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## **Go for the Gold at Tucson's Cactus Flower Regional**

Tucson delivers the gold at the Cactus Flower Regional held Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 15, 2015, at the Hotel Tucson City Center InnSuites Conference Resort.

Exclusively for non-life masters with less than 750 points, the Cactus Flower Regional offers bridge players the opportunity to win gold points in two-session events.

"The Cactus Flower Regional is the only non-life master regional in the United States this year," said Steve Reynolds, tournament chair. "In 2014 alone, 130 players who came to Tucson went home with gold."

### **Varied tournament schedule**

With preferred start times of 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., participants can choose from a varied event schedule that includes: Knockouts, stratified one- and two-session pairs, stratified 49er pairs and single session Swiss Teams. Sunday is reserved for a two-session Swiss Team event featuring a complimentary buffet lunch.

### **Centrally located with free amenities**

A scent-free environment, games will be held in Hotel Tucson's 14,000 square foot carpeted well-lighted ballroom. Set in the Presidio Arts District, this straightforward hotel is conveniently located only nine miles from Tucson International Airport and offers FREE:

- Airport transportation on the hour 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily
- Ample parking
- WiFi, mini-fridges and coffeemakers
- Hot buffet breakfast
- Evening social hour

Book your room(s) online <http://www.innsuites.com/tucson> or toll free 1-888-784-8324 by 11/1/2015 to secure special single and double room rates of only \$59/\$69. Please mention group booking code NLM 1115.

### **Free daily lectures**

Players can take advantage of free lectures by top local experts Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the ballroom beginning at 12:30 p.m. Bring or buy your lunch from the concession stand offering simple fare. Lecture handouts will be available to reinforce the topics presented.

## **New “Ask An Expert” Table**

Bring your hand records to the “Ask An Expert” table and learn from life masters and instructors what you could do to up your game. Available immediately after the Thursday through Saturday afternoon sessions, the “Ask An Expert” table is new to the regional and is free to all players.

## **Great door prizes and giveaways**

Don't miss your chance to register to win Dinner with a Pro held Friday evening, November 13, at the original El Charro Cafe located in the heart of downtown Tucson's historic El Presidio. Come hungry and armed with questions for the pro and enjoy award-winning Northern Mexico Sonoran style cuisine. Up to six players along with their guests will win.

Also enter to win a bridge survival basket with giveaways on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Baskets include water bottles, humorous bridge books, convention card holders and many other supplies you might need to enhance your bridge experience.

## **Back by popular demand**

In keeping with tradition, The Cactus Flower Regional will offer free smoked salmon, bagels and cream cheese each morning along with free muffins, coffee and tea. It's a great time to come early, enjoy the food and mingle with fellow players. Have a sweet tooth? Enjoy free candy, chocolates and Red Vines during play at all sessions.

## **Experience the beauty of Tucson**

With an average temperature of 74 degree and plenty of sunshine, November is a great time to visit Tucson and to play in the Cactus Flower Regional. Come before or after this exciting four-day event to sample the sites and sounds that make the Old Pueblo a must see destination. For more information, visit <http://www.visittucson.org>

## **Mark your calendar**

Exclusively for non-life masters with less the 750 points, Tucson's Cactus Flower Regional is a tournament you won't want to miss. See our website at [www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com](http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com) for more details on this exciting four-day event.