

The Great Potato Regional

May 4-10, 2009
Boise, Idaho

The Boise bridge community and District 18 welcome you to the Great Potato regional. We hope you have great success with a hatful of wins and points. Please remember the regional's zero tolerance policy. Your conduct influences every other player's enjoyment, and we expect all players to play hard and to behave courteously. After all we are playing with our friends!

Our thanks to the tournament committee for the hard work expended to make this event a success. These volunteers donated considerable time and effort and deserve our recognition. Please thank them when you see them; they will be wearing their badges during the week.

We are also fortunate to have one of the top directing teams in ACBL and look forward to a well-run tournament.

Good luck with your finesses and your partners!

Ian Martindale
President, District 18 Board of Directors

Please note and patronize as appropriate the following sponsors:

American Leak Detection	Idaho Potato Commission
Bank of the Cascades	Mountain West Bank
Boise Visitors Bureau	Northwestern Mutual
Chef Lou's @ 8th Street	Plantation Golf Course
Chef Lou's Westside Drive-in	Stagecoach Inn and Restaurant
Chuck-a-Rama	Wells Fargo
Cold Springs Winery	On the Border
Fox Tail Golf Club	
Idaho Central Credit Union	
Idaho Chamber of Commerce	

The Great Potato Regional 2009 Tournament Committee:

Chair, Charlene Martindale
Hospitality, Judy Stauffer and Pat Sales
Partnership, K.C. Jones
Newcomers, Diane and Bob Dutton
Caddie Master, Kendra Bridges

Committee members thank the many volunteers from Boise and surrounding units who have helped staff and promote this tournament. People such as Art Crawford who obtained two rounds of golf at the Plantation for door prizes really went all out. Without our friends from the Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Ontario (OR) units we could not have provided such an enjoyable experience.

Between-sessions (@ 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) hospitality in Room 124:

Tuesday, May 5, join Idaho Falls for its Cinco de Mayo celebration
Wednesday, May 6, join Ontario for fun and relaxation
Thursday, May 7, NEWCOMERS ONLY (no one over 199er status) for conversation
with Bruce Ferguson
Friday, May 8, Boise promises refreshment and “professional” conversation
Saturday, May 9, Twin Falls concludes our enjoyable offerings

Other outstanding hospitality events after the evening sessions:

Tuesday: a selection of frozen ice confections
Wednesday: milk and the ever-popular Doubletree cookies
Thursday: fruit and cheese, a selection of domestic and imported cheeses with
crackers, baguettes, and nuts
Friday: our obligator Potato Bar, half a baked Idaho potato with all the trimmings,
including savory toppings
Saturday: the grand finale—an hors d’oeuvre celebration, including meatballs in
marinara sauce, Teriyaki drumettes, assorted dim sum, fried green
beans with Wasabi sauce, brownie bites and lemon kisses

Head Director: Steve Bates

Other Directing Staff: John Gramm, Roger Putnam, and Matt Koltnow

A bit of housekeeping:

If you achieve Life Master status during the tournament, please inform the Hospitality Desk or a member of the tournament committee. Don’t forget to identify the event and your partner(s). Our Great Potato Regional Official Photographer, Suzy Ryder, will be recording new life masters and event winners for all time and posterity. Beginning Wednesday, May 6, please look for her at the hospitality desk. Remember, we can’t take your photograph if you don’t show up!

Last but certainly not least: Watch for our exciting offering of between-sessions speakers (check the Bulletin or the white board at the hospitality desk) during the week. Matt Koltnow will kick off this activity with his intriguing “Questions Partner?” between sessions in the main playing area. Wednesday’s speaker will be Bob Donaldson.

The Bulletin will appear daily Wednesday through Sunday. Enjoy!