

Memphis ABTA Convention Schedule – An Early Look

December 8, 2011

To ABTA members:.

It's time to make your plans to come to Memphis for our ABTA convention. All the committees have been working hard to get ready to help ACBL celebrate their 75th anniversary.

The Convention will take place at the host hotel, the Memphis Marriott Downtown and includes continental breakfasts from 8 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday through Friday mornings. The rest of our schedule will look something like this:

Monday- March 12

6:00 PM --- Master Teacher Interviews (Get your applications in to Betty Starzec by Feb 1st) contact her at Lstarzec@comcast.net

Tuesday - March 13

11:00 AM --1:00 PM – 1st & 2nd Time Attendee luncheon. Chuck Hodel in charge, sign up on registration form.

1:00 -- 1:30 PM--Registration for attendees and viewing of any booths that wish to demonstrate their materials. Vendor set up will be at 11:00. Make Arrangements with Kathy Rolfe (krolfe5@comcast.net)

1:30 -- 5:00 PM Dee Berry is our program chairman and will have speaker times announced by Feb. **Mike Lawrence, Eric Rodwell**, plus our panel of pro's will be scheduled during the week. Other Speakers talking about the business of bridge will be Donna Compton, Terry Jones, and Denise Hoffman.

5:30 -- 7:30 PM--ACBL will pick us up to tour their new headquarters and museum.

7:30 -- ? Pizza and cards for those who wish to order and play

Wednesday – March 14

9:00 -- 9:30-General Business Meeting

9:30 -- 11:00--Teacher of the Year presentations (**tentative time**). If you wish to be a candidate for the award, ask one of your students to nominate you by sending a paragraph or two to Joyce Penn, Chairman, describing why you should be the 2012 Teacher of the Year. jpenn@columbus.rr.com

11:00 -- 12:00 Speaker

1:00 -- 3:00 Mike Lawrence

3:15 -- 5:00 Speakers

5:30 Bus leaves for Graceland and dinner there. Sign up is on registration form

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Thursday - March 15

9:00 --10:30 Speakers

10:30 -- 1:00 ACBL is hosting a lunch for us and will do their presentation during lunch (Special treat is observing the "famous walk of the ducks" at the nearby hotel)

2:00 -- 5:00 Program

7:00 – 9:00 Awards Banquet

Friday - March 16

9:00 -- 9:45 -- Eric Rodwell

10:00 -12:00 -- Pro Panel--George Jacobs will be MC

Thanks, and we hope to see you in Memphis!

Brenda Simpson, ABTA President