

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

A Report From  
Memphis, TN

by Bill Schreiber  
ALACBU President



Well, if I hadn’t have been there, I would not have believed it.

I was in Memphis on June 14 for my younger (by five years) brother **Michael’s**, marriage to **Amy Downing**.

It was a beautiful ceremony and I hope you all will join me in wishing them many happy years together.

While I was in Memphis for the wedding, I took the opportunity to tour ACBL Headquarters and meet with **Jay Baum**, ACBL President.

The ACBL staff is down to approximately 63 staffers, including part-time employees.

They still occupy parts of 4 floors of the building they used to own, but could probably cut it down to 2 and maybe even one, if need be.

Jay told me that headquarters may move to Dallas, Atlanta, or stay put in Memphis.

It will be a lively discussion at the ACBL Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas in mid-July.

Thanks to its sanctioning of internet bridge, the ACBL is pretty good shape financially.

I wish I could same the same for our district. Presently, we are performing at approximately break-even for our regional tournaments, with the bulk of our funds coming from that source.

In order to continuing publishing this paper in the format to which we have become accustomed, we need a greater attendance at the regional.

Tough decisions will have to be made regarding this paper, The Southern California Bridge News, including, but not limited to:

- publishing on a bi-monthly basis
- internet publishing
- raising advertising rates
- reducing the size of the paper

I would appreciate feedback from the members of the district at the regional tournament held in early July.

I will be there from Thursday night through Sunday (July 3 – July 6) and would appreciate your suggestions. Please come up to me so that I may relay your thoughts to our Board of Directors.

If you want to attend our Board of Directors meeting on Saturday evening July 5th at 7:00 p.m., I encourage you to do so.

Next month’s column will be partially written by **Jan Wickersham**, in her capacity as Tournament Manager, providing a recap of the July tournament and I will report on what went on at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

I hope to see many of you at the tournament and the upcoming Summer NABC in nearby Las Vegas.

Ellen Kent, Gene White Elected To Board of Governors

by Rand Pinsky  
District Director



The first order of business is to report that Ellen Kent and Gene White have been elected to the ACBL Board of Governors commencing January 1, 2009 to serve a three year term. The primary duty of the Board of Governors is to review the motions passed by the Board of Directors and to suggest to the Board motions to consider. The Board of Governors meet three times a year on the first Sunday of every NABC. If anyone is interested in the board, our district has one additional opening as three members from each district is elected to the board. Please either let me know or Bill Schreiber, our district president.

In other news, each month I receive a Management Report from Memphis. For

May it is reported that membership continues to grow. Year to date (May) we have a net gain of 1,238 members with new membership at 5,419. Regarding tournaments there has been a small decrease in tables per tournament. Gas costs may be a reason for this decrease, but in Los Angeles, as we are so compacted, many of our tournaments are showing an increase.

For our clubs, the Club Manager’s Newsletter has been posted on the ACBL website ([http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Club\\_Managers\\_spring\\_08.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Club_Managers_spring_08.pdf)) This newsletter is good reading for all clubs and it does not hurt for everyone to read. For new members, the ACBL Board has reinstated the New Member Newsletter and the second issue will be mailed the first week of July. It is a good marking tool for our clubs and units.

It Is A Different View From Dummy

This past month I have had the opportunity to visit some of our units. The Westwood Unit held a pro-am game. There

were two sections of players, the event organized by Jeri Berger. I got to play with Lelia Newman, earning a section 6th. More interesting, I learned from Lelia that her grandson-in-law, Andrew Rice, is a candidate for the U.S. Senate from the state of Oklahoma. At the Long Beach Unit I met with their Unit Board and participated in a presentation to the Long Beach Women’s Shelter with the charity grant the u0nit received from ACBL last year. I then played in a team game, and my teammates of Keith Haften, Reggy Waite, and John Killian lead me to winning the event. Finally, I was at the Antelope Valley - Santa Clarita Unit where the unit held a two session game hosting the Ridgcrest Unit.

Next month I will report on motions that will be presented to the Board in Las Vegas. As a reminder, one of the committees I sit on is the Life Master Requirement Committee.

If anyone has any comments about this subject, let me know as [pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net](mailto:pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net).

Announcements

Long Beach Unit Presents Donation to WomenShelter

On Monday evening, June 9, 2008, President Steve Sulzby of the Long Beach Bridge Unit 557 and Rand Pinsky, director of District 23 of the American Contract Bridge League presented a \$4,000 check to Goretty Ramos, of the WomenShelter of Long Beach. Miss Ramos is the Director of Outreach Services for the WomenShelter.

The WomenShelter of Long Beach is an organization dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence through education, intervention and prevention.

The donation from the American Contract Bridge League is intended to help further this cause. If you would like more information about duplicate bridge, please call the Long Beach Bridge Center at (562) 498-8113. You can find more information on the WomenShelter on the group’s web site, [www.womenshelterlb.org](http://www.womenshelterlb.org).

MS Charity Tournament Approaches

On Sunday, August 17 at 12:30 p.m., the Barrington Bridge



District director Rand Pinsky and Long Beach Unit president Steve Sulzby present a charity grant check to Goretty Ramos of the WomenShelter of Long Beach.

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.

District 23 Rank Changes 5/1/08-5/31/08

**Junior Master (5 points)** Dale Blessing, Vivian Entous, Colleen Gardner, Judy Hopkins Robert Krause, Marilyn Levin, Robert Parker, Phyllis Selig-Kerns

**Club Master (20 MPs)** Temo Arjani, Sue Frances Ayers, Sue Boswell, Scarlet Damiano, Sylvia Fenberg, Ted Goldman, John Opdyke, Steve Shanker, Judy Zucker

**Sectional Master (50 MPs)** George Altinis, Richard Amsterdam, Beatrice Aron, Winnie Green, Lawrence Kaufman, Suzanne Kuuskmae, Dianne Sax, Yokuko Sheehy

**Regional Master (100 MPs)** Phillip Calloway, Elizabeth De Couto, Joan Little, Steven Little, Judith Marylander, Leonard Popowitz, Sankar Reddy

**NABC Master (200 MPs)** Roger Boyar, Charles Kelley, Sara Langley, Zeke Mataga

**Life Master (300 MPs)** Toby Rothman, Gerri Soffa Carlson, Helen Wang

**Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)**Mike Fierman, Carleton Genebach, Lynn Johnson

**Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)** George Faber, Mary Stauf, Kim Wang, Harvey Witt

**Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)** Alfred Lee

**Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)** Jill Richmond

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Kibitz With Karraine: The 199er Report

D E F E N S E

By Karraine Murray

It is 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 15 and L.A. is barely breathing. Not sleeping, mind you, though it is as quiet as that. Cars are off of the roads, parked somewhere at their destinations. Even birds aren't flying. A leaf may tremble lightly to the ground forced to hesitate only by its own natural parachute— the wind is not blowing. It wouldn't dare. Game 5 between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers is about to begin and Los Angeles can still taste the bile from the choking and nausea of Game 4 in which the Lakers blew a 24-point lead to go down in flames. Salmonella infested tomatoes have nothing on this. Yet, we are cautiously...fearfully...hopeful. Anything CAN happen. Lord, just give us some defense.

Whoever said that defense was the hardest part of the game was right on. This is Eddie Kantar I'm quoting, and he's talking about a different game - our game - bridge. When defending a hand, you are dealing with a partner: a partner whose leads, signals and discards you must trust implicitly. A tall order. I know Kobe, Pau and Lamar can relate to that. Defending home court against Celtic Paul Pierce's constant driving force would prove to be the only answer to defeating the opponent's contract. The topic of defense is a frustrating and sweaty behemoth so I'd like to tackle just one aspect which I've always found puzzling - when, and when not, to lead trump.

I've always led trump for the wrong reasons. Mainly, because I couldn't think of anything else better to do. That fits right in with the Lakers' Game 4 defense, and you know how well that worked. Although trump leads can be devastating, more often than not they are disastrous... but that doesn't mean you should never lead trump. In fact there are some bidding sequences that practically scream for a trump lead. Here are some examples:

1. Declarer bids two suits and dummy prefers the second

Since dummy did not support declarer's first suit, one can assume the first suit will be short in the dummy, thereby giving declarer ruffing power. In order to minimize that, lead trump.

2. Partner passes your takeout double at the one or two level

When partner passes your takeout double at the one or two level, converting it to penalty, she is saying, "Hey partner, I'm sitting here with lots of trump— lead them!"

3. The opponents are sacrificing

If your side has most of the points and the opponents are playing an obvious sacrifice, leading trump will cut down on dummy's ruffing power and make your team's high cards good.

Defense strategies are in constant flux in order to adjust to ongoing variations on the court. Phil Jackson can't assign Kobe to defend Pierce when Kobe already has four fouls on him. Similarly, when you are defending and you hold four trumps, or you believe partner does, this is a situation where you would NOT choose a trump lead. Back to Kantar: It boils down to this: holding four trumps playing against a declarer who figures to have four or five trumps, the best strategy is usually to try to force declarer to ruff. In other words, lead from your longest suit and hope it is declarer's shortest suit. This will leave you with more trump than the declarer forcing him to lose control of the hand.

You cannot win a game employing

only offense. Pay attention to the bidding. Stay in the moment, as Phil would say. It's now June 16 and tonight, after the Lakers eeked out a wobbly five-point win yesterday, Los Angeles is breathing again, albeit for a short while. We'll all sleep with our night guards in tonight as tomorrow Game 6 looms on the horizon. It's do or die again, and it all comes down to defense. "Defense is winning this series for the Celtics and killing the Lakers on every front," says sportswriter Mike Kahn, "when Pierce starts to move, the Lakers' defense simply collapses...meanwhile, when the Lakers have the ball, the Celtics play real defense— with passion, reason and a sense of purpose."

I know you can all do that at the bridge table.

Thanks to the book, "Eddit Kantar Teaches Modern Bridge Defense," which supplied some of the above information.


Don't forget Bridge Week is June 30 through July 6 at the Pacific Palms in the City of Industry. Lots of 299er events and fun for all! Contact Jan Wickersham at 626-355-2666 for more info.

Also, clever Bob Martin came up with a great way to remember my name and how to pronounce it. This is what he sings when we meet at the table, "ka-RAIN drops keep fallin' on my head..." Thanks, Bob.

Happy 4th of July, and Happy Bridging. I can be reached at KibitzWithKarraine@yahoo.com. Please mention bridge in the subject line.

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Estate Planning Corner by Jordan Chodorow



If a decedent leaves an estate which will pass by will (as opposed to (1) by contract, such as a joint account or insurance, or (2) by title holding, such as real property passing to a surviving joint tenant), "letters testamentary" appointing a personal representative (usually an executor) must be obtained by petition to the probate court. One of the first matters of concern to a newly appointed executor is giving notice to creditors to start the brief time period within which a creditor of the estate may file a creditor's claim or forever lose the right to be paid. That time period is the longer of 4 months after the letters testamentary are issued or 60 days after notice of administration is given to the creditor.

The executor must publish notice of administration and give actual written notice to any creditor known to the executor. Even if a creditor was not given actual notice, a creditor would be barred from filing a claim more than 60 days after he first became aware that the decedent's estate was being probated.

The claims for which a filing is required are broad: any demand for payment of any liability of the decedent, whether due, not due, or contingent, liquidated in amount or not liquidated, and whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise. A claim for overtime pay and a claim for the fair value of services rendered, without written contract, are examples of contract claims requiring the filing of a claim. Mortgage liens and litigation in process are not claims for which a filing is required. Must a guarantor of a decedent's bank debt, who has not been called upon by the bank to pay the guarantee, file a creditor's claim against the decedent's estate to protect his contingent right to subrogation (claim) against the decedent's estate should the bank compel him to make good on his guaranty? Conservative practice would suggest that the guarantor should file a claim in such a circumstance.

The justification for these seemingly harsh rules is to require the administration of all the decedent's affairs before a single forum (the probate court), and to cause all debts to be paid or provided for, with the estate then free to distribute its remaining assets to beneficiaries who will be free of the decedent's debts.

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# Problem Solvers’ Panel

Moderator:  
Marshall Miles

Our panelists are: Gerald Bare, Mark Bartusek, Jeff Goldsmith, Jill Meyers, Michael Schreiber, and Kit Woolsey

1  
no vul  
MPs

S    W    N    E

1♦    p    1♥    p

?

You, South, hold:  
♠86 ♥A5 ♦AKQ1087654 ♣--  
What call do you make?

BARE: 6♦. No way to know what to do; don’t give the opponents any more opportunities (*or information- MM*). All other bids are seriously flawed.

BARTUSEK: 2♠. Even if partner raises to 3♠, my follow-up bid of 5♦ should tell partner that my spade length is suspect. Partner will then highly value any spade honors that he holds, allowing him to raise to 6♦.

GOLDSMITH: Whoknows? Ifipppantly answered 2♣ the first time I saw the problem (it would have worked out, by the way), but I think 3♣ is probably better. Partner should understand that this may be made up, since we have no way to force in diamonds. It’s my style to figure out what we can make rather than try to steal an impossible slam by splintering or bidding Exclusion in spades, so I’m hoping for 1♦-1♥, 3♣-3♦, 4♦-4♠.

MEYERS: 2♠. I hate to jump shift with this distribution and so few HCP, but I don’t want to get past 3NT and I don’t want to miss the slam possibilities. The fact that the opponents are not bidding makes me think partner has some goodies over there.

SCHREIBER: I will not answer this one as the conditions are unacceptable. No one opens a one bid with 10 winners in a single suited hand. This is a 2♣ opener.

WOOLSEY: 5♣. Assuming this is exclusion RKC for hearts (don’t count ace of clubs), as it would be in my partnerships, it will work. If partner doesn’t have any, he’ll bid 5♦, which I pass. If he has one, I’ll have to take my chances in 6♦. If he has two without the queen I’ll probably settle for 6♦. If he has two with the queen, I’ll claim a grand.

*This problem is a test of your bidding philosophy. Usually I prefer science to stealing, but it is going to be very difficult to get to the best double dummy contract with confidence. Even with Kit’s solution you might get to slam opposite ♠QJx ♥KQxxx ♦x ♣Qxxx. with the additional disadvantage that the opening lead from ♠Kxxx ♥xxxx ♦xx ♣Axx or ♠Jxxx ♥xxxx ♦x ♣AKxx would probably be a spade, rather than a club, because of the exclusion RKC bid (unless West suspects it of being a psyche). Since we would be cold for slam opposite as little as ♥KQxx (unless a spade is led), or opposite ♠Axxx ♥Kxxxx ♦x ♣Jxx (with any lead) I like the simple 6♦ bid. Since you have no high cards in either suit, isn’t a club lead as likely as a spade lead? Also, as Jill said, the opponents’ silence is encouraging—one reason why you may get more information after a 1♦ bid than after a 2♣ bid.*

2  
EW vul  
IMPs

South    West    North    East

1NT\*    dbl\*\*    2♦\*\*\*    3♦

?

\*12-14    \*\*14+    \*\*\*natural

You, South, hold:  
♠864 ♥K83 ♦AK875 ♣Q6  
What call do you make?

BARE: 5♦. Sounds like the opponents are headed for game.

BARTUSEK: Pass. We are massively out-gunned, and 5♦ will go down too many with my distribution and honor location. The only question is whether we should pass or bid 4♦ to hinder their auction (and also give them a “fielder’s choice”). Any bid just seems too dangerous to me.

GOLDSMITH: 4♦. The immediate save seems wrong; I have very little offense. But partner might; he could have ♠x ♥Qx ♦QJ10xxx ♣Kxxx, and he’ll save until the cows come home. We’ll never play 4♦doubled, of course because West will bid a major.

MEYERS: 4♦. I want to suggest that partner bid 5♦ over four of the major, which he should not do unless he has distribution.

SCHREIBER: I do not play weak notrumps. However, I will bid 4♦ to take a cue bid away from LHO. I am not bidding 5♦ as we could have 6, 7 or even 8 losers. They are not likely to double 4♦. 5♦ is inviting a double.

WOOLSEY: 4♦. This should be safe at favorable vulnerability, and we have so many diamonds that they aren’t likely to double anyway. Partner will know I have something like this for my call, so he will be able to take a save if his hand is appropriate.

3  
no vul  
IMPs

South    West    North    East

1♦    1♥    2♥    pass

?

You, South, hold:  
♠AK8 ♥-- ♦QJ10975 ♣Q854?  
What call do you make?

BARE: 4♥.

BARTUSEK: 4♥, showing our heart shortage seems best and will often allow partner to bid a slam. Any other bid just seems meaningless and could get in the way of showing the shortness. Surely we want to be in at least 5♦ with this powerhouse hand.

GOLDSMITH: 3♣. What else? We could make anywhere from 4♦ to 7♦, so a natural try seems pretty obvious.

MEYERS: 3♣. I am definitely bidding a game on this hand; what that game is I don’t know, but if I bid 3♣ partner will evaluate his or her club values nicely.

SCHREIBER: 3♥. If partner bids 3NT, I will bid 4♠. Partner will then know I was bidding a first round control and that I don’t have the club ace. If partner does not bid 3NT I know we have no wasted cards in hearts. I will repeat my cue bid or bid 4♠ if partner bids a minor at the four level. Over 4♣ I bid hearts again. I am trying to get partner to repeat the club cue if he has the club AK. Over 4♦ I bid 4♠. Surely, partner will know that decent clubs and the diamond AK are enough for slam. I will chance that we don’t have a third round loser in clubs or spades.

WOOLSEY: 4♥ (or whatever is a heart splinter in my methods). This should be sufficient for partner to make the proper evaluation of his hand.

4  
no vul  
MPs

West    East

♠765    ♠AK

♥AK7    ♥QJ43

♦QJ9652    ♦---

♣K    ♣QJ109843

West    East

1♦    2♣

2♦    2♥

3♥    3♠

3NT    4♥

Apportion the blame for not getting to 6♣

BARE: East 80%, West 0%. The rebid of 2♦ denies four hearts in 2/1 [*Does it? I think some players play that bidding 2♥ would deny 5+ diamonds—not that I favor either approach, MM*] so East should look for a club card by bidding 4♠, playing 5 or 6♣.

BARTUSEK: 95% West. I detest the raise to 3♥ on ♥AKx. Additionally, 3NT seems weird (this does NOT take back the promise of 4-card heart support) . . .even a cue bid of 4♣ at this point might get them to 6♣. I assume that 2♦ did not systemically deny a 4-card major.

GOLDSMITH: East 100%. What did West do that was wrong? East misbid at just about every turn. 2♣ was OK. I’d bid 3♣, assuming it is forcing, not 2♥. Then over 3♥ East should bid 4♣. And over 3NT he should bid 4♣. That might still not help, but West should cooperate; he has three big cards in this sequence.

*Despite their mild disagreement over this problem, the last two panelists, as partners, were my teammates recently, and they got to the right contract consistently.*

MEYERS: I think this would be a very hard hand to get to slam. East can’t evaluate her diamond void. However, I do not think East should pull the 3NT bid. I think West’s 3NT denies four hearts.

SCHREIBER: NO BLAME. Getting to slams that require finding out about stiff honors are just too tough, especially when you have to find out about all those other perfect cards in both hands.

WOOLSEY: East 100%. I would have bid West’s hand exactly as West bid it. East violated the fundamental principle of slam bidding. SET THE TRUMP SUIT. East should have rebid 3♣. It isn’t guaranteed that they would get to 6♣ anyway, but at least they would have a chance. A possible sequence might be 1♦ 2♣, 2♦ 3♣, 3♥ 3♠, 3NT 4♣, 4♥ 4♠, 6♣ pass.

*I agree with Jill and Michael; these are not easy hands to bid to slam. My suggested sequence is 1♦ 2♣, 2♦ 2♥, 3♥ 3♠, 4♣ 6♣. I don’t normally raise a second-bid suit with three card support, but I still think 3♥ is West’s best bid—better than rebidding diamonds again. (4♣ would be my second choice).*

*East’s 3♠ bid could have suggested that West bid 3NT with a spade stopper (with the intention of correcting that possible meaning with his next bid). Since West didn’t have a spade stopper, I think 4♣ would have been a better bid. But Jeff and Kit were playing a different system than most of the other players. According to Bridge World Standard, when responder rebids his suit, it is only invitational, not forcing. I will admit that there are probably as many players who play 2/l unconditionally game-forcing as play BWS. Some play 1M 3m as invitational; some play 1M 3m as a Bergen raise and have no way to invite, rather than force, with a long minor (which doesn’t make sense to me).*

*These comments will be quite relevant to the following problem.*

Problem Solvers’ Panel continued on page 4



5  
no vul  
IMPs

West

♠KQJ986

♥Q6

♦K1054

♣K

East

♠4

♥AKJ843

♦A976

♣A8

West

1♠

2♠

4♦

5♦ (one keycard\*)

East

2♥

3♦

4NT

6♦

I should have said one control (thanks Jeff)

6NT, 6♥ and 6♦ are all better contracts than 6♦.

Apportion the blame for getting to the 4<sup>th</sup> best small slam

BARE: East 80%, West 0%. East should bid 5♣ over 4♦ and West could bid 6NT. Cue bidding should normally be looking for a small slam. 4NT should be looking for 7 or enough controls to bid 6.

BARTUSEK: West 85%. West should clearly stay flexible and take a preference to 3♥ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. 3♦ does not guarantee a 4-card suit; it might just be stopper-showing. Besides, doesn't West want to give his partner a chance to show spade tolerance with a 3♠ bid if he had a doubleton? East probably expected better diamonds and had to guess over the 5♦ response. A 5♣ cuebid instead would have worked out better, but I understand why East took the "easy/simple" route of 4NT.

GOLDSMITH: This one is a little tougher. If West had held ♠KQJ986 ♥64 ♦KQ105 ♣K, EW would have celebrated getting to the best game. Be that as it may, I would have rebid 3♥, not 3♦, with the East cards. He has so much power that any game will make, but not enough that he can make a slam without a heart fit or extras from partner. It's just barely possible that partner has a great 4-card diamond suit, but I think the odds favor bidding where East lives. 4NT is a clear error; it doesn't provide the information East needs. 4♥ seems more to the point. Furthermore, East will want to bid 5NT "pick a slam" later on, so taking captaincy now is counter-productive. So call it 50% East and 50% bad luck. Just to ensure that no one who reads this column starts thinking that "key cards" and "controls" are synonymous, in slam

MEYERS: I think East should bid 3♥ instead of 3♦ but I also think West should bid 3♥ over 3♦ (West should show honor doubleton by bidding 3♥ or inability to bid 3NT. I think East's bid is slightly worse than West's so I would give East 55% of the blame, West 45%.

Of course, if 3♥ by East would not be forcing, he is blameless for bidding 3♦, isn't he?

SHREIBER: West 100% for not bidding 3♥ over 3♦. With ♠x ♥AKxxx ♦AQJ ♣xxxx. wouldn't East bid 3♦ in an attempt to get to 3NT? Bidding 4♦ with other options available is not preferable.

WOOLSEY: East 100%. Introducing that flimsy diamond suit is silly. He is better rebidding his strong 6-card suit and seeing how West feels about that. West would have liked it. West's calls were all routine.

Suppose East had held ♠xx ♥AK10xx ♦Axxx ♣Qx. West has a very poor hand in support of diamonds. Four of either major would be better than 5♦, I would expect West to be happy to show a doubleton high honor in hearts since he probably would have raised immediately with three-card heart support.

## Four Hands From The Balboa Swiss

by Mike Savage

Here is are a few interesting hands from the Balboa Swiss in June. Mostly success stories as after being basically tied for first after four of six matches, we won the last three by over 20 IMPs each. Of course it always helps if you have a teammate with well over 30,000 masterpoints!

Hand 1. What to bid – choices, choices. What’s the best bid (or least lie) with the North hand?

IMPs, Dealer: North, NS Vul

North	♠ A J x			
	♥ x			
	♦ A 7 x			
	♣ J 9 8 x x x			
The bidding at our table	N	E	S	W
			1♦	pass
			?	

Sometime there is no correct bid to make with your hand and you have to pick between very flawed possibilities. The choices seem to be (in sequential order) 1♠, 1NT, 2♣ and 2♦ and all of them at least somewhat misstate your hand. Perhaps the most seductive choice is 1♠ as it’s right on everything but a 4th spade and if your partner has 4-card spade support, playing a 4-3 spade fit with potential heart taps coming in the short hand would be OK. Then there is the ubiquitous 1NT – about right on points and denies a 4-card major and is only lacking a heart stopper and a 2nd heart. Next is 2♣ – game forcing in this partnership and you have only 10 HCP but you do have a six-card suit and a partial diamond fit. Finally there is 2♦ – for some this is just a simple diamond raise – showing 4-5 card support and about 6-9 HCP and for others it is an Inverted Minor raise showing an invitational hand with usually five or more diamonds. In our partnership 2♦ would just show a simple diamond raise while 3♣ is our Inverted Minor raise. So if you play 2♣ game forcing and 2♦ as a simple raise, what is North’s best bid? On the actual hand two of the given choices are winners and two of them are not.

My partner, Jeff (Sharp) Fang chose one of the two lucky actions. He bid 2♦, a simple raise – hoping to get another chance to bid. First of all when choosing between flawed actions, showing support (even in this case inadequate support) can sometimes be a good thing. Secondly

and perhaps most importantly he realized that: he had a stiff heart, we were vulnerable and they were not! That meant that the opponents had a lot of hearts between them and conditions were ripe for a heart preempt. Myself, I probably would have bid 1♠ while at the other table they bid 1NT and both of those choices were losing options as at each table over 1NT and 2♦, the next hand jumped to 4♥!

I had an easy time of it over Jeff’s 2♦ bid as I had: ♠xxx ♥A ♦KJ98xx ♣AQx. I considered bidding 5♣ (sure wish I had in retrospect!) in case my LHO bid 5♥ but was afraid that my partner might bid a slam, expecting a better hand and just bid 5♦. Since diamonds were Qxx - 10 and the club king was stiff onside, twelve tricks were easily there for +620. At the other table after 1♦-p-1NT-4♥, South doubled. East was 3-8-1-1 and 4♥ doubled went down just two for –300.

Hand 2. Preempts make life difficult. On this hand one made both Souths have to guess what to do.

IMPs, Dealer: North, NS Vul

North	♠ K Q 10 x x	South	♠ A x
	♥ A K x x		♥ Q J x x
	♦ J x		♦ void
	♣ K x		♣ 10 8 x x x x x

The bidding at our table:

N	E	S	W
1♠	pass	1NT	2♦
2♥	5♦	5♥	all pass

South at our table had more courage than South did at the other table. The auction was the same at both tables up thru 5♦ but at the other table South decided to make a hopefully encouraging pass but lacking a known fit, North could only double 5♦ – which went down two tricks for –300.

At our table, South was made of sterner stuff and bravely bid 5♥ with his double fit. He knew 5H was a stretch but didn’t think that defending 5♦ would be worth much and 5♥ had a good chance to make. This time he was right as his partner had a good hand and even though hearts split 4-1, the club ace was right and spades split. He actually could have made six but he settled for the sure +650.

## Problems For August

1.no vul, IMPs

West	North	East	South
1♥	pass	4♥	?

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

2. NS vul, IMPs

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

3. no vul, IMPs

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

\*12-14 \*\*majors

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

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.

4. EW vul, IMPs

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	4♥	pass
pass	dbl	pass	pass
pass			

West	East
♠Q98752	♠3
♥---	♥Q3
♦KQ84	♦107653
♣AJ5	♣K10843

North-South made two overtricks. East-West would be down one in five diamonds. Apportion the blame.

5. EW vul, IMPs

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	2♠	pass
pass	pass		

West	East
♠96	♠AKQJ104
♥K86	♥Q102
♦AK7	♦103
♣J10763	♣95

Apportion the blame for not getting to 3NT.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Morning Side Game (1 of 5) .....10:00 a.m.

Charity Knockouts (2 of 3, gold) .....10:00 a.m.

Christopher Columbus Open Pairs (1 of 2 sessions, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

299er Pairs (single sessions, red) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Compact Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Charity Knockouts (final) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) .....3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Side Game (1 of 5) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues Wednesday, gold) .....7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Game (1 of 5) .....7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Antelope Valley Unit Morning Side Game (2 of 5) .....10:00 a.m.

Unit 556 Remembers lost Loved Ones in 2008

Oktoberfest Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Mid-week Knockouts (1 & 2, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Side Game (2 of 5) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Tue-Wed Swiss Teams (2 of 2 sessions, gold) .....7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Game (2 of 5) .....7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Morning Side Game (3 of 5) .....10:00 a.m.

Autumn Leaves Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Mid-week Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Pacific Palms Knockouts (1 & 2, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Side Game (3 of 5) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues Friday, gold) .....7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Game (3 of 5) .....7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Morning Side Game (4 of 5) .....10:00 a.m.

Red and Gold Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Pacific Palms Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Last Chance Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Side Game (4 of 5) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Thurs-Fri Swiss Teams (2 of 2 sessions, gold) .....7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Game (4 of 5) .....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning Side Game (5 of 5) .....10:00 a.m.

Fall Open Pairs (gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Eddie Kantar Classic Open Pairs (preregistration required) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Last Chance Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Compact Knockout Teams (gold) .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Side Game (5 of 5) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams, (single session) .....3:00 p.m.

Stratified Swiss Teams, (single session, red) .....7:30 p.m.

Evening Side Game (5 of 5) .....7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Swiss Teams (A/X 0-5000/5000+)(B/C/D 0-500/1250/2500) .....10:00 a.m.

Stratified Fast Open Pairs .....10:00 a.m.

Sunday Swiss Teams sit down Lunch \$128 per team, \$8 for extra teammates

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# Around The Units in District 23

Antelope Valley  
Santa Clarita  
by Gin

The Las Vegas Regional is now history and the Long Beach Bridge Week Regional is about to begin. Can you think of a better way to welcome the sizzling summer weather after such a pleasant and mild spring?

Our Sectional Tournament is a mere two and a half months away. Time sure flies when you are busy making changes. This year we are going back to a three-day format for the tournament. The three-day event will begin on Friday, September 16 at 1 p.m. at our clubroom at 44203 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California. The tournament will begin with an open pairs game in the afternoon and will be followed the first ever Knockout Team game at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, we will begin with two independent sessions of open pairs and continue the Knockout Team event. Afternoon events begin at 1:00 p.m and the evening at 7:00 p.m. The tournament will conclude with a two-session Swiss Team event on Sunday at 11 a.m. and TBA with a lunch break between sessions. We are looking forward to seeing you in Lancaster and Palmdale. According to my Georgia born and bred husband, this means you all come!

Occasionally a question arises that requires a bit of research to answer it correctly. The latest query was about the deal in the day-to-day games. This required research because the question was not addressed in the Director’s Test. Law 6, B “The cards must be dealt face down, one card at a time, into four hands of thirteen cards each; each hand is then placed face down in one of the four pockets of the board. The recommended procedure is that the cards be dealt in rotation, clockwise. Law 6, C states ”A member of each side should be present during the shuffle and deal unless the Director instructs otherwise.” “Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge” is the source of the preceding quotes.

It is such a joy to see Mary Stauf back at the club and looking healthy and playing at the top of her game. Welcome back, dear lady. Last month the Western STaC games results were reported in depth, however the following players earned additional silver points for placing in the Western Conference: Russ Buker 4.53, Bob Cuccias 3.28, Barb Shuping and Alfred Miller 2.4, Barbara and Thomas Jones 2.21, Dave White and Pas Juenemann 1.81, Rose Coldiron and Gin Dudley 1.66, Henry Roediger and Leah Leavitt 1.25, Colin MacDougall and Herm Shuping 1.24 and Mary Ellen Downs and Jan Gibson .91.

At Valencia Bridge Studio, the May master point leaders were Marlene and Dave Gasper, Shah Basart, Donna Kaufmann, Rand Pinsky. In flight B the leaders were Dan Axtell, Paula Olivares, Rita Vannatter, Paul Gill and Evert Dehr.

Kathy Swaine is back from a ‘girls only’ vacation to the Greek Islands, Rome and Venice meanwhile Rand had a ‘boys only vacation playing bridge.

It is with great sadness that the unit extends condolences to the friends and family of Aggi Kirk.

Don’t forget the special August series games. The best three of the five Tuesday games will be averaged to determine who will earn additional master points for the highest average. It will be an interesting series.

### Top Five

This is an unusual result in the section. First and second place went to K. C. Jones and Bobbi Thompson, and Janet Coussens and Marlene Warren-Gasper with a tie at 67.27%. There was a three way tie for third, fourth and fifth place with Janet and Marlene, Mira and Hansford Rowe and Nina and Mike Polsky with 66.67% games. This game of bridge is as unpredictable as the weather.

Unit Championship 6/11 overall			
	A	B	C
Marlene & Dave Gasper	1	-	-
Mary Stauf & Barb Shuping	2	1	-
George Lewis & Rose Coldiron	3	-	-
Henry Roediger & Mary Ann Shaw	2	-	
Dave White & Jack Miller	-	3	-

Charity Game 5/28 overall			
Barb Shuping & Mary Stauf	1	1	-

May Abagi & Sandi Niren	2	2	1
Marlene & Dave Gasper	3	-	-
Jack Miller & Pat Juenemann	4	3	-

Coming Events			
July 2 Unit Game			
July 10 Bridge 101 Lessons begin			
August 6 Unit Game & Board meeting			
August 1,8,15,22, 28 series bonus for best 3 of 5 games			
September 15, 16, 17 Sectional Tournament			
September 26 and October 3			
Two Session Club Championship			
October 8 Individual Game (tentative)			
October 23-29 District 23 STaC			
December 3 General Meeting, Holiday Dinner, Unit Game			
December 4-10 Western Conference STaC			

A parting thought.....The truth is like elastic. You can stretch it a lot, but you eventually it is going to come back to you.

## Downey – Whittier

by Bernice Crelia

Time to give you the latest news on how our members are doing this year. The months have really flown by and we have enjoyed many hours of entertaining bridge. One thing that I have noticed is how often we welcome players from many other clubs. This is really a compliment to our membership because it shows how very friendly and enjoyable our games are.

Let me remind you right away that in July our Unit Game will be on the second Friday, since we will be closed the first Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Independence Day, as we go into the second half of the year.

Once again I am sorry to report the loss of one of our long time members, Bob Allen.

This man really enjoyed playing bridge and it helped him fill the hours as his wife slowly drifted away suffering from Alzheimer’s.

This is such a devastating disease, the seventh leading cause of death among the elderly in the US. However it can also affect people as young as 30. This irreversible brain disorder is costly and destructive to so very many families who suffer because of it.

Now let us go on to the overall winners of our recent games. May Charity – 1. Len Beck- Larry Bolls, 2. Frank Jones – Marcie Evans, 3. Stan Snyder – Mort Futterman, 4. Dolores Phillips – Roy Rodenberg. B –1 Joe and Barbara Newman, B –2/3 Bob Krause – Lucile Thompson, Terry Binns – Bernice Crelia. May Jr. Fund –1. Marcie Evans – Ken Ross, 2. Mary Kiechle – F. Jones, 3. Nancy Ramage – Renelda Rippe, 4. George and Shirlie Faber, 5. S. Snyder – M. Futterman, B-2 Barbara Horn – Betty Boss, B-3 Mary Graef – Bess Kennedy, C-3 Paul Langerman – John Kiang. June – Charity – 1. L Beck – L. Bolls, 2. Terry Binns – B. Crelia, 3. Clinton & Virginia Gorsuch, 4. M. Graef – B. Kennedy. June Unit – 1. Kim Wang – John Williams, 2. L. Thompson – R. Rippe, 3. Ed Hsi – Sam Wang, 4. Janet Ju – George Wang, 5. Don Van Wye – Shirley Niemand. Be back next month.

## Glendale-Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit game 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 12	
12:15 Buffet Lunch	
Board of Directors Meeting	
10:30 a.m., Saturday, Ju;y 12	

Re the first notice above, there’s (1) bad news and (2) Non-bad news. (1) The monthly unit game fee has been increased from \$8.00 to \$9.00; and (2) the Glendale Regency Bridge Club fee remains at \$7.00 per session.

We hope that our high finance talk above does not deter new member, Eric S. Tener, from joining us for some card jousting at the club. He hails from the San Diego area.

Also, Eric, don’t be intimidated by some serious jousting that occurred recently at the club when Carolyn

Cohen and Melina Stevens took N/S honors with a 71.42% game, while Gerry Belcher and Bob Tayrilen garnered the E/W top spot with a 72% game. We are serious, but friendly.

To show you our serious side, as mentioned last month, Dan Oakes has been asked to share with us his knowledge on ethics at the bridge table, the reason being that some of us have been (innocently?) Derelict. His accredited expertise comes from his pre-lawyer days when he worked for the ACBL at one time, directing tournaments at the sectional, regional and national levels. So please, read and reap. Per Dan: Bridge ethics actually are part of the laws of contract bridge, so ethical “lapses” are really rule violations, and here is a common one: The opening lead is made, and partner of the leader sighs audibly with a slight shake of the head. However subtly, she is demonstrating that she didn’t like the lead and is in violation of Law 73A1: “Communication between partners during the auction and play shall be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves.” From a practical standpoint, that helps out declarer. However, her partner is now bound not to use that information, and if he regains the lead, he is prohibited by Law 16A from “choosing, among logical alternative actions, one that could have been demonstrably suggested over another extraneous information,” i.e. if the two possible suits to play at this point are clubs (again) or hearts, he CAN’T lead hearts because her initial reaction has legally and ethically FORCED him to lead clubs again; if he does not, then he too is guilty of a Laws violation.

You may be asking “what’s the big deal?” Well, the big deal is that such behavior may unfairly improve your score, unfairly hurt the opponents and unfairly affect the matchpoint score of EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM, because when the opening leader at those tables regains the lead he has to make a bridge judgement based on the play of the hand so far. So today’s lesson is, if you don’t like the opening lead, keep a straight face and play a discouraging card. A copy of “Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge” is available at the Regency Club Library. Also, if you have any rules or ethics questions for a quick answer or an in-column response, don’t hesitate to let me know.- Dan Oakes.

Our kudos to Dan for taking time from his busy schedule to cue us in on this important subject, and let us “mea culpas” strive for a more stoic demeanor to give victories proper meaning.

Ted Maki and Joni enjoyed their belated honeymoon all the more for the leisurely time they were able to spend on their trip to Australia, New Zealand and other ports of call in the South Pacific. They even participated in the first-time Equator crossing with good humor - we have no clue as to what that involves, so check with Ted.

Further news regarding the Spring Regional indicates some more worthy results: In open pairs, William Ng scored an A-1 and Carol Frank a C-1; In side games, Carol scored and A-1 with Dianne Ruppin; Dan Botaca an A-3; while Lyle Wiederman garnered an A-1 and a C-1. Lyle also joined Charles Cordero for a 2nd place win in Knockouts, while Eva Seri and Jim Lechner’s team placed 1st in a Compact K. O. Wm. Ng’s team placed A-3 in a Swiss, while Carol Frank’s had an X-4 in an A/X Swiss team event. Next time, don’t be bashful - I NEED your news. As I recall, Satchel Paige said, “It ain’t bragging if you can do it.”

The June Unit Game provided lots of bragging room, but unnecessary since I can do it for you, herewith:

N/S			
A1	B1	Mike Doll and Patrick Carkullo	
A2	Bob Cranor and Arnie Lier		
A3	Carolyn Cohen and Melina Stevens		
A4	B2	Pat Abbey and Sherry Strube	
A5	B3	Sharon Wolf and Phil Dessert	
	B4/5	C1	Madelon Liebman and Carol Lessin
	B4/5	Maureen Peterson and Claudia	
Elmes			
	C2	Susan Rhoads and Rufus Rhoades	
E/W			
A1	Tim Lolli and Daniel Oakes		
A2	Bob Gish and Steve Licker		
A3	B1	C1	Zach Vedro and Harold Knowles
A4	Bob Tayrien and R. Gerry Belcher		
A5	B2	C2	Betsy Josias and Nancy Lyon
	B3	Art Chacantias and Dorothy La Maie	
		C3	Esther Tapelband and Bob Hogan

We’re out of space, but thanks to Merry Besvold and her helpers for a good lunch and for providing the opportunity for a good time. Take care everybody and continue to enjoy....



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by Jon Yinger

**MAY 18 UNIT GAME RESULTS:** Overall results: 1st in A, Earl VanDerVord/Jon Yinger; 2nd, Nancy Schwantes/Prakash Kumar; 3rd, John and Suzie Hand; 4th, Pat Durand/Eileen Nelson; 5th, Eileen Neesen/Kaye Amdon; 6th, Steve Skinner/Bob Lavery. Other winners in the overalls were Sean Lui/Ann McClelland, 3rd in B; Garth Greene/Lorraine Norton, 4th in B; Alan and Sharon Appel, 5th in B, Barbara Shotwell/Carol McKay, 6th in B. And in the Cs, overall, Sharon Beran and Thambu Nadarajah were 4th, and Henry Sheehan and Kim Wang were 5th. Congratulations to all of us!

**JUNE 7 WORLDWIDE BRIDGE CONTEST GAME RESULTS:** Thirteen tables in the open game. Overall results were: 1st in A, Lois Abramson/Len Beck; 2nd, Stephen Goldstein/Marjorie Michelin; 3rd, Frank Bartlett/Cory Hand; 4th, John Melis/Cayce Blanchard; 5th/6th, Stanley Snyder/Mort Futterman tied with Wayne Rapp/Judith Jones. Other winners in the overalls were: Earl VanDerVord/Michael Daly, 3rd in B; Kim Wang/Masae Kato, 4th in B. And in the C category, Girts Ozdins/Mike Munson, 2nd. In the six table Novice game winners were: 1st NS Evelyn Carlson/Joyce Shinn, 2nd NS Melissa Banning/Katherine DeJarnett, 1st EW Tony Gubiotti/Robert Jones; 2nd EW Lynn Valenziano/Bill Spence. 3rd in B NS were Nushem Javadizodeh/Mihir Das; 3rd in B EW were Kiyō Nagaishi/Evelyn Martin. Congratulations winners!

**70+% GAMES through 6/15:** Ten pairs had 70+% games this reporting period: Evelyn Carlson and Joyce Shinn had a 83.33% game on June 7, Mark Teaford/Kimmi Matsumoto 75.69% June 3, Tony Gubbiotti/Robert Jones 75% June 7, Sandy Howe/Bob Howe 74.93% on May 31, Ellie Moory/Sandra Hamlin 74.69% on June 5, Allan and Sally Gordy 72.19% on May 29, Vincent Remedios/Sue Fardette 71.88% June 9, Audrey Bixby/Sandra Hamlin 71.43% June 12, Katherine DeJarnett/Melissa Banning 70.89% on May 31, and Jackie Yu/Bobbie Kemmer 70.25% on May 31. Evelyn Carlson and Joyce Shinn were novices playing the Easy Bridge game on June 7. OK, how many of you life masters have had an 83% game??

**CHARITY GAMES:** Did you ever wonder where the money raised at charity games goes? Last month the Long Beach Bridge center donated \$4,000 to the Long Beach Women’s Shelter. Some of the money came directly from our unit, but the bulk of it was from a \$20,000 grant from the ACBL to District 23. The District, in turn, allocated money to various units for charity projects. Our designated charity was the LBWC.

**NEW STATUS & NEW MEMBERS:** We issue a warm welcome to new members Angie-Bua Gilstrap, Richard Dickens, Linda Lane, Sandra Pickering, Rufo Robinson, Janice Taylor and Mark Teaford. The most recent status changes for our unit since last month are for Alan Flower and Jean Kato who made Life Master, and Sue Sood and Emma Trepinski who made Bronze. Congratulations!

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CLUB:** Bridge Week: June 30-July 6, no extra fees, just extra points. Sunday, July 13, 1:00 Unit Game

**GET WELL WISHES** to Darlene Sluder and Dann Habberfield.

**HELP THE NEW COLUMNIST** (we miss Christine): 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.

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San Gabriel Valley  
www.darbonne.com/bridge  
by Jan Wickersham  
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Next Unit Game - June 29  
San Marino Recreation Center  
lunch at 12:30, game at 1

Our Charity Game was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> with food provided by Georgiana Bierman, Kim Horn and Sandra Franciscus. Again, there was a great turnout so I was sorry I had to miss it, but I was returning from a 17-day cruise to Alaska, assisting Betty Jackson, who was the bridge Instructor. The big winners were Bob Johnson and Roger

Lee, followed by Miriam Harrington and Jake Frenkel in B and Georgiana Bierman and Kim Horn in C. Ann Raymond and Margie Hall once again took away the honors for the 299’ers. Remember, there is an award for the 299’er who receives the most masterpoints in this year=s unit games, and these ladies are surging ahead, so let=s see a great turnout and give them a run for their money. Roger Lee is getting front and center billing this month. He and Sean Lui finished first in the Worldwide pairs in Arcadia on Friday, and 35<sup>th</sup> in the world. The next day Roger played with Chien-Yao tseng and came in first again at the Bridge Center, but finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the world!!! Herman Helber and Fred Theurkauf were 9<sup>th</sup> in the world that day for a very good position.

I hope you all read the *Eight Is Enough* article in the *Bridge Bulletin* for June. It tells the history of this new concept and also features the woman who created it. Thanks to Rick Bye, the National Tournament Director of ACBL, I heard about it a couple of years ago, and our unit has been one of the first to implement this truly great idea. The spirit behind it is that of friendship and goodwill. It is an opportunity to have experienced players play with newer players in team games. The concept is as follows; no team can have more than eight points. Anyone with 2001 + masterpoints is a 3. Anyone with 751 - 2000 is a 2, and anyone with less than 750 is a 1. The date for the event is September 21 and team reservations need to be made in advance. Please call either Dominique Moore (626) 445-4961 or Jan Wickersham (626) 355-2666. Also, we have a wonderful new director, Arlene Harvey. The charge per person will be \$5.00. Pizza will be the main course, so don’t be disappointed. Plan early for a not-to-be missed event. Be bold. Step out of your comfort zone and put together a team!!!!

Our sectional tournament is just around the corner. The dates are August 1, 2 and 3. We are trying something new this year as we are offering Compact Knockouts on Friday at 10 and 3, and Saturday at 10 and 3. This is the event where the beautiful bridge quilt will be awarded to the lucky ticket holder. I don=t know how many more tickets are available, but only 200 tickets will be sold and the proceeds will be donated to the La Salle High School scholarship fund. Our president, Mark Hartzell, designed and made the quilt himself. If you have never attended our sectional, you are missing a fabulous bridge experience. We have a gorgeous facility, our members prepare mouth-watering snacks, and, overall, it is the best sectional tournament in the district. And don’t forget, the masterpoints are silver! Our unit website has a schedule and will post the daily results.

Please note that our Unit Game for July will be held at the end of this month, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The reason for this is to avoid a conflict with the Regional that begins on June 30<sup>th</sup> and goes until July 6<sup>th</sup>. It is held at Pacific Palms. Be sure to pick up a flyer and plan to attend. Dan Morse, who is our current ACBL president will speak on Saturday at 2:15. He, and his team finished third in Singapore in the World Federation Bridge Tournament last year. He will also be on hand to honor Cecil Cook at our special lunch on Sunday. (A schedule and map to the Pacific Palms can be found on our website.)

Two North American Pairs qualifying games will be held at the Arcadia Bridge Center soon this month. The first will be Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 and the second will be on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15. Come and play, and you could represent our district in the playoffs. The Bridge Center will be closed on the fourth of July, and will have a Winners/Losers game on Sunday, July 13.

What’s the biggest game you ever scored? Linda McCann and Linda Stuart enjoyed a huge 79% game last month!

Cell phones are a nuisance at the bridge table and are disruptive. The board has decided that there will be a one board penalty for anyone whose cell phone goes off during a unit game. All board members have been asked to report anyone in violation to the director. At the national level, cell phones are not even allowed to be carried into the event. A reminder will be given before the game begins, so if you honestly forget, you will have a chance to turn it off.---- Jan

Are you a player who won’t overcall without a five-card suit? If so, there are certainly a lot of others like you in the bridge-playing world, but you might be missing some good opportunities. I asked Mike Pudlin if he would like to provide a tip for this column, and he said, “Start overcalling with four suits.” Yes, I know, partner might raise you with only three, but playing in a 4-3 fit was part of bridge for a great many years and it really isn’t that bad. Besides, if you don’t play the hand at least you have helped partner with the defense. If you always guarantee a five-card suit, what do you do with this hand when your RHO opens 1D? Please don’t say you would pass or double.

♠ 72  
♥ AQJ8

♦ KQT6  
♣ JT7  
See you at the table... Roy

Pomona Covina  
by Vic Sartor

Unit Game Sun. July 13  
Lunch 12:30, Game 1:00

With the Los Angeles Regional coming up, local bridge activities will be severely restricted during the first part of July. Roger Boyar has announced that the LaFetra Bridge Club will be closed from Monday, June 30 to Sunday, July 6. There will be no classes on Wednesday, July 16. For further information you may call Roger at (626) 214-6354.

Tom Lill announces that the Individual scheduled for Saturday, July 5 will also be cancelled.

For any players who might like to play in one of the LaFetra games (Tuesday/Friday mornings, Thursday evening) but lack transportation, the unit board has voted to provide a list of players willing to provide carpool rides. Please contact unit president Penny Barbieri (909) 599-4818 if you would like to arrange for a ride.

A couple of our members reached big personal milestones last month. Mary Ann Wottring achieved Silver Life Master status. Helen Wang made Life Master. Congratulations to both. We also lost two players who were fixtures in the early days of the Pomona unit- Ceil Confair and Roger Wheeler. Veteran players who knew them will miss them.

In results, we have two unit games to report due to last month’s deadline. The May unit game was won by Hans Hehnke and Vito Sartori with a fairly reasonable 78% game. Gary Olson and Florence Weinstein took first E/W. The June game was won by Dave and Susan Ruoff, followed by Bill Papa and Helen Wang. The June individual was taken by Tom Lill.

In club results, the top game was a nice 69% effort by Penny Barbieri and Kathy Helber. Close behind were Jacquelyn Fehenbach and George Altinus with a 68.3%. Other 60%+ winners included Herman Helber, Sue Rottner, Consuelo Ledbetter, Roger Boyar, Dave Ruoff, Richard Patterson, Helen Wang, Georgiana Bierman, Paule Ford, Lary Alba, Vic Sartor, Ken Bloomfield, Genise Hasan, and Joe Unis.

Additional winners were Donald Naf, Edwin Kelly, Steve Dorse, and Ken Lowenthal, Ned Sissel, Ron Purkis, and Lulu Minter scored at the recent Balboa sectional.

Our hand of the month is, as usual, a distributional monster. You hold : ♠xx ♥-- ♦Jxx ♣AKJ109xxx. Your esteemed partner opens 1NT and RHO bids 2♦ showing both majors. Your bid? It doesn’t matter much if you choose a mundane 3♣ or a more imaginative 3NT, because LHO will compete to 4♠ and, if you continue with 4NT or 5♠, to 5♥. Now what? If you dared fate with 6♣ you were wrong- but also right! RHO has a tough guess on opening lead. After extensive meditation he leads a heart, and pard comes down with : ♠Qxx ♥Axx ♦AK10x ♣Qxx.

You proceed to roll 6 while the opponents gnash their teeth over a 1000-point swing. As often noted, it’s better to be lucky than good. Ciao.

San Fernando Valley  
www.sfvbridgeacademy.com  
by Jimmie Swan

UNIT RANK CHANGES  
**Congratulations for achieving your new rank**  
LIFE MASTER: **Mike Fierman**  
NABC MASTER: **Tracy Boys and Eddie Gruber**  
REGIONAL MASTER: **Allan Palansky**  
SECTIONAL MASTER:  
**Merri Anderson and Joan Richardson**  
CLUB MASTER: **Leo Lin and Henry Lipson**  
JUNIOR MASTER:  
**Tom Anderson and Herbert Zweig**

We had the **UNIT AWARDS GAME** at the Bridge Academy and presented individual Kaiser Trophies to **Samy Antoun and Moheb Mansour**, who tied for this award, Mini-McKenney Medallions to **Ron Malkin, Marta Peltz, Mark Peters, Marty Blain, and Andy Vinock**, and Ace of Clubs Certificates to **Ron Malkin, Marta Peltz, Tom Wylie, and Andy Vinock**. Their pictures, with their awards, may be seen at the www.sfvbridgeacademy.com site. Those who did not attend can



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pick up their awards at the Bridge Academy. The Kaiser Perpetual Trophy is displayed on the shelf as you walk in the front door and it shows the yearly winners since it began. The winners of the awards' game were Gloria and Ron Malkin. Congratulations to all of you!

The only Bridge Academy 70%+ GAME through June 14, was on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Marty Blain and Andy Vinock on their 70.60% game.

Congratulations to the top ten, in May, at the Bridge Academy, with more than 299 masterpoints: Leda Danzig led with 23.31 points, followed by Ellen Anten, Andy Vinock, Gary Frans, Tom Wylie, Armand Szulc, Sheila Bozin, Sharon David, Marty Blain, and Gil Stinebaugh.

Congratulations to the top ten, in May, at the Bridge Academy, with less than 299 masterpoints: Allan Palansky led with 7.44 points, followed by Curt Darden, Bill Taylor, Sheila Singer, Estelle Baron, Carmela Kochman, Marge Bulmer, Lee Skupen, Judy Marylander, and Paul Fuson.

Congratulations to our unit members who earned points at the recent Torrance-South Bay Sectional: Steve Gross led with 14.50 points, followed by Ellen Anten, Bill Ng, Gil Stinebaugh, Don Crum, Robert Bass, Lee Wells, Carol Rand, Eddie Gruber, Les Rawitt, Alene Friedman, Arif Shah, and Beverly Rosenberg.

Other Unit news: It was nice to see Ray Bush, Sue St. Marie and Freddi Straus back at the club. Eric Heilman checked in and hopefully will join us very soon. What this I hear about Myra Gurian breaking her arm, and her good arm at that! Get better soon and join us Myra—we miss you! And Esther Kain is still having a rough time, having been in and out of the hospital, but, still recuperating at home. Hurry back Esther—we miss you too! And, another missing player having some tough medical issues is Seymour Weg. Hurry back Seymour—we miss you too!

Some sad news to report: Susan Somogyi's husband, Leo, died recently after a long illness. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Susan and her family. And we had another loss of a really sweet lady, Riva Kosman, Dan's mom, against whom many of us used to enjoy playing at the old Club. Our heartfelt sympathies also go

out to Dan and his family.  
**Carpe diem! We never know what tomorrow may hold. 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

Upgraded Club Championship: Monday, July 7, 11:30  
North American Pairs Qualifier: Friday, July 11, 11:30  
Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sunday, July 13, 1:00  
NLM Club Championship: Wednesday, July 16, 6:30  
Club Championship: Monday, July 21, 7:00  
Club Championship: Friday, July 25, 11:30  
There will be a Friday night games on July 4 and July 18.  
The July 4 game will be preceded by a hamburger cookout  
Handicapped Swiss Teams every Tuesday night at 7:00

Club Championships

The Non Life Master Club Championship on May 14 saw Karen O'Neil/Jeanine Shamely winning both Flights A and B. On May 19 the Club Championship was won by Henry Crowder/Bob Bacharach in Flights A and B with Harold Koletsky/Hank Sheehan taking Flight C. The Club Championship on June 13 was led by Dean Kaloudis/John J. McDermott in Flight A and Dolores Nawa/Barbara Johnson in Flight B.

Swiss Team Winners

On May 20 Bronek Felczer, Jim Dutton, Luis Gamio and Jon Szeps emerged victorious in the Handicapped Swiss team event. The leaders on May 27 were Fred Spradlin, Henry Crowder, Winnie Ninneman and Bruce Merchant. On June 3 the quartet of Mary Belle Hoenig, Ron Carlson, Gerri Carlson and Mark Sinagra were the

winners. Once again the team of Fred Spradlin, Henry Crowder, Winnie Ninneman and Bruce Merchant were winners on June 10.

Unit Winners at TSB Sectional

The following unit members were overall winners at the recent Torrance South Bay Unit Sectional.  
Friday Afternoon Open Pairs  
1C Gerri Carlson/George Stinson  
Friday Afternoon 49 er Pairs  
1D 1E 1F Greg Black/Ron Srenco  
Saturday Morning Open Pairs  
1C Harold & Jill Goodman  
Saturday Morning 49er Pairs  
1D 1E Greg Black/Ed Srenco  
Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs  
1B Mark Raggio/Sheryl Kohlhoff  
1C Mary Overbey/Barbara Coe  
Knockout Teams Bracket 2  
Kim Wang, Chein San Han, Harry Wang, Gan Tai Tseng  
Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs  
1C Carnell Wingfield/Carlos Jones  
Sunday Evening Open Pairs  
1B 1C Mark Sinagra/Mary Belle Hoenig  
Monday A/X Swiss Teams  
1X Jeff Strutzel, John Farr, Richard Cheng, Atsuko Kurishima, Ahmed Sorathia  
Monday BCD Swiss Teams  
1D Greg Black, Ron Srenco, Harold & Jean Brunner

GUV Award

Everyone was on their best behavior this past month so GUV Award candidates were scarce. However I would like to award an honorary GUV to that dynamic duo of octogenarians Boris Kazimoroff and Bob Roberts. There is never a dull moment when you play at their table. Getting through a round against them without at least one big number is a longshot. Boris never fails to greet me by saying "Na Zdrowie." Bob, a WWII veteran is also a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. With the Cubs leading their division so far this year he is predicting they will win

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September 22-28, 2008

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GLITTER GULCH SECTIONAL

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**Knockout Teams**

All KO Team games except Compact KOs are three rounds

**Evening Knockouts**

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday .....7:30 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: Saturday .....10:00 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**

Monday .....3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

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

Sunday .....10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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

Saturday .....3:00 p.m.

**Swiss Teams & Board-A-Match**

All Swiss Teams except Sunday are single-session

**Stratified Swiss Teams**

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday .....3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday .....3:00 p.m.

Saturday .....7:30 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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Director-in Charge: Patty Holmes • Sanction #S0809035

Tom Shulman 702 367-2057 • Barbara Dunkley 702 645-6841

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562-498-8113      [www.LongBeachBridge.com](http://www.LongBeachBridge.com)

## 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
	7:00	Newcomer	Free chili at 6:30
Fri.	12:30	Open, NLM, 199er	Free lunch
	4:15	Open	Free dinner at 6 p.m.
Sat.	12:30	Open	Jackpot Game – Snacks
	1:00	Newcomer	Snacks

\*\*\*All Games Are Stratified\*\*\*

Card fees  
\$6  
Monday  
afternoon  
if you play  
in the  
morning  
game.



## July Special Events

### Unit Game

Sunday Afternoon the 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

### Stratified Open Team Game

Monday Evening the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

### International Fund Game

Friday Evening the 18th at 4:15. Card fee: \$10

### ACBL Membership Games

Monday July 28th at 9:00, 12:30 and 7:00

## August Special Events

### Silver Points Stratified Open Team Game

Monday Evening the 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

### Unit Game

Sunday Afternoon the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

Christmas in August

For the benefit of WomenShelter of Long Beach

### A Week of Championship Games

Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular schedule, Regular Prices

## Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME	COST	STARTING
Beginning Bridge	Monday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	July 7
Beginning Bridge	Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	July 8
Intermediate Bridge	Thursday.	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	July 10
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

# UNIT 559 JOHN WAKEN SECTIONAL

August 1-3, 2008

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Sandra Franciscus

Partnerships: Jan Wickersham 626-355-2666

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A/AX= 0-3000, 3000+

BCD = 0-1500, 1000, 500

SUPER 6

DRAWING

SUNDAY!

Friday: 10:00 AM Open Pairs – Stratified

299er Pairs

3:00 PM Open Pairs – Stratiflighted

299er Pairs

7:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs

299er Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Round Handicapped KO

Sat: 10:00 AM Open Pairs – Stratified

299er Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Round KO


3:00 PM Open Pairs – Stratiflighted

299er Pairs

Final KO

Sun: 11:00 AM Stratiflighted Swiss Team

PLAY ALL 6 SESSIONS FOR SUPER 6 DRAWING!




# 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 &amp; 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

KAYNE ERAS CENTER  
5350 Machado Road  
Culver City, CA 90230  
AUG 29 - SEPT 1, 2008



Friday Night Game at  
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(310) 966-4144

FRIDAY, AUG 29th  
7:30 pm  
**BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS**

**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**

SATURDAY, AUG. 30th  
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**

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4:00 pm  
**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**  
**299er PAIRS**  
**KNOCKOUT TEAMS - Finals**

MONDAY, SEPT. 1st  
10:00 am and TBA  
**STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS**  
Flight A/X 0 - Unlimited MP  
[approximately 35% of field]  
Strats B, C, D - 2,000MP

**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)

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  
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Flight A/X (approx. 35% of field) 0 - unlimited  
Flight Strats B, C, D - 2,000MP  
**299er PAIRS**

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4:00 pm  
**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**  
**299er PAIRS**

**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

**WEST LOS ANGELES UNIT BOARD**

Peter Benjamin	Howard Einberg	Fred Mautner
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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**  
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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,  
please email  
  
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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

Balboa Unit  
http://www.acbldistrict22.com/515/  
Halecrest Tennis & Swim Club  
3107 Killybrooke Ln  
Costa Mesa, 949-233-6655  
1st Sun 1:00 Unit Game, Open  
Monday\* 12:15 199er (lesson at 11)  
Wed 12:15 Open & 299er  
(lesson at 11)  
\* phone # for Mon game - 949-347-1356  
phone # for Tues game - 949-215-6522  
Park Newport Clubhouse  
Jamboree & San Joaquin Hills Rd.  
Tuesday 12:15 Open/Stratified  
7:00 Open/Stratified  
Thursday 12:15 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

**Saddleback Unit #525**  
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

**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

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their first World Series since 1908. I heard Bob celebrated a little too much after that one. I keep reminding Bob that June 30 is fast approaching and that is pretty much the start date of the Cubs annual collapse .....but hope springs eternal.  
Na Zdrowie

## West LA by candy

I got lost in the June gloom fog, but I'm back for the July fireworks. Thanks to Jordan for filling in. I'll say a "mi sherabarach" for your Kings and Clippers and maybe next year they'll manage to get to the play-offs. I better get caught up , because August is saved for the Regional and National winners. Hate to put pressure on you'all, but

I'm counting on you for column material.  
Thanks to Jeri Berger and her elves (no, its not Christmas yet), for a very successful Pro-Am game. We filled up two rooms with food and players. And the winners were ..... "A" Toby Green & Joianna Ogner "C" Robert Shore & Marilyn Sobel.  
While on the subject of winners, 70%ers were Ed Feldmann & Larry Margot, Joanie Pepper & Keith Miller, Becky Clough & Jill Richmond, Garth Greene & Richard Vincent, Bob Levy & George Wagner, Nelly & Colin Gordon, Paul Smith & Richard Ryder.

WLA Fall Sectional will be August 29 thru September 1 at the Kayne Eras Center. KOs start at the Barrington BC Friday night. Pair games Saturday and Sunday, Swiss on Monday Homemade goodies will continue to appear on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Full schedule in our ad.  
The 7th Annual MS Charity Bridge Tournament will be at the Barrington BC on Sunday August 17 at 12:30. Bridge tips from Eddie Kantar with lunch and bridge. Card fees are \$50 per person and are tax deductible with all proceeds going to to fight MS. Call Fern and Bob Seizer for information, reservations or contributions.

Reserve early!  
Barrington's Club Champs were: A— Sheri Rivera & Aram Bedros, Suzanne Bonafede & Brian Rose; B— John Campbell & Jackson Steffes. BHBC Champs were: A— Edith Large & Melina Stevens, Audrey Pauley & Debra Stein; B— Fran Melina & Sandra Satlin; C— Herma Altshula & Rhoda Weisler.  
July's Unit Championship will be Tuesday the 15th.  
I've decided to get on a political soapbox for my closing. I'm endorsing potholders! Years ago instead of filling our mail boxes with junk mail, state and local politicians would send a potholder with their name on it. Not only was this environmentally more friendly, but when it came time to vote, all I had to do was go to the kitchen, open a drawer and pull out my potholders. President Hoover during the Depression promised a "chicken in every pot," but you also needed a potholder. So in these financially hard times I think you should all email or write to the party of your choosing and request a "potholder in every mailbox." Tell your friends and let me know if you get any feedback. Jumping out of the pot and into the fire with my potholder, I'll see you next month.



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**June 30 - July 6**  
**Los Angeles Bridge Week**

**July 11 - 13**  
**Sun City Sectional**

**August 2008**  
**August 1 - 3**  
**San Diego Sectional**

**August 1 - 3**  
**Pasadena-San Gabriel Sectional**

**August 15 - 17**  
**Glendale-Verdugo Sectional**

**August 22 - 24**  
**Temecula Valley 299er Sectional**

**August 29 - September 1**  
**West LA Sectional**

**September 2008**  
**September 1 - 7**  
**Costa Mesa Regional**

**September 13**  
**Escondido NLM Sectional**

**September 13 - 14**  
**Santa Ana Sectional**

**September 19 - 21**  
**Palmdale Sectional**

**September 19 - 21**  
**Lompoc Sectional**

**September 20 - 21**  
**San Diego NLM Sectional**

**September 26 - 27**  
**Bakersfield NLM Sectional**

**September 26 - 28**  
**Anaheim NLM Sectional**

**September 22 - 28**  
**LV Glitter Gulch Sectional**

**September 27 - 1**  
**San Diego Sectional**