



Pre-Tournament Announcements

Saturday October 2, 2021

WELCOME TO THE CINCINNATI FLYING PIG UN-REGIONAL!



We haven't forgotten you -- the first post-COVID "Regional" in the ACBL is back! **The Cincinnati Flying Pig UN-Regional** is running a special "**Welcome Back**" UN-Regional on October 3-7, 2021 to help us return to bridge. We weren't allowed to run a "Regional," but the ACBL Bridge bulletin staff will be on site reporting it as the first Regional, and we hope it feels as close to the Flying Pig as you can expect. We're running from Sunday - Thursday with a 10:00 and 2:30 schedule (no evening session, 12 and 4:30 on Sunday). We've got SILVER POINT events every day, Swiss Teams on Monday and Thursday.

Think you've visited our venue before? Think again! It's completely renovated -- \$10M worth! It's now the Delta by Marriott, with all new sleeping rooms, brand new elevators, remodeled bathrooms, upgraded playing areas, a bourbon bar, full restaurant with seating for 100+, Starbucks -- you won't recognize it! We've negotiated a room rate of \$89/night -- something you won't find in too many Marriott hotels anywhere. You'll have plenty of lunch options nearby. For dinner, we offer some of the best fine dining in Greater Cincinnati within minutes of the playing site.

If you have any questions, please see one of the Tournament Volunteers. If you're signed up to receive results from ACBL Live, you should get results within a few hours of the end of the session. If you go over the top and become Life Master at the Flying Pig, tell me so we can engrave your name on Pigasus for posterity! If you enjoy your experience at the Flying Pig Regional, please tell your bridge-playing friends. Good luck to all, and have loads of fun!

Regards,
A J Stephani, Tournament Chair

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Things to Do in Cincinnati: <https://tinyurl.com/5tk8rfv8>

NEED A PARTNER?

Contact **Jim Barrett** FlyingPig.Partnerships@cincybridge.com. We will match you with the best available peer player so you both enjoy playing at the Flying Pig UN-Regional.

Proof of Vaccination REQUIRED. Please purchase entries early to avoid delays. Cash or Credit Card.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Welcome to our Flying Pig Tournament! We take pride in our hospitality and friendly games, especially during the Flying Pig UN-Regional. We hope you enjoy yourselves every day, play more bridge than you hoped, win more masterpoints than you expected, found great places to eat, and made many new friends along the way. Take time to enjoy then many things Cincinnati has to offer. Let me thank AJ Stephani for his tireless efforts to make the Flying Pig Regional one of the best tournaments in the mid-west. Let me also recognize the many volunteers who make every day of this tournament a delight. Thank you all for all you do for bridge.

Help us make this tournament among the friendliest you've attended. "Play Nice" by sharing kindness with your fellow players. Don't let any situation get heated at the table – calm things down before they get started. If things get out of hand, call the director. They will restore a nice tone to the situation. Remember a smile goes a long way to helping everyone stay happy.

If you need help during the tournament please see one of the volunteers or one of the Unit Board Members. We will help you in any way we can. Best of luck at the Tournament!

Regards,
Potter Orr, President Unit 124.

VENUE NOTES

Staying at the Delta by Marriott is the easiest way to attend the tournament. It's completely renovated -- All new sleeping rooms, brand new elevators, remodeled bathrooms, upgraded playing areas, a bourbon bar, full restaurant with seating for 100+, Starbucks! We've a special room rate of \$89/night -- something you won't find in too many Marriott hotels anywhere. For dinner, we offer some of the best fine dining in Greater Cincinnati within minutes of the playing site. All events will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

Bathrooms are located in 3 locations: in the hall across from the Patriot Room, behind the elevators across the lobby from the Grand Ballroom, and in the front lobby.

SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS

Monday, 8pm: Movie Night, Banquet Hall (*The Martian* or another suitable movie by request)

Tuesday, 8pm: Board Game Night, Banquet Hall -- you'll see some board games from the new generation that you'll love! Monopoly not allowed.

Wednesday, 6:30pm: Cocktail Reception, Room 1401 Presidential Suite

For things to do around Cincinnati see: <https://tinyurl.com/5tk8rfv8>



NEW LIFE MASTERS

Go over at the Flying Pig? Get your name engraved on the Pigasus Trophy (and our Flying Pig Web Site)! Tell the Tournament Chair: A.J. Stephani. Give him your full name and hometown.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Steve Moese before 11 PM for inclusion the next day.

Send word document and photo file only to stephenmoese@gmail.com
Group Photos must have captions identifying people by first and last name; original photo file; not pasted into a word document.

Individual photos for bulletin overall awards require your player number put it in the title of the file please. Articles submitted by author. Format determined by the editor. No Anonymous articles. No advertising. New York Times Rules please!

For Hotels, Area Restaurants, and Local Attractions see the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional Tournament Page at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/CincinnatiFlyingPigHomePage.html>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are the vaccination and mask requirements?

A: **Proof of vaccination is absolutely required** -- remember to bring your vaccination card! We want our players to feel safe, but we recognize that masks are not preferred by many players. We encourage you to wear masks, especially out of respect for opponents who are wearing them at your table, but they are not required (we follow Ohio and Hamilton County health regulations). We'll be playing in a huge banquet room with lots of table spacing, 35-foot high ceilings, and a brand new ventilation system in a room full of vaccinated players. It's about as safe an indoor public space as you'll find.

Q: How will proof of vaccination work?

A: Go first to the Registration Desk in the Lobby of the Hotel. Present your CDC Vaccination Card (dated at least 14 days prior to play). Boosters are not required (but recommended!). You may show the vaccination card or a photo of the card on your smart phone. When you show the card, you will be given a ticket that you redeem with your partner when you purchase your entry.

After checking in, you can buy your entry. **Both partners must be present and present tickets to buy an entry.** We will keep a list of names so that once you have shown of proof of vaccination you can pick up a ticket later in the week to get your ticket for that day's entry. You will need a ticket for each entry that you buy. **We're sorry – we can't make exceptions to our vaccination policy.**

Be sure to arrive early to buy entries. We will check vaccination cards as fast as we can, but please plan for extra time to avoid delaying the start of play. Thanks for understanding!

Q: What color are the points?

A: Pink. Actually, the only way we can run the tournament is to downgrade out of ACBL "regional" status and into a status that awards SILVER points (so, the "Un-Regional" part). We'll do our best to make the awards as big as possible.

Q: Is the schedule the same?

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A: Basically, yes. Pairs events will be run on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. These are 2-session events, but you are welcome to play for a single session only. We also added a single session Pairs game for the 10am Monday session. Swiss teams will be on Monday and Thursday, and these are 2-session events. Unfortunately, we can't sell single-session entries for a Swiss. You must play with the same team for both sessions.

Q: Will the U750 players still have their own game?

A: Yes -- all the U750 games, pairs or Swiss, will be separate from the Open games. All players in the U750 events must have under 750 MPs.

Q: Are the U750 games only for NLMs?

A: No, it's just like the Gold Rush events, except they're "Silver Rush" events. Both players must have under 750 MPs, but Life Master status does not affect your eligibility.

Q: How much are the entry fees?

A: For a downgraded tournament, we're charging downgraded entry fees -- \$10/player per session.

Q. What can we do about food?

A. We do not allow food of any kind in the playing area. If you bring food, please avoid eating at a playing table during the course of the tournament. There are ample food options nearby. We encourage players to support restaurants in the area.

Q: What are the room rates?

A: \$89/night, an unbelievable rate for a completely refurbished Marriott!

See you at the Tables!



Steve

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