

## **Playing Lessons with Marty Bergen at PGA Regional in August 2016**

Guaranteed to be a great and memorable experience  
Improve your bridge; learn a lot; win red/gold points

The dates of the tournament are August 22-28.

The schedule for the tournament is available at:

<http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2016/08/1608092.pdf>

For the main events, I'm available Thursday through Sunday (and possibly Tues afternoon). For 7:30 PM "fast pairs," I'm available Wednesday through Saturday.

### **Excellent perks for YOU**

For those who sign up to play 2+ sessions with me at this tournament, I include many perks in advance of our playing that other pros do NOT. **Obviously, they will apply to those playing with me in Orlando or at other tournaments.**

These perks are all designed to help you further your knowledge and play better, and to improve partnership communication in all your partnerships. Many of these perks will be indispensable to you and help you greatly with all your partners. I enjoy teaching, and want you to learn a lot so you can become "the best you can be."

We'll do as much (or little) in advance as YOU want. When we play, I am happy to play EXACTLY what YOU want to play. Of course, any time you want my opinion or suggestion, I will be happy to oblige.

**The following benefits-in-advance of our playing will be done by email or phone:**

1. Answering your questions.
2. We will use my special "What all partnerships must discuss" form to get our agreements in writing.
3. We fill out the convention card together THE RIGHT WAY, so it becomes a valuable document for you to use with all of your partners.
4. We will discuss important situations that most players fail to consider.
5. We will discuss style and tendencies for each of us in a number of areas, so we will both know what to expect from the other's bids.

6. I will send you lesson PDFs of material to help you strengthen particular areas.

7. If you'd like to practice with me on BBO, I'll play one session with no charge.

When we play at the Regional, I am happy to answer questions and discuss hands. Lengthy discussions about hands played **MUST** be postponed until after the session. Otherwise, experience shows that it will often distract the student on the hands that follow.

- I will **ALWAYS** be respectful of my partner, and treat you as I would want to be treated.
- I will **NEVER** criticize or embarrass you.
- I will **NOT** make bids that **YOU** will not understand.
- When you put down the dummy, even if you misbid, I will only say "thank you."
- The only time I will even acknowledge an error you made is in private.

After we play, I will send you an email writeup consisting of lessons to be learned from the deals we played, and tips to improve **YOUR** game.

### **\*\*Very Beneficial and Economical**

(has always worked out very well for all concerned)

Three players hire me to be their 4th for a Swiss Team event.

Each person pays 1/3 of my normal session fee, and I play some matches with each player.

### **Contact, Rate Info**

If interested, call me at 625-6215 or email me at [mbergen@mindspring.com](mailto:mbergen@mindspring.com). My fee for a morning or afternoon event is \$600 per session. For playing multiple days, a discount is available. For "fast pairs" at 7:30 PM, my fee is \$400. If you are a single for the Sunday Swiss, I can get good teammates for us.