

Electronic Devices at the Bridge Tournaments

by Rand Pinsky
District Director



As I discussed in a prior column, the ACBL Board of Directors has been considering a policy regarding the use of electronic devices during ACBL tournaments. The purpose is to maintain the integrity of our game.

Currently, in every Daily Bulletin published at our North American Bridge Championships (NABC) there is a reminder that cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated except for health-related equipment or by permission of the director in charge of the tournament.

At the Detroit NABC that just concluded the Daily Bulletin began monitoring all NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. By general monitoring of the session and participants behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

With this background, I return to the Board of Directors action. In Detroit, we passed a motion banning electronic devices in all NABC (national level) events including Mini-Spungolds, Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, and lower flights of the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams. Health related equipment is excluded from this policy. This motion takes effect as of July 1, 2008, and will be in place for the Las Vegas Nationals.

The policy states in part, "Electronic devices, excluding health-related equipment, capable of sending or receiving

communications, including but not limited to headphones, earphones, cellular phones and mini-computers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing area, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session". The complete regulation will be extensively published by the ACBL in the next few months. I also have the complete copy and if anyone wants this policy, please let me know at pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net.

IT IS A DIFFERENT VIEW FROM DUMMY

First I want to thank everyone who sent to me their thoughts about the review of the requirements for becoming a life master. I even received letters from some of our friends in District 22. I am still available for your thoughts as our committee will be meeting again in Las Vegas.

TEAM GAME SECTIONAL

Our District will have a Team Game Sectional on June 21 and 22. All profits from this sectional will be given to our four Grand National Teams to help defray their costs of representing our District at the Las Vegas NABC.

The location will be the Bridge Academy in West Hills. The schedule will include a COMPACT KNOCK OUT on Saturday morning and afternoon and a single session SWISS TEAM on Saturday afternoon for those teams who are eliminated from the Compact KO. Sunday will be a TWO SESSION bracketed SWISS TEAM GAME. There will be an advertisement in next month's Bridge News.

To conclude, I hope everyone had an opportunity and earned many masterpoints at our Regional at the Pacific Palms Conference Center.

District 23 Rank Changes 2/1/08-2/28/08

Junior Master (5 points)

Clara Beene Martha Bragg
Joan Buhl Carlos Jones
Carole King Helen Kuhn
William Lama Mark Lavine
Donna Massman Anne Munchow
Carnell Wingfield

Club Master (20 MPs)

Robert Englekirk
Peggy Graue
Fay Hsu
Marilyn Landau
Michael Lo
Julie Osborne
Morton Shatzkin
Renee Wisengrad

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Warren Baker
Harriet Belasco
Marty Bolling
Marlene Brounstein
Amr Elghamry
Neal Kleiner
Cole Sachs
Jacqueline Taylor

Regional Master (100 MPs)

Terry Arnush
Elaine Asch
Harold Brunner
Jean Brunner
Consuelo Ledbetter
Marion Miller
Gary Swinhart
Kurt Trieselmann

NABC Master (200 MPs)

Peter Jager
Barbara Jones

Life Master (300 MPs)

Tybie Becker
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Glenn Dicus
Herbert Ehrmann
Colin Gordon
Nelly Gordon
Edward Hsi
Mira Rowe

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Curtis Johnson
Joyce Lelah
Marta Peltz
Frank Pimentel

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

M Maltz

Platinum Life Master (10000 MPs)

Rebecca Clough

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A New Grand Life Master in District 23

by Bill Schreiber
ALACBU President



Congratulations to **Becky Clough**, an occasional partner of mine, who went over 10,000 master points with a win in a Flight A Knockout at the Las Vegas Regional. She has now become a Grand

Life Master.

I read the Daily Bulletins from the NABC in Detroit and through Friday, March 14, I could not find the name of a single District 23 player among the top 5 in any National event. Did anyone from our district go to the tournament?

By the time you read this column, our Spring Regional will be history. For those of you who are chasing masterpoints, I hope that you have accomplished your goals. For those who go to tournaments for the sheer enjoyment, I am confident that you have achieved yours.

April and May bring the **GRAND NATIONAL TEAM EVENTS**. Elsewhere in the Bridge News is a Conditions of Contest and the schedule of events. I encourage you to enter and try to represent our District at the Las Vegas NABC this July in one of the four different flights, Open, A, B, and C. Knockouts are a fun

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GNT Trails Schedule

Open Flight	0-unlimited MPs	May 17-18
Flight A	0-5000 MPs	April 5-6
Flight B	0-2000 MPs	May 17-18
Flight C	non LM's w/ less than 500 MPs	April 5-6

Game time for the first of two sessions each day is 10:30 am. Masterpoints are per player not team. All events will be played at the Bridge Academy, 6733 Variel, Canoga Park, CA 91303. (818) 999-9131

2008 ALACBU Scholarship

The ALACBU Scholarship Foundation is pleased to offer \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating in June 2008. Eligible candidates must reside within the borders of District 23 and should have some connection to bridge. Playing the game, taking lessons or caddying at tournaments would be helpful. Deadline for submitting applications is May 15 2008. Copy of application form can be found on page 5 of this paper or can be downloaded from the ALACBU website: www.alacbu23@aol.com. Completed forms with supporting documentation should be sent to Peter Szecsi 497 E.California Blvd #309 Pasadena CA, 91106. Call 626-304-9535 for more information. Pass the word and good luck.

District 23 Players at Detroit NAOP

by Mike Marcucci

Some people really take advantage of a chance to compete in a Nationals event

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THOUSAND OAKS
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April 25 -27, 2008



Complimentary Kick-Off Breakfast – Friday 8:30 AM

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
Friday, April 25
Stratified Open Pairs 9:30 AM
Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 PM
Bracketed Knockout Teams
Saturday, April 26
Stratified Open Pairs 9:30 AM
Bracketed Knockout Teams (2nd Session)
Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 PM
Bracketed Knockout Teams (3rd Session)
Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 PM
Bracketed Knockout Teams (4th Session)
Sunday, April 27
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams 10:30 AM
7 matches, 8 boards
\$100 per team (Buffet included)

Strati-flighted Swiss A: 3000+ AX: 0-3000 B: 1250 - 2000 C: 500 - 1250 D: 0 - 500 20 Victory Points Fee: \$ 9 per person/per session \$10 non-members/unpaid members	Stratified Pairs A: 1500+ B: 500 - 1500 C: 0 - 500
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99'er Trophy Event
Saturday, April 26
9:30 AM and 2:00 PM
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Kibitz With Karraine: The 199er Report
An Important Convention
By Karraine Murray

HILLARY...BARACK... if one were artificial, what convention would this be?
New Minority Forcing! I’m goofing around, of course, but I am absolutely thrilled that this year, in my lifetime, the Democratic Party will make history by nominating either the first African American or the first woman to head the ticket.
But now - from political conventions to bridge conventions. **New Minor Forcing.** Most 199ers are already using this convention so you should be familiar with the basics. The premise, as often in bridge, is to find that 8-card pot of gold (Golden Fit) at the end of the rainbow and not bypass it during the bidding. Responder is the one who initiates New Minor Forcing and he normally has a 5-card major and at least 11 (or a good 10) high card points. He does this when opener has opened a minor and then rebid 1NT. This is how it goes:
Opener Responder
1♣ 1♥ (shows at least 4)
1NT (shows 11-14 HCP) 2♦* artificial, alertable and 1-round forcing
tells opener: I have about 11 HCP and an extra heart – if you have 3 we have a fit!
Opener now has the information. He knows the contract will be in hearts or no trump (if opener had 4 spades, he would have bid 1♠ instead of 1NT on his second round).

Let’s look at another one.
Opener Responder
1♣ 1♠
1NT 2♦* artificial, alertable and 1-round forcing
tells opener: I have about 11 HCP and an extra spade, if you have 3, we have a fit!

What is different in these two examples? In the second example, if opener has 4 hearts, he will bid 2♥ after the artificial 2♦ bid. This does not deny having 3 spades, but it is possible responder has 5 spades and 4 hearts.
Opener Responder
1♣ 1♠ (holds 5 spades, could also hold 4 hearts)
1NT 2♦* New Minor Forcing
2♥ (holds 4 hearts and possibly 3 spades)

Let’s say opener has 3 spades and 4 hearts. He ALREADY knows the partnership has an 8-card Golden Fit in spades, why is he messing around with a *possible* 8-card Golden Fit in hearts??? Dearest 199ers, I bring this up now, because in order to understand New Minor Forcing you have to understand this next concept. For me, it had to be hammered into my brain, like wedging a nail into cement. So cross your legs, light a candle, breathe in and out, say “Ommm” three times deeply and slowly. Now - open your minds...

If you have two eight card major fits, it is normally more advantageous to have the trump in the 4/4 fit, leaving the 5/3 fit as a side suit.
What??? I just couldn’t wrap my mind around this. I had an alternate guru help me today and she (yes, presidents *and* gurus can be she) was unbelievably patient. I owe you a martini, S. R.

The reason: If you are 5/3 in the side suit (assuming the opponents break 2 –3), after three rounds you have 2 good cards left for sluffing.
Bottom line: As far as Golden Fits are concerned, when you have a choice, 4/4 is 14-karat while 5/3 is merely gold-plated.

I think I’ve done enough damage for now. I will continue with opener’s responses to NMF next time.
On a lighter note, my movie recommendation for the month is THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY. The movie isn’t light, but it shows the tenacious hope of the human spirit. And no, I don’t normally watch silly comedies. I have enough of that at the bridge table.
I can be reached at KibitzWithKarraine@yahoo.com and please mention bridge in the subject line. Play well, stay well, and be kind.

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Estate Planning Corner by Jordan Chodorow



A decedent’s estate tax return must include the amount of any life insurance payable on his or her death as to which the decedent held “incidents of ownership” such as the ownership of the policy, the right to change the beneficiary, the right to borrow against its value, etc. Many spouses solve this problem by designating the surviving spouse as the beneficiary of the policy. Although the policy is includible in the decedent’s estate, because of the unlimited marital deduction for transfers to the surviving spouse, there would be no net estate tax attributable to the policy. However, on the death of the surviving spouse, the unspent policy proceeds on hand will be includible in the spouse’s taxable estate. Gifts by the spouse to others to remove the policy proceeds from the second-to-die’s estate may result in gift tax.
A better tax result can be accomplished by having an irrevocable life insurance trust (“ILIT”) own the policy. The insured will give the premium payment amount annually to the ILIT trustee (usually at little or no gift tax cost) and the trustee will pay the premiums. The ILIT will provide that all the trust income from the proceeds is payable to the surviving spouse for life, with remainder as the spouse shall appoint by (limited) power of appointment, or if preferred, to designated remainder persons. The policy proceeds under this scenario will not be included in either spouse’s taxable estate, though the non-tax economic result of the two approaches is roughly the same. Generation-skipping tax, an onerous tax regime which is ancillary to the estate and gift tax regime, may also be avoided with respect to the policy proceeds by a carefully drafted ILIT.
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Problem Solvers’ Panel

Moderator:
Marshall Miles

Our panelists are: Gerald Bare, Mark Bartusek, Mitch Dunitz, Jeff Goldsmith, Jill Meyers, David Sacks and Michael Schreiber

1
no vul
IMPs

South

1♣*

?

West

pass

North

2♣**

*16+ HCP **natural, 5+

East

pass

Playing Precision you South hold: ♠KJ1076 ♥A6 ♦K6 ♣AK54. What call do you make?

BARE: 2♠. Ignoring spades and looking directly for a club slam seems inviting, but unless partner has a singleton or void in spades, spades will be important, even for a club slam.

BARTUSEK: 2♠. A spade contract would protect my diamond king, so it seems appropriate to attempt to locate a spade fit. [*Your king of diamonds would also be protected in a club contract since you bid clubs first. MM*] I can search for a club slam after that. Admittedly there is an occasional hand where I need to get in the notrump first, but it’s likely that 5♣ will be OK at IMPs if we bypass 3NT. The problem with 2NT (raised to 3NT by partner) is that we might not have nine runners off the top after our single red stopper is knocked out, and it gives up on slam (or a spade contract if you plan on bidding 4♣ over 3NT). In fact, even 4♠ on a 5-2 fit might sometimes be safer than 3NT.

DUNITZ: 2♠. If partner raises spades, we could easily end up in spades or notrump to protect my diamond king. If partner fails to support spades, I’ll bid clubs next. [*Are you implying that you would not support clubs if partner raised spades?*]

GOLDSMITH: I don’t know. I don’t know enough about big clubs in general or your big club specifically to judge between 2♠ and 3♣. Presumably, you have artificially started with partner’s rebid (why are you playing a big club after all?) and what will happen might determine the right course.

MEYERS: 3♣. I am showing support now, and then I am going to Blackwood for clubs.

SACKS: 2♠. I want to find out how many spades partner has or at least the quality of them. If he raises spades I can keycard, then bid the appropriate level of clubs-- unless he shows everything needed plus the heart king. Then I could bid 7NT. If partner does not raise spades and rebids clubs, implying a sixth piece, I will use the appropriate key card for clubs and bid accordingly. If partner bids something other than 3♣, I will bid 4♣ and try to find the appropriate level in other ways.

SCHREIBER: I do not play Precision, so I am not in a position to answer.

I come the closest to agreeing with Jill’s brief answer. If I had a chance to make only one bid, it would be 6♣. Of course, if we are missing two aces (which is very unlikely), we should stop in 5♣. But I am not interested in playing in spades or notrump at IMPs. Even if partner has spade support (Axxx, Axx, or even Ax), I’d rather play in clubs. If I don’t bid spades, LHO may lead a spade, especially a singleton spade, sparing me the guess about the queen, and if he leads something else, I may find out how many spades he has by playing my other suits first. Of course, if partner’s support consists of the queen or three small, it probably makes little difference whether we play in spades or clubs. The disadvantage of bidding spades is that if I bid clubs later (especially after a spade raise), partner will expect me to have something like ♣Axx or ♣Ax and not think I really want to play clubs. With a good hand, partner is not likely to show a club suitk with five small or five to the jack, so there should be no club losers if he has the queen or a six card suit, and it is hard to construct a hand that will require more than a finesse (probably in spades) to make a slam, and it might be a laydown. Also, if you bid spades and partner has a singleton (♠x ♥Qxx ♦AQx ♣Jxxxxx, he may take a pessimistic view because of the apparent misfit plus a weak suit opposite a delayed raise. I like an immediate Blackwood bid (would 1♣ 2♣, 2♠ 2NT/3♦3♥, 4NT be Blackwood for spades, partner’s red suit, or clubs? Ideally 4♣ or 4♦ over 2♣ (whichever you agree on) should be Blackwood for clubs since it gives you the opportunity to invite a grand slam without forcing the bidding past 6♣ when partner lacks sufficient extra values.. I may sound smug and confident that it is wrong to bid 2♠, but when I held the hand, that is what I bid, resulting in 5♠, down one, when we were cold for 6♣.

2
both vul
MPs

West

1♦

North

1♥

East

pass

South

?

You, South, hold:
♠KJ52 ♥5 ♦Q943 ♣Q763
What call do you make?

BARE: Pass. If opener doubles and East passes for penalty, you can redouble and have a good chance of getting to the right spot.

BARTUSEK: Pass. Very close between pass and 1NT. A 1NT response should generally show 8-11; but this hand needs to be down-graded due to a stiff in partner’s suit, poor spots, and a not particularly robust holding in the opener’s suit. 1NT could easily encourage partner to rebid a six-card heart suit. Obviously 1♠ is out because it promises a 5-card suit.

DUNITZ: Pass could easily be best, but I’m going to bid 1♠. Three good things could happen. Partner could bid notrump, raise spades, or bid clubs. Bad things: Partner could bid more hearts at any level.

What if he passes 1♠ with ♠10x ♥AQJxx ♦xxx ♣KJx or ♠Qx ♥AJxxxx ♦xx ♣Kxx, thinking you have five?] Or should he rebid his heart suit?]

Maybe 1♠ is the percentage bid, but I think there is more than one way that bad things could happen.

GOLDSMITH: Pass. Without detailed agreements, our only option is 1NT, and why do we want to be asking for –200?

Yeah, it’s probably going double, pass, pass, but then I’ll happily redouble. With artificial 1NT bids available, we should be able to find our best fit, even if it’s diamonds. I might just increase the penalty, but with three other places to play, it’s’s worth a shot. In a weak field, bidding 1NT has more to be said for it, as the defense may blow a few tricks.

MEYERS: 1NT, but I don’t argue with a pass.

SACKS: 1♠, assuming reasonable opponents would not reopen with heart length. It is losing matchpont bridge to pass. 1NT is possible, but with a singleton heart, I would prefer to have a little more to bid it.

SCHREIBER: I play new suits as non-forcing at the one level. I wouldn’t quarrel with one spade, but I would probably bid one notrump.

3
no vul
MPs

North

1♣

2♣

East

pass

pass

South

1♠

?

West

pass

You, South, hold:
♠Q106532 ♥K3 ♦K654 ♣7
What call do you make?

BARE: Pass. We can make 2♣ or 3♣.. 2♠ is in danger unless partner has two spades.

BARTUSEK: Pass. Partner’s suit is assuredly better than mine and there is no need at IMPs to play in the higher scoring major.

Although game is possible, it is unlikely, and a further bid by me could get us too high.

GOLDSMITH: Pass. It’s IMPs, and 2♣ is playable. 2♠ might not be, and there’s no game.

MEYERS: 2♠. It is perfectly reasonable to pass but if partner has a max with a ruffing value and doubleton spade honor, we have a chance of game.

value to have a CHANCE for game, should we try for it?

SACKS: 2♠. Misfits slow down. If my doubleton had been clubs I would have squeezed up a one round artificial force of 2♦ (artificial the way I play it) because I could then not feel totally horrible about passing partner’s 3♣ rebid, (and some other agreements also).

David is apologizing for not bidding MORE than 2♠ while a majority of panelists think 2♠ is too much!

SCHREIBER: At IMPs I pass. Partner will have six clubs most of the time, so why correct to my ratty spade suit? Partner’s clubs figure to be better than my spades.

But if we need (a) a max, and (b) a doubleton spade honor, and (c) a ruffing

♠

♥

♦

♣

4
NS vul
MPs

East

2♥

pass

South

dbl

?

West

4♥

North

4♠

You, South, hold: ♠A954 ♥--- ♦Q43 ♣AKJ874
(a) What call do you make?
(b) What call would you make if West had bid 3♥ and partner had bid 4 ♠?

BARE: Over either sequence I bid 5♣, expecting a diamond cue bid, after which I can cue bid hearts. I usually require first round control for a cue bid above Blackwood, but there is not room here, so with good spades and king of diamonds, I expect a cue.

BARTUSEK: (a) 5♥. Partner should value good trumps and downgrade values in hearts. A vulnerable 4♠ bid, even in competition, should promise some values, but I won’t hang partner for competing. We would be very unlucky to go down at the five level. (b) 6♠. Worth a shot since partner is not going to be jumping to 4♠ in a ragged four card suit. No need to give the opponents any information with a more scientific auction.

DUNITZ: I make a slam try in either case. The choices are 5♥ and 5♣. My first inclination was to bid 5♥ as a general slam try, But Baqai swayed me to vote for 5♣. This give partner some room to cue at the 5 level and assists partner in envisioning a source of tricks.

GOLDSMITH: (a) Pass. I want partner to bid 4♠ aggressively, because I’m willing to miss slams to avoid double game swings. (b) 5♥. Just barely. Partner’s jump says he has a reasonable hand; it’s not too much to hope that he has KQxxx ♥xxxx

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♦Ax ♣xx. Unfortunately, the only slam tries you have are 5♥ and 5♠, which confirm and deny heart control respectively, so partner shouldn’t be worrying about clubs. He shouldn’t be worrying about diamonds, either, so we could reach slam off the ♦AK. At least they won’t be on lead. 4NT is key card, which does not help.

Jeff and Mitch raise an interesting question: Would 5♣ be a cue bid for spades or a suggestion to play 5♣?

MEYERS: (a) This is tough but there is no guarantee of making at the five-level, so I am going to pass. (b) I would bid Blackwood (4NT). Partner shows “extras” (jumping whereas in part (a) partner was “under pressure” and might have ♠KJxxxx and out.

No doubt, if partner shows two controls, Jill plans to gamble that one of them is the ace of diamonds, not the ace of hearts.

SACKS: 5♠, asking about trumps. If pard happens to have really good ones, on part (b) he might cue bid 6♦ on the way. On (a) they might too. Sorry I don’t play 5♣ as a cue bid on either auction. There might be an argument for blasting to 6♠ on the second auction.

SCHREIBER: (a) Pass. Partner was under pressure. You shouldn’t make moves toward slams on marginal hands when your side has had pressure put on it at a high level. First, it is difficult to find out what you want to know and second, you might go down at the five level. Be happy you have found the right game. (b) I still would pass. While partner’s lower limit has gone up with the jump, he was still under pressusre and there is just too much I can’t find out.

Problems For May

1.Both vul, IMPs

North	East	South	West
1♦	pass	?	

What call do you, South, make with:
♠AQ97 ♥10762 ♦A ♣AJ106?

2. Neither vul, MPs

West	North	East	South
1♦	dbl	pass	?

What call do you, South, make with:
♠J543 ♥K9 ♦6 ♣QJ10763?

3. North-South vul, MPs

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	1♣	?

What call do you, South, make with:
♠AJ972 ♥AKJ10 ♦4 ♣A32?

4. Neither vul, matchpoints

West	North	East	South
1♦	1NT	pass	2♦
pass	2♥	2♠	?

What call do you, South, make with:
♠76 ♥KQ8543 ♦93 ♣876?

5. Both vul, IMPs

West	North	East	South
1NT*	2♥**	2♠	?

*15-17 **hearts and a minor

What call do you, South, make with:
♠74 ♥QJ54 ♦KJ754 ♣92?

Top 20 D23 MP winners at Detroit NABC

134.92	Reese Milner	30.09	Robert Kent
70.37	Jim Looby	28.34	Cecil Cook
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36.03	Jeff Fang	22.35	Zheng Zhang
33.89	Ed Davis	22.16	Marjorie Michelin
30.09	Ellen Kent	19.58	Nell Schaefer

5

NS vul
MPs

North

- ♠ A103
- ♥ J2
- ♦ AQ976
- ♣ AQJ

East

- ♠ 952
- ♥ A
- ♦ K1084
- ♣ K9865

North

- 1♦
- 2NT
- 3NT

East

- pass
- pass
- pass

South

- 1♥*
- 3♥**
- 4♥ (end)

West

- pass
- pass
-

*North-South do not play weak jump shifts.
** pass **Nor do they play “fast arrival”
West leads the king of spades, followed by the queen. Dummy wins the second trick and plays the ace and another diamond.

You are East playing in the NAOP. Plan the defense.

Unfortunately, I messed up on this problem. It was incorrect as it was originally sent. Apparently some panelists didn't get the correction and one of them couldn't read the problem. Sometimes the computers seem to change the spacing so that the hands don't like bridge diagrams. So I am only using the answers where the panelists seems to have received and understood the correct problem.

BARTUSEK: Abstain. Marshall accidentally sent me the solution before I answered. BTW, why did partner lead the queen instead of the jack at trick 2? If you trust your partner, this must mean something. Since it can't be suit preference on this hand, I can only assume that he is giving “present count” based upon his spade holding (thus, placing declarer with either 2 or 4 spades initially).

Both you and partner know declarer doesn't have the jack of spades, or he would have won the first trick Only declarer doesn't know who has the jack, so should you tell him? I had never heard of using honors, rather than spot cards, to show present count but, perhaps, it would be a good idea. Not having discussed it, can you count on partner to show present count in that way? I'd rather trust my opponent!

GOLDSMITH: Declarer obviously has a singleton diamond and plans to ruff this trick. If declarer plays a heart to the jack, as seems likely, I'll continue spades boringly. If he takes an immediate club hook, which seems odd but possible, I't's probably right to duck. Declarer will ruff another diamond to take another club hook if he's 3-7-1-2. I can win and play a fourth diamond. Maybe parner has a trump spot. If declarer

Grand National Teams FAQs

by Howard Einberg

What is the Grand National Teams (GNT)?

The GNT is a national event that is played at the local level. The national event means the masterpoint awards are larger than normal. There will be Gold and Red Points awarded. The local level means you can win these points while playing here in Los Angeles County against local players. Winners of each flight at the local level are eligible to continue playing in the National Finals played this summer in Las Vegas.

How many flights play in the GNT?

There are four separate flights. Each flight is set up as a championship event against your peers. Your masterpoint total as of last September 1, 2007 will identify your flight eligibility.

How do I enter?

For members of District 23 just show up before game time at the Bridge Academy with a team and pay your entry fee. Conditions of contest can be found on our district website (www.acbldistrict23.org). Players may enter up to two events, one on each weekend of competition.

When and where do we play?

Open Flight	0-unlimited MPs	May 17-18
Flight A	0-5000 MPs	April 5-6
Flight B	0-2000 MPs	May 17-18
Flight C	non LM's < 500 MPs	April 5-6

Game time for the first of two sessions each day is 10:30am. Masterpoints are per player not team . All events will be played at the Bridge Academy, 6733 Variel, Canoga Park, CA 91303. (818) 999-9131.

What happens when I win?

Winners at our district level are eligible to represent our district in the National Finals played this summer in Las Vegas. Each of the four winning teams will receive a payment from our district to partially cover expenses.

How do I find out more information?

Call Howard Einberg at 310-475-9784 or Bill Wickham at 310-234-3238. You may also e-mail questions to howardeinberg@yahoo.com or wickster44@infinite sequel.com.

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form of our game and I encourage all of you to try this event. There is a partial subsidy for the winners to attend the National tournament, which includes return of all card fees generated by the local event and the net profit from our Team Sectional, which is being held in June this year.

Next month's column will be brought to you by **Jan Wickersham**, who will report on the results of our March Regional, while I am lounging on the beach in Hawaii, trying to recover from another tax season. ALOHA.

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and that's just what Bob & Ellen Kent did from our district. When Peter Benjamin bowed out of the Flight A NAP game last week, Bob and Ellen replaced that team in Detroit and placed eighth overall. It was very close race and it looked like another two tricks anywhere over the four sessions might have moved them up to fourth. A nice way to start off the week! Mike Shuman and Jeff Goldsmith were not far behind in 13th place - another nice showing.

The other NAP games were a week later and our district Flight B and C folks did not place among the top 16, but we're sure they enjoyed the competition nevertheless. Nationals are not your friendly club games anymore, and this is probably where good partnerships are needed. Yes, there are stories of first time pairs doing well, but that is the exception. The interviews with many winners show that true cooperation and even admiration for a partner's play is a big part of the road to winning. Let's all remind ourselves of the guidelines for being a good partner and get on that road! To all that traveled all the way to Detroit for these games, we congratulate your efforts.

Next year's NAP competition is in Houston. Get the cowboy hats ready!

BBO Women's Online
Bridge Festival
by Bill Schreiber

Bridge Base Online, along with the WBF, is hosting a Women's Bridge Festival April 7-13, 2008. It is to be a fun event and chance for women of all ranks from all over the world to get together, play some bridge in a social atmosphere, and enjoy themselves without prizes or pressure. All the details are at: <http://www.bboitalia.it/festival>

ALACBU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications are now being accepted for the ALACBU District 23 Scholarship. Requirements are: You must be a senior in high school with graduating plans in 2008 and reside within District 23. You may be attending college anywhere in the US, but you must be a resident of District 23 when applying for this scholarship.

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Your ACBL number (if applicable): _____ Approx Master Points: _____

Extracurricular activities: _____

Please write two paragraphs, in your own hand, about your goals, a little of your background, and your reasons for seeking this scholarship. High school transcripts may be required along with additional information (including letters of recommendation and financial statements). Finalists can expect a personal interview at a later date.

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A copy of this application with the two paragraph essay should be sent to:
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Beginning Bridge	Mon.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	\$50 for 8 classes	March 3
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Supervised Play	Thurs.	9:30 -11:30 am	\$4 per class	Ongoing
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March Special Games

Sun, March 9	1:00	Unit Game
Mon, March 10	7:00	Team Game
Tues, March 18	12:30	Membership Game
Tues, March 18	4:15	Membership Game



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Starts
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Around The Units in District 23

Antelope Valley Santa Clarita by Gin

Elegant is not a common adjective used to describe a Bridge Clubroom. However come to 858 Jackman Street, Lancaster CA and you just might agree that as clubrooms go, AV Bridge Clubroom is elegant. Many work hours went into transforming what was already a very pleasant clubroom to what it is today. Special Thanks go to Marlene and David Gasper, Dave White, George MacDonald, Ron Oest, Colin MacDougall, Doris Thompson, Mary Stauf and Brad Ward. They unpacked and assembled the chairs and tables purchased by Arbor Court’s Management. They also assembled twenty-four donated side tables. Additional thanks go to Herm and Barb Shuping for mopping the entire room in preparation for the March Unit Game. Dave White has the new computer programmed and running but he has been thanked enough. LOL

Our move to Arbor Court has united our club and brought the familiar friendly atmosphere we are accustomed to enjoy. Now is a good time to bring your partner and/or friends to enjoy the amenities of our club.

Our heart felt condolences are extended to Viviane Dinehart and her family. Viviane and her daughter Marina are recovering from injuries sustained in a tragic auto accident that claimed the life of Denis, Their beloved husband and father. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Viviane and her family.

February has many eventful results in sectionals. Donna Davidson and Howard Kaufman won a 94 table, double session Open Pairs Game in addition to placing 10th overall in the Friday Open Pairs Game at the Regional. Charles and Mary Ann Self won the 4 session Knockout Bracket 6 at same Regional. At the same tournament the team of Tracy boys, Glenn Eddy, Barbara and Tom Jones won in Flight C of a one session Swiss event. They also tied for third/fourth place in Bracket 7 of a Knockout event. Mira Rowe made Life Master at the Arroyo Grande Sectional where she and Hansford won 5.79 points. During the StaC game the big winners were Gloria Robinson and Pat Juennemann with a first place win at the Friday game. Other winners include Janet Coussens and Marlene Warren-Gasper, Harold and Carol Underwood, Anna Schmitt and Peggy Fleming, and Donna and Mark Troupe. Lots of points were won and all are congratulated on their masterful play. Detailed results are posted on the Bulletin Board at the Clubroom and somewhere is the vast tundra known as Gin’s desk in Lancaster.

Unit Game Mar 2 Overall	A	B	C
Hugh Bartlett & Roshen Hadulla	1	-	-
Marlene & Dave Gasper	2	-	-
Howard & Donna	3	-	-
Gin & Joan Adams	4	1	1
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	5-	-	-
Russ Buker & George MacDonald	6	2	2
Larry & Louise Levin	-	3	3
Rita Vannatter & Vibeke Gilbreath	-	4	4
Bob & Rosalie Cuccias	-	5	5

StaC 2/19			
Janet & Marlene	1	-	-
Carol & Harold	2	1	1
Nat Dent & Colin MacDougall	¾	2/3	-
Dave Gasper & Barb Shuping	¾	-	-

StaC 20 Feb			
Dave Gasper & Pat Juenemann	1	1	-
Ron & Sandi Oest	2	2	-

22 Feb N/S			
Gloria Robinson & Pat J.	1	1	-
Ron & Sandi	2	2	-
Bobbi Thompson & Barb Shuping	3	-	-
Betty Reed & Scarlett Dasiano	-	-	1

E/W			
Marlene & Janet	1	-	-
Brad Ward & Dave G.	2	-	-
Dave White & George Lewis	3	1	-
Mary Stauf & George MacDonald	-	2	-

24 Feb			
Henry & Mary	1	1	-

Barb & Bobbi	2	-	-
Dave & Marlene	3	-	-
Dave W. & Russ Buker	4	2	-
George L & Earlene DeHass	-	3	1
Bob & Rosalie Cuccias	-	-	2

A parting thoughtFebruary was a month of winners and winners keep their eyes on our web sight acblunit556.org

Downey – Whittier by Bernice Crelia

Is it possible that very soon we will have used up one quarter of this new year. Time goes by so fast that it’s a real shame to waste it, especially when you can be out playing bridge. Even if your cards were pretty bad the last time out and you played them terribly, don’t give up. You know it was your own fault because you lost interest and didn’t concentrate. Maybe it’s time to pick up your bridge books and brush up on the game. It could be you really came to see all your friends and enjoy one of those delicious lunches that our director Marcie Evans prepares for us, with the aid of so many wonderful helpers. Thanks to them no one ever goes home hungry.

It was a nice surprise to have Shirlie and George Faber back again, and we are glad to hear that her surgery has been canceled for now. Bob Allen is recovering from his surgery and we hope he will be back playing soon.

We want everyone to stay well and plan to attend our awards presentation next month on our unit game date, April 4.

Now lets get to our special game winners.

Last month I missed listing Charity game winners first over all: Stan Snyder and Mort Futterman; second Larry Bolls and Len Beck; third Roy Rodenberg and Dolores Phillips; fourth – fifth tie Betty Boss and Mary Kiechle with Terry Binns and Shirley Niemand.

Silver Point game North – South first Roy and Dolores; second Frank Jones and Moses Tenzer. East – West first Mary Graef and Bess Kennedy; second Renalda Rippe and Beverly Pokershing.

The Next Silver Point game North – South first Roy and Dolores; second Lucile Thompson and Gladys Dolberg. East – West first George Wang and Janet Ju; second Nancy Ramage and Betty Boss.

Birthday game overalls first: Gabrielle Sill and Larry Bolls; second Mary Graef and Bess Kennedy; third Don Van Wye and Shirley Niemand; fourth Ken Ross and Marcie Evans.

Championship game overalls: first George and Shirlie Faber; second Mary Kiechle and Frank Jones; Third Lucile Thompson and Terry Binns; fourth Mary and Bess; fifth Millie Graybill and Nancy Ramage.

March Unit game overalls: first Edward Hsi and C.C. Fang; second William Ng and Samuel Wang; third Bess and Mary; fourth Bruce Horiguchi and Jeff Strutzel; fifth Kim Wang and John Williams.

Club Championship overalls; first Larry and Len; second Mort and Stan; third Mary K. and Betty, fourth Mary G. and Bess.

The 43-1/2 table February 20th STaC Game in our district was won by our Bess Kennedy and Mary Graef, with Beverly Pokershing and Renalda Rippe third in C.

The February 22nd StaC Game third in A was our Delores Phillips and Roy Rodenberg with Janet Ju and George Wang just 33 of a point out of fourth.

Nice going everyone.

Glendale-Verdugo by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game: 1:00 PM Sat April 12
12:15 PM Buffet Lunch

Note: Mini-McKinney Award Certificates for unit members placing first in each category for the year 2007 will be given out at this game.

Having introduced the subject, we’re extending it in the listings below to include the second and third competitors as well as Ace of Club results:

Mini-McKinney	Category	Ace of Clubs
Maureen Shay	0-5	Maureen Shay

Drana P. Callery		Drana P. Callery
Peter M. Woiceshyn		Peter M. Woiceshyn
Brian A.Butler	5-20	Brian A. Butler
Steve Gupta		Dennis J. Teng
Dennis J. Teng		Temo Arjani
Elaine B. Moore	20-50	Elaine B. Moore
Kathryn W. Riedel		Kathryn W. Riedel
J. O. Sarkin		J. O. Sarkin
Eva Seri	50-100	Eva Seri
Sterrett Harper		Sterret Harper
Stephen A. Guerrero		Stephen A. Guerrero
Sharon V. Wolf	100-200	Sharon V. Wolf
Zeke Mataga		Nancy K. Lyon
Lyle Wiederman		Lyle Wiederman
Robert L. Driskell	200-300	Robert L. Driskell
Thams Annese		Thomas Annese
Ramona Rhoades		Ramona Rhoades
Carol L. Frank	300-500	Athur G. Chacantias
Michael J. Abrams		Joe Hasencamp
Arthur G. Chacantias		B.P. Petrunchich
Stephen S. Licker	500-1000	Stephen S. Licker
Richard Weinberger		Richard Weinberger
R. Gerry Belcher		R. Gerry Belcher
William W. Ng	1000-2500	Melina Stevens
Margery A. Gould		Pat A. Juenemann
Melina Stevens		John C. Villalobos
Paul N. Nason	2500-5000	Carolyn R. Cohen
Carolyn R. Cohen		Paul N. Nason
Thomas J. Lolli	5000-7500	Thomas J. Lolli
Steve P. Cohen		Steve P. Cohen
Jim V. Looby	over 10000	Jim V. Looby

Further details are available in a posting on the bulletin board at the Regency Bridge Club. As for this new year, how did the first quarter go? The news from the Las Vegas Regional is limited to the usual suspects, i.e. the brothers Mataga, Zeke of Glendale and Yosh of Stockton. They handled tougher competition, moving up from the 299ers to Open Pairs and Senior events, and managed to win Master Points each day including a bit of the gold. Margaret had some extra coping to do because of the recent loss of her one and only brother. They were especially close, and she thoroughly appreciated his advice and help over the years.

Our condolences also go to Lorraine Adams due to the loss of her very very significant other, Richard Brown, who passed away recently. We hope our game will prove a helping healer, Lorraine.

With Barbara McKissick there’s bad news and good news: First she took a tumble and suffered a broken ankle bone during a game in early March; the teeny bit of good news is that she not only played on to the end, but she and good partner Vernon Thomas won with a 71.67% game.

With Barbara sidelined, our stalwart president Merry Besvold took over and she and Pat Abbey both prepared our unit day corned beef and cabbage and boiled potatoes, while Esther Tapelband covered for an ailing me with fruit salad, and Betsy Josias furnished the rye bread and mustard to give it all special zip. Everything was delicious, and St. Patrick would have been pleased, as we trust were the following players:

North/South	
A1	Ann Banta & Ron Moeckel
A2	Melina Stevens & Carolyn Cohen
A3 B1	Susan Rhoades & Emily Moffatt
A4 B2	Sherry Strube & Pat Abbey
C1	Merry Besvold& Sharon Wolf
East/West	
A1	Stephen Licker & Bob Gish
A2 B1	Esther Tapelband & Bob Hogan
A3 B2 C1	Eva Seri & Jim Lechmer
A4 B3	Arthur Chacantias & D. LaMaie

The upcoming UG is on the 12th, so come join us.

As you can see from the above, Steve Licker is making progress with Bob Gish’s new shape-showing bidding system. If anyone is interested, Bob has arranged to give lessons from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. on five Tuesdays at the Regency for \$75 plus \$10 for his book. This includes a game-playing lesson with Bob. Call the Regency at (818) 500-8669 for further details.

Long Beach www.acblunit557.org www.longbeachbridge.com by Christine Frumen

Unit Game Awards Day – Sunday, April 13
Lunch at noon, awards at 12:30, Game at 1:00 pm

UNIT GAME: The 13th will be a lucky day for many of our players. It will be the day that they are honored for their good play for the year – whether at the club (Ace

Four Hands From Saddleback Sectional

by Mike Savage

Here are four hands from an Open Pairs at the Saddleback Sectional in February, 2008. My partner was Fran Weston and we play a simple 2/1 bidding approach We are a relatively new partnership but we still managed to do well at the tournament.

Hand #4 presents a good bidding theory IMHO that I got from Nick Martino.

1. First South zipped, then North zagged and an excellent game was reached. What a great partnership!!

North		Matchpoints					
♠ 6		Dealer: South					
♥ 5 4		Vulnerability: E/W					
♦ K J 7 5 2		The Bidding at our table:					
♣ K 10 6 3 2							
West	East		North	East	South	West	
	♠ A K Q J 10		1NT				pass
	♥ Q 7 3		2♠				pass
	♦ 10 6 4		4♣				pass
	♣ J 6		pass				all pass
South		Lead: Spade Ace					
♠ 8 5 4 2							
♥ A K J 8							
♦ A							
♣ A 9 7 5							

South had a hand that seems more suit oriented than notrump oriented with its aces and kings – not to mention having a singleton. After 1♣, rebids seem easy – bid 1♥ over 1♦ and bid strongly later if appropriate, raise 1♥ or 1♠ to at least the 3-level and bid 2♥ over a 1NT response that shows 8-10 HCP.

Nonetheless, South opened a 15-17 1NT. This presented a problem to North, as although they were playing that 2♠ was minor suit Stayman, it was usually game forcing. Not one to be greatly bothered by such details, North still chose 2♠ as the best of imperfect choices. South could only respond 3♣ as North might have a diamond sign-off the way they played. North soldiered on with 4♣ – although tempted to pass. South settled for 5♣ instead of trying for six with a 4♥ bid. North had a stiff spade but with his sparse values, might not have shown it anyway – and since clubs split 2-2, twelve tricks came rolling in.

2. South found two bids with meager values so North stretched and bid game – which very luckily made.

North		Matchpoints	
♠ K 8 6 2		Dealer: West	
♥ 3		Vulnerability: Both	
♦ A 10		The Bidding at our table:	
♣ A K J 7 4 3			
♠ 9 5 4	♠ A Q J 7 3		North
	♥ A 10		East
	♦ 9 8 4 2		South
	♣ Q 2		West
South		1♣	
♠ 10		1♠	
♥ Q 9 8 7 4 2		dbl	
♦ K 6 3		4♣	
♣ 10 9 5		pass	
		all pass	
		Lead:Heart Ace	

South didn’t want to miss a ten-card heart fit and made a negative double of 1♠ on a good 5-count and was prepared to bid 2♥ over a 2m rebid by partner. After a voluntary 3♣ rebid by partner, she thought her singleton spade, red-suit values and modest club support warranted a game try and bid 4♣. North didn’t count his spade king for much on this auction but liked the rest of his hand and so bid 5♣.

After the lead and seeing his dummy, declarer didn’t like his chances very well – although the heart suit offered some promise. However any worries quickly disappeared as East, evidently afraid of hearts, cashed the spade ace and led a diamond. North now ruffed two spades, led the A-K of cubs and claimed.

3. Was there an error made in the bidding? 12 tricks were taken in diamonds, 11 were available in hearts.

North		Matchpoints				
♠ A J 5		Dealer: East				
♥ K 8 5 4 2		Vulnerability: E/W				
♦ A J 7 5		The Bidding at our table:				
♣ A						
South			North	East	South	West
				pass	pass	pass
	♠ K 10 6 4		1♥	pass	1♠	pass
	♥ Q 9		2♦	all pass		
	♦ Q 10 8 3					
♣ 10 8 4		Lead: Club King				

It’s embarrassing to only bid to the two-level and make twelve tricks! Granted everything was just right – the diamond king inside third, hearts splitting 3-3 and only needing to guess spades for your 12th trick in diamonds and your 11th trick in hearts. Should North or South have bid more aggressively?

North perhaps should have re-evaluated his hand with a 3-card spade fit and jump-shifted to 3♦ or perhaps jumped to 3♠, even with only 3-card support, having a very good 17-HCP and a stiff club to boot.

South only had 7-HCP and good four-card diamond support. Should she really have “preferred” to 2♥ with Qx in matchpoints? If she bids 2♥, game will be reached – either four hearts or five diamonds. Maybe this is just one of those hands that getting to game just isn’t reasonable – even though it makes.

4. What should North bid over Michaels? Does your partnership have a good agreement in place?

North		Matchpoints	
♠ J 9		Dealer: East	
♥ J 5		Vulnerability: None	
♦ Q 6 3 2		The Bidding at our table:	
♣ A Q J 8 6			
South			North
			East
			South
			West
♠ K Q 3		pass	
♥ K 9 8 2		pass	
♦ K 8 5		1♣	
♣ K 10 9		2NT	
		all pass	
		Lead: Low Heart	

What partnership agreement do you have over a Michaels cue-bid for the majors? A common defense is that with a fit in openers minor or perhaps a good minor of your own and interest in playing 3NT, responder can bid the major in which he has a notrump stopper. A corollary of this method is that a double by responder shows interest in making a penalty double of at least one of the opponent’s majors and solicits opener to double the other one with a good three-card holding or any four-cards in their suit.

This partnership had not discussed their defense after a Michaels bid and North was confronted with an “impossible” problem as to what he should do with his invitational hand and a good club fit. Perhaps doubling, implying interest in doubling one of the majors would be the best choice – intending to bid clubs next over any major bid – even if his partner had doubled it. However North chose to bid 2♠, the higher of the two majors to see what would happen. South elected to bid 2NT with her 14-balanced and that ended the auction. A low heart was led and South actually made ten tricks for a decent result.

Perhaps a better defense after 1m-2m would be to use 2♥ as an invitational or better minor raise, 3m as a competitive raise, 2♠ as a forcing bid in the other minor and 3-of-the-other minor as invitational.

San Fernando Valley

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by Jimmie Swan

APRIL UNIT EVENTS

April 11-13 Unit Sectional at the Bridge Academy. We will have a stratified 299er game, three times a day on Friday and on Saturday, beginning at 9:30a.m. There will also be stratified open games as well. There will also be a knockout event beginning Friday evening, continuing all day Saturday, as well as a two-session Swiss Team event on Sunday. Card fees will be \$9.00 for ACBL members. No partner—no problem...plan ahead and email **Betty Andelson** at betla@roadrunner.com, or, call her at [818] 783-4297, and she will help you find a partner. And, if you miss Betty, either of the Tournament co-chairs will help you: **Joyce Hart** [818] 346-9633 or joyus5763@sbeglobal.net and **Greg Bozin** [818] 703-7622 or bozing@prodigy.net. See the ad in this paper for further information or go to sfvbridgeacademy.com. Note that lunches may be purchased from a local deli, provided they are ordered BEFORE the game begins. We hope you will join us!

April 13 Annual Unit/Board Meeting, between Swiss Team sessions, open to unit members.

April 18 Friday at 7:15p.m. in the Bridge Academy, a celebration will be held at the Unit’s annual Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards game. Half way through the game, we will take a break to award these “2007” winners and have dessert before resuming the game. We hope you will join us in honoring them! By the way, these winners will play for free that night, compliments of Unit 561. Congratulations to all of you!

Mini-McKenney	MPs	Ace of Clubs
Jeanne Sherwin	0-5	Jeanne Sherwin
Daphne Nussbaum	5-20	Daphne Nussbaum
Eric Heilman	20-50	Eric Heilman
Robert Moest	50-100	Bob Glasser
Tamra Boyd	100-200	Merkie Rowan
Ron Malkin	200-300	Ron Malkin
Marta Peltz	300-500	Marta Peltz
Mark Peters	500-1,000	Harvey Witt
Marty Blaine	1,000-2,500	Tom Wylie
Andy Vinock	2,500-5,000	Andy Vinock
Lynda Ullman	5,000-7,500	Lynda Ullman
Mitch Dunitz	7,500-10,000	Bill Sides
Ellen Anten	over 10,000	Ellen Anten

Unit Rank Changes **Mike Klemens**, new Junior Master; **Lee Skupen**, new Sectional Master; **Brian Reynolds**, new Silver Life Master. Congratulations!

Top 10 leaders for masterpoints earned in February at the Bridge Academy

Rank	299ers	300+
1	Allan Palansky	Ellen Anten
2	Mel Lerner	Gary Frans
3	Phil Swan	Gil Stinebaugh
4	Bill Taylor	Andy Vinock
5	Bob Glasser	Susan Somogyi
6	Moe Mansour	Leda Danzig
7	Jim Lechne	Armand Szulc
8	Joan Farrar	Sy Zemlyn
9	Eric Heilman	Joan Rubin
10	Dave Posley	Barbara Pinchuk

Good job you all!

70% games **Howard Kaufman and Donna Davidson** had a 72.56% game in the Las Vegas Regional! Way to go!

Las Vegas Regional

Howard Kaufman and Donna Davidson were hot! They were first overall in an open pairs game, based on 94 tables and they scored in the overalls three times during their short stay! Fantastic!

Sherry and Michael Newman were first in their 299er game!

Margie and Dave Sievers were first in a Swiss Team event!

Carol and Charles Jurgens were first in a Senior Pairs game!

Leaders from our Unit, in total masterpoints earned in Las Vegas, were **Ellen Anten and Steve Gross**, earning over 40 masterpoints, with **Howard Kaufman, Donna**

Davidson and Bill Ng, very close behind Ellen and Steve, and still with over 30 masterpoints, they were followed **Alex Kolesnik and Josh Sher**.

Congratulations to all of you for those great results in Las Vegas!

Player News

I’m happy to report that **Gertrude Ausubel**, who had a slight stroke recently, is coming along nicely and should be back at the bridge tables by the time you read this column. I also heard that **Fred Becker** is coming along nicely as well but it will take him a bit longer to join us again. **Ann Trygstad**’s foot is healing nicely, although last time I looked she was still in her post-surgical boot, but, it is still early March, so she is probably running around by now. **Elynor Soble**’s fall in the B.A. kitchen only resulted in a bruised, not a broken, tailbone thank goodness.

It is with great sadness that I have to report that **Jay Brown** died the first week in March. Jay directed bridge games for at least 45 or 50 years, because I discovered these mysterious white slips of paper in Phil’s jewelry box, signed by Jay and dated in the early 1960s. [In those days these slips of paper were given to players when they won masterpoints, and the players in turn mailed them to the ACBL for credit, or, they languished in jewelry boxes.] Jay was a wonderful person, a great teacher, and a great director! He gave his all to bridge and the Bridge Academy. We’ve missed his presence at the Bridge Academy since he became ill, and we shall continue to miss him. He really held the Bridge Academy together for many years, and promoted bridge, like no one else I’ve ever met. He truly deserved the annual ACBL award as the “good will ambassador of bridge” a few years ago. The unit will be naming a game in honor of Jay, in an upcoming LA Regional in 2008.

Please join us for our Unit events in April! And don’t forget to sign up to be on the Unit Board! We really need your help! That’s all for now.

Torrance South Bay

http://home.netcom.com/~asmager1/sbbchp.htm

http://www.bridgeclubs.org/index

php?id=sbbc

by Steve Mager

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Friday, April 4, 11:30
Club Championship: Wednesday, April 9, 11:30
Club Championship: Thursday, April 17, 7:00
Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sun, April 20, 1:00
NLM Club Championship:
Thursday, April 24, 10:30
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams Unit Game:
Saturday, April 26, 10:15 (2 Sessions)

Friday night games on April 4 and 18
There are now Handicapped Swiss Teams
every Tuesday night at 7:00

Club Championships

The Handicapped Board a Match unit game on February 16 was won by the quartet of Sheryl Kohlhoff, Patti Taylor, Gabriela Jackson and Fran Israel. The March 6 Club Championship was won by Jim Dutton/Bronek Felczer in both Flights A and B. The Handicapped Swiss Teams on March 11 was led by the quartet of John and Bea Brailliar, Bruce Horiguchi and Lucy Tredennick in Flight A with Jim Dutton, Bronek Felczer, Jon Szeps and Luis Gamio on top in Flights B and C.

Swiss Team Winners

The leaders in the District 23 STAC Swiss teams on February 19 were Luis Gamio, Jon Szeps, Jim Dutton and Bronek Felczer in Flights A and B with Mary Belle Hoenig, Ron Carlson, Lea McClerman and Mark Sinagra taking Flight C. The February 24 STAC Swiss game was led by Kim and Harry Wang, Hank Sheehan and Dann Habberfield in Flight A with Morris Lorber, Ron Carlson, Jean Brunner and Sara Dokter taking Flight B. The February 26 Handicapped Swiss was won by Jim Dutton, Bronek Felczer, Luis Gamio and Jon Szeps in both Flights A and B. The March 4 Swiss game resulted in a tie for Flight A honors between Mark Raggio, Charles LaFranchi, Carol McCully and Ed Barad plus the quartet of Bo Bogema, Mary Ann Coyle, John Farr and John J. McDermott. The former team also took Flight B honors.

Two Session Unit Game

There will be a Unit Game at the South Bay Bridge Club on Saturday, April 26 at 10:15 AM. This will be a 2-session stratiflighted Swiss Team game, with a sandwich lunch between the sessions. This game is our annual fundraiser for the ALACBU Scholarship Fund, so all net proceeds will be contributed to the fund. The card fee of \$20 will include play in both sessions and the lunch. Please sign up in advance at the club or by email to unit568news@yahoo.com.

Milestones

Two ladies and often time players at the South Bay Bridge Club suffered great losses in recent weeks. Winnie Ninneman’s husband Vern passed away several weeks ago. Fran Weston’s husband Eliot died in mid March after enduring major medical problems in recent years. I’m sure all TSB unit members offer their condolences to these ladies.

Having gone through a similar experience less than a year ago my best advice is to keep playing the game we love. It has helped me get through a very difficult time.

TSB overall finishers in District 23 STAC

Following are overall finishers in pair games played in Torrance South Bay unit clubs during the District 23 STAC.

	Monday Morning February 18 SBBC
2A	Jackie Hess/John Jones
3A	Maurice Suhre/John J. McDermott
5A	Carol Mason/Patricia Schenasi
4B	Mimi Sina/Dolores Nawa
5B 2C	Beebe Moorhead/Betty Williams
4C	Neil Kleiner/Jean Brunner

	Wednesday Morning, February 20, SBBC
3A 2B	Bob Bacharach/Henry Crowder
6A	Dick Cheng/C. M. Meaux
6C	Arthur Graybill/Robert Van Lone

	Wednesday Afternoon, February 20, Veterans Park
1A 1B	Lise Cote/Adelia Horton
8B	William Baxter/Margaret Enders
4C	Sam Chang/Regina Boll
6C	Tom Barna/Ron Prando

	Thursday Morning, February 21, SBBC, NLM Pairs
1A 1B 1C	Dorothy and Peter Joseph
3A 3B	Beebe Moorhead/Marianne David
4A 4B	Elaine Asch/Terry Arnush
6/7A 5/6B 1C	Greg Black/Ed Srenco
6/7A 5/6B	Kathy Rudolph/Yokuyo Sheehy
3C	Harold and Jean Brunner
4C	Suzanne Kuuskmae/Shameem Rahimtoola

	Thursday Evening, February 21, SBBC
3A	Dann Habberfield/David Peim

	Friday Morning, February 22, SBBC
1A	Gary King/Ted Gibbs
2A	Jackie Hess/John Brailliar
6A	Fran Israel/Gabriela Jackson

Friday Morning, February 22, SBBC 0-20 Pairs
Nancy Coker/Jean Juell
Shirley Axtell/Bobbe Hoskins
Greg Black/Ed Srenco
Rowena Gilbert/Martha Bragg
Marilyn Landau/Johnny Arceri

	Friday Afternoon, February 22, Inglewood Beach
16A 6B	Wilma Brickley/Valerie Takahashi
6/7C	Girts Ozolins/Nancy Conger

GUV Award

I’m not too sure who to give the GUV award on the following hand from the Las Vegas Regional. In fourth seat at matchpoints you hold ♠x ♥7xxxx ♦ATxx ♣AQx. Before any bidding took place my RHO in third seat picked out a 3♠ card and started to pull it from the bidding box before saying whoops and putting it back in the box. It was obvious to me that I was the only one at the table who saw this action. A director was called and he suggested that the bidding proceed in a normal manner before making any kind of ruling. The bidding proceeds 2♥ by LHO, 2♠ by pard, pass to you. A tough problem in any case but now you know that spades are most likely a disaster area.

Well, I flunked. I bid 2NT hoping pard would come

District 23 Bridge Club Directory

<u>Antelope Valley- Santa Clarita #556</u>		
AV Bridge Club		
661-940-8522 or 661-943-5712		
858 W Jackman St. Lancaster, 93534		
Tuesday	noon	Open
Wednesday	6:30	Open
Friday	noon	Open
Sunday	1:00	Open

Valencia Bridge Studio		
Senior Center 661-253-1105		
22900 Market St, Santa Clarita 01321		
Manager: Kathy Swaine Dir: Rand Pinsky		
Tuesday	6:45	Open/Stratified

<u>Downey-Whitier Unit #564</u>		
Downey Women’s Club 714-322-5505		
9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey 90240		
Wed	10 am	Open
Friday	10 am	Open
1st Friday	10 am	Unit Game

<u>Glendale-Verdugo Unit #553</u>		
The Glendale Regency Bridge Club		
818-500-8669		
303 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale 91202		
All games are open/stratified		
Tuesday	noon	dir: Calvin Smith
Wednesday	7:15	dir: Pat Abbey
Thursday	noon	dir: Tim Stocks
Saturday	1:00	dir: Calvin Smith
2nd Sat	1:00	Unit game, 12:15 lunch

<u>Long Beach Unit #557</u>		
Long Beach Bridge Center 562-498-8113		
4782 PCH Long Beach 90804		
Monday	9:30	Open
	12:30	Open
	7:00	NLM
Tuesday	12:30	Open & 299er
	4:15	OPEN
Wednesday	12:30	Open
	7:00	Open, 199er, & Bridge Plus
Thursday	12:30	Open & 99er
	7:00	49er
Friday	9:00	Open
	12:30	Open, NLM & 199er
	4:15	Open
Saturday	12:30	Open/Stratified
Sunday	1:000	Open

<u>Pasadena-San Gabriel Unit #559</u>		
Bridge Center		
626-445-3797 or 626-357-1590		
333 N. Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia 91006		
Director: Art Gulbrandsen		
Monday	noon	299er & 99er
	7:15	0-1500 MP & 99er
	7:30	Open
Tuesday	11:00	Open & 99er
	7:15	Open
Wed	7:15	299er
	7:30	Open
Thursday	11:00	Open
	7:15	0-1500 MP & lessons
Friday	11	Open
	7:30	Open & 299er
Saturday	10:30	99er & 299er
	1:00	Open
Sunday	1:00	Open - except 1st Sun

Elk’s Lodge of Arcadia		
27 W Huntington Dr.		
Arcadia, 91007		
Dir: Marie Nimmrich		
Monday	noon	Open
Unit Game - 1st Sunday		
lunch at noon, game at 1 pm		

<u>Pomona-Covina Unit #551</u>		
LaFetra Bridge Club - 626 335-1985		
Two Locations		
333 E Foothill Blvd, Glendora 91741		
Tuesday	8:45am	Open
Thursday	7:00pm	Open
Friday	8:45am	Open

Knights of Columbus Building		
2024 E. Route 66		
Glendora, 91740		
Wednesday	9:30	easybridge lesson
Wednesday	1	thinking bridge lesson
Wednesday	6:30	all levels lesson
2nd Sun	1:00	Unit Game
		lunch - 12:30

<u>San Fernando Valley Unit #561</u>		
San Fernando Valley Bridge Academy		
818-999-9131		
6733 Variel		
Canoga Park, 91303		
Monday	11:00	Open & NLM
	7:15	stratified
Tuesday	11:00	Open & NLM
Wednesday	11:00	Open & NLM
	3	clinic
	7:15	stratified & novice clinic
Thursday	11:00	Open & NLM
	3	conventions class
Friday	11:00	Open Stratified
Saturday	1:00	lunch & stratified

<u>Torrance-South Bay Unit #568</u>		
Beach Cities Bridge Club		
714-526-3129		
3007 Vail, Redondo Beach 90278		
Director: Thelma Donovan		
Friday	12:30	Open

Inglewood Beach Club 714-526-3129		
3007 Vail, Redondo Beach 90278		
Director: Warren Briggs		
Friday	7:00	Open

South Bay Bridge Club		
310-325-7222		
24100 Narbonne Ave. St 105,		
Lomita 90717		
Monday	11:30	Open/Stratified
	7:00	Open/Stratified
Tuesday	7:00	Open/Stratified
2nd&4th Tuesday at	7	Handicap Swiss
Wednesday	11:30	Open/Stratified
	6:30	NLM
Thursday	10:30	NLM (10:00 lecture)
	7:00	Open/Stratified
Friday	11:30	Open/Stratified
1st&3rd Friday at	7	Open/Stratified
Saturday	10:00	Novice Game
3rd or 4th Sunday at	1:00-	Swiss Teams

Veterans Park Bridge Club		
301 Esplanade, Redondo Beach 90277		
Director: W. Briggs		
Monday	6:00	Open
Wednesday	12:30	Open

<u>West Los Angeles Unit #562</u>		
Beverly Hills Bridge Center		
310-657-6933		
games at Beverly Hills Tennis Center		
325 S La Cienega Blvd., BH 90211		
FREE PARKING - all games, all the time		
Monday	12:30	Open
	7:15	Open
Tuesday	12:30	Open
	7:15	Open
Wednesday	12:30	Open & Jr/Nov Clinic
Thursday	12:30	Open
	7:15	Open
Friday	12:30	Open
Saturday	1:00	Open
	7:15	Open
Sunday	1:00	Open , D: Cyma Aronow
11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025		
Tuesday:	7:15	Open

Barrington Bridge Club 310-966-4144		
11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025		
Monday	9:30	Lesson & I/M
		with Adrienne Green
		Novice & Advanced
		Beginning With Pat Banks
	12:30	Open Stratified
Tuesday	9:30	Lesson beginners & novice Pat Banks
	12:00	* with George Siegel
		Open Stratified
Wednesday	10:00	* with Wayne Karson
	12:30	Stratified 199er
7:15	I/M 2/1	with
		Adrienne Green
Thursday	10:00	Thinking Bridge
		class - Wayne Karson
	12:30	Open/Stratified
	7:15	Novice/ Int Bridge Clinic
		With Pat Banks
Friday	10:00	Advanced Beginners/ Int.Bridge Class- w/ Pat Banks
	12:00	* with Sandy Rink
	12:30	Open/Stratified
	7:15	Open/Stratified with special bracket for 199er
Saturday	1:00	Open/Stratified
Sunday	1:00	Open/Stratified
		*supervised play

Bridge With Cyma		
Tuesday:	7:15	Open
at the Barrington Bridge Club		
11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025		
310-659-7978		
Marina City Club		
(310) 713-8647 or (323) 369-5494		
Dir: Viktor Anikovich		
4333 Admiralty Way		
3rd floor, Center Tower		
Tuesday	7:30	open w/ free lesson

The Palisades Game		
Pacific Palisades Woman’s Club		
901 Haverford (Sunset at Temescal)		
90272		
818-535-7410 (game time)		
818-883-0690 (reservations)		
Wednesday	7:15	Open (dinner at 6:30)

for directory changes,
please email

bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org

Orange County, Southern Gold Coast, Santa Ana

<u>Anaheim Unit #513</u>		
Anaheim Bridge Club 714-520-9632		
201 E. Center St., Anaheim 92805		
www.youhold.org		
Monday	11:00	w/lunch
	7:00	
Wednesday	11:00	w/lunch
	7:00	
Friday	11:00	w/lunch
	7:00	
Saturday	1:00	
2nd Sun	1:00	Team game
4th Sun	1:00	Unit Championship
w/lunch at 12:30		
all games Open Stratified		

Placentia Public Library		
411 E. Chapman (near Kraemer) 92870		
Wednesday	7:00	Open

Balboa Unit		
http://www.acbldistrict22.com/515/		
Halecrest Tennis & Swim Club		
3107 Killybrooke Ln		
Costa Mesa, 949-233-6655		
1st Sun	1:15	Unit Game, Open
Monday*	12:15	99er (lesson at 11)
Wed	12:15	Open & 299er
		(lesson at 11)
* phone # for Mon game - 949-347-1356		

Park Newport Clubhouse		
Jamboree & San Joaquin Hills Rd.		
Tuesday	12:15	Open/Stratified
	7:00	Open/Stratified
Thursday	12:15	Open/Stratified
	7:00	Open/Stratified

Huntington Beach Club 714-842-3838		
Huntington Beach Women’s Club		
420 10th St., Huntington Beach 92648		
Monday	12:15	Open/Stratified
Friday	12:15	Open/Stratified

<u>Saddleback Unit #525</u>		
Leisure World Clubhouse 7		
Moulton Ave (north of El Toro Rd)		
2nd Sun	1:00	Unit Game

Bob’s Game 949-586-9488		
Monday	12:30	Murray Center
Thursday	noon	Sea Country Center

Leisure World - games everyday		
home.fea.net/~lwdbc		
949-268-2420		

<u>Dana Harbor Unit #538</u>		
Dana Harbor Bridge Center		
www.danaharborbirdgecenter.org		
24921 Dana Harbor Dr. #B103,		
Dana Point 92629 949-248-1268		
Monday	12:30	Open/Stratified
	7 pm	Easy Bridge
Tuesday	12:30	Open/Strat & 299er
Wednesday	12:30	Open/Stratified & non-life master game
	6:30	Open Swiss Teams
Thursday	12:30	Open/Strat&299/ NLM
Friday	7:00	Open/Stratified
3rd Sun	12:30	Unit Game
4th Sun	12:30	Swiss Teams

<u>Santa Ana Unit #541</u>		
Orange County Bridge Club		
714-569-1960		
13912 Ponderosa, Santa Ana, 92705		
Monday	7:00	Open
Tuesday	6:00	beginner lesson
Wednesday	7:00	Open
Thursday	6:00	novice les-son
		7:00
NLM		
	7:15	INV game
Friday	7:30	Open
Saturday	11:00	INT/ADV
	12:30	Open (lunch at 12)

Orange County Unit Game		
LW Duplicate Bridge Club		
(Thomas Guide OC 891 D7)		
2nd Sun	1 pm	Stratified

Bob’s Games (949)586-9488		
Monday	12:30	Mission Viejo
Thursday	noon	Laguna Niguel

LWDBC Games Everyday		
home.fea.net/~lwdbc		

<u>Southern Gold Coast Unit #532</u>		
Bridge Academy II 805-495-0385		
77 Rolling Oaks Dr,		
Thousand Oaks 91361		
Monday	10:30	Open
Tuesday	10:30	Handicap
	7:00	Handicap
Thursday	10:30	Handicap
	7:00	Novice, Handicap
Friday	10:30	Handicap
Saturday	10:30	Handicap

UNITS

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down with a high heart and partner raised to 3NT. Six heart tricks later I claimed for down 2.

It turns out the winning call is 3♦. Partner has 4♦ to the king. You might still get too high however since many consider 4♦ forcing in this sequence.

So who gets the GUV award? Should it be me for my 2NT call or RHO for his pulling out the 3♠ card? Neither. It goes to my partner John Farr. Holding ♠AKxxx ♥xx ♦Kxxx ♣Kx if he made the imaginative bid of 2NT instead of 2♠ we would have come out smelling like a rose. My RHO would have been on lead against 3NT with a heart void. He also held QJ doubleton of iamonds. Nine tricks for what I’m sure would have been a top.

Perhaps you think John doesn’t deserve the award. Maybe not but this was payback for a hand I played against him the previous week in Long Beach. He was playing with some hack (I think his first name was Mark) and John was declaring a slam. He claimed making six and my pard and I bought it. About midnight that night I started thinking about the hand and discovered that John had made a bad claim and really should have been down a trick. Oh well maybe I really do deserve the GUV award or maybe I should just play games after midnight.

Na Zdrowie

West LA
by candy

WLA Spring Section is May 2 - 4 at the Kayne Eras Center. Friday night KOS and Stratified Open Pairs are at the Barrington Bridge Club. Saturday afternoon pair game is in honor of Jan Nathan last years “Player of the Year”. Saturday and Sunday there will be free coffee and homemade goodies!! Last time our goodies made even the grumpiest of partners happy. I’m in charge of the goodies and I believe there can never be too much chocolate in the world. Full schedule in our ad.

Two trophies are given out the Jill Meyers Trophy and the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy for most points won in the two sectional we hold. Last years winners were Pete Benjamin and Carolyn Taff. You can be next years winner so come and play. Winner of last years Jack Golden Award was Marcia Fisher.

Most players when they get close to a new category the points start dribbling in, when Becky Clough won a KO and got 60 points for her win. Becky leapt into the Grand Life Master Category with flare and panache.

Condolences to all the friends and family of Barbara Bratt. She’ll be remembered fondly by all her partners.

In my journey around the clubs Tony gets to be first because I lost this report last month (sorry about that). Ed Feldmann & Larry Margot had a 7!% game. Barrington Club Champs were “A” Jill Richmond & Gary King “B” Michael & Robert Abrams “C” Eleanor & Clay Levine. Cyma’s game had a Unit Champ “A” Adrienne Green & Mike Mikyska “B” Cecil & Ted Glaessner “C” Judy & Lou Zucker. Club Champs “A” Rhoda & Lew Himmell “B” Eddie Gruber & Les Rawitt “C” Babs Dizon & Al

Franken. Marina City Club STAC Robin Thayer & Howard Mooers.

Kathy Harouche came up to me at the club and asked if I knew how to get something written in the Bridge News. Always needing column material I said I could use it. So she gave me a story that I can’t put any better than she did. So here’s the story in her words and thank you for letting me print this for you.

I found my angel...
Yes, can you believe even at bridge?!?
As I was declarer of a 6NT contract and preparing my game plan, I discovered I had lost a diamond earring. So the whole challenge to make this contract went down, down the tubes.
I ended up walking around endlessly, looking down and searching. I called home for them to search the car and office trying to backtrack my last eight hours,
No such luck!!
The next day, undeterred, I approached this woman who always seemed to be helping and running boards around and with a smile. So I mentioned to her my loss of this earring. I went out to lunch, still looking down and hoping against hope of finding my earring. When I returned for the next session, I spotted this angel waving at me. So we met up and she whips out a cigarette pack. I was confused and thought to myself, “I don’t smoke”. But then lo and behold, I saw the sparkle of my diamond wrapped in her tissue. She smiled with the greatest of pleasure saying, “Is this what you’re looking for?”
So yes, even at bridge there are angels.
Thank you very much Joni Mumma caddy of Riverside, California.
Gratefully, Kathy Harouche
In the quit while your ahead, I’ll sign off til next month.

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Culver City, CA 90230

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SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

11:00 am

Flight ‘A’/AX (approx. 35% of field) 0 - unlimited
Flight ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ 0 - 2,000MP

KNOCKOUT TEAMS - 2nd Session

4:00 pm

KNOCKOUT TEAMS - Finals

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SUNDAY, May 4th

11:00 am and TBA

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

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