THE BERMUDA REGIONAL FAQ's and VISITORS' VIEWS

Q. **What makes the Bermuda Regional different from any other Regional I could attend?**

A. **The short answer to this question is that, in the words of a local popular song, "Bermuda is Another World", a sentiment echoed time and time again in regular post-tournament surveys and anecdotal comments from our visitors (see the speech bubbles on these pages).**

Ours is an intimate tournament so you get to know us and each other very quickly, becoming part of the local Bridge family in no time at all, for Bermudians hold in high value, and are known everywhere for, their friendliness, courtesy and kindness.

Finally, when the bridge is done, locals like to enjoy a rollicking good time so expect to party hearty while you're here.

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

You Bermudians certainly know how to throw a bridge party!

Q. **What are the dates for the 2027 Bermuda Regional?**

A **The Bermuda Regional 2027 runs from Saturday, January 23rd to Friday, January 29th.**

Q. **What are the table fees at this Regional, and what are Championship Events?**

A. **The table fees are $20 per session per person and MUST BE PAID IN CASH. Information on the Championship Events may be found by clicking on this website's schedule tab. Points earned in Championship Events count towards winning some of the Bermuda Regional's sensational prizes and historic silverware.**

Q. **What are the opportunities for earning Gold Points in Bermuda?**

A. **The Bermuda Regional is rich in Gold Points which are on offer in all events except the Opening Night Charity Game and the 199er Pairs. Please note, though, that in the various series of single stand-alone games, you must play in at least two games in the same series to be eligible for Gold Points**

Q. **If I come 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 personnel who have put together an astonishing number of successful unions over the years, and they will do their considerable best to match you with the Partner or Team-Mates of your dreams. Oh, and FYI, you're never alone or without mates at the Bermuda Regional!**

This was my first tournament and it was truly outstanding. It sets a high benchmark for my next one.

I've been attending this Regional for more than 30 years and I tell everyone that it's the best tournament on the planet.

Q. **How do I find my way around the hotel and get to where I want to go on time?**

A. **The Daily Bulletin will tell you where events are taking place and the very handy map which you will find in your goody bags when you register or which can be obtained from the hotel desk will help you get there. Also, we in Bermuda are a helpful and friendly lot, so just ask us if you get lost.**

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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 is famed for its fun and friendliness and the Tournament Committee always works hard to ensure that each year our tournament lives up to this reputation.**

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 Stormy and Swizzle Soirée after the opening game, and our delicious tea and scones after the afternoon sessions. Finally, the week wouldn't be complete without our end of Tournament party on the final night which this year includes dancing to your favourite disco sounds.

Q. **Can you tell me more about the final night Prizegiving, Dinner and Dance?**

A. **This splendid event takes place on the last night of the Tournament when everybody is more than ready to let their hair down by dressing up (see next question and answer), eating handsomely, and letting loose on the dance floor. If you have won a piece of our historic silverware, this event becomes even more memorable for you as you will be praised and lauded above all others (except your fellow laureats) and you will thus become part of Bermuda Regional legend and lore for evermore.**

Also, once again this year, attendees will be automatically entered into the Gala Raffle giving everyone the opportunity to win fabulous prizes.

Q. **Your programme refers to dressing up for some events. Does this mean a tux, or are a jacket and tie sufficient? And are you brave enough to give advice on what women should wear on these occasions?**

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

A. **The key notion here is elegance and style, for which our Regional is renowned, so a jacket and tie are sufficient for men (and women, if they so choose) at the opening Charity Game (although some players favour tuxes for this event) as well as for the Friday Night Prizegiving, Dinner and Disco, For women (and men if they so choose) cocktail wear, especially at the opening night Charity Game but also at the final night party has become usual. However, as the last night's festivities now include disco dancing to your fave numbers, you might want to dust off appropriate clobber to reflect this exciting new vibe.**

If, on the other hand, you don't wish to pack your tux, your little black dress, or your disco clobber, anything but rags (see Cinders cartoon) will do – we have complete faith in your dress sense. But, come on, Bridge Players, let's show the Princess what it means to put on the Ritz and Glitz!

For all other occasions and games, resort casual is the norm.

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Q. **What is there to do for spouses or travel companions who don't play Bridge?**

A. **The Hamilton Princess has top-of-the-line swimming, spa and gym facilities for pampering the body but also boasts a world-class art collection for nourishing the soul. One respondent to a recent survey said, "The art in the hotel made my heart sing as I walked around."**

Also, the hotel is situated a mere five-minute walk from the centre of Hamilton with all that Bermuda's capital city has to offer, and the Regional's first Daily Bulletin will carry some useful sightseeing tips, directions and websites to keep those non-playing persons occupied and out of your hair while you tear it out at the Bridge table.

In short, Bermuda is a fascinating and enchanting place to explore so there need never be a dull moment, whether you play Bridge or not, when you attend our Regional.

Q. **What are the dining opportunities in and around the hotel?**

A. **It's very useful to have this information before you come so that you can plan your gastronomic adventures well in advance and perhaps even make some early reservations.**

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

The hotel has two viable dining options during our Regional – the Intrepid and the Crown and Anchor. Information on these may be found on the hotel's website.

Within a ten-minute walk of the hotel, there is a variety of cuisines on offer. In order of walking distance from the hotel, these are:

Huckleberry (2 mins) - sea and farm to table www.huckleberryBDA.com
The Cloud (5 mins) – eclectic mix of cuisines www.waterfrontcloud.bm
Harry's at the Waterfront (5 mins) – fine dining – www.harrys.bm
Porto Fino (10 mins) – Italian comfort food – www.portofino.bm-
Little Venice (10 mins) – beloved Italian restaurant – www.littlevenice.bm
L'Oriental (10 mins) - Asian classics – www.loriental.bm
The Lobster Pot (12 mins) – renowned for seafood – www.lobsterpot.bm
Palomino (15 mins) - fine dining – www.palomino.bm

Wherever you eat, bon appétit!

The Bermuda Regional's first two daily bulletins will carry directions to all these restaurants

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We started this information with a song, so we'll finish with one.

The Pacific Princess sailed to and from Bermuda from 1977 until 2002 and became famous for appearing in the romantic comedy anthology TV series "The Love Boat", airing from 1977 to 1986.
Naturally, there was an episode which sent the boat into the Bermuda Triangle!
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The show's theme song contains the line,

"It's an open smile on a friendly shore",

which we think reflects the Bermuda Regional experience perfectly.