



Kingston & The Islands Regional Bridge Tournament
May 16—20, 2024 @ the Quality Inn Conference Centre
33 Benson Street , Kingston, ONTARIO

What's A Regional Tournament and Why Should I Go?
Check out our Quick and Easy Tournament Guide Below!

Regional Tournaments are special bridge competitions held over multiple days that allow you to compete against players from out-of-town, as well as your local friends. Regional Tournament games award **GOLD** or **RED** points (depending on how you do and the type of game). Kingston hosts a Regional Tournament every second year.

Are there any Special Events?

Yes! Andy Stark is giving 3 free Chalk Talks!

As part of the tournament, Canadian bridge legend Andy Stark will give free Chalk Talks for tournament attendees. See all the details of this fantastic opportunity to improve your game on the flip side of this flyer!

What are “Gold Rush Pairs” ?

Gold Rush Pairs are similar to Pairs games at a Club, except that no individual player may have more than 750 MPs. It is the norm that you and your partner will play both sessions of a Gold Rush event in the same day. If you only pay for one session, you won't be eligible for overall points. Players will be seeded into one of 3 strata for purposes of awarding points: 0-200, 200-500, 500-750, although you'll play players from all strata. Depending on your results you may win **GOLD** or **RED** points. **We have 4 days of Gold Rush Pairs.**

What about Swiss Teams?

On **Monday, May 20th, we are holding a “Bracketed Swiss Team” event**, which means

the directors assign each team to a group (or “bracket”) that consists of teams with similar MP averages. You play only the teams in your bracket! It's a fair game, and really nice for newer players. The range of MPs in the bracket isn't known until all teams are entered, though. Your team has to play both sessions. We will sell a lunch in between the sessions—it's a really fun day, and you have the chance again to win **GOLD** or **RED** points. Most players love Swiss Team games.

Do I have to play every day?

No! You and your partners can choose which games to enter....no need to pre-book.

Can anyone play in the Tournament?

You need an ACBL number. If you have never joined you can buy a temporary membership at the Club before the Tournament.

I'm an I/N player—can I play in non-I/N events at the Tournament?

Absolutely! See our Club website for the full schedule of events. You are welcome to play in any event at the Tournament.

Any other tips?

If there is an irregularity during the play — please call a Director! They are here to help, and make the game fair for everyone.

Have fun, make new friends and enjoy some challenging bridge games!

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Between the Sessions...Chalk Talks with Andy Stark!

KDBC is thrilled to have Canadian bridge expert Andy Stark attending our tournament in May... and he has kindly volunteered to give 3 free Chalk Talks to players who are attending the tournament as well!



Andy Stark, a well-known bridge celebrity from the Toronto area, has just received the Audrey Grant Award for Excellence in Teaching. That's a fantastic recommendation to attend his Chalk Talks! Andy is also the editor of The Kibitzer, a wonderful quarterly on-line bridge newsletter produced by Unit 166. You can check out past editions at: <http://unit166.ca/kibitzer/kibitzer.html> Chalk Talks, for those unfamiliar with them, are focussed mini-lessons with lots of time for Q&A.

Andy's Chalk Talks will be held between the morning and afternoon sessions at **2 pm** on **Friday, May 17**, **Saturday May 18** and **Sunday May 19**.

Andy will cover 3 common bad bridge habits that we all have:

- ♣ under-bidding
- ♦ under-playing
- ♥ under-defending

♠ **NB!** bring questions from actual hands that you played in the morning session for Andy and he'll help analyze them. Hand-outs will be provided.

If you are playing both sessions each day, we suggest bringing your lunch and we'll all eat together (a "Patio Picnic" in the parkette adjacent to the hotel, weather permitting) before the talks. If you are only playing morning or afternoon, plan to stay for (or come early for) the talks—and bring a lunch and join us if you'd like. The more the merrier!



Opportunities like this are what make Regional Tournaments Special!

Let's Play Bridge!