

Changes Possible For ACBL Headquarters And The NAC

by Rand Pinsky
District Director



It is Saturday night, July 12, Kathy and I leave for the Las Vegas Board Meetings in the morning, and I realized that I have not written my monthly column. The score at home is four suitcases for Kathy sitting by the front door and not yet packed for Rand. It is going to be a long night.

As I expressed last month, I will report on some of the more important motions to come before the Board of Directors in Las Vegas. The first item is the possible relocation of the ACBL Headquarters. We have been located in Memphis, Tennessee for a long time and we recently sold our building. It was not in a good part of town and management received a good price for the building. The Real Estate Committee has made a proposal for consideration of staying in Memphis and finding a new location or relocate to either Dallas or Atlanta. I have read all of the material presented to the Board and I am inclined at this time

to vote to remain in Memphis with the intent to find a new building to purchase in a better part of town. This is an attractive offer as property values are down at this time and ACBL has a lot of cash on hand to make it work. If staying in Memphis is not feasible, then I am inclined to vote to relocate to the Dallas area.

A second item on our agenda is that of eliminating the National Appeals Committee. The NAC consists of a group of expert players who volunteer to hear appeals arising from a National Event. Our prior director, Alan LeBendig was against eliminating this committee and I have spoken to many of our District 23 members who participate on the national level. I have received input from Jeff Goldstein and Bill Wickham as well as others, and I will be voting to keep the NAC.

Regarding committees, when the board is not meeting in full, I will be attending the following committees: Conditions of Contest, CEO Review, Governance, Audit, and Life Master Requirements. I will also be one of four board members presenting a new set of bylaws for the Educational Foundation.

That is all for now. I hope to have many good success stories to report from Las Vegas. And do not forget you can always reach me at pinsky4bridge@earthlinnk.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July Regional Turns Profit, Attendance Is Up At Palms

by Bill Schreiber
ALACBU President



Our July Regional has been completed and it appears that it was profitable for the first time since

we moved to the Pacific Palms Resort.

Attendance was up, although room count for those staying at the location did not reach the required minimum. For those of you who were not at the facility on the evening of July 4, you missed the most spectacular fireworks display that I have ever seen.

From atop the hill on which the resort sits, one could see maybe 30-40 different sets of fireworks (3 were obviously professional) for approximately 2 hours.

We had a long Board of Directors' meeting on Saturday night, July 5.

We discussed the Regional tournament, which had previously been losing money and the Southern California Bridge News, which continues to lose money.

If the trend continues, the Association of Los Angeles County Bridge Units (ALACBU) will no longer be able to operate as it has in the past. We have to make cuts. In the past, our Regional Tournaments have provided the funds to publish our monthly newspaper. That is no longer the case.

I am asking you, our readers, for your input.

Some of the suggestions include publishing the paper every other month, sending it by email to those who provide e-mail addresses, charging the units additional money (units currently are charged \$2 per member) for their respective members, and increasing advertising rates.

Please send your suggestions, by email to bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org or by regular mail to Managing Editor, SCBN, 16430 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 108, Encino, CA 91436.

We are at a crossroads regarding the publication of the Bridge News and need our readers to provide their views.

Announcements

MS Charity Tournament Approaches

On Sunday, August 17 at 12:30 p.m., the Barrington Bridge Club will be putting on its 7th Annual MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Charity Tournament. Join Eddie Kantar for bridge tips & play, double masterpoints, and prizes.

The entry fee of \$50 includes card fees, lunch and dessert. Reserve now by calling Fern Seizer at (310) 277-7050. Checks should be made payable to National Multiple Sclerosis Society and can be mailed to Fern Seizer, 257 S. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

A contribution letter for tax deductibility purposes will be available at the door on the date of the event.

NAOP Club Qualifying Games Hot Action

by Mike Marcucci
District 23 NAOP Coordinator

Folks are gearing up for Houston in District 23. Our Qualifying games for the NAOP have started around Los Angeles. By our count, there were six games in June at various clubs and ten more were scheduled for July at six different locations. There are at least 16 more games on our schedule for August if you want to play with a different partner or just like the competition so much that multiple quals light your fire.

We're all gearing up for the Houston NABC in March 09, so please choose your favorite club and make sure you are going to join everyone at the Semi-Final games in October/November. We haven't scheduled those yet, but things will be similar to years past, with our sites spread around the District. The latest news and latest schedule are always on the D23 web site and just a click away in cyberspace. Remember to make sure you get a qualifying slip from the club director to verify

your entry into the semis later.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and gets a chance to visit the Las Vegas NABC and track that Spingold action. For any questions about the NAOP this year, you can ring me at 818-903-2471 most of the time. More later..... See you at the tables,

West LA Fall Sectional

by Mario Mory

This year's Fall Sectional will take place on the long weekend of August 29-September 1, 2008. As on previous occasions, the first session will be held at the Barrington Bridge Club, 11502 Santa Monica Blvd. (Tel. 310 966-4144) on Friday, August 29 at 7:30 pm. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday the action moves over to the Kayne Reas Center located at 5350 Machado Road in Culver City. Machado Road runs between Sepulveda and Jefferson Boulevards, just north of where these two main arteries intersect.

Two trophies are at stake. The West Los Angeles Unit player winning the most master points combined at the two 2008 WLA Sectionals, and the 299er player winning the most master points combined will have their names engraved on the Jill Meyers Trophy and the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy respectively. The 2007 winners were Peter Benjamin and Carolyn Taff.

Since the West Los Angeles Sectional moved to the Kayne Reas Center attendance has constantly risen and the comments received have been very favorable. There is ample parking at this facility, but in the event of an unusually large turnout, the parking lot of the neighboring shopping center will take care of the overflow. Many convenient restaurants are located at this shopping center.

The first session which takes place on Friday, August 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barrington Bridge Club, will feature a Stratified Open Pairs event and

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District 23 Rank Changes 6/1/08-6/30/08

Junior Master (5 points)
Patricia Berg
Richard Dickens
Lynne Finley
Carolyn Fulks
Yvonne Godfrey
Mimi Kaufman, Jane Reid
Melanie Smith, Gary Trenda

Club Master (20 MPs)
Gregory Black
John Chavanne
Midori Dekiba
James Fisher
Moheb Mansour
Retha Ott
Peggi Spring
Susan Tucker
Peter Woodruff

Sectional Master (50 MPs)
Brian Butler
Barbara Chavanne
Sara Dokter
Peggy Fleming
Lionel Furst
Linda Mitchell
Elaine Moore
David Solin, Lorna Wallace

Regional Master (100 MPs)
Nancy Collinge, Julie Leib

NABC Master (200 MPs)
Charles Self
Mary Anne Self

Life Master (300 MPs)
Angelika Hederer
Dennis Liss

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)
Fern Dunbar
Hank Dunbar
Mary Belle Hoenig
Sumi Tofukuji

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)
Mark Peters

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)
Shulamit Katz

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Pursue your writing career, Karraine [Kibitz With Karraine: DEFENSE, July 2008].

Loved including the Lakers meltdown.

Dixie Bliss
Saddleback Unit

Dear Editor:

Karraine, your article “DEFENSE” in the July issue of The Southern California Bridge News about good times to lead trump, arrived at a most opportune time!

I have been teaching bridge to our seniors here in Seal Beach and adjacent areas every Wednesday since the beginning of May. This past Wednesday I was teaching “Defense” and utilized your article.

My students are seniors who used to play bridge and want to get back into the game and still have some “old ideas” that I am hoping to get them to get rid of one. One of them is “when in doubt, lead trump.” Your article was great!!

Thanks again.

Gene Yaffee
grandma.gene@verizon.net
Seal Beach

July, 2008 Bridge Week Table Count Up

by Jan Wickersham

As tournament manager for the July Regional, I want to say a BIG thank you to all of you who attended and supported our event. Our table count was up. We were up 60 tables over the March tournament, and I am hoping for a HUGE turnout for October. On Saturday, October 18, we will be offering the First Annual Eddie Kantar Classic Open Pairs. Festivities begin at 9:00 on Saturday morning with coffee and Danish for the participants. We will play a double session Open Pairs game, which will be stratified. A private dinner will follow, and the first overall winners of A, B, and C will have the privilege of being seated at Eddie’s table. Eddie promises to entertain us. The event is semi-formal and the cost is \$135.00 per pair. (No refunds) It is limited to 52 pairs, so I suggest you register early if you would like to participate. Checks should be made out to ALACBU and mailed to Jan Wickersham, 410 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #E, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Results from the July Regional follow. Pictures can be found on page 5. More results will be published in next month’s paper.

CHARITY PAIRS 10.0 Tables			
A	B	C	
1			Bob Bratcher, Vista ; Derald Keetch, Glenwood NM 68.52%
2			Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Dixie Hsu, San Luis Obispo 62.36%
3			Craig Huston, Portland OR; Christopher Young, San Diego 56.13%
4	1		Joan Mesias, Temple City ; Barbara Swan, Roseville 55.35%
5	2		Pam Himes - Jerry Himes, Merritt Island FL 53.85%
6	3		David Ruoff - Susan Ruoff, Corona 53.44%
	4		Jim Culbertson, Hacienda Hgts ; Donald Ward, Walnut 52.57%
	5	1	Thomas Stephenson, Arcadia ; Ann Croupe, Murrieta 52.00%
		2	Helen Galnick, Carlsbad ; Dean Wolfson, Chicago IL 51.71%
		3	Mary Jo Isaacs, Simi Valley ; Phylli Zerg, Westlake Vlg 50.20%

KICKOFF KO TEAMS-BKT 14 Tables			
1	Gene Simpson, San Rafael ; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks ; Greg		

	House, S San Fran ; Peter Benjamin, Culver City ; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park		
2	Ellen Anten, Encino ; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg ; Roger Clough - Rebecca Clough, Culver City		

KICKOFF KO TEAMS-BKT 2 4 Tables			
1	Fran Sherwood - Arthur Sherwood - Steven Little - Joan Little, LA		
2	Thomas Jones - Barbara Jones, Canyon Cntry ; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks ; Glenn Eddy, Whittier		

TUE-WED EVE SWISS 12 Tables			
A	B	C	
1			Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks ; Greg House, S San Fran ; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park ; Peter Benjamin, Culver City 86.00
2			Ellen Anten, Encino ; Steve Gross Westlake Vlg ; Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills ; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel ; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta 75.00
3			Josh Sher, Woodland Hls ; Roberto Scaramuzzi, San Diego ; Alexander Kolesnik, Calabasas ; Sharon Beynon, Morro Bay 72.00
4	1		Weidong Pei, Brea ; Milton Kalikman, Azusa ; William Ng, Chatsworth ; B Horiguchi, Gardena 68.00
	2		James Lynch, Newbury Park ; Ann Dupont, Calabasas ; Ron Westwood, Camarillo ; Teryl Burke, Thousand Oaks 60.00
		1	Elianna Ruppin - Vicki Ebin - Carolyn Taff, LA ; Carol Frank, Burbank 58.00

FIRECRACKER OPEN PAIRS 26.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables			
A	B	C	
1			Bob Bratcher, Vista ; Derald Keetch, Glenwood NM 64.70%
2			V Jay Tipton - Linda Tipton, Irvine 63.40%
3			Joseph Kivel, Newport Coast; Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa 62%
4			Suzette Wynn - Steve Scott, Phoenix AZ 59.79%
5	1		Masako Omaru, Newport Beach ; Masae Kato, Pls Vrds Ests 57.78%

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the first round of the Bracketed Knockout Teams. The first session on Saturday, August 30 will start at 11:00 a.m. and includes the second round of the Bracketed Knockout Teams and the Stratiflighted Open Pairs event.

The second session on Saturday starts at 4:00 p.m. and features the third and final round of the Bracketed Knockout Teams as well as a Stratified Open Pairs event. On Sunday, August 31, there will be a Stratiflighted Open Pairs event at 11:00 a.m. and a Stratified Open Pairs competition at 4:00 p.m. Finally, on Monday, September 1, the Stratiflighted Swiss Teams event will start at 11:00 am with a lunch break and a second session time to be announced.

The masterpoint limits for all stratified and stratiflighted events are as follows: Flight A/X 0-unlimited; Flights B, C, D 750-2000, 300-750 and 0-300. Card fees are \$10.00 per session, but students under 19 years of age play free. Non-members and Life Masters who have not paid service fees pay \$11.00.

The Tournament Manager is Peter Benjamin and he may be contacted via email at ahoneydo@aol.com, by phone at (310) 558-0888 or cell phone (310) 720-6050. The Tournament Director will be Peter Knee. Free coffee and homemade snacks will be offered on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita 2008 Sectional Tournament
AV Bridge Club Lancaster, CA
September 19-21

Friday September 19	Saturday September 20	Sunday September 21
Open Pairs 1 pm Knockout 7 pm (1st of 3)	Open Pairs 1 pm and 7 pm KO Second Round 1 pm KO Last Round 7 pm	Double Session Swiss Teams 11 am and TBA Play Through Lunch \$7

Hotel Information: Doris 661-943-9940
Partnerships: Marlene 661-943-5712 or mgalo71295@aol.com

All sessions stratified A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500
Entry fees \$9 per person, per session
\$10 Non ACBL members and unpaid life masters

Directions: Northbound: Freeway 14 exit Avenue I, right to 10th Street West (4th light), right to Jackman, left on Jackman (1st light), right into first driveway. Southbound: Freeway 14, exit Avenue I, left to 10th Street West (5th light), right to Jackman, left on Jackman (1st light), right into first driveway.

Director: Peter Knee Host Unit: 556	Smoking Breaks Co-chairs: Gin Dudley and Sandi Oest	Zero Tolerance Observed ACBL Sanction S0809032
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Estate Planning Corner by Jordan Chodorow



The current maximum federal tax rate on taxable gifts (i.e., non-spousal gifts in excess of annual exclusions and lifetime exemption amounts) made in 2008 is 45%. Bona fide loans bearing an appropriate annual interest rate are not gifts and thus are free of gift tax. Of course, the lower the interest rate, the more benefit is passed free of gift tax from the lender to the borrower. Before Congress intervened to require an interest rate, the courts had held that foregoing interest on a loan was not a gift. Current tax law requires an interest rate which is reset monthly at differing rates for short-term, medium-term, and long-term (9 years or more) loans. The loan may be unsecured.

Transfer tax planning opportunities arise in the family loan context loan because (1) the mandated interest rates are usually below market (e.g., the rate for a loan with a maturity greater than 9 years made in May 2008 was 4.21%), which allows earnings in excess of the low rate on the loan to increase the borrower’s net worth, not the lender’s; and (2) if the lender dies before the loan is repaid, the unpaid balance is valued for the lender’s estate tax calculation at the amount a willing, unrelated, arm’s length buyer would pay in cash for the note. To illustrate, what would you pay for a \$1,000,000 unsecured loan with a 25 year remaining term bearing 4.21% interest, payable interest only until maturity, even if you believed the debtor was currently creditworthy? A bequest by the lender of the unpaid note to the borrower extinguishes the loan without adverse income tax consequences.

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Problem Solvers’ Panel

Moderator:
Marshall Miles

Panelists: Leo Bell, David Chechelashvili, Vic Chernoff, Ed Davis, Ross Grabel, Paul Ivaska, John Jones, Tim Lolli, and John Swanson

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no vul

IMPs

West	North	East	South
1♥	pass	4♥	?

You, South, hold: ♠AJ6543 ♥10 ♦Q92 ♣KQ9 What call do you make?

BELL: Pass. As tempted as I am to bid 4♠, there just isn’t enough “meat” or favorable vulnerability to risk it. Also, partner will have a chance to take some action, assuming I pass in tempo.

I don’t disagree with Leo’s call, but I think the chance that partner will take some action if I pass (after his not having done so over 1♥) is extremely remote, especially when I have such a good hand.

CHECHELASHVILLI: 4♠— automatic.

CHERNOFF: 4♠, in tempo. What’s the problem?

DAVIS: Pass if I’m trying to dump the match to the opponents. Otherwise, 4♠.

GRABEL: 4♠. We could be cold for a slam or going for 800 but I can’t imagine passing.

IVASKA: Pass. I admit that my first reaction was to bid 4♠, and many redblooded bridge players would do so. However, one must remember that partner has declined, politely or otherwise, to act over 1♥. If he is indeed short of hearts, this means that he is short in spades also (in view of his failure to double) or has a bad hand, or both.

Not only that, but I do have considerable defense, so that, if I do go for a number, it may well be a phantom sacrifice. This reminds me of something that the late Don Pearson, inventor of the sometimes abused Pearson points, used to say, “I don’t mind the occasional number, or the occasional phantom sacrifice, but when I take a phantom that goes for more then the value of game, that’s when I know that my judgment is off.” A 4♠ flyer here will tempt such a fate, especially as my suit doesn’t have much

JONES: 4♠. 4♠ should be almost automatic. The odds that one side or the other makes game is high. Even in situations where it is close whether to bid or not, bidding is best because the opponents don’t necessarily get further decisions correct (they might bid 5♥ when it is wrong or double 4♠ when it is making). 4♠ is easier at IMPs than it is at matchpoints because there is a possibility of a double game swing, but I would bid 4♠ at matchpoints also.

LOLLI: 4♠. So sue me. I know it’s an overbid with the miserable spots, but I can’t afford to be shut out of the pot. I understand a wimpy pass, but I don’t like it.

SWANSON: 4♠. No guarantees come with 4♠, of course, but I would score both pass and double as zero.

West had ♠Q♥AJxxx ♦10xxx ♣A10x; North had ♠109xxx♥KQJ♦Kx ♣Jxx, and East had ♠K♥xxxx ♦AJxx ♣Kxxx, so 4♠ would make (losing only to the three aces), and 4♥ was down three. If partner had one fewer spade you would have no play for 4♠, and the opponents are probably still down three; exchange the North and East hands and you would probably be down three, doubled, in 4♠, and East would have as good (or bad) a hand for his 4♥ bid. Also you would lose a few IMPs if West had an opening bid (like with the king of diamonds instead of the 10). Your bad spade spots increase the danger of being doubled in 4♠ (Give West ♠Q10x or ♠Q98x, not to mention ♠KQx). I really believe that bidding 4♠ is against the odds on a double dummy basis, even considering that you might gain a lot of IMPs if you were right, but admit that (as John Jones mentioned) the possibility of driving the opponents to the five level or escaping undoubled may be enough to change the odds.

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NS vul

IMPs

What call would you, South, make as dealer with ♠AQ1082 ♥93 ♦87 ♣KJ93?

BELL: 1♠. In the Kaplan-Rubens hand evaluation, this hand equates to almost 13 HCP. Concentrated values with good spot cards make the hand worth an opener.

CHECHELASHVILI: 1♠. Also automatic. This hand is much better than some of the 13-15 HCP hands people are opening, and let opponents start bidding at the 2 level.

CHERNOFF: Pass. 1♠ is a not-so-distant second. 2♠ only if you need a swing. Trouble with opening 1♠ is staying out of game when partner has a non-fitting opener. Only Meckwell can get away with such bids. Automatic 1♠ opener in 3rd seat.

DAVID: Pass. It wouldn’t take much to get me to open (e.g., switch the hearts and clubs).

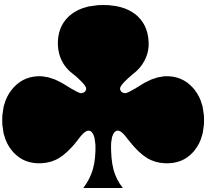
GRABEL: Pass. Call me a dinosaur but unlike the last hand, I can’t imagine opening, especially when I hold the master suit.

IVASKA: Pass. I admit to a sneaking admiration for 1♠, but, in the absence of a partnership agreement that such an opening is permissible, there is too much danger of getting too high on our hand. Since I have the ranking suit, I may still have the opportunity to overcall later. Opening would be more attractive if my red suits were 3-1 and not 2-2. I guess I’m just getting conservative in my old age.

JONES: 1♠. Normally with 5-2-2-4 shape the high card minimum is 11, and this hand only had 10 HCP. However, all 10 of the HCP are in the suits, the spot cards are strong, and I would like to suggest a spade lead. Further, vulnerable at IMPs with the spade suit is the absolute best time to open light. Pard is unlikely to make a close double of a part score, we want to bid games aggressively when VUL, and 1♠ has some pre-emptive value.

LOLLI: I wouldn’t consider opening this hand vul, in 1st, 2nd, or 4th seat. If I were 3-1 in the junk suits I wouldn’t open, but at least I could understand it. I can usually bid something later, or partner will protect.

SWANSON: Pass. 1♠ is OK by me, but partner expects more in high cards. These sub-minimum distributional openings frequently succeed when partner has a fitting hand, but when he doesn’t or, because of high level competitive bidding, disaster strikes. If you want to open these hands, then use a forcing club system.



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no vul

IMPs

West	East
♠Q92	♠J74
♥Q1093	♥A
♦Q10	♦7643
♣AQ98	♣K10843

West	North	East	South
1NT*	2♣**	dbl	2♥
dbl	pass	pass	pass

* 12-14 HCP ** majors

North-South made eight tricks, and the Deep Finesse analysis says they could make nine tricks. East-West can take nine tricks in clubs. Apportion the fault.

BELL: East 95%, West 5%. Whether the double was defense against one or both majors (one might wonder where that is) or card-showing, East just can’t pass 2♥X opposite a 12-14 notrump. I’d be reluctant to pass in this sequence opposite a 15-17 notrump. West might not double 2♥ since there are too many queens to be a good defensive hand, despite the good heart holding. East has a clear 3♣ bid. (In fact, I would bid 2NT as a “relay” to 3♣ initially).

CHECHELASHVILI: East 100%. Knowing that the opponents have an 8 card fit, I don’t understand passing 2♥ doubled, even at matchpoints. Did East have two of his clubs in with his hearts?

CHERNOFF: East 100%. Partly depends on the meaning of the first double. Anyway, East should pull to 3♣ with a singleton heart.

DAVIS: East 100%. East’s double is the start of a strong sequence or it suggests penalizing the opponents in one or both majors. East’s hand is neither strong nor is it interested in defending 2♥ (doubled or undoubled). East’s hand is worth competing to the three-level in the minors or in clubs via whatever methods East-West play (e.g., pass followed by 2NT or 3♣).

GRABEL: East 100%. I don’t care for any of East’s bids. The double invited West to double and did not show clubs.

IVASKA: East 100%, from a purely technical point of view. (I suppose that we should charge West the usual 5% or so for a poor choice of partner). Obviously, East intended his double to mean that he would have bid a free 2♣ had he the chance, but the commonly accepted meaning is that he can double at least one of the majors and is soliciting partner’s assistance. Even if East thought there had been no misunderstanding, it should be clear that defeating 2♥ doubled would have been a near thing, as they say across the pond. Discretion should have dictated a hasty retreat into 3♣ or even 2NT. After all, the opponents have eight trumps and at least 18 HCP. I doubt that EW were able to take much solace from the failure of declarer to make Deep Finesse’s double dummy overtrick.

JONES: East 100%, although I suspect a misunderstanding occurred. East was probably under the impression that the double of 2♣ showed clubs. This is not standard, and doesn’t seem best to me. The standard meaning of the double is “I have good defense against at least one of the majors; please help me double them with reasonable defensive holdings.” Given that interpretation, West had an automatic double of 2♥. His or her side has about half the high card points and probably exactly five trumps, leaving the opponents with half the deck and exactly eight

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the general rule that a double of an artificial bid shows the suit might apply. When playing a strong notrump, responder’s share of the high cards is 8 (40-16 divided by 3), for a total of 23-25 points, and a successful penalty double is fairly likely. Opposite a weak notrump (12-14), responder’s share is 9, for a total of 21-23, making a suc-

cessful penalty double for a two trick set at imps much less likely. A double, showing clubs, may enable the partnership to compete to the 3 level with a fit , and based on frequency, I think that is the more useful treatment. However, that is no excuse for passing the double of 2♥-for two reasons. It is a violation of the Law of Total Tricks, and there is a strong likelihood that partner has not interpreted the double of 2♣ as the doubler intended.

4EW vulIMPs

West

♠Q98752

♥---

♦KQ84

♣AJ5

East

♠3

♥Q3

♦107653

♣K10843

South

1♥

pass

North-South made two overtricks.

East-West would be down one in five diamonds. Apportion the blame.

West

1♠

dbl

North

4♥

(all pass)

East

pass

BELL: Since I was West, I suppose I could blame myself for an aggressive double. 5♦ actually makes, Marshall, if declarer simply finesses the opening bidder for the ♣Q. If East were on lead, then pass might work with a spade lead, but since that’s not the case, I think East should bid 4NT over the double.

CHECHELASHVILI: West 100%. I would agree with West’s bidding at white vs red, but not at these colors. When partner did not make a responsive double, our own game should be out of the question, and since when did sacrificing at these colors become attractive?

CHERNOFF: West 20% for doubling. East 80% (at least) for not pulling to 4NT. Surely West does not have a heart stack given East’s heart holding.

DAVIS: 70% West. West should have known (a) 4♥ had a reasonable chance of making, (b) East would expect West to hold better defense; (c) East would be likely to pass the double if short in spades and (d) game for East-West was not likely, given West’s cards. Thus West was making a very risky double. For East’s part, defeating 4♥ probably seemed more likely than making 5♣ or 5♦. However, making 5♣ or 5♦ would be a much bigger score than defeating 4♥ by one or two tricks, so bidding 4NT for takeout was not unreasonable in my opinion.

GRABEL: West 90%, East 10%. West does not have enough defense for this action. Although double is for take-out, West should have a better hand and East should expect to beat it. Partner is not looking for a red against white sacrifice and I’m sure East was expecting some spade tricks in defense. The 10% for East is because 4NT was a consideration.

IVASKA: West 65%. I charge West with the lion’s share of the blame, since his double, which strikes me as unsound, was the original sin. He has insufficient defense should partner have no way to go. However, East’s pass wasn’t well judged either. His side has a double fit in the minors, and he should have bid 4NT to identify the better trump suit. I fear the the Esteemed Moderator (EM) may have overstated the magnitude of the disaster, though, as one of the op-ponents may well have persevered to 5♥ with his six trumps. So the true loss is probably more like 7 imps (790-480). Whatever it was, it was indeed richly deserved.

JONES: East 85%, West 15%. I recognize the problem. This problem, like most of the problems from this set, came from the mini Cavendish invitational in Las Vegas earlier this year. I was East and passed at the table. I now believe that my pass is wrong and that 4NT is right. If we are beating 4♥, we are likely making five of a minor. West was a little lighter than I expected, but he was right on the actual hand. 5♦ barely fails against best defense (might make against poor defense) while we had little chance to beat 4♥. The second overtrick was a little unlucky.

It is unusual when both partners think they were mostly at fault (John and Leo).

LOLLI: West 100%. West is having a bad day. I know he considered 4NT, but chose double instead because he could play 4♣ with a few spades in East’s hand, but either action is foolhardy in imps.

SWANSON: One should not double for takeout if he doesn’t want to defend regardless of the possible hands partner could hold. I think West is foolish to double and despite his excellent playing hand anything, other than pass, on average, is going to work out poorly. East might have pulled but he isn’t expecting to make a minor suit game and he is short in partner’s supposed suit. West 95%

5EW vulIMPs

West

♠96

♥K86

♦AK7

♣J10763

East

♠AKQJ104

♥Q102

♦103

♣95

West

pass

pass

Apportion the blame for not getting to 3NT

North

pass

pass

East

2♠

South

pass

BELL: I vehemently disagree with the 2♠ opener in 3rd seat, but will 3NT be reached if East opens 1♠? If the pair plays that 2NT shows a balanced invitation by a passed hand, then I suppose they would, but for most pairs playing Drury that is some sort of invitational hand with a good club suit. So I would assess all the blame to East for opening 2♠, but I’m not convinced 3NT would be reached.

I realize that Leo is just reporting a fact: that many player play 2NT as artificial (some showing both minors), but if Drury shows a spade fit, I can’t see why anyone would give up a natural 2NT response. Why not play 2NT is natural and 3♣ shows a good (passed) hand with a long club suit?

CHECHELASHVILI: I don’t quite agree with the 3rd hand 2♠ bid (although with ♥Q10x it is a questionable choice), but if East makes such a decision he should also accept responsibility for a possible loss of a vulnerable game. From West’s perspective, East could have 98 of spades instead of AK. The only way to reach the game is

he has a six card suit, while perhaps no one else does, and he hopes to buy the bid. Some players say it shows an intermediate hand (stronger than a minimum 1♠ bid), but I don’t see why. I think a weak two bid opposite a passed hand should show no interest in game, just a desire to play at the two level. And a one bid followed by a rebid of the same suit should be more encouraging. The weaker the hand (defensively) the more reason there is for a preempt.

GRABEL: East 100%, West 0%. This was not a 4th seat 2♠ bid which would show intermediate values. It’s absurd to think that West should be bidding over a 3rd seat 2♠ bid.

Apparently Ed and Ross share the same theory about 4th seat weak two bids. Although not relevant to the problem posed, I wish they had stated their reasons since I am curious. Incidentally, I suspect that the 2♠ bid was made in 4th position, not 3rd, which may have changed some answers, but I don’t think it should.

IVASKA: West 20%. I feel that West’s hand is worth opening. [better than the hand in problem 2? MM] After all, he has 2 1/2 defensive tricks and reasonable playing strength. The only drawback is that 1♣ is not a good lead director. After that, it would be inevitable to get to game via 1♦-1♠-1NT-2♦-2NT 3♠-3NT or 4♠, which is also

Problems For September

1.no vul, IMPs

North

1♠

2♥

East

pass

pass

South

2♦

?

West

pass

What call do you, South, make with

♠-- ♥Q542 ♦AKJ75 ♣AK104?

2. no vul, MPs

West

1♦

North

pass

East

pass

South

?

What call do you, South, make with

♠AKQJ64 ♥75 ♦QJ6 ♣98?

3. NS vul, MPs

North

1♦

1♠

2NT

East

pass

pass

pass

South

1♥

2♣

?

West

pass

pass

What call do you, South, make with

♠A986 ♥AQJ1072 ♦A ♣J4?

4. NS vul

West

1♥

North

pass

East

pass

South

?

What call do you, South, make with

♠AK ♥K54 ♦AKQ8 ♣KQJ6

(a) at matchpoints? (b) at IMPs?

5. EW vul, IMPs

South

1♥

2♥

3♠

West

pass

pass

pass

North

1NT

3♥

4♥

East

pass

pass

(all pass)

North

♠K4

♥98

♦AQJ84

♣9763

West

♠108752

♥Q6

♦753

♣KJ4

You lead the ♠2 (3rd from even, lowest from odd) and partner takes the king with the ace and returns the ♠Q, declarer playing small. Partner then shifts to the ♣8. Declarer plays the ♣2 and you win with the jack. What do you play next?

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Pictures From The July 2008 Los Angeles Regional



Hamish Bennett, Greg House, Larry Braslar and Peter Benjamin. Winners of the Thursday Swiss.



Helen Wang, Penny Barbieri, Kathy Swaine and Rand Pinsky. First in Wed/Thurs KO's Bracket II



Jim Weeks, Ilene and Ross Grabel, Robert Schwartz. Winners of the Compact KO's Bracket I



Denny Liss. New Life Master



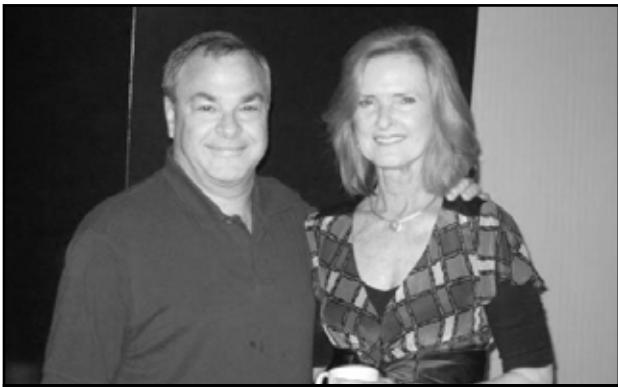
Mike Klemens and Leila Greenfield. Wednesday Open Pairs - first overall in A & B



Penny Barbieri and Connie de Rosa enjoying a Fourth of July moment.



Michael Levine and Geraldine Weiss-Levine. New Life Masters



Bryan Reese and Bonnie Taylor met in October at the partnership desk and came back for Bridge Week.



Roshen Hadulla & Besent Shah. First in A & B in Swiss and First in Bracket II Compact KO's



Barbara Swan and Nancy Speizer.



Yvonne Hernandez, Dixie Hsi, Becky Rogers and Lu Kohutiak. First in Bracket I Saturday Compact KOs



Rand Pinsky, Cecil and Beverly Cook, Dan and Joan Morse, and Bill Schreiber

RESULTS continued from page 2

6		Leonard Beck, Fullerton ; Larry Bolls, Walnut 57.34%
7	2	Pam Himes - Jerry Himes, Merritt Island FL 56.78%
	3	1 Lilyan Frank, Petaluma ; Elizabeth Weinstein, Rncho Pls Vrd 56.45%
	4	Thompson Jin, Northridge ; Chi-Chong Yu, Hacienda Hgts 52.79%
	5	Lynn Ryan, Glendale ; Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena 52.63%
	6	Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre ; Dominique Moore, Arcadia 52.06%
	2	Ronald Purkis, Upland ; James Erpenbach, Arcadia 50.03%
	3	Mary Brow - Peggy Brain, Pasadena 49.25%
	4	Charlotte Harris - Bert Harris, Laguna Woods 47.46%
	5	Carol Klahr, Huntington Bh ; Lee Johnson, Huntington Bch 46.48%

AFTERNOON SIDE SERIES 6.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1		George Norman, Torrance ; Todd Knapp, Costa Mesa 61.25%
2	2	1	Tom Trilling - Brian Rose, LA 57.92%
3/4			Frances Katz - Peter Szecsi, Pasadena 54.58%
3/4	3		John Loney, Laguna Woods ; Barbara Gilcrest, Irvine 54.58%
	4	2	Barbara Baisden, Wildomar ; Ben Brock, Canyon Lake 54.17%
	3		Steven Berman, Fountain Valley ; John Simpson, Madera 46.25%

TUE AFT 299ER PAIRS - 6.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1			Gregory Black, LA ; Ronald Srenco, Redondo Beach 71.25%
2	1	1	Robert Martin, Pacifi Palside ; John Stokdyk, Paci Palisades 57.92%
3	2		Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina ; Albert Lax, Azusa 56.25%
4	3		Nancy Collinge, Pls Vrds Pnsl ; Sara Dokter, Rnco Pls Vrd 51.25%
	2		Rand Franklin, Santa Barbara ; Ann Grassi, Goleta 50.42%

TUE AM 299ER PAIRS - 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Jack Chang - Nolan Chang, San Gabriel 65.00%
2	2	2	James Haimes, Dana Point ; Kathie Murtey, Laguna Niguel 60.42%
3	3	3	Rand Franklin, Santa Barbara ; Ann Grassi, Goleta 56.25%
4	4		Roy McLeod - Barbara McLeod, San Dimas 54.58%
5			Donald Naf, Chino ; Edwin Kelly, Glendora 52.08%

TUE EVE SIDE GAME 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1			Yoon Kim, San Diego ; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts 64.88%
2	1		Dan Lubesnik, Glendale ; Dominique Moore, Arcadia 60.42%
3			Michael Shuman - S Leech, Pasadena 56.25%
4	2		Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte ; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 55.95%
5	3		Edward Schwartz, Pasadena ; Jacob Frenkel, Temple City 54.17%
4/5	1/2		Keith Lindersmith - Donny Graham, Visalia 53.27%
4/5	1/2		Brian Rose - Tom Trilling, LA 53.27%
	3		Elizabeth Weinstein, Rncho Pls Vrd ; Lilyan Frank, Petaluma 44.94%

TUES COMPACT KO - BKT I 9 Tables

1		Ross Grabel - Ilene Grabel, Huntington Bh ; James Weeks, Irvine ; Robert Schwartz, San Pedro
2		Lu Kohutiak - Yvonne Hernandez, Murrieta ; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Dixie Hsu, San Luis Obispo
3		Bill Greenberg - Lawrence Sharp, Laguna Niguel; Stephen Sturm - Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton
4		John Villalobos, Glendale ; Robert Tayrien, Burbank ; Marel Bates, Winnetka ; Paul Nason, LA

TUES COMPACT KO - BKT II 12 Tables

1		Roger Lee - Sean Lui, Arcadia ; Carol Frank, Burbank ; Elianna Rupp, LA
2		Lutrell Long, Rncho Pls Vrd ; Doris Ayers, Compton; Kim Wang - Hank Sheehan, Torrance
3		Barbara Benson, Santa Ana ; Al Martinez - Marcia Vaughan, Irvine ; Susana Hegstrom, Newport Beach
4		Theodore Maki, Northridge ; Lorraine Adams, Granada Hills ; Harvey Witt, Sherman Oaks ; Carol Diamant, Tarzana

TUES COMPACT KO - BKT III 12 Tables

1		Carolyn Swanson, Escondido ; Patricia Hawkins, San Marcos ; Carol Dibello - Jean Wooden, Murrieta
2		Barbara Coe, Rncho Pls Vrd ; Mary Overbey, Pls Vrds Pnsl ; Bee-De Lim - Margaret Yeh, Pls Vrds Est

Around The Units in District 23

**Antelope Valley
Santa Clarita**
by Gin

Obviously an error occurred last month when you were treated to a rerun of a two-year-old column. Last month’s correct column follows in its entirety with updates inserted accordingly.

The year 2008 is touted as a year for change. And change certainly describes many events at Unit 556. Our arduous move from Tenth Street to Arbor Court was a successful transition from an adequate and comfortable clubroom to a very pleasant and more comfortable clubroom. On June 1, 2008 Unit 556 hosted members of the Ridgecrest Bridge Club. A double-session club championship with a potluck lunch served between sessions was extremely successful. Dave White directed the 16-table event that resembled a preview of the upcoming Sectional Tournament on September 19-21. It was a long and tiring day, but well worth it. All participating Unit members are commended for a job well done hosting our Ridgecrest friends.

Ron Oest graciously accepted the Board of Directors invitation to assume director duties at AV Bridge Club. Another director is needed to fill the void left by Bob Cuccias and Dave White. Bob and Rosalie have moved to Orange County where they will enjoy the gigantic bridge activities at Laguna Woods, Dave White will continue to direct games at AVBC as his schedule allows. Dave is now an ACBL Sectional Director who has recently been recommended for promotion. Dave has a full calendar for the summer months but he will be directing locally as often as possible. Dave will continue with his many projects at AVBC including managing the web site.

After this bidding sequence: two hearts, double, redouble, pass, four hearts, the result was down two. The undaunted declarer said “redouble after a week opener means you have a strong hand.” Declarer’s partner replies “oh, it must be a new convention.” I am still not sure what this was all about, but it was good for an entertaining chuckle by all four players at the table.

George MacDonald is now a Life Master and his accomplishments were celebrated at the July Unit game. Congratulations George for a job well done.

The Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignations of Joe Weber, Gloria Robinson and Jan Gibson. The board thanks all three for their service as board members. Brad Ward and Ron Oest were nominated to fill the vacancies, and were elected by a unanimous vote. Brad will serve as vice president and Ron will serve on the Education Committee. Ron expects to start lessons for beginners in September. We are now operating at a profit albeit a small profit. It is an improvement as we continue to grow. Jennifer Williams is a recipient of an ALACBU scholarship. She plans to enroll at Academy of Art University in San Francisco this fall. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Marlene Warren-Gasper. Jennifer is known to us as the capable caddy at several of our sectional tournament.

Sadly we extend our condolences to Carolee Schupp and her family. Carolee lost Jim, her beloved soulmate, after a long illness.

Every unit championship game at AV Bridge Club is preceded by a light lunch hosted by a designated board member. George MacDonald hosted the July 13 Unit Championship. Some unit members residing outside the Antelope Valley attended to honor George as we celebrated his recent ascent to Life Master. Tracy Boys and Glenn Eddy visited AVBC for the first time to support George. Both Tracy and Glenn praised not only the décor of our new clubroom but also the hospitality. Tracy was most impressed by the friendly atmosphere. We thank you Tracy for your compliments.

Top Five

Every so often it is prudent to review the parameters of this section of the column. Every effort is made to report in depth the results of special games. Special games include but are not limited to all championships, STaC games, etc.

This section was created in an effort to recognize outstanding games in the daily schedule. Since no good turn goes unpunished, the outstanding scores in special games are seldom reported in this column. In some instances,

such as STaC high scoring winners are rewarded by the District or the Western Conference with additional silver points. Special events bring out extra special play thereby a 70% game in a championship game is not uncommon. These game reports do not include percentages.

Russ Buker welcomed back Mary Ann Shaw having recovered from her surgery as they took the top honors with a 69.8 % game. Bob and Rosalie Cuccias returned to the valley for a dental appoint. They dropped in for an afternoon game before returning to their new home and promptly tied with Brad Ward and Pat Juenemann for second place with 68.75%. Fourth place went to Bobbi Thompson and Pat Juenemann with 66.15%. Ron and Sandi Oest placed fifth with a 65.63% game. Congratulations to all for an impressive month of Bridge.

Now we fast forward to June ’08. Nan Newland and Rose Coldiron tied with Pat Juenemann and Marlene Gasper for first place with 66.67%. Donna Davidson and Howard Kaufman took third place with 65.4%. Close behind were Marguerite Pinkers and John Langer with 65.34%. Fifth place went to Lola Messiha and Marlene with 64.81%. The percentages were not as impressive as we are accustomed to because the games were very competitive however the victories were just as sweet.

Unit Championship Overall				
May 4, 2008				
Hugh Bartlett & Roshen Hudulla	A	B	C	
Pat Juenemann & Brad Ward	1	-	-	
Joe Weber & Peggy Fleming	2	-	-	
Howard Kaufmann & Donna Davidson	3	-	-	
Tom and Barbara Jones	4	-	-	
Herman Shuping & Sid Zalk	5	1	1	
Bob & Rosalie Cuccias	6	2	-	
George Lewis & Nan Newland	-	3	2	
Ron & Sandi Oest	-	4	-	
Joan Adams & Gin	-	5	-	
Russ Buker & George MacDonald	-	-	3	
	-	-	4	

Club Championship 6/25				
Rose Coldiron & Gin Dudley	1	1	-	
Joanne Freatman & Dave Gasper	2/3	2/3	-	
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	2/3	2/3	-	
Dave White & Nit Buchout	4/5	4/5	-	
Onorita Pallanti & Colin MacDougal	4/5	4/5	-	

Club Championship 6/29				
Russ Buker & Mary Ann Shaw	1	1	1	
Marlene & Dave Gasper	2	-	-	
Sandi & Ron Oest	3	2	-	
Nan Newland & Mary Stauf	4	-	-	
Sandi Niren & May Abagi	-	3	2	
Chrissy Ridgley & Claire Hammond	-	4	3	
Onorita & Gin	-	5	4	

Club Championship 6/27				
Henry Roediger & Onorita	1	1	-	
Lola Messiha & Marlene	2	-	-	
George Lewis & Dan Grazier	3	2	-	
Alfred Miller & Barb Shuping	4	-	-	

Unit Championship 8/13 Overall				
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	1	-	-	
Dave White & Jack Miller	2	1		
George MacDonald & Russ Buker	3	2	1	
Herm Shuping & Sid Zalk	4/5	4/3	-	
Tracy Boys & Glenn Eddy	4/5	4/3	2	
Joanne Freatman & Gin Dudley	6	5	3	
Mary Anne & Charles Self	-	-	4	

Coming Events				
August 3 Unit Championship				
October 5 Unit Championship				
September 7 Unit Championship				
September 19-21 Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita Sectional				
December 7 Unit Championship				
General Meeting and Holiday Dinner at				
Josie’s Restaurant at Aurora Village J-8 & 15 th St. West				

A parting thought....You know when you are getting old when they start playing your song, and it is in the elevator.

Downey – Whittier

by Bernice Crelia

This is the time of the year when you wake up to another beautiful day and your just happy to be here to enjoy it. If the cost of gasoline wasn’t so high you could be planning a wonderful vacation, but this year you decide to take advantage of staying closer to home. After all, think of the fun you have when you look forward to an exciting day of bridge. You not only exercise your brain, you also have some very healthy food to eat. For instance at lunch you can always find peanut butter, which I love. Did you know it is very good for you. It contains heart healthy unsaturated fats that may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and lower your cholesterol. We always have really very tasty salads available too. So all in all it’s a great way to spend the day.

We have missed Bess Kennedy lately who has been busy taking care of her husband, however we are very glad to have Shirlie Faber back from another hospital stay. We miss Dick Holmes who is busy settling into his Tustin home.

Time to say congratulations to George Faber who has attained his silver life master rating.

We also want you to know that Avice Osmundson and Carolyn Staab with partners Sam Wang and John Whittlesey won their division in the mid-week Knockout braket II at the Pacific Palms Bridge week regional. Way to go.

Now to give you the latest winners at our club. Club Championship Overalls 1. Larry Bolls and Len Beck, 2. Marcus Evans and Mary Kiechle, 3. George Wang and Janet Ju, 4. Dolores Phillips and Bess Kennedy, B-1 Barbara and Joe Newman, B-2 Avice Osmundson and Bernice Crelia. Birthday party 1. Janet Ju and George Wang, 2. Dolores Phillips and Frank Jones, 3. Larry Bolls and Len Beck, 4. Mary Graef and Bess Kennedy, B-2 Shirley Niemand and DonVan Wye. July Charity game 1. Ann McClelland and Sankar Reddy, 2. Ron and Carol Copley, 3. Avis Osmundson and Bernice Crelia, 4. Beverly Pokershing and Renalda Rippe, 5. Larry Bolls and Len Beck, B-3 Betty Boss and Barbara Horn. July Unit game. 1. Bruce Horiguchi and Bill Ng, 2. Terry Binns and Mary Graef, 3. Kim Wang and John Williams, 4. Dolores Phillips and Shirlie Faber, 5. Mary Kiechle and Shirley Niemand, B-3 Simon and Lina Cheng, B-4 Judy Sandberg and Betty Boss. Back next month.

Glendale-Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

UNIT GAME - 1:00 PM Saturday August 9
12:15 PM Buffet Lunch
Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 am, Saturday August 9

As indicated above, your Board of Directors will be meeting on the 9th to firm up plans for our Sectional to be held on August 15, 16 and 17 at the Scottish Rites Temple, 150 No. Madison Ave. in Pasadena. If all your favorite partners are unavailable, Karen Alpert will holding forth at the Partnership Desk, so come and take advantage.....

So far the only news I’ve received from the Bridge Week Regional was the alarming report that Lorraine Adams was thought to have suffered a stroke while playing. We were all so relieved when she showed up the next week with Ted Maki for their regular game at the Regency and as if to corroborate her lapse as a cutionary but much more minor episode she and Ted scored a 2nd place. What better news can we report than this, n’est-ce pas?

Some time ago I was dealt an interesting hand: ♠xx ♥xx ♦xx; ♣Q9xxxxx, and partner opened 2♣ (22 HCP or 8½ tricks; also we play response of 2H= 0-3 HCP). What would be your call?

Well, I passed, but the much later consensus I sought favored my bidding 2♥ to protect partner. One pair bid and made game; however, the others were in 2 or 3 of a major making 3 for 140. As for us, partner played it well with Ax of clubs and he made 5 for 150, and I was glad we were playing it in clubs, in spite of my goof.....

When mention is made of the clarinet, I, being of a certain age, harken back to the days when Benny Goodman was “The King of Swing; however, he was a serious musician as well, and eventually wound up playing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Well, now I have another serious musician to mention in this regard: Conrad Josias (Betsy’s husband). He plays with the CalTech-Occidental Wind Ensemble, and they played at Carnegie Hall last Memorial Day weekend. It’s a venerable venue with lots of history,

and our kudos go to Conrad and his group for having obtained the privilege.

Gerry Belcher also has a musician in his family - his 90-year-old uncle still plays the saxophone and proved it by joining in his hometown’s 4th of July celebration up in Montana. Gerry and Barbara shared in the enthusiasm of the festivities, and we assume some good home-made food was enjoyed by all.

Esther Tapelband was offered a Danish translation stint for an animated version of “Star Wars” which sounds like fun, but hard work; however, the venue is San Francisco, probably a deterrent.....

Sharon Wolf took a break from bridge for some cruising on the Volga River between Moscow and St. Petersburg. Those are two fabulous Russian cities, and the terrain between offers glimpses of picturesque architecture in villages along the way. It’s a vast country with a vast troubling history.....

Hawaii in mid-summer did not deter Pat Abbey and family from enjoying their nine-day stay there. She joined in the beach activities in grandmotherly fashion, well protected from the sun in a sandy shaded spot, while children and grandchildren explored the possibilities of surf and sand - lots of squeals heard - mostly of delight.

And “delight” was the key word to describe the buffet lunch at the July Unit Day game, thanks to Merry Besvold for her splendid cranberry-sauced chicken entree with rice, and to Betsy Josias and Nancy Lyon for those two huge bowls of salad, as well as to Sharon Wolf and Margaret Mataga for helping to shore up the dessert counter. So, well fortified, look who did what:

	N/S
A-1; B-1	Leon Alexande & Patrick Cardullo
A-2	Carolyn Cohen & Melina Stevens
A-3; B-2	Jake Frenkel & Sean Lui
A-4	Charo Holdo & Mike Marcuddi
A-5; B-3	Sharon Wolf & Phil Dessert
B-4	Mike Doll & Carolyn Cook
C-1	Edward Hsi & C. C. Fang
	E/W
A-1	Steve Licker & Bob Gish
A-2	Jan Wickersham & Dominique Moore
A-3; B-1	Zach Vedro & Harold Knowles
A-4	William Ng & Sam Wong
A-5	Bob Tayrien & Gerry Belcher
B-2; C=1	James Bergland & Roger Lee
B-3	Nancy Lyon & Betsy Josias

Kudos to all of you and win more at our next Unit Game on August 9. Take care everybody...

Long Beach

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by Jon Yinger

JUNE 22 UNIT GAME: Nineteen tables in the open game, nine in the non-life master game. OVERALL RESULTS: 1st in A, Peggy Waite/Dann Habberfield (winning 6.33mp); 2nd, Carol Murakoshi/Sean Lui; 3rd, Bruce Horiguchi/St Stanley Snyder; 4th, Kaye Amdon/Eileen Niesen; 5th, Dottie Thompson/Elinor Baratelle; 6th, Shinko Mauritz/Fay Beckerman. Other winners in the overalls were Sandra Pickering/Stephen Lowe, 5th in B; Sherry Troeger/Sue Sood, 6th in B. And in the Cs, overall, Hank and Fern Dunbar were 3rd, Al and Sharon Appel were 4th, and Carol McKay and Barbara Shortwell were 6th. And in the non-life master section (remember, up to 13 tables of NLM players play for free in unit games), Harry and Zeme Christopulos were 1st overall, Karyl and Fred Gurzi were 2nd, Regina Boll/Lottie Butler 3rd, Clara Trumer/Joan Crishal 4th, and Maxine Montgomery/Midge Dunagan 5th. Mary Thomas and Cole Sachs were 4th overall in B. The meal was prepared by Steve Solsby and Mark Tang (thanks guys!). And to the winners: Congratulations!

JULY 13 UNIT GAME Twenty-three tables in the open game, eight tables in the non-life master game. OVERALL RESULTS: 1st in A, John and Suzie Hand (winning 5.81mp); 2nd, Diane Starbuck/Wayne Rapp; 3rd, Stanley Snyder/Lois Abramson; 4th, Earl VanDerVord/ Jon Yinger; 5th, Chuck Messall/Greg Leach; 6th, Carol Murakoshi/Sean Lui. Other winners in the overalls were: Linda Renkus/Tom Ludwig, 5th in B; Dann Habberfield/ Peggy Waite, 6th in B. And in the C category, Shinko Mauritz/Fay Beckerman, 3rd; Denis and Jean Higginson, 4th, and a tie for 5th/6th between Jean Eiber/Oliver Yildiz and Lavone McQuilkin/Julie Mills. In the NLM section overall winners were: 1st Bernie and Larry Gresko, 2nd, Sally Fenton/Linda Mitchell; 3rd, Bob Ruderman/Patrick Earl; 4th Harry and Zeme Christopulos; and 5th, Mary Thomas/Cole Sachs. A delicious meal was prepared by Pritzi Lembi and Sue Fardette (thanks ladies!). And, congratulations winners!

70+% GAMES through 7/15: Three pairs had 70+% games in open games this reporting period: Irwin Bender and Marcus Evans had a 70.14% game on June 25, Jo and John Melis had a 72.92% game on June 27 and Lois Perovich and Steve Rowe had a 73.75% game on July 14. Five Bridge Plus/Easy Bridge pairs (these games have fewer than 20 boards) had 70% plus during this reporting period: Jean Bader/Shirley Bouch 79.7% on June 16; Marcia Westlake/Gary Dial 70% on June 23; Glen and Mary Hatae 78.6% on June 25; Claire Warner/Joyce Shinn 72.92% on June 28; and Alan and Sally Gordy had a 72.2% game on July 12. Congratulations to the 70 percenters!

NEW STATUS & NEW MEMBERS: We issue a warm welcome to new member Dr. Mihir K. Das and to Marcus Evans and Linda Renkus, who have transferred into our unit. Status changes for our unit since last month: Fern Dunbar has made Bronze Life Master. Congratulations Fern! If there are other status changes I have missed, please let me know, and you’ll be in next month’s bulletin.

BUDGET PROBLEMS: Because of the increasing cost of distributing the monthly District 23 newsletter, the district board is considering cost-saving alternatives. One would be to distribute the monthly newsletter by email. Or, copies of the newsletter could be made available at the clubs, saving the mailing expense. Another option would be to make it a bimonthly publication vs. monthly publication. Yet another alternative would be to continue mailing all copies of the Bridge News, while charging \$12 per member to each respective unit (they currently pay \$2 per member). The district board is soliciting members’ input. You can tell them your preference by contacting Mark L. Raggio, 6542 Ocean Crest #D308, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90272.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CLUB: Silver points team game August 4, 7pm. August 4-10: Western Conference STaC. All games \$10; extra points; hand records. Sunday, August 17: Unit Charity Game for the benefit of the Long Beach WomenShelter. August 25-31: Club championship games; regular schedule, regular prices.

GET WELL WISHES to Larry Slutsky, Walter Rothstein, Joyce Siegel and Shirley Thomas.

HELP THE NEW COLUMNIST: If you have any news items you would like to see in the column, my email is jyinger1@gmail.com or you can reach me at 714-256-0250.

Pasadena

San Gabriel Valley

www.darbonne.com/bridge
by Jan Wickersham
and Roy Wilson

Unit Game August 24, San Marino Recreation Center lunch at 12:30, game at 1:00

In my opinion, the unit game where we have the most fun, not counting Christmas and the Election Party, is the one we have every year on the 4th of July. Mike Marcucci sweats and loses at least five pounds every year as he barbecues those hot dogs and hamburgers for us to enjoy. Since Mike is the Unit Manager, he is fraught with so many responsibilities on that day. Next time you see him, be sure to give him an extra “thank you” for all of his hard work to provide something so special for all of us. We were down a bit on our table count, but, then, it is a very busy time of year. We had 23.5 tables. HOWEVER, the 299’ers had a great turnout with five full tables. Ted Maesaki and Nora Gee went home with the first place honors. First in A were Barbara Baeskins and Margery Gould. Margery has recently changed her membership to our unit. A nice way to begin, Margie..... First in B were Eric Tan and William Chu and first in C were Oliver Norsworthy and Jim Erpenbach. Congratulations to you all.

I’m hoping you are not forgetting about the “Eight Is Enough” game. It will be held September 21. Fees per person will be \$5.00, and we will serve pizza, salad and dessert. We need to know your teams, so please call either Jan Wickersham (626-355-2666) or Dominique Moore (626 -445- 4961). Don’t wait until the last minute as the teammates you want may not be available. Reservations need to be made no later than September 15 because we need to know how much food to order.

The John Waken Sectional is upon us - August 1, 2, and 3 at La Salle High School. We do have the best sectional in the district, so don’t even think of not attending. We will have 299er games, and we are changing the schedule to include a Compact Knockouts on Friday and Saturday. Some lucky person will win the handmade

quilt at the tournament. If you haven’t purchased a raffle ticket yet, call Mark Hartzell at 818 472-7226. The winner will be announced on Sunday.

Please note that we are having a Unit Game in August. It will be August 24. There will be no regular unit game in September. The “Eight Is Enough” game will serve as our Unit Game for that month.

Our good friends over in Glendale are having their sectional at the Scottish Rites Temple on the weekend of Friday the 15th thru Sunday the 17th The address is 150 North Madison in Pasadena.

Arlene Johnson has faithfully served our unit for six years in the capacity of Friendship Chairman. She has done an outstanding job, but now she is stepping down. Many of you have been recipients of her efforts. We appreciate your faithfulness, Arlene. Marie Nimmrich, who has done so much for our unit, will take over that responsibility. If you know of someone who is ill or grieving, please let Marie know.

John Jones lectured at the Pacific Palms regional last month and Roy Wilson has put his material on our unit website. If the opponents are making life difficult for you with their weak two pre-empts, this is great advice John is offering. For example, all players assume a takeout double says, “Bid something partner, I have support for any of the three other suits.” But how does one show a good two-suited hand? Part of the lecture material discusses Leaping Michaels which solves the two-suited hand problem. Suppose your RHO opens 2♥ and you have a good hand with five spades and a five card minor. A jump to either 4♣ or 4♦ tells partner that you have that minor and the other major. Please choose one.

There’s more, but take a look at tip number 21 on the website.

See you at the table!

Pomona Covina

by Vic Sartor

Unit Game: Sunday, August 9
 Lunch at 12:30, game at 1

There is lots of news this month, most of which I am reporting via hearsay, thanks to several obviously deranged lawyers who decided I was competent to serve on a criminal jury. By the time this reaches print we will have sent some hapless defendants up the river or turned them loose on an unsuspecting public. At any rate, due to the call of jurisprudence, I missed all of Bridge Week and have had my picture featured on missing person fliers at the club. However, thanks to Tom Lill, my head spy, and the wonders of the Internet I should be able to give a reasonably complete summary of our members’ recent accomplishments.

I’ll start with an apology for an enormous omission from last month. Two of our local players finished in the top ten among thousands of international competitors who took part in the world-wide bridge game held recently. Herman Helber finished 3rd and Denise Morgan came in 9th. If that wasn’t the best showing for any club, anywhere, any time, I’d be amazed and even nonplussed.

In local results, the July unit game was won by Hans Hehnke and Vic Sartor, with Gary Olson and Florence Weinstein first EW. Rosalie Roberts and Marcella Scott took first in B.

Top game of the month was a nice 69.9% posted by Susan Ruoff and Herb Stampfl. Also winning with 60%+ games were Jacqueline Fehrenbach, George Altinus, Lary Alba, Dave Ruoff, Roger Boyar, Clint Lew, Helen Wang, Albert Lax, Tom Lill, Edwin Kelly, Donald Naf, Ken Bloomfield, Steve Dorse, James Rhodes, Rick Whitham, and Kathy and Herman Helber. Other winners were Joe Unis and Rosalie Roberts.

Several locals did well at Bridge Week. Helen Wang and Penny Barbieri had the best MP total, including a win in an open Swiss team event. Rounding out the top ten, in order, were Herman Helber, Walt Otto, Milt Kalikman, Clint Lew, Tim Finlay, Roger Boyar, Dave Ruoff, and Kurt Trieselman. Sandra Rucker, Susan Ruoff, Tom Lill, Lynne Parker, Karen McCarthy,Donald Naf, Susan Emminger, Russell Drew, Ann McClelland, Lary Alba, Sue Rottner, Rick Whitham Kathy Helber, Albert Lax, Herb Stampfl, Gary Olson, Claudia Cochran, Joe Unis, Mary Miller, and Georgiana Bierman also took points.

Just barely room for two announcements: Roger Boyar will be having North American Pairs qualifying games August 26, 28, and 29th at La Fetra. The September unit game will also be our big charity Pro-Am event. Several good players have signed up to play as pros, so save your pennies so you can bid for a top-notch partner. All money raised in the bidding and the 50/50 raffle goes

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San Fernando Valley

www.sfvbridgeacademy.com
by Jimmie Swan

UNIT GAME SUNDAY, AUGUST 24: The venue, and more details, will be posted in the Bridge Academy, available at The 750 Club games, and in the Unit section, at the above web site, before August 24, but, please reserve that afternoon and join us for this game. The Unit Board’s tentative plan is to provide lunch and drinks, good Directors, and two games, one open and one for non-life masters. We will probably have lunch about noon and begin playing at 1:00 p.m. We do hope you will join us in making this a successful game so we can plan more in the future.

The **Unit 561 Board** and contact information can be found at the above web site. The new Board consists of **Ray Bush, Fran Cohen, Jim Gardner, Larry Gordon, Gloria Malkin, Bill Morton, and Jimmie Swan.** Please feel free to contact any of them if you have any Unit questions or requests.

The **Unit 561 News** is always posted, soon after the middle of each month, at the above web site, and, on the bulletin board at the Bridge Academy. And, the entire **Bridge News** can be found each month at the District 23 site [click on Bridge News Newsletter]: www.acbldistrict23.org.

We’re still hoping to see **Myra Gurian** across the table very soon. And it surely would be nice to see **Jerry Cohen** across the table as well. We miss you all! It was good to see **Esther Kain** again after a lengthy illness, and also **Eric Heilman** after his recent knee surgery.

We have some sad news to report as three of our players died recently. Everyone I spoke to told me how fond they were of **Vince Lombardo**, Jody’s husband, and what a nice man he was. And who can forget the also very nice **Don Duze**, who, if not playing, kibitzed a lot of games. And, my defender **Seymour Weg** will also be missed, another very nice man. Our sympathies and good wishes go out to their families at this very difficult time.

Howard Kaufman is looking forward to seeing his daughter and first grandchild, in a couple of days.

And now, let’s move on to the latest bridge achievements in our Unit.

Congratulations to all of you in achieving your new rank!

- Junior Master: **Vivian Entous**
- Club Master: **Scarlet Damiano and John Opdyke**
- Sectional Master: **Winnie Green**
- Regional Master: **Phil Calloway**
- Life Master: **Carol Diamant**
- Bronze Life Master: **Mike Fierman**
- Silver Life Master: **Harvey Witt**

We only had one 70% game the past month: **Gary Frans and Armand Szulc** had a **70.51% game** July 14.

The results are in for the **District winners** in the March **ACBL-wide Charity Game** and **Bill Morton and Gil Stinebaugh** were the **top scoring pair from District 23.** Well done!

The **top ten winners from Unit 561**, at the **District 23 Team Sectional**, were **Mary Dougherty with 7.07 masterpoints**, followed by **Steve Gross, Jim Fu, Josh Sher, Andy Vinock, Shelley Linick, Sam Faye, Ellen Anten, Mitch Dunitz, and Marel “Bud” Bates.** Congratulations!

The **June masterpoint race**, for those with **299 points or less**, were led by **Curt Darden with 6.98 points**, followed by **Don Pearson, Samy Antoun, Allan Palansky, Lee Skupen, Janet Cooper, Moheb Mansour, Merkie Rowan, Sue St. Marie and Joan Farrar.**

Those with **more than 299 points** were led by **Gil Stinebaugh, with 21.05 points**, followed by **Andy Vinock, Gary Frans, Leda Danzig, Marty Blain, Sy Zemlyn, Les Rawitt, Ed Gruber, Marta Peltz and Armand Szulc.**

LET’S ALL SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR UNIT BY ATTENDING THE UNIT GAME ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24! 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

Unit Barometer Game: Saturday, August 2, Lunch 12:30, Game 1:00 pm Reservations Required
Western Conference STAC: Monday, August 4-10
STAC Handicapped Swiss Teams: Tues., August 5, 7 pm
STAC Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sun August 10, 1 pm
Club Championship: Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm
Club Championship: Monday, August 18, 11:30 am
Club Championship, Wednesday, August 27, 11:30 am
North American Pairs Qualifier: Thurs, August 28, 7 pm
Friday night games on August 1 and August 15.
Handicapped Swiss Teams every Tuesday night at 7:00

Club Championships

The June 18 Club Championship was headed by Al Corwin/Booth Tarkington in Flights A and B with Arthur Rue/Edith Watanabe leading Flight C. The North American Pairs Qualifier on June 23 saw Grace Conde/Claire Hulett winning both Flights A and B and Murat Veysoglu/Lisa Kuo taking Flight C honors. The Club Championship on June 26 was won by Bea and John Brailliar in Flight A with Ernie Frank/Stanley Greengard on top in Flight B and Lorna Wallace/Steve Ramos leading Flight C. The Upgraded club Championship on July 7 saw Dolores Nawa/Kikoyo Ohtomo winning Flights A and B with Mary Belle Hoenig/Vern Vanderpol ahead in Flight C. On July 11 the North American Pairs Qualifier was led by Lucy Tredennick/Dean Kaloudis in Flight A with Joyce Nakasaki/Joe Thomas leading Flight B

Swiss Team Winners

The Handicapped Swiss Teams on June 15 was won by the quartet of Mike Sulman, Ron Smith, Johnny Arceri and Yvonne Godfrey. The June 17 Swiss was won by Mark Raggio, Ed Barad, Charles LaFranchi and Carol McCully. On July 1 the quartet of Chiye Horiguchi, Dann Habberfield, Jeff Strutzel and Andy Anderson were the leading team. The July 8 game was won by Jim Dutton, Bronek Felczer, Luis Gamio and Elli Szepts. On July 13 the Swiss winners were Ernie Frank, Audrey Ellis, Betsey Amador and Adelia Horton.

Unit Winners at District 23 Regional

The following unit members were overall winners at the recent Torrance South Bay Unit Sectional.
Tuesday July 1 Firecracker Open Pairs
1B Masae Kato
1C Lilyan Frank/Elizabeth Weinstein
Tuesday July 1 299 er Pairs
1A Greg Black/Ron Srenco
Tuesday July 1 Swiss Teams
1A Bruce Horiguchi
Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss
1B Bruce Horiguchi
Friday Afternoon Swiss Teams
1C Harold & Jill Goodman
Morning Side Series
1A 1B Greg Black/Ron Srenco
Afternoon Side Series
1C Greg Black/Ron Srenco
Evening Side Series
1A Bruce Horiguchi
Sunday, July 6 A/X Swiss
1X Valerie Gamio

TSB Unit 2008 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs Leaders

MPs	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs	
0-5	Carlos Jones	15	William Lama 11
	Carnell Wingfield	15	
5-20	Peggi Spring	17	Peggi Spring 14
20-50	Johnny Arceri	19	Lorna Wallace 12
50-100	Sara Doktor	18	George Stinson 12
100-200	Jill Goodman	50	Fred Swinth 20
200-300	Harold Goodman	53	Nancy Conger 31
300-500	Gerri Carlson	94	Hank Sheehan 37
500-1000	Kim Wang	83	Kim Wang 48
1000-2500	Alfred Lee	279	Jerry Schreider 80
2500-5000	Bruce Horiguchi	378	Ray Mack 89
5000-7500	John Jones	239	Barbara White 43
>10000	Steve Mager	261	Steve Mager 90

GUV Award

The person whom this Award was named after, Norm “Guvvy” Hogarth visited town to compete at the Bridge Week Regional. Much to my later regret I paired him up with Gerri Carlson for one of the 2-session pair events.

When I sat down against them Guvvy held ♠K ♥JT9xxx ♦J ♣Kxxxx in first seat. His convoluted bidding reasoning deemed this to be an opening bid and he tried 1♥. Some might consider this a psyche. He caught me with an opener but with the wrong holding to do anything but pass. Gerri pretty much continued the psyche by raising to 2♥ on 4 HCP and a few hearts. My partner Lucy Tredennick found a double and from there I propelled us into 4♠. Not good enough since we were on a finesse for a grand slam. The finesse was on but it didn’t really matter since just about everybody was in a small slam easily making. This effort got us 3 out of 25 matchpoints.

I’ll always wonder if Guvvy planned this to get even for all the abuse I have heaped on him over the years. Na Zdrowie

West LA

by candy

I would like to thank one of our players for reading my column and following instructions. A reward for this will be that I will spell her name correctly E-L-I-A-N-N-A R-U-P-P-I-N won the most points at Bridge Week!! Everyone else its catch as catch can on whether I spell your name correctly (all systems normal). Las Vegas is coming up this week and so please follow in Elianna’s footsteps and maybe you’ll get your name spelled correctly (yeah, column material) .

Winners at Bridge Week were KO’s Becky & Roger Clough, Elianna Ruppín, Pete Benjamin, Fran & Arthur Sherwood, Steven & Joan Little. Swiss Teams Rick Henderson, Nick Martino, Mike Savage “Ax” Elianna Ruppín. Pairs “A” Ifiti Baqai “B” Carol & Charles Jurgens. Side Series and 299er Pairs Robert Martin & John Stodyk. Side games Nancy Heck, Danny Kleinman, Elianna Ruppín. Our President Bill Schreiber played with ACBL high “muck de muck” Dan Morse and they won the Sat. afternoon Swiss.

Cecil Cook was honored at a luncheon between the Swiss Teams on Sunday. It was a lovely event honoring someone who has given so much to this game. We don’t always thank those who find time to do all those thankless tasks. Here’s to Cecil and all those others, who when there’s a problem, are just a phone call away. To Beverly, who married Cecil before cell phones, emails and faxes, thanks for putting up with us.

The “King of Bridge” is our very own Jeremy Koegel. All of us out there are proud of his achievements and are kvelling that “I knew him when...”

While all this was going on some of us still had time to get their 70%ers... Gary King & Jordan Chodorow, Nancy Heck & Danny Kleinman, Rhoda & Lew Himmell, Roger Clough & George Wagner, Sandy & Robert Carroll, Nelly & Colin Gordon, D Connie Fishbach & Art Zail.

In the “ America’ Got Talent” portion of my column Club champs were... Barrington - “A” Joyce Meyer & Beverly Rosenberg, “B” Carol & Robert Carroll BHBC - Beverly Rosenberg & Jordan Chodorow, Rhoda & Lew Himmell “B” James & Jerome Esterkin, Michel Brand & Bernie Ravitz “C” Masha Fleissig & Sylvia Hurwitz Cyma’s - “A” Rhoda & Lew Himmell, Sheri Rivera & Aram Bedros “B” Joannie Pepper & Keith Miller, Cherie & Alan Schneider “C” Ellen & Michael Korney. Thanks to Cyma, who in her report included a joke for me. Unfortunately it’s not printable so you’ll have to ask her.

The August Unit-Wide Championship will be Tuesday the 19th. Sunday the 17 at Barrington will be the 7th Annual MS Charity Bridge Tournament.

August 29 thru September 1 will be WLA’s Fall Sectional. Starting at Barrington Friday night for the KO’s and continuing at the Kayne Eras Center Saturday and Sunday for pair events and Monday Swiss Teams. In there can never be too much chocolate in your life, Beverly Cook & Barbara Nusbaum will be making incredible brownies. I’ll be making a bunch of other delectable delights to please your pallets. Not only are the goodies free, but so is the parking.

Save Sunday December 7 for the holiday Unit Party. Last time we “Knocked your Socks off.” “Sea” what we do this time.

I love putting new players in my column and Phyllis and Bennet Kerns decided to beat everyone to Vegas Congrats on your elopement. If you want what happens in Vegas to stay quiet, don’t have dinner with the Unit columnist.

More Vegas next month, time to spell check and then like Elvis leave the building.

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Regular Daily Events

Sun.	1:00	Open	Open Game w/lots of goodies
Mon.	9:00	Open	Free Continental Breakfast
	9:30	Bridge Plus	
	12:30	Open	Free Lunch at Noon Card fee \$6 if you played in the morning tame
	7:00	NLM	Snacks
Tues.	12:30	Open & 299er	Free Salad and Nachos
	4:15	Open	Free Dinner at 6 p.m.
Wed.	12:30	Open	Free Lunch at Noon
	7:00	Open, 299er and Bridge Plus	Three VERY friendly games
Thurs.	12:30	Open and 99er	Free chili during game
Fri.	12:30	Open, NLM, 199er	Free lunch at noon
	4:15	Open	Free dinner at 6 p.m.
Sat.	12:30	Open	Jackpot Game – Snacks
	1:00	Newcomer	Snacks

All Games Are Stratified

Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME	COST	STARTING
Beginning Bridge	Monday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Sept 8
Beginning Bridge	Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Sept 9
Intermediate Bridge	Thursday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Sept 11
Supervised Play	Thursday	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	\$4 per class	Ongoing
Conventions	Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	\$3 per class	Ongoing

August Special Events

Silver Points Stratified Open Team Game
Monday Evening the 4th at 7:00 Card fee \$10

Western Conference STaC
Monday the 4th through Sunday the 10th Card fee \$10

Unit Game
Sunday Afternoon the 17th at 1:00
Christmas in August for the benefit of WomenShelter of Long Beach

North American Open Pairs Qualification
Wednesday the 20th at 7:00 and Saturday the 23rd at 12:30

A Week of Championship Games
Monday the 25th through Sunday the 31st
Regular schedule, Regular Prices

September Special Events

Labor Day Potluck
We'll provide the hotdogs, you bring the side dishes
Lunch at 12:00 Game at 12:30

Stratified Open Team Game
Monday Evening the 8th at 7:00

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
Thursday Evening the 11th at 7:00
Card fee \$10

Unit Game
Sunday Afternoon the 14th at 1:00

District 23 STaC Week
Monday the 22nd through Sunday the 28th
Card fee \$10



Las Vegas

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September 22-28, 2008

Knockout Teams

All KO Team games except Compact KOs are three rounds

Evening Knockouts

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday7:30 p.m.

Daytime Knockouts

Tue-Wed: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Wed-Thu: Wednesday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.; Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Thu-Fri: Thursday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.; Friday 10:00 a.m.
Fri-Sat: Friday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Compact KOs: Saturday10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Stratified Pairs Games

Monday afternoon events are black points. All other events are silver points.
All pairs games are single-session

Stratified Pairs & Stratified 0-300 Pairs

Monday3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Saturday (except Saturday 3:00 p.m)10:00 a.m., 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Helen Allen Memorial Flighted Trophy Pairs & 0-300 Trophy Pairs

Saturday3:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams & Board-A-Match

All Swiss Teams except Sunday are single-session

Stratified Swiss Teams

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday3:00 p.m.
Saturday7:30 p.m.

Flighted Swiss Teams

Sunday (7 matches/7 boards play-through)10:00 a.m.
No lunch/dinner break, there will be a snack bar in the playing area.

Board-A-Match Teams

Wednesday (pre-duped boards w/hand records)7:30 p.m.

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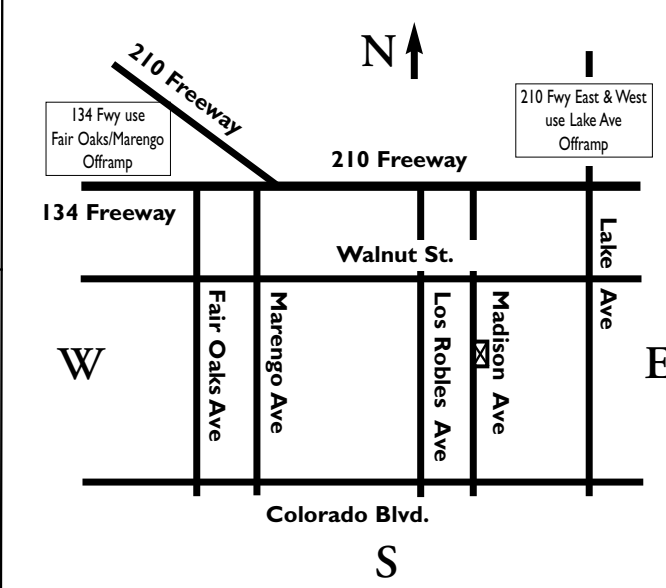
GLENDALE-VERDUGO SECTIONAL

August 15, 16, 17, 2008


Scottish Rites Temple

150 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, California




<p><u>Friday, Aug. 15</u></p> <p>10:00 am Stratified Pairs 0-500, 1500, 1500+ **299er</p> <p>2:30 pm Stratified Pairs 0-500, 1500, 1500+ **299er 1st Session Compact KO</p> <p>7:30 pm Stratified Pairs 0-500, 1500, 1500+ **299er 2nd Session Compact KO</p> <p>Merry Besvold Tournament Chairman</p> <p>Scott Campbell Tournament Director</p> <p>Sanction #S0809071</p> <p>A non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks, food available - snacks and coffee</p>	<p><u>Saturday, Aug. 16</u></p> <p>10:00 am Stratified Pairs 0-500, 1500, 1500+ **299er 1st Session Compact KO</p> <p>2:30 pm Stratified Pairs 0-500, 1500, 1500+ **299er 2nd Session Compact KO</p> <p>Partnership Desk Karen Alpert (818) 441-2424</p> <p>Tournament Committee Leon Alexander, Karen Alpert, Merry Besvold, Hal Gordon, Steve Guerrero, Betsy Josias, Nancy Lyon, Dorothy LaMaie, Margaret Mataga, Barbara McKissick, Sharon Wolf</p> <p>Emergency # (818) 441-2424</p>	<p><u>Sunday, Aug 17</u></p> <p>11:00 am and TBA Stratiflighted Swiss 0-500, 1000, 1500, 0-3000/3000+</p> <div></div> <p>Entry Fee: \$9.00, Under 18: \$2.00 Non & unpaid members: \$10.00</p> <p>**299er game when possible</p>
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WEST LOS ANGELES FALL SECTIONAL



Friday Night Game at
Barrington Bridge Club



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AUG 29 - SEPT 1, 2008



<p>Friday Night Game at Barrington Bridge Club 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 966-4144</p> <p><u>FRIDAY, AUG 29th</u> 7:30 pm BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS</p> <p>STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY, AUG. 30th</u> 11:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS Flight A/X (approx. 35% of field) 0 - unlimited Flight Strats B, C, D - 2,000MP KNOCKOUT TEAMS - 2nd Session</p> <p>4:00 pm STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 299er PAIRS KNOCKOUT TEAMS - Finals</p>	<p><u>MONDAY, SEPT. 1st</u> 10:00 am and TBA STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS Flight A/X 0 - Unlimited MP [approximately 35% of field] Strats B, C, D - 2,000MP</p> <p>Masterpoint Limits for all Stratified Events unless otherwise noted: • Strat: Flight A/X 0- Unlimited • Strats B, C, D 0-2000, 0-750, 0-300, (or TBA as attendance warrants)</p> <p>COMPETE FOR TWO TROPHIES The West Los Angeles Unit player winning the most master points combined at the two 2007 West Los Angeles Sectionals will have their name engraved on the Jill Meyers Trophy. The 299er player winning the most master points at the West LA Sectionals will have their name engraved on the Mary Jane Farell Trophy. The 2006 winners were Peter Benjamin and Carolyn Taff.</p> <p>CARD FEES \$10.00 PER PERSON PER SESSION Non-Members and Life Masters who have not paid service fees pay \$11.00. Students under the age of 19 play free!</p> <p>Tournament Manager - Peter Benjamin (310) 558-0888 EMAIL ahoneydo@aol.com (310) 720-6050 (cell Peter Benjamin) Tournament Director - Peter Knee</p>															
<div><p>Kayne Eras Center is just east of Culver City Post Office and across the street from the Shopping Center</p><p>FREE PARKING</p><p>Free Coffee and Home Made Snacks (on Sat, Sun & Mon)</p></div> <p>DIRECTIONS FROM 405 • Exit at Jefferson and go east • Turn left onto Sepulveda • Turn Rt. onto Machado from Sepulveda (or left onto Machado from Jefferson)</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, AUG. 31st</u> 11:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS Flight A/X (approx. 35% of field) 0 - unlimited Flight Strats B, C, D - 2,000MP 299er PAIRS</p> <p>4:00 pm STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 299er PAIRS</p> <p>KNOCKOUT TEAMS Not handicapped unless only 1 bracket 1st Round Friday, Aug 29 7:30 pm 2nd round Saturday, Aug 30 11:00 am Final round Saturday, Aug 30 4:00 pm</p> <p>WEST LOS ANGELES UNIT BOARD</p> <table><tr><td>Peter Benjamin</td><td>Howard Einberg</td><td>Fred Mautner</td></tr><tr><td>Karen Byrd</td><td>Ed Feldmann</td><td>Mario Mory</td></tr><tr><td>Jordan Chodorow</td><td>Charles Fonarow</td><td>Barbara Nusbaum</td></tr><tr><td>Roger Clough</td><td>Toby Green</td><td>Bill Schreiber</td></tr><tr><td>Cecil Cook</td><td>Sam Haveson</td><td>Carolyn Taff</td></tr></table>	Peter Benjamin	Howard Einberg	Fred Mautner	Karen Byrd	Ed Feldmann	Mario Mory	Jordan Chodorow	Charles Fonarow	Barbara Nusbaum	Roger Clough	Toby Green	Bill Schreiber	Cecil Cook	Sam Haveson	Carolyn Taff	
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District 23 Bridge Club Directory

**Antelope Valley-
Santa Clarita #556**
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

Downey-Whitier Unit #564
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

Glendale-Verdugo Unit #553
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

Long Beach Unit #557
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

Pasadena-San Gabriel Unit #559
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
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

San Mario Bridge Club
1800 W Huntington Dr.
San Marino, 91108
Dir: Marie Nimmrich 626-448-3304
Monday noon Open and Stratified
Wednesday 7:15 Open and Stratified
Unit Game - 1st Sunday
lunch at noon, game at 1 (open & 299er)

Pomona-Covina Unit #551
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
Free play for all first time players

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

San Fernando Valley Unit #561
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

Torrance-South Bay Unit #568
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

West Los Angeles Unit #562
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,
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bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org

Orange County, Southern Gold Coast, Santa Ana

Anaheim Unit #513
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

Dana Harbor Unit #538
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/Strat & NLM
6:30 Charity Swiss Teams
Thursday 12:30 Open/Strat & NLM
Friday 12:30 Open/Strat & NLM
6:30 Charity Pairs
Open/Stratified
Saturday 12:30 Charity Pairs
Open/Stratified
3rd Sun 12:30 Unit Game
4th Sun 12:30 Charity Swiss Teams

Santa Ana Unit #541
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 lesson
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

Southern Gold Coast Unit #532
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

Park Newport Clubhouse
Jamboree & San Joaquin Hills Rd.
Tuesday 12:15 Open/Stratified
7:00 Open/Stratified
Thursday 12:15 Open/Stratified
phone # for Tues game - 949-215-6522

Huntington Beach Club 949-347-1356
Huntington Beach Women’s Club
420 10th St., Huntington Beach 92648
Monday 12:15 Open/Stratified
Friday 12:15 Open/Stratified

Saddleback Unit #525
Laguna Woods Clubhouse 7
Moulton Ave (north of El Toro Rd)
2nd Sun 1:00 Unit Game

John’s Bridge Club 949-588-5844
Monday noon Murray Center
Thursday noon Sea Country Center

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home.fea.net/~lwdbc
949-268-2420

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a heavy favorite and possibly to be preferred at match-points). However, East's 2♠ bid is contemptible. To begin with, it's much too strong for a weak two-bid, especially a third-seat weak two. Probably worse, it invites undesired competition. [Do you mean that it is easier for the opponents to bid over 2♠ than over 1♠?] After the more normal p-1♠-1NT-2♠-2NT-3NT (or 3♠, probably my preference)-3NT. However East's 2♠ was contemptible. To begin with, it's much too strong for a weak two-bid, especially a third seat weak two. After the more normal 1♠ East-West should still manage to get to game via p-1NT-2♠-2NT or 3♠ (probably my choice)-3NT. East was guilty of felony misdescription of hand. He was a little unlucky that the punishment was heavy, the loss of a vulnerable game worth 10 imps, when the more likely result would be a double partscore swing (roughly six IMPs), particularly as partner will often be reluctant to raise competitively with a small doubleton in trumps.

JONES: Unlike the previous 2 problems, I don't feel strongly that anything was that terrible here. West is clearly blameless; he or she shouldn't open the bidding, and can't plausibly act over 2♠ even at these colors. East listened to West's pass and decided to make a tactical preempt, thinking that game was unlikely and that South might be inconvenienced by a preempt. This is a tactic winning players employ, but proved an unlucky hand to apply the tactic. These things happen to wide range preempts, but I like the style. It makes life difficult for the opponents.

LOLLI: East 90%. Since when does opening a weak 2 bid in 3rd seat represent an opening hand? East was just masterminding, and at the wrong time. It should have come at this second turn 1♠ p 1NT p, 2NT p 3NT. However, this is a great fitter to have nine cold tricks with 12 opposite 11.

Not even I (who likes to bid notrump) would raise 1NT to 2NT. Perhaps Tim failed to insert the second round of bidding.

SWANSON: I would open 2♠ vulnerable with the East hand so best not be too tough on him. West might have made a try but that is not clear without a fit despite partner being vulnerable versus not. I think East-West were a bit unlucky. Pressed for a number I'll give East 60% and West 40%, but basically this is the result of a tactical decision to preempt with the East hand.