cards and, while, because they ARE the Famous Five, they might overlook a pair having only ONE completed card, a pair with NO completed card AT ALL will earn anything BUT a high five and a hurrah from the FF and will temporarily turn them off their lashings of ginger beer**

**The FF would also like to point out that they are unable to accept U.S. or Canadian checks for any transaction.**
**Bermudian checks are, however, acceptable, and cash, of course, is always king,**
**See "Cashing In" on previous page.**

## FIVE GO ON ABOUT MULTI 2

**The FF direct that,**
**in line with the ACBL's own directives …**

**Multi is only permitted in the top bracket of the Gorham's Championship KO, the top bracket of the Round Robin Teams, and the A/X Flight of the IGI Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.**

**Any pair playing Multi (either only weak or weak/strong meanings) must provide their opponents with two copies of the defences to Multi, printed from the defence list on the ACBL website.**

## THE ACBL HAS YOUR NUMBER, OR DOES IT?

**In order to play in any game at the Bermuda Regional, you must have an ACBL number. If you are currently a lapsed member of the ACBL, your number will still be in the system but you may have to pay a small fee to re-instate it; if you have never been a member of the ACBL, don't panic and definitely don't go home!**
**Just see the Famous Five Directors and they will sort everything out for you because, although you may just be a number to the ACBL, you're so much more than that to us here at the Bermuda Regional!**

## BANQUET AND PRIZE GIVING

**You are invited to the Regional's glamorous Banquet and Prize Giving Ceremony on Friday 2nd.**
**This fabulous event will begin with the Prize-Giving at 6:30 p.m. in the Harbourfront Ballroom followed by a leisurely dinner and wild-ish dancing.**

**You MUST sign up for this event at the Hospitality Desk a.s.a.p. (perhaps while collecting your goody bags?) Organize a table of 8-10 fellow revellers yourselves or pin your hopes on a trusty Excel spread sheet**

**Tickets for everyone cost $119.90 (incl. grats) and may be purchased later in the week from the Hospitality Desk either with cash or as a room charge.**

**If you have any special dietary requirements, please make these known when signing up.**

## THE HASTY TASTY EXPRESS LUNCH SPECIAL (Sunday to Friday)

**For maximum speed between games, pre-order a soup and sandwich special combo.**
**MUST BE ORDERED A DAY IN ADVANCE**
**Pick up order form from the Hospitality Desk; paid for as a charge to your room.**
**Non-residents may pay with cash or card.**
**All prices inclusive of grats**

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|---|---|
| Soup Only | $13 |
| Sandwich Only | $15 |
| Soup and Half Sandwich Combo | $18 |
| Soup and Full Sandwich Combo | $23 |

**TOMORROW'S MENU**
**Creamy Tomato Soup OR Leek and Potato Soup**
**Roast Beef and Mustard Sandwich OR Tuna Salad Sandwich**

**Gluten-free options are available – just indicate at sign-up**
**Pick-up at top of playing room. Ramp.**

# WE'RE IN THE PINK AT THE HAMILTON PRINCESS- "a Place of Eternal Spring"!

**So, our tournament has been transported from one stunning Fairmont location to another, to a hotel at the historic centre of Bermuda's hospitality industry and known by locals as "The Pink Palace". The Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club opened its grand doors in 1885 (as compared with the Southampton Princess opening in 1968) and attracted international recognition when Princess Louise, the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria, visited for a winter retreat and called it and Bermuda in general "a place of eternal swing – er - spring." And from the moment it opened, named in honour of the English Royal, the Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club was considered the jewel in Bermuda's tourism crown.**

**Princess Louise, The Duchess of Argyll**

**As word got out, celebrities started to appear. Mark Twain visited Bermuda numerous times despite acute seasickness, and was a regular at the hotel, apparently enjoying smoking cigars on the hotel's veranda while he signed autographs, reciting poetry to adoring fans, and falling in love with all things Bermudian to such a degree that he was famously to proclaim, "You go to heaven if you want, I'd rather stay in Bermuda".**

**In 1939, as the world went to war, the Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club became an important intelligence centre. Canadian spymaster William Stephenson was based there, that man called Intrepid himself. Here, he frequently met with author Ian Fleming, also On Her Majesty's Secret Service, and it is said that Fleming's creation, James Bond, was modelled on Stephenson - Fleming himself once wrote, "James Bond is a highly romanticized version of a true spy. The real thing is ... William Stephenson."**

**He's the Real Thing**

**With well over a century of experience, the Hamilton Princess & Beach Club is sister to properties such as the Plaza in New York, the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, the Fairmont Banff Springs in Alberta, and the Fairmont San Francisco.**
**Despite these famous and illustrious siblings,**
**the glorious history of Bermuda's Pink Palace and a recent upgrade to become a 5-star property**
**makes her the Grande Dame and oldest member of the Fairmont Hotels & Resorts family,**
**recently voted by Trip Advisor the Best of the Best in the Caribbean,**
**while Condé Nast wrote:**
**"This stately resort in Hamilton is simply called 'the Princess'**
**—and once you're inside you'll see her crown jewels sparkle".**
**So, just like Mark Twain, Hamilton's Huckleberry friend, we're confident you'll be in**
**Perfect Pink Paradise at this particular palace.**

# GREETINGS FROM THE LOCAL A.C.B.L. PRESIDENT

**In this comeback year, there's a woman back on top of absolutely everything! Stephanie Kyme holds three key Bridge Governance cards and plays them all quite cleverly for she is President of Unit 198 of the ACBL, President of the Bermuda Bridge Club, and a hard-working member of the Comeback Committee for the Bermuda Regional 2024 No wonder she's simply known in some circles as "La Presidenta"! "There's quite a lot on my plate," she concedes, "but I'm hungry for success for the local Bridge community, especially after the last few years, and am more than happy to help dish up a Bridge Feast for old friends, new friends and locals alike."**

**Local ACBL President, Stephanie Kyme**

**"So, "she adds, "I'd like to extend the warmest welcome to all who have travelled from abroad to support us in the Revival of our Regional, and to thank both visitors and locals for doing their bit to make the tournament the success I'm confident it will be. I, of course, will do everything I can to ensure that your experience at our tournament is the very best – everything, that is, except give you tops at the table – after all, although it's a Revival, it's also survival, so one has to draw the line somewhere!!"**

**"So, may the cards and the weather treat you kindly this week, and please come and see us again soon!"**

## BREAKFAST WITH THE BULLETIN

**If you would like to read the bulletin at the breakfast table every day on your hand-held device, go to**

**www.bermudaregional.com**

**and remember:**
**there's more than enough cheese in the Bulletin for everybody's Breakfast Bagel!**

## TOP GUAY

**Once again, the Bermuda Bridge Community extends huge thanks to all at**

**Tops Ltd.**

**but particularly to**

**President Claude Guay**

**for his continued generosity and helpfulness with respect to bulletin production.**
**Without his support,**
**the Bulletin, as we know it, would not be possible,**
**but please don't hold this against him!**

## PHOTO CALL FOR TONIGHT'S CHARITY GAME WINNERS

**We would like photographs of ALL Charity Champs, including Flights B and C winners in BOTH THE OPEN AND THE NEWCOMER PAIRS.**

**To have your photo taken for the bulletin, look snappy and DON'T LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA for your photographic fate awaits you there in the guise of the roaming Ed and her box camera.**

**As you will no doubt be decked out in your evening finery, the Ed expects to take some fab shots tonight, so try to think of a memorable victory pose and a succinct sound-bite for your awe-struck fans.**

**If you miss this opportunity tonight perhaps because you've spent too long bragging to buddies, catch the Ed the following morning loitering in the lobby, or send a selfie to janetev50@hotmail.co.uk before midnight tonight.**

## ART COLLECTION PERFECTION

**Amongst the many fine attributes of Bermuda's Pink Palace is its world- renowned art collection, on loan from the Green family, owners of the hotel.**
**Stroll along almost any walkway or corridor in the hotel and you will be stunned and thrilled by the sudden discovery of works by the likes of Pablo Picasso, Damien Hirst, Jasper Johns, Jeff Koons, Andy Warhol, to name but a few of the legends on show here.**

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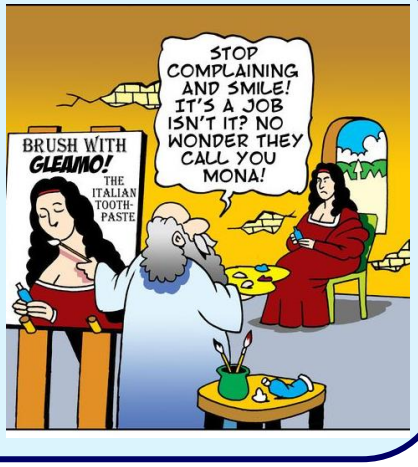
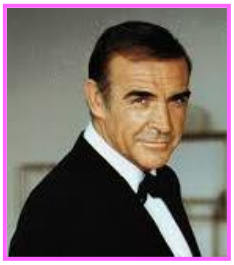
**Scan the Self-Guided Art Tour QR Code which you can obtain from the Front Desk, download the menu and away you go to Art Wonderland.**
**Oh, and don't forget to smile for the 375 security cameras which have been installed to protect such a precious horde.**
**And especially don't let any of the 375 catch you scratching yourself anywhere you shouldn't!**



# ROYAL RESTAURANT PREVIEW

**Steeped as the Hamilton Princess is in Bermuda's colourful past and traditions, many of the hotel restaurants' names pay tribute to this heritage. Read on for some of the hotel's history highlights and for titbits to tantalize the taste buds.**



That new cocktail is definitely licenced to thrill and chill, so chin chin! After all, you only live once!

## THE INTREPID

**As mentioned earlier, this flagship restaurant is inspired by one of the hotel's most distinguished past visitors, Sir William Stephenson. Code named "Intrepid" by British Intelligence; Stephenson headed the Allied Forces' Atlantic censorship station based in this very hotel.**

**Exclusively serving dinner, the Intrepid specialises in upscale steak, seafood and raw, offering a contemporary twist on the classic American grill. With panoramic harbour views, a stylish art deco vibe, and a recently added Intrepid martini cocktail (shaken not stirred, of course), it is a MUST to make reservations if you wish to don bib and tucker here.**

## THE CROWN AND ANCHOR

**The game of Crown and Anchor, a simple dice game, originated in the 18th century and was legalized by the Bermuda government for the national Cup Match Holiday which features a two-day cricket match between Somerset and St. George's, staged alternately at one end of the Island or the other and always against a backdrop of unbridled merry-making. For further info on Cup Match, see Bulletin 5.**

**And it's that very Cup Match vibe which this sleek and modern restaurant aims to capture with great food, captivating entertainment, and exceptional coming together to celebrate the pleasures of island life. Catch the live band "Working Title" between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, a D.J. between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, and a D.J. during brunch on Sunday.**

A gelato, a gelato! The empire for a gelato

## THE DUCHESS CAFÉ AND GELATERIA

**This outlet is named for Princess Louise, the Duchess of Argyll – the hotel's namesake – she who described the hotel and Bermuda at large as "a place of eternal Spring" to the whole world, thus becoming Bermuda's first influencer and boosting local tourism no end.**

**The Duchess Café and Gelateria is Bermuda's hottest new coffee shop destination. Breakfast and lunch are also made here fresh every day and are available to dine in or to grab-and-go, while also boasting a selection of home-made gelatos and creative milk shakes.**

# SEVEN ELEVEN - OTHER NEARBY EATERIES

**If, at some time this week, you fancy a stroll out of the hotel into Hamilton for a change of gastronomic scene, or you find that the very popular hotel restaurants are full, here are SEVEN more fabulous restaurants in order of distance within an ELEVEN-minute walk of the Princess:**

**Huckleberry – sea and farm to table – 295-1640 – www.huckleberryBDA.com – situated opposite the hotel entrance**

**Harry's at the Waterfront – fine dining – 292-5533 – www.harrys.bm – turn right outside the hotel, walk until you reach Waterloo Lane on your right- the restaurant is situated at the bottom of the slope**

**Porto Fino — Italian comfort food – 292 -2237 – www.portofino.bm- turn right outside the hotel, walk until you reach Bermudiana Road on your left – the restaurant is situated halfway up this road.**

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**Little Venice – Bermuda's first Italian restaurant – 295-3503 – www.littlevenice.bm – see directions for Porto Fino above – Little Venice is situated further up this road. L'Oriental – 296-4477- located above Little Venice, boasts a menu of Asian classics .**

**The Lobster Pot – renowned for seafood – 292-6898 – www.lobsterpot.bm – see directions for Porto Fino and Little Venice above – the Lobster Pot is located near the top of the road.**

**Ascots – Fine Dining – 295-9644 – www.ascots.bm – situated in the Royal Palms Hotel – mostly uphill-turn LEFT outside the hotel, first right up Rosemont Avenue – wind up until you come to Ascots on your left.**

**DON'T FORGET TO ASK ABOUT RESTAURANT WEEK OPTIONS!**
**THESE ARE TWO OR THREE COURSE REDUCED MENUS AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.**

# EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY LIKE ROYALTY AT THE PRINCESS

Dinner reservations as soon as you can make them are **STRONGLY ADVISED AT ALL TIMES for most food outlets, and ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** for the Intrepid.
**Only 25% of all reservations are blocked off for hotel guests so the sooner you make them, the better.**
This does not require a master plan – simply call 6628 (7803 for in-room dining) on the hotel phone.
. If you are intending to play in the evening game, notify the maître d' and/or his staff that you must be finished by 8:00 p.m. to make the game on time or **the Directors' Crew** will make a meal of **YOU**!

**This week is one of the Bermuda Restaurant Weeks when you can request a special (but limited) menu from the Crown and Anchor (2 course lunch-$25 + grats; 3 course dinner-$59 + grats).**

**THIS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE OFFERED TO YOU, SO MAKE SURE YOU REQUEST IT!**
**Also, if you are dining out of the hotel (See Seven/Eleven opposite), be sure to ask your restaurants of choice about their Restaurant Weeks Options.**

**Egad, you forgot to make dinner reservations. Louise?!?! We are not amused!**

## FROM INTREPID WITH LOVE

**Open Monday – Saturday**
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**See page 5 for further details and tomorrow's menu.**

## THE REGIONAL'S ROYAL DRINKS PRICES

**A bar will be set up in the Trudeau Room every evening where specially priced Regional drinks are available ($11:00 for alcohol and $5:00 for sodas).**
**Please note that these special prices do not apply at other outlets in the hotel.**

**If ONLY I'd bought those Royal Regional Drinks, I wouldn't have had to guzzle this, and I wouldn't be in this hole now!**

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**This option is available from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.**
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# THE BERMUDA REGIONAL
# FAQ's and VISITORS' VIEWS

**To help everybody settle into our new-look tournament and so that you set your expectations at the appropriately high bar, the Comeback Committee has answered a few frequently asked questions below, and the Ed has included a selection of comments provided by our visitors in past post - tournament surveys. The comments are quite genuine but unattributed because the survey guarantees anonymity.**

If you only attend one tournament in your lives, make sure it's this one.

**Q.** Everything is so new this year, and even people who've been before to the Regional might get lost. How do I find my way around the hotel and get to where I want to go on time?

**A.** The Oracle that is the Daily Bulletin will tell you where events are taking place and the very handy map which you will find in your goody bags or obtain from the hotel desk will help you get there. Also, we in Bermuda are a helpful and friendly lot, so just ask – anyone and nicely!

The most professional and friendly tournament I've ever attended. Lots of good will, class and gracious, friendly people.

**Q.** If I'm here alone, where can I find a partner? Or, if I'm here with my partner, where will we find team mates?

**A.** We have the greatest Matchmaking Madam in Judy Bussell who is ably assisted by John Glynn and many a winning union has been forged by them over the years. Oh, and FYI, you're never alone or without mates of any kind at the Bermuda Regional!

**Q.** What are the table fees, what are the opportunities for Gold Points, and what are Championship Events?

**A.** The answers to these three questions can all be found in this very bulletin on pages 2 and 3.

**Because the Bermuda Regional has always occupied such a distinguished place on the international bridge scene, many Bridge legends, such as Goren, Schenken, Landy, Stayman and Sobel, have all played and won here, leaving their names writ large on our magnificent trophies. So, if you play well enough this week and win a major prize, your name will be etched alongside the very greatest in the game.**

This was my first tournament and It was outstanding. It sets a high benchmark for my next one. I'll definitely return.

**Q.** I've heard about the great hospitality at the Bermuda Regional. What entertainment is there in addition to bridge?

**A.** Umm, where do we start? The Bermuda Regional Tournament is famed for its fun and friendliness and the Comeback Committee has worked hard to ensure that this year especially is even better. Bridge games are scheduled morning, afternoon and most evenings (we couldn't avoid this because it is, after all, a bridge tournament!) but we also have a variety of (mostly complimentary) pre-game and post-game events and entertainment. These include informative, fun-filled panel shows and expert lectures from well-known bridge players and pundits, a Bermuda swizzle and stormy party after tonight's game, and our delicious tea and scones after selected afternoon sessions. Finally, the week wouldn't be complete without the Hamilton Hop, our signature banquet and prize-giving on the final night, followed by dancing till the late hours. These events are fully and often publicized in the daily bulletin so be sure to devour it every day and get your early nights when you can!

I've been attending this tournament for more than thirty years and I will return. I tell everyone that it's the best tournament on the planet.

**The welcoming Swizzle and Stormy Soiree after the game tonight should kick-start the revels very nicely for the rest of the week.**

**Tuck into our afternoon teas with those scrumptious scones. Jam or cream first?**

**Getting in shape for the Friday Night Hamilton Hop**

# THE BERMUDA REGIONAL
# FAQ's and VISITORS' VIEWS

"You SHALL go to the Bermuda Regional, Cinderella, but not dressed like that!

**Q.** You refer to 'formal' dress for some events. Does this mean a tux, or is a jacket and tie sufficient? And are you brave enough to give advice on what women should wear on these occasions?

**A.** The key notion here is elegance, for which our Regional is famed, so a jacket and tie are sufficient for men (and women if they so choose) at the opening Charity Game as well as for the Friday Night Banquet and Prize-giving, although many players favour tuxes for both these events (one year, Suzie Owen, wife of Ernie Owen after whom the Charity event is named, wore a tux for that event and looked fabulous). For women (and men if they so choose) cocktail wear, especially at the Opening night Charity Game, has become usual, but the Banquet is an opportunity to dust off the diamanté and roll out the rhinestones (although cocktail wear for this occasion is also perfectly fine). If you haven't packed your tux, your ball gown or your little black dress, anything but rags (see Cinders cartoon) will do – we have complete faith in your dress sense. For all other games, 'resort casual' is the norm.

For a sense of how seriously respected our formal dress code is amongst some of our old friends, look at the pics on p.13 in the B Vibe Section, sent to the bulletin on the night when the ONLINE Charity Event was held!

Elegant, exquisite, wonderful, friendly, efficient and professional. I cannot say enough about this tournament.

At the Bermuda Regional, you meet the youngest and best- looking people of all.

You Bermudians certainly know how to throw a bridge party!

## THE MAN ON A GOLDEN RUN - SALUTING SOLLY'S HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE

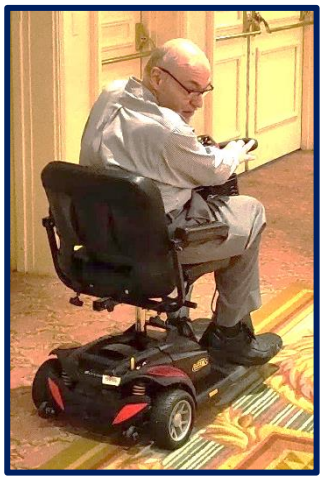
This comeback tournament provides a golden anniversary for Tournament Director Sol Weinstein as 2024 represents his 50th attendance, in one significant rôle after another, at the Bermuda Regional. During that time, he has become one of the A.C.B.L.'s pre-eminent tournament directors earning an induction into the A.C.B.L. Hall of Fame in 2020.

As distinguished as he is in Bridgeland, he's just Solly on the Rock to us in Bermuda, for our tournament quite simply wouldn't be the same without him and we thank him for all his help and support on our Regional Tournament journey.

A story is told of a player who once approached Solly (not here in Bermuda, thank goodness) to apologize for his partner's rude response to a ruling. "You'll have to excuse my partner's bad manners," said the player. "She's a New Yorker!"

As Solly is also a New Yorker, this galactic gaffe scuppered any hope of a successful suck-up and the blockhead who'd thus blundered hastily withdrew from Sol's withering look, from the bridge tournament as a whole, and for all we know from life itself!

Start spreading the news-
Sol's number one,
Top of the list,
King of the hill
In
New York, New York
and everywhere else!



## EASY RIDER

Over the years, Sol has discovered that, in Bermuda, you sometimes need to exercise a spot of creative thinking in order to make the games on time.

# THE B-VIBE REVIVE

**When it became agonizingly clear in 2021 that the Bermuda Regional, as we knew and loved it, was not a realistic proposition, determined local Bridge players decided to organise an online invitational tournament to help keep us in touch with all our old friends. As part of that event, and at the suggestion of the brilliant Deb Crisfield from Philly, one of our regular group leaders, the B (for Bermuda) Vibe Contest was launched in which participants in the tournament were invited to submit photographs which best reflected the real-life tournament vibe as they remembered it.**

**The photos submitted were poignant and fun, underscoring for us in Bermuda what a special place our Regional occupies in people's hearts. Above all, those pics helped us re-connect with each other and reminded us that over the years we have truly become one big bridge family. So, thanks to all who contributed to those memories – we hope to create plenty of new ones for you this week and in years to come.**

**You will catch this vibe from the pics below and enjoy more references to it in the rest of this week's bulletins.**

## AND THE WINNER WAS ….

**Maureen Bitler from chilly Massachusetts who, when the weather outside was frightful, donned her Bermuda sweater and warmed up for her online game with a big bowl of Bermuda Fish Chowder,**
**(recipe courtesy of Rachael Gosling and super-chef Stephan Juliusburger),**
**Johnny Bread and Scones.**
**If these delicacies tempt your tastebuds, be sure to stay after the game tonight when you may be able to sample some of them.**

**Meanwhile, Maureen has made it back to Bermuda this year. Welcome back, Maureen!**

## THE PARTY WAS NEVER EVER OVER FOR DEB CRISFIELD'S CREW

**As well as conceiving the idea for the B-Vibe competition, Deb walked the walk with six chums from Philly who met up after the Online Charity Game for their very own Rum Swizzle Soireé!**
**Behind those protective masks (oh, the memories!)**
**(from L to R) are Deb herself, Lisa Guyer, Carla DiMuzio, Paul DiMuzio, Brendan O'Malley and Linda O'Malley.**

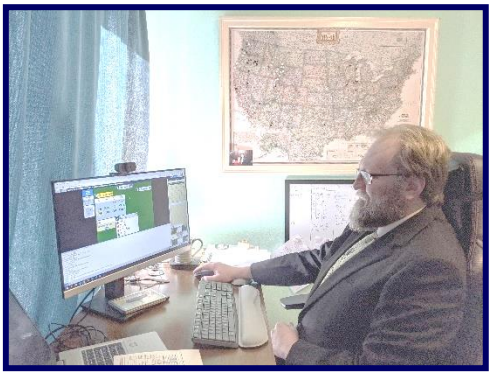
## AND HOW ABOUT THOSE DEB'S DELIGHTS?

**Rum Swizzle, neat Goslings Rum and even a cute playing- card ice-bucket were to be found on Deb's table that day.**

**What's more, Lisa and Carla are proof that plenty of Rum Swizzles exponentially improve your bridge for they romped to victory in their game the morning after!**

**And five of the six are here again in 2024 to continue the fun, although how anyone will recognise them without those masks will be tricky, but welcome back, gang, and thanks for your support.**

# MORE B-VIBE REVIVE



## A TOUCH OF CLASS

**McKenzie Myers, a top ACBL Director and long-time friend of the Bermuda Regional, wanted it known that he could put on the Ritz whatever the circumstances, so he played in the Online Charity Game snazzily dressed for the occasion. Of course, we can only see his upper half - he might have been wearing anything or nothing at all down below! Nonetheless, he's still a class act, on-screen and off, bottom half and top!**

## A COUPLE OF SWELLS

**Two more players who dressed for the Online Charity game were Carolyn and Bert Adams from the USA. Carolyn, looking Bermuda glam in her back garden, held her tablet high, eager to make her first bridge moves of the tournament, while Bert fairly rocked a pair of Bermuda shorts as part of his formal attire. They certainly cut a fine dash that day and epitomised perfectly the dress code vibe of our Regional.**

## FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP - THE PROPHET EZEKIEL REVEALED

And it it has come to pass that, as in days of old, the mighty Prophet Ezekiel hath once again descended from the mountaintop to spread the word amongst the faithful so that anybody who hath ears to hear let them hear.

And his wisdom can be found, not in burning bushes nor yet in angelic visitations, but in this very Rag where anybody who hath eyes to see let them see.

And he hath also commandeth us to appear at his two panel shows on Monday and Wednesday, where he and his host of other god-like beings shall comforteth us still in the valley of bad results, and shall restoreth our faith in our bridge powers and, yea, verily, lead us even unto glory.

And, lo, on the last day, he hath prepared a table (dinner not bridge) for himself at the Friday Night Feast from which he will delivereth such tidings of grace and joy to the people assembled there that they will rejoiceth like Babylonians through the night and beg to dwell in the house of the Hamilton Princess all the days of their lives for ever and ever, amen.

**These are the words of the Prophet Himself and cannot be independently verified. Amen.**


**The Bermuda Bridge Community would like to thank the Bermuda Tourist Department, Gorham's and International General Insurance, for their very generous sponsorship of the Bermuda Regional, 2024.**

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# ON THE ONE HAND: CONNED BY BOND

One of the most entertaining hands in all of bridge history and lore is surely the one known popularly as the Duke of Cumberland Hand, a purportedly rigged hand first dealt to the son of King George III resulting in the loss of a $20,000 wager, no small potatoes in those days.

Bond boffins, however, will immediately recognize this celebrated hand, as it was used in the 007 film "Moonraker" against the dastardly villain Drax. And as we are currently walking on the very ground where Ian Fleming himself once strode, it seemed only right to include it for your enjoyment right at the beginning of your week's fantastic bridge adventure with us.

**M**
♠
♥
♦ 1098765432
♣ AQ108

**Drax**
♠ AKQ
♥ AKQJ
♦ AK
♣ KJ97

**Meyer**
♠ J109876
♥ 109876
♦ QJ
♣

**007**
♠ 5432
♥ 5432
♦
♣65432

### THE BIDDING

| Bond (S) | Drax (W) | M (N) | Meyer (E) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7♣ (!!) | Double | Pass | Pass |
| Redouble!!! | Pass | Pass | Pass |

### THE PLAY

Although 007 has only 6 points in the two hands, there was no give and get by about his approach to the play. The lead was the ♣7. North won with the ♣8, and after two diamond ruffs and two further club leads through Drax, Bond could draw the last trump and cash the seven remaining diamonds.

So, by neutralizing Drax's trumps with a quadruple finesse and establishing his diamonds, which he somehow knew were forever, he established a legendary 13 tricks, fully justifying his licence to thrill.

The game's conned, famously conned!

**Umm, that hand has certainly left me shaken and stirred. It's scared the living daylights out of me!**

# ON ANOTHER HAND: A HAND TO DIE FOR

Forever known thereafter as the Bennett Murder Hand, the exact composition of the cards could never later be recalled by the two shaken witnesses, but this reconstruction appeared in periodicals shortly following the 1929 crime:

**Mrs Bennett**
♠ A1063
♥1085
♦4
♣A9842

**Mr. Hofman**
♠Q72
♥AJ3
♦AQ1092
♣J6

**Mrs Hofman**
♠4
♥Q94
♦KJ763
♣Q753

**Mr. Bennett**
♠KJ985
♥K762
♦85
♣K10

### THE BIDDING

| Mr. Bennett | Mr..Hofman | Mrs Bennett |
|---|---|---|
| 1♠ | 2♦ | 4♠ |

### THE PLAY

Hofman led with the A♦, then shifted to the J♣. According to the legend that has grown up around this hand, after winning the K♣, Bennett reportedly and (as it happened) fatally mis-guessed the location of the trump Q. In so doing, he cut himself off from Dummy's good clubs, ending up down two, despite the contract being eminently makeable in the opinions of such notables as Culbertson, Lenz, and - er - Mrs Bennett.

At this point, Myrtle Bennett (pictured right) called her husband "a bum bridge player", which might have survived as quite quaint criticism in the more modern colourful lexicon of partner abuse, but then she went and fetched a loaded shotgun from her mother's bedroom, and shot her husband dead!

### THE VERDICT

Although the eye-witness and physical evidence established beyond reasonable, if not any, doubt that Myrtle had a) chased her husband around their apartment b) shot at him four times and c) hit him twice, the jury (presumably composed of frustrated spouses or beleaguered dummies or both) returned a verdict of "accidental death" and Mrs Bennett was able to collect on her husband's life insurance policy to the tune of $30,000, although, oddly, not a dime of this could buy her a bridge pro from that day on.

### THE LESSONS

Lessons to be learned from this affair include: never open light unless you're a hot-shot (geddit?) card player; never tempt your partner with excuses like, "You're gonna KILL me for this!"; never play bridge with your spouse; and, if you do play bridge with your spouse, never EVER keep a loaded shotgun in the house!

# Alan Douglas (1945-2023) and Joe Wakefield (1943-2023)

by Jack Rhind

**The Bermuda Bridge Community lost two giants of the local game during this past year with the passing of Alan Douglas in July and Joe Wakefield in November.**

Alan Douglas started playing bridge around 1975 and it wasn't long before he made his presence felt. In 1980, Alan played on the team that went to Valkenburg, Netherlands to represent Bermuda in the World Bridge Teams Olympiad. From there he went on to represent Bermuda in numerous world and CACBF championships.

Alan was three things when it came to bridge:

Firstly, he was a very accomplished player who excelled in every way at the game. As David Ezekiel said in his bridge column, "Alan was a very disciplined player who knew when to take chances."

No one in the history of the club has won as many championships as Alan. He also won numerous Sectional and Regional events with a host of different partners, including me.

Secondly, Alan was a consummate gentleman at the bridge table, always showing his polite and gracious manner to all, greeting opponents and visiting friends alike with great courtesy and enthusiasm.

And, finally, Alan was the consummate ambassador for Bermuda whenever we travelled to play in events abroad. Alan in bright red Bermuda shorts was a sight to behold, indeed! We would take Bermuda flag pins with us from the Department of Tourism, and by the end of the tournament everyone would be wearing one for Alan was always trying to persuade people to come to Bermuda and play in our tournaments.

Alan also served as the President of the Bermuda Bridge Club, the President of ACBL Unit 198, the Tournament Chairman at the Bermuda Regional and was a member of the tournament committee for many years.

Everyone who came to play in the Bermuda Regional knew Alan. He was a legend when it came to our tournament and played as a professional player here in recent years, other players hiring Alan to play for the whole week of the competition. This was an accomplishment that Alan had earned and of which he was immensely proud.

Joe Wakefield came to Bermuda in the late 1960's from England and taught history at the Whitney Institute. He, Colin Millington and I taught together for a number of years. It was actually Colin and Joe who encouraged me to get involved in bridge.

The two of them formed a truly formidable partnership that dominated many of the Bermuda bridge championships through the 70's and 80's. They also had numerous successes at the annual Bermuda Regional Tournament and, like Alan, Joe represented Bermuda in many World Championships including Valkenberg in 1980 and the Bermuda Bowl held here in January 2000.

After a break from bridge to train as a lawyer in England, Joe returned to Bermuda becoming very successful in his new career while continuing to play the game regularly and with great results...

He was also involved for many years in bridge administration in Bermuda. He served on the local ACBL board for several years and was the Tournament Chairman of the Regional for two years. Later, he served on the Board of the Bermuda Bridge Club and was president for two years in the 90's.

Joe taught bridge lessons in the late 60's and early 70's; in fact, that is how he met his wife, Jean! They became a strong partnership at and away from the table, winning, for example, the Mixed Pairs at the local club together.

Through the years, Joe continued to be successful in local bridge, winning a number of club championships as well as events at the Bermuda Regional. It is a measure of his success in the game that his name is all over the honours boards at the Bermuda Bridge Club.

The entire Bermuda Bridge community will sorely miss the towering presence of both these accomplished players and we truly mourn their passing.

# TAKE THE ANNUAL PSET: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SECTION TOP & EVENT PRIZES

Every year, there arises some confusion over the difference between **section top prizes and event prizes**, and especially over who qualifies for which prize, so here's the definitive a-z on these awards.

If you come **TOP** of your **SECTION** in any event, you qualify for one of the – er - **SECTION TOP PRIZES, which are fabulous,** and can be collected from the - er - **SECTION TOP DESK before and usually after any game session.**

If you have won the **ENTIRE EVENT**, however, you qualify for one of the – er - **EVENT PRIZES, which are even more fabulous,** and can be collected in the same way as the Section Top prizes and which will also earn you a **blessing from the Prophet** and a **piece of silverware** at the **Banquet/Prize-giving** ceremony on Friday.

It is, of course, entirely possible to win **both** a section top prize **and** an event prize at the same time or at various different times during the week, in which case you may collect both as described above (but see the advice at True or False answer 3 opposite and below)

**Below is the now annual PSET**
**(Prizes for Sections and Events Test)**
**to help you all, especially our first time visitors**

**Please note that there is no prize on offer for the most correct answers in the PSET as this would only muddy the waters even more.**

1. **If you come TOP OF YOUR SECTION in any event, for which of the following do you AUTOMATICALLY qualify?**
   **a) a trophy b) a section top prize c) an Oscar**

2. **If you win A SECTION TOP PRIZE, where do you go to collect it?**
   **a) the Section Tops/Prizes Desk b) Hollywood c) the Banquet**

3. **If you win an ENTIRE EVENT, for which of the following do you AUTOMATICALLY qualify?**
   **a) an event prize b) a Nobel Award c) Bermuda citizenship**

4. **If you win AN EVENT, where do you go to collect your prize?**
   **a) the Section Tops/Prizes Desk b) Sweden c) the Boardroom**

5. **If you win AN EVENT, which of the following will you NOT receive?**
   **a) an event prize b) a trophy and a blessing c) a luxury cruise**

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

1. **If you win a section top, you also automatically win an Event Prize.**

2 **If you win an event, you also automatically win a Section Top Prize.**

3 **If you win both, you can collect them at the same time.**

4 **If you win an Event Prize, you'd better dress up in your finery for the Banquet**

5 **If you win a Section Top Prize, you'd better dress up in your finery for the Banquet**

6 **If this quiz goes on much longer, I won't make it to the next GAME, let alone to the BANQUET!**

# THE DAILY BULLETIN: SEND YOUR STORY AND/OR PICS TO THE JUNELAND ROOM LOCATED ON SIX!

**Lots of space has been left in each bulletin for your stories and achievements, so get busy getting in touch.**

**The Bulletin Room is the Juneland Room located on the 6th floor.**
**The Bulletin Editor, however, can more often than not be found lounging elegantly around the Hospitality Desk, heckling the locals.**

**Collar her at any time for a chat, especially if you are the bearer of good news, bad news, any news at all, or if you achieve any milestones (in bridge or otherwise) while you're with us.**

**Or send stuff to her at**
**janetev50@hotmail.co.uk**

**Come on, we'd love to hear your news and we're interested in absolutely everything! Don't forget to include your name and where you're from so that we can point the finger at you – er – give you the thumbs up for your efforts!**

## ANSWERS TO THE PSET

1. **er - duh - b**
2. **actually a, but would have been b if the airlines had been more co-operative!**
3. **a, but Bermuda is gradually relaxing its criteria for citizenship so c could be on the cards in the future**
4. **c but nearly b - those airlines again!**
5. **c - we just couldn't risk the ole Bermuda Triangle!**

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

1. **False.** If you have played well in both sections, this outcome is more likely, but you may have triumphed in one section and come a cropper in another.

2. **False**. You may have won the event by sizzling in the sections without actually topping any of them

3. **True**. Both may be collected from the Section Tops/Prize Desk

4. **True**. At said Banquet, you will receive a call from the Prophet to step up into the limelight where you will be handed a trophy by someone worthy and have your photo taken for the worldwide web so that everyone you hold near and dear will see you and applaud and/or envy you no end (much like this sentence!)

5. **True.** This is a trick question as, although nothing that happens at answer 4 above will **AUTOMATICALLY** happen to you, the Banquet is glamorous anyway and you won't want to look a frump. If, however, you have won a Section Top Prize **AND ALSO** an Event Prize, then the whole dog and pony show described above is, indeed, unleashed upon your glorious self.

6. **Soooo True.** But the Crown and Anchor Bar dispenses particularly stiff restoratives at Regional special prices!