Bulletin #1 February 12th, 2024

Welcome

Welcome to all our visitors and locals. A special welcome to the newcomers. We welcome back our directors from last year, Jack Rhind, Dave Metcalf, Nancy Strachan and Greg Coles. We do hope that you enjoy the tournament and Barbados in general. Please use the opportunity while you are here to visit some of the places of interest on the island. In your welcome bag there is a booklet giving information about some of these places. The hotel front desk would be happy to organize transportation for you.



This year, we are happy to report that we have more than 200 visitors. While the Covid situation is more relaxed we still have to be aware that it is still with us and we have to continue to take the necessary precautions. There will be sanitizers in both playing areas and face masks are available for those who need to take extra precautions. This tournament is an ACBL sanctioned tournament, and we have to adhere to their requirements.

The tournament follows the usual format with pairs games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. On Monday and Tuesday evenings is the 2-session Pelau Pairs. Pelau is a Caribbean dish which has many ingredients and therefore our Pelau Pairs have many prizes. On Wednesday afternoon there is the Rum Pairs and, as the name suggests, the prizes for this game are local rum. On Thursday there is a 2-session team game and on Friday afternoon we start the 3-session Lady Burton pairs.

I could not end this welcome message without special thanks to Barbara Seagram for all her hard work in promoting this tournament and liaising with all the overseas visitors. I wish you all a very pleasant tournament and good bridge.

Roglyn Hinds, Tournament Organizer

Reminder: Barbara's bridge workshops on Sunday at 10-12am and 2-4pm at Barbados Beach Club 3rd floor conference room above dining room.

Please note that the Manager's cocktail party is SUNDAY evening at 6:00pm by the pool.

Schedule of Events

| Date | Time | Event | Entry Fee |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Mon, Feb 12th | 9:30 AM | Pairs Game (1/1) | \$30.00 |
| | 7:00 PM | Pelau Pairs (1/2) | \$60.00 |
| Tue, Feb 13th | 9:30 AM | Pairs Game (1/1) | \$30.00 |
| | 7:00 PM | Pelau Pairs (2/2) | |
| Wed, Feb 14th | 9:30 AM | Pairs Game (1/1) | \$30.00 |
| | 2:30 PM | Rum Pairs (1/1) | \$30.00 |
| Thu, Feb 15th | 9:30 AM | Teams Game (1/2) | \$120.00 |
| | 2:30 PM | Teams Game (2/2) | |
| Fri, Feb 16th | 9:30 AM | Pairs Game (1/1) | \$30.00 |
| | 2:30 PM | Lady Burton Pairs (1/3) | \$90.00 |
| Sat, Feb 17th | 9:30 AM | Lady Burton Pairs (2/3) | |
| | 2:00 PM | Lady Burton Pairs (3/3) | |

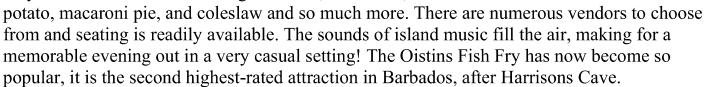
Note: Entries are per Pair or team for the entire event. Some are 2 or 3 sessions.

Oistin's, in the southern parish of Christ Church, is a major fishing community in Barbados with a modern fishing market. At the market you'll get the freshest fish, caught and brought to the jetty by the fishermen then skillfully cleaned and portioned by the vendors. In Oistins, you'll see Barbadian fishing boats and the weaving of fishing nets by local fishermen.

As a coastal town, Oistins played a significant role as a transshipment point for sugar and other crops grown at nearby plantations. In 1652 at The Mermaid Tavern in Oistins, the Charter of Barbados was signed between Oliver Cromwell's representative and the Governor of Barbados who remained loyal to the King. The Charter guaranteed Barbados colonists rights and privileges unheard of in any other colony, including rights to their land and local control of taxation. The agreement followed a months-long stand-off and blockade of the island.

Oistins Fish Fry

Each Friday and Saturday night, hundreds of locals and visitors flock to Oistins for the <u>Fish-Fry</u>, an opportunity to enjoy the very best local food - fried and grilled fish, fish cakes, sweet



People who wish to visit Oistins on Thursday evening for dinner (Kip Rotchell's tour) should go to 3^{rd} floor conference room 8.30 am -9.15 am on Monday morning and see Karen. Price is \$40.00 USD including transportation. Tuesday am 8.30 am -9.15 am also okay.

