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## 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.

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 great bridge.

Roglyn Hinds, Tournament Organizer

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 10th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	7:00 PM	Pelau Pairs (1/2)	\$60.00
Tue, Feb 11th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	7:00 PM	Pelau Pairs (2/2)	
Wed, Feb 12th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	2:30 PM	Rum Pairs (1/1)	\$30.00
Thu, Feb 13th	9:30 AM	Teams Game (1/2)	\$120.00
	2:30 PM	Teams Game (2/2)	
Fri, Feb 14th	9:30 AM	Pairs Game (1/1)	\$30.00
	2:30 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (1/3)	\$90.00
Sat, Feb 15th	9:30 AM	Lady Burton Pairs (2/3)	
	2:00 PM	Lady Burton Pairs (3/3)	

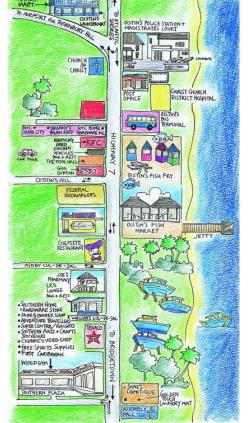
Note: Entries are per Pair or team for the entire event. Some are 2 or 3 sessions.

**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



potato, macaroni pie, and coleslaw and so much more. There are numerous vendors to choose from and seating is readily available. The sounds of island music fill the air, making for a memorable evening out in a very casual setting! The Ostin's Fish Fry has now become so popular, it is the second highest-rated attraction in Barbados, after Harrisons Cave.

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. The price is \$40.00 USD including transportation. Tuesday 8.30 am - 9.15 am also okay.