

## Baltimore Tournament Report - August 22 to 28, 2022

Plans for the Baltimore Tournament are underway. We visited the site yesterday to begin the nitty gritty planning. There are still plenty of rooms left at the \$126 rate, so please call 1.855.672.1138 and use the code ACB to book your room using the reduced rate. What could be better than playing face to face bridge for a few days in the Convention Center in Baltimore with friends you haven't seen in a while? Bring your favorite partner to play pairs for a few days OR better yet, get a team together and come stay for a few days and play in the team events. The more people who attend they better the competition and fun will be for you! Please note: You can park one vehicle per room free. So carpooling to stay in the hotel is recommended. IF you are sharing a room with your partner and they had to drive themselves. SEE the 'parking' paragraph to learn how to get free parking for both of you.

## Entries

Entries will be cashless, so be sure to bring a credit card. We are working on providing lunch between sessions Tuesday through Sunday, so please stay tuned for that information once we get the details worked out.

## Bridge University and Speakers

We have a keynote speaker- Joann Glasson who is the current President of ACBL. She will address Opening Leads in her keynote address beginning at 10 AM on Monday August 22, 2022. She will also be one of the presenters for the first session of the Bridge University which follows her Keynote address. There are other speakers as well available, Ron Kral, Marty Bley, Ross Bley, Sheryl McEwan, Livingston Johnston, Howard Stevens, Fred King and Hank Meyer, just to name a few. The bridge University runs from 10 AM to 1:35 PM and at 2 PM there will be a free 18 board game for players with 199 Masterpoints or less.

Tuesday through Friday afternoon at 2:15 there will be a guest speaker speaking on a variety of topics. Doug Grove will speak about Calling the Director on Tuesday, Brenda Egeland will Discuss filling out a Convention Card on Wednesday. Fred King will speak on ??? on Thursday and Hank Meyer will tell us when to pull trump on Friday.

## Parking

Players staying in the hotel can park one car FREE for their stay with their room. If players are sharing rooms and did not carpool together to the tournament. The second car will need to get a 'free parking' sticker from Marty Bley, the Tournament Chair. Commuters can park free for the day. Once you receive your parking ticket come see Marty Bley and she will give you a 'sticker' to put on the back of your parking voucher. When you exit the garage you scan the code on the FRONT of the ticket and then when it tells you the amount you OWE. You scan the code on the BACK of the ticket and it will allow you to exit the garage for 'free'. The FREE Parking is courtesy of the continued generosity of Rusty Krauss!

**Need a Partner? Or Team mates?** Avril Rodney can help contact her at [avrilanddavid@gmail.com](mailto:avrilanddavid@gmail.com)

Covid Information/Requirements are the same as previous Regional or Sectional Tournaments have had in place. Advance registration for submitting your proof of vaccination can be done by emailing or texting a picture of your vaccination card to the Tournament Chair or Safety Coordinator, Georgette Weiss. For more information or answers to your questions contact Marty Bley.

**Stay Tuned for Updates, if you have Questions, contact Marty or Ross Bley! Hope to see you there!**