

HISTORY OF THE SUN CITY ROSEVILLE BRIDGE CLUB

“THE WAY WE WERE”

1995-1996—“You Raised Us Up”

Founding “Mother” Jean Hedin organized the first SCR bridge game in a trailer on a wet (and muddy) March day. Only 25 homes made up our community then. Twenty people gathered with their own bridge tables, cards, tallies, file boxes, duplicate boards, and a vision. Club start-up expenses were financed by generous donators Bob Boggs, master player/bridge educator extraordinaire, and Thera Squire, SCR resident and benefactor. That first year saw the development of a charter enabling SCR Bridge Club to be part of the SCRA. Club policies were established; no dues would be collected. Anteing up one dollar and playing bridge just once were the only requirements for membership. The majority of all monies collected were returned as prize money. In addition to Social Bridge, a “Beginners Group” and a “Duplicate Group” were formed. Bob Boggs, gave bridge lessons, a practice he continues to this day. The SCR Bridge Club was launched!

1996-1997—“Movin On Up”

The beautiful new SCR Timbers Lodge opened and the Club moved into its very own Bridge Room. It was good to find a home for all that bridge material the Club was accumulating. More and more players joined as the community grew. Social Bridge expanded to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Duplicate play now met twice a week—on Monday afternoon, directed by Willi Williams, and on Thursday evening, directed by Gordon Bjonerud. Bob Boggs continued his bridge classes and Willi Williams began her bridge lessons. Consequently, our bridge games were improving! Ed McCooey organized a Christmas party, which was the beginning of our year-round quarterly tournaments. Both Duplicate and Social Bridge are played at these events. Catered food was brought in and the tradition of serving lunch before these games began.

1997-1998

The quarterly bridge tournaments continued to be successful with more prizes awarded to winners; actually everyone won because each player went home with a wrapped deck of cards. Duane Smith was the Master of Ceremonies for all four

tournaments that year. Bridge lesson fees continued to be donated by Bob Boggs and Willi Williams. The Club paid for blinds in the Bridge Room.

1998 and 1999

The Club was in full swing, reflecting SCR's phenomenal growth. Bob Boggs and Willi Williams continued their popular lessons. The Bridge Room could no longer accommodate the Monday Duplicate game, so the players moved to Sierra Pines. Social Bridge increased to four weekly sessions with a Beginner Workshop on Wednesday mornings and an Advanced Workshop on Thursday mornings. This year the Bridge Club became an ACBL member. Now the duplicate players earned points as well as money! Lorraine Day was hired to run the Duplicate game on Monday afternoons. One hundred forty to one hundred eighty enthusiastic players attended the quarterly luncheons. The luncheon/tournaments were becoming so popular that a board position was created to oversee their arrangements.

2000-2001

The Club, becoming more and more fiscally sophisticated, adopted a formal budget plan with an expense sheet. This resulted in a healthy bank account and good prize money structuring. Ten card tables were purchased for the luncheons—no more lugging card tables from home! Dick Thorson made a cash lock box for our cupboard. We began to reach out into the community. Bob Boggs volunteered to give free lessons to local high school students if the Club would organize it. This interesting idea didn't take off, but the suggestion of introducing bridge to future generations remains a worthy concept. The Bridge Club entered SCR's 4th of July parade. Duplicate members constructed a terrific float!! Marge Campbell volunteered to put together our Club's archives in the form of a scrapbook This beautiful work of art can be viewed by all members and is a living history of the club.

2001 – 2002 We were now six years old and experiencing growing pains. The Board wrestled with questions such as “Should the SCR Bridge Club become a Resident Group or remain a Chartered Club? (We are still a Charter Club.) “What bridge conventions should be taught at Willi's Monday evening Social classes?” (It is Standard American.) “How should the Social Bridge games be scored?” (It is Chicago style.) Jo May started a newsletter. We were now in print. Once again, the Club participated in the 4th of July parade. **2002-2003**

This Board had the task of rechartering for another four years. Where did the time go? The charter process involved updating the by-laws and paying attention to

recordkeeping. A membership database was developed. The year also saw the beginning of the much contested and talked about \$5.00 annual dues. But it wasn't all work for this stellar board. A gala New Years Eve Party at Sierra Pines heralded in the New Year. We were decked out in our finest—check out the pictures in Marge Campbell's scrapbook.

2003-2004

Membership topped 370! Bob Boggs and Willi Williams continued their bridge classes. About this time John Beck developed a Bridge Web Site. Now we could check our game scores on line the day after our play. This resulted in spirited and more informed bridge talk days after the event! In later years, Bob Banks joined John in posting the scores.

2004-2005

Ten years have past since Jean Hedin organized those first tables of bridge in a trailer on Pleasant Grove Blvd. We said “goodbye” to Lorraine Day, our Monday afternoon Duplicate Director, and said “hello” to Kent White, our new Director. The Club salutes the following board members who gave their time, talent and vision. They are truly the “wind beneath our wings.” A very special thanks to our master teachers, Bob Boggs and Willi Williams and to Jo May, newsletter editor. “We’ve Only Just Begun”

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008 by Arlene Coakley

January of 2007 Marge Campbell resigned as a volunteer director for our sanctioned duplicate game on Thursday evening. Starting February 1, 2007 Kent White was hired to direct this game. No prize money will be given and the cost to play is \$2.00 per person to pay the director fee. A new social duplicate game was instituted on Wednesday nights to share the room with the existing social game. Willi Williams has agreed to temporarily score the game. \$1.00 per person will be collected and be distributed as prize money. After about 6 to 9 months, there was loss of interest and the game folded.

April 2007

The Bridge Club, with the monetary help of the association, purchased 28 new sets of bidding boxes. Sixteen sets for Sierra Pines and 12 sets for the card room. Twelve old sets were kept in the card room to make a total of 40 set to accommodate luncheons in the ballroom. 21 sets of old bidding boxes were sold to

club members at \$10.00 a set for a total of \$210 that went back to bridge club. At the June luncheon of 2007 the updated Bylaws were approved. This is done every four years.

July 2007,

Due to the lack of Social Bridge players in our club a “reunion” was held at Sierra Pines, with cookies and punch, to welcome all players who have played at our club in the past. It was successful event, but didn’t bring people back to the social card tables. Lincoln Exchanges were well attended in both July 2007 and 2008 and were chaired by Avanell Kirchman and Barbara Ohman.

Spring 2008,

Barbara Rothkin, a new resident of Sun City last year, with many master points and a knowledgeable bridge teacher offered her services to teach a half hour simple lesson at Sierra Pines before the game on Monday. She e-mails lessons that she writes herself to all who participate. This has been successful. Thank you Barbara for you time and efforts. It has been a pleasure to be your president for the past two years working and getting to know many of the bridge players better.

Accomplishments During my Two Year Term by Sy Karfiol from July 2008 to June 2010

1. Coordinated the review and modified the by-laws of the bridge club to add an additional Luncheon chair to the board, in addition adding the latest Sun City Club By-law requirements.
2. Took a vote to eliminate the 24 board limit unless set by Director.
3. Took a vote to eliminate the pick-up slips and include the Travelers in each game.
4. Facilitated seven classes: Beginners Bridge, Play of the Hand, Intermediate Bridge, 2 over 1 Game Force, Advanced Duplicated Conventions, Advanced Play & Defense and Duplicate Bridge Conventions.
5. Migrated from our private Website to the SCR’s Website.
6. Instituted additional ACBL Charity games and raised the fee to \$3.00 on Monday games.
7. Coordinated the review regarding the purchase of a Duplimate machine.
8. Experimented with ‘Eight Is Enough’ Games at Sierra Pines.
9. Continued Sun City /Lincoln Hills Bridge Exchanges
10. Hired Frank Kirchman in July 2009 to direct both Monday, Thursday, and any additional sanctioned games after Kent White resigned.

Bridge Club - 2010 - 2012

Our Bridge Club is going strong with games every weekday but Friday - some days two or three different games! We have returned to our regular four luncheons per year and find them popular as ever! We also host a Duplicate Exchange with Sun City Lincoln Hills in July and support their Exchange game in January.

Bob Boggs has taught several classes, which are always well attended. Willi Williams taught in 2010-2011 and turned the Beginners over in 2011-2012 to Avanell Kirchman. We are so blessed to have these wonderful members donating their time for the advancement of our game in Sun City!

Our Duplimate machine was purchased with the monetary help of the Association, and is managed by our Director, Frank Kirchman. This machine has certainly proved to speed up play during our ACBL games. Frank, together with our Manager Arlene Coakley, sets up special games worth additional points for this group. Our Thursday evening game fee was raised from \$2 to \$3 to cover the cost of our Director and ACBL fees at this smaller game.

July 2012 to June 2015 by Arlene Coakley

It seems like a lot has happened during the past three years that I was President of the Bridge Club:

For personal reasons Willi Williams decided not to continue teaching beginning bridge, although she has continued to give short lessons and to answer questions during the Wednesday afternoon social bridge games in the Card Room. At our December 2014 Luncheon the Bridge Club presented a plaque to Willi and Dick Williams honoring them for their many years of service and dedication.

Avanell Kirchman taught one series of beginner classes and Suzanne Rollinson taught two. Harriet Ruderman is our newest beginning teacher and she is ready to teach again in the fall of 2015.

B. Ray Traweek had a very successful "Play Better Bridge" class on Saturday afternoons in the summer of 2013 with ten tables of eager bridge players. He used an overhead projector, students had homework, and Mary Jo Aitkenhead sent out information in preparation for each lesson. It was very successful and students really enjoyed it. It was a lot work on B. Ray's part and we are hopeful that he

may do another time. Bob Boggs continues to teach to “Intermediate” and “Convention” classes.

A committee headed by Chantry Rogers was formed to look into new teaching methods but there was a misunderstanding when their suggestion was to use Allie Whitlock’s mentoring program with Eddie Kantar lessons. Both the mentoring program and Eddie Kantar lessons are great ideas, but they do not work together.

In 2013 and 2014 Barbara Rothkin and Avaneel Kirchman respectively organized “The Longest Day,” an event sponsored by ACBL to raise money for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Duplicate advanced from travelers to pick up slips to Bridge Mates (automatic scorers). The Bridge Mates were put in to use in the fall of 2014. Everyone seems to like them. The Association helped with their cost. The Thursday morning Fun and Friendly games also use the Bridge Mates and like them.

Our Monday afternoon and Thursday night ACBL-sanctioned games are using a program called Bridge Webs. This is a program available to us through a combination of using the Bridge Mates and the Duplimate Program. After each session we can see all scores, results and hand records online. We are hopeful that the Fun and Friendly game will take advantage of this program by becoming an ACBL-sanctioned Newcomer game.

The Lincoln Hills Exchange twice a year is a popular event. In August Barbara Ohman and Barbara Rothkin will co-chair the Exchange here in Sun City as they have for the past two years.

The Bylaws were updated in 2015 to conform to the CCC Bylaws. The only change was “No Guests” at either activities or events unless they are overnight guests. The Bylaws will be up for review again in 2019.

At the March 2015 luncheon it was voted to raise membership dues to \$10. This will be effective July 2015.

After five years, Frank Kirchman gave notification that his last game to direct for our club would be at the end of December 2014. Marvin Arnold was hired effective January 1 to direct our Monday afternoon games. Our Thursday evening games will be directed by onsite directors.

One of my concerns is where have all the bridge players gone? In the fiscal year 2003/2004 when membership dues were collected for the first time, we had 370

paid members. The count for 2014/2015 ended with a total of 227. Unfortunately social bridge games are not being played at the Lodge except on Wednesday afternoons in the Card Room where Dick and Willi run the game. It is very popular with about ten tables. It seems that most social players prefer to play in home games.

I have enjoyed being the Bridge Club President and thank everyone for the support you have given me.

Summary of Bridge Club Activities, 2015 through 2018, Susan Pankopf

The Bridge Club has continued to be an enjoyable activity for those of us who love the game. We have three types of play weekly: Social bridge play on Wednesday afternoons in the card room; Duplicate style play, Fun & Friendly, on Thursday mornings in the card room; Duplicate style ACBL sanctioned play on Monday afternoons in the Sierra Pines club room. The evening game on Thursdays has been discontinued.

Social bridge players on Wednesdays pay a small fee as prize money for the winners. Generally there are 8 to 12 tables led by Willie Williams. On the 5th Wednesday of the month, a luncheon/bridge is planned and held in the Solarium.

Thursday morning duplicate play, Fun & Friendly, also pay a small fee as prize money. This is a popular gathering, led by Willie Williams, who often begins the game with a mini lesson. Usually there are 10 to 12 tables.

Monday's duplicate sanctioned ACBL game is held at the Pines. The small fee of \$3 is collected which pays for the director and game fees. The fee also accumulates over the months averaging \$1600 a year. This accumulation allows the Bridge Club to buy and maintain expensive equipment such as duplicated boards, "Duplimate" and scorers, "Bridge Mates."

Beginning bridge has been a popular time for newer players to the game to gather, receive lessons by Harriet Ruderman, and enjoy practicing play. This session is held on Wednesday mornings. Once a year, and sometimes more often, Bob Boggs conducts lessons on Tuesdays mornings on a variety of subjects: Modern Bridge Conventions, 2/I System, and Intermediate Bidding and Play.

Over the last three years, we have held 4 events in the Timbers' ballroom: three bridge/luncheons for Sun City players, and one exchange event with Lincoln Hills. These are well attended events. Additionally, New Year's Eve has continued to be a popular event held at the Pines with a catered dinner and bridge play afterwards. Both social and duplicate style bridge is played

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BRIDGE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS

1995/1996	1996/1997
First President, Helen Heffeling	President, Gordon Bjonerud
First Vice-President, Ethel Belotz	Vice-President, Ed McCooey
First Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Town	Secretary, Janet Zeitman
	Treasurer, Lyle Heidemann
1997/1998	1998/1999
President, Betty Smith	President, Ginny Taylor
Vice-President, Hazel Rundquist	Vice-President, Louise Munch
Secretary, Dick & Isabelle Snyder	Secretary, Ruth Ruyle
Treasurer, Mary Logsdon	Treasurer, Helen Cox
1999/2000	2000/2001
President, Ginny Taylor	President, Ann Rutledge
Vice-President, Hazel Rundquist	Vice-President, Liz Shirai
Secretary, Ruth Ruyle	Secretary, Dick Thorson
Treasurer, Helen Cox	Treasurer, Mary Wiedel
Luncheon Chair, Ann Rutledge	Luncheon Chair, Jo May
2001/2002	2002/2003
President, Jo May	President, Nancy Chan
Vice President, Bev Landis	Vice-President(s), Chuck Gulland and B.Ray Traweek
Secretary Bob Banks	Secretary, Bob Banks
Treasurer, Mary Wiedel	Treasurer, Chaney Rogers
Luncheon Chair, Arlene Coakley	Luncheon Chair, Arlene Coakley

2003/2004	2004/2005
President, Nancy Chan	President, Ginny Taylor
Vice-President, Irene Belcher	Vice President, Helen Cox
Secretary, Fran Roberts	Secretary, Fran Roberts Erskine
Treasurer, Chantry Rogers	Treasurer, Eileen Atkinson and Shelby Rosen
Luncheon Chair, Eileen Atkinson	Luncheon Chair, Arlene Coakley
	Membership Chair, Shelby Rosen
2005/2006	2006/2007
President, Ginny Taylor	President, Arlene Coakley
Vice-President, Helen Cox	Vice-President, Helen Cox
Secretary, Pat Campagna	Secretary, Pat Campagna
Treasurer, Shelby Rosen	Treasurer, Shelby Rosen
Luncheon Chairs Joan and Lorraine Lazowick	Luncheon Chairs Bobbe Meyer and Kathy Bart
Membership Chair, Arlene Coakley	Membership Chair, Marlene Hill
2007/2008	2008/2009
President, Arlene Coakley	President, Sy Karfiol
Vice-President, Helen Cox	Vice-President, Mel Clark
Secretary, Pat Campagna	Secretary, Pat Campagna
Treasurer, Shelby Rosen	Treasurer, Susan Pankopf
Luncheon Chairs Bobbe Meyer and	Luncheon Chairs, Sylvia Richlin and

Ginny Taylor	Marge Duval
Membership Chair, Avanell Kirchman	Membership Chair, Joe Rieger
2009/2010	2010/2011
President, Sy Karfiol	President, Ginny Taylor
Vice-President, Mel Clarke	Vice-President, Sue Zulauf
Secretary, Penny Woods/Mel Clarke	Secretary, Sharon Crowder
Treasurer, Susan Pankopf	Treasurer, Susan Pankopf
Luncheon Chairs, Sharon Crowder and Rose-Marie Schaefer	Luncheon Chairs, Joan Donlon and Joan Oakley
Membership Chair, Joe Rieger/Arlene Coakley	Membership Chair, Barbara Ohman
2011/2012	2012/2013
President, Ginny Taylor	President, Arlene Coakley
Vice-President, Sally Traweek	Vice-President, Sally Traweek
Secretary, Penny Jean Cotter	Secretary, Jean Jones
Treasurer, Sue Zalauf	Treasurer, Suzanne Rollinson
Luncheon Chairs, Joan Donlon and Joan Oakley	Luncheon Chairs, Dawn Beck and Jacquie Goodrich
Membership Chair, Mary Jo Aitkenhead	Membership Chair, Mary Jo Aitkenhead
2013 2014	2014-2015
President – Arlene Coakley	President – Arlene Coakley
Vice President – Barbara Rothkin	Vice President – Terri Nelson
Secretary – Jean Cotter	Secretary – Barbara O'Malley
Treasurer – Sally Traweek	Treasurer – Sally Traweek

Lunch Chairs – Dawn Beck – Duplicate Jacquie Goodrich - Social	Lunch Chairs – Sue Tuana – Duplicate Karen Yamada - Social
Membership – Chantry Rogers	Membership – Chantry Rogers
2015 2016	2016 2017
President – Susan Pankopf	President – Susan Pankopf
Vice President – Terri Nelson	Vice President – Sue Tuana
Secretary – Barbara O’Malley	Secretary – Judy Verzello
Treasurer – Peter Bosse	Treasurer – Peter Bosse
Lunch Chairs – Duplicate - Sue Tuana Social - Joan Donlon	Lunch Chairs: Duplicate – Jean Jones Fun & Friendly – Pat Madden Social – Joan Watt
Membership – Chantry Rogers	Membership – Joan Oakley
2017 2018	2018 2019
President – Susan Pankopf	President – Sally Graham
Vice President – Sue Tuana	Vice President – Sue Tuana
Secretary – Judy Verzello	Secretary – Marilyn Cameron Publications – Jean Eccleston Membership – Jerry Cochran
Treasurer – Peter Bosse	Treasurer – Daver Bucher
Lunch Chairs: Duplicate – Jean Jones Fun & Friendly – Joan Watt Social – Pat Madden	Lunch Chairs: Duplicate - Barbara Ohman Fun & Friendly – Pat Madden Social – Anne DeWitt
Club Manager – Arlene Coakley	Club Manager – Arlene Coakley
Web Support – Mike Coakley	Web Support – Mike Coakley

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