

## ALACBU To Honor Cook At LA Regional

by Rand Pinsky  
District Director



When one talks about our district and a persons commitment to bridge, the one name that is immediately mentioned is that of Cecil Q. Cook. Cecil has a long history of contributing to bridge, both on a local as well as a national level. For me personally, Cecil has been my mentor and a vital source of information during my terms as president of the district and now as our national district representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. To show our appreciation for his many contributions to bridge, we will honor him on Sunday, July 6 during our lunch break during the Sunday Swiss at our Bridge Week Regional.

On a national level, Cecil was president of the ACBL in 1995 and Chairman of the Board in 1996. He was our District Director from 1990 to 1997. For the past 11 years he has served on the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee and was its chairman for two years. He also served on the Board of Governors from the mid 1960 to today. He was also the ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation Executive Council from 1997 to 2000.

On a local level, Cecil began his bridge career in 1959 when he joined the Inglewood Unit (now part of the West Los Angeles Unit) and served as its president, tournament manager, and appeals chairman. He has served continuously on his unit board through today. He received the first Emrick Award for contributions to bridge and model behavior at the bridge table. He also has received the West Los Angeles Unit Player of the Year Award.

For the district, Cecil helped create ALACBU (Association of Los Angeles County Bridge Units) and was its first Vice President in 1960. He has been our president, treasurer, and tournament manager besides serving on many committees. He was responsible for developing the process for providing hand records after each session at a regional tournament. He has also been a member of the District 23 North American Bridge Championships Committee in 1962, 1969, 1975, 1992 and 2003 for the national tournaments held at the Biltmore Hotel, Ambassador Hotel, Pasadena Convention Center and the Long Beach Convention Center.

Away from bridge, Cecil has been married to Beverly for many years and has one daughter and three grandchildren.

Dan Morse, ACBL president will be at our Bridge Week Regional to help honor Cecil.

### TEAM GAME SECTIONAL

The District's Team Game Sectional will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22 at the Bridge Academy. All profits from this event will be given to our four Grand National Teams to help offset some of their expenses in representing our district at the national competition in Las Vegas.

Sunday will be a Compact Knockout beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be a single session swiss in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday will be a two session swiss. Flight A/AX is 3500+/0-3500 and Strat B/C/D is 1000-2500/500-1000/0-500.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Schreiber  
ALACBU President



Many thanks to **Jan Wickersham** for pinch-hitting for me by writing last month's column. I was engulfed by tax season, and due to the timing of the Spring Regional, could not even attend for one day this year. Then I went to Hawaii to get reacquainted with **Diana**. Working from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. virtually every day from early March to mid-April can make one forget just how important your spouse can be. I did, however, come back tanned and rested and ready to go.

The only major news to bring you is that the Executive Board of the ALACBU Board of Directors approved the granting the use of our fourth (unused) Regional Sanction for 2009 to District 22 for a June Regional in Ventura. This location should be welcome news for our District 23 players in the San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles and

## New Ventura Regional in 2009

Santa Clarita Valley members, who have complained about our Industry location because of traffic at peak hours.

With the granting of this unused regional, I hope to improve relations with our neighboring district, which were badly strained in the past few years. **Warren Cederborg**, District 22 president, and I exchanged numerous emails to work out a satisfactory arrangement.

I intend to continue my visits to Unit Board Meetings this summer. Last year I visited Long Beach and Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita. I hope to attend at least three or four more between June and October.

Congratulations to the winners of the flights of the Grand National Teams: Championship Flight—**Vic Chernoff, Marjorie Michelin, Stephen Goldstein, and Paul Markarian**; Flight A—**Viktor Anikovich, Guy Green, Gary King and Jordan Chodorow**; Flight B: **Gerard Geremia, Joseph Viola, Matt Klimesh and Roger Lee**; Flight C—**Kevin Lane** (our district webmaster), **Lenard Lakofka, Aaron Craig, Alan Flower and Ron Birnbaum**.

The district is behind you in your quest to bring home a Championship to us in Las Vegas in July.

## Announcements

### King Of Bridge

Jeremy Koegel, a senior at Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, has been chosen as the 2008 King of Bridge, an honor that includes a \$1,000 college scholarship. The 17-year-old learned bridge at the age of 6 and won his first masterpoints at age 9. He became a Life Master in 2006. The July Bridge Bulletin will have a full report on Jeremy.

### Grand National Teams Results

The following teams have won our district competition and will represent us in Las Vegas this summer in the national finals. We wish them the best of luck. Other teams winning overall awards are also shown in each bracket. Thanks again to the Bridge Academy in Canoga Park for the use of their club for this event.

#### Open Flight

- 1 Victor Chernoff, Paul Markarian, Marjorie Michelin, Stephen Goldstein
- 2 Mike Savage, Nickolas Martino, Don Krauss, Rick Henderson, Steve Mager

#### Flight A (0-5000 masterpoints)

- 1 Viktor Anikovich, Guy Green, Gary King, Jordan Chodorow
- 2 Adam Meyerson, Jeff Fang, Elianna Rupp, Ho-Lin Chen

#### Flight B (0-2000 masterpoints)

- 1 Gerard Geremia, Joseph Viola III, Matt Klimesh, Roger Lee
- 2 Thompson Jin, Frank Shih, Shiu-Ming Huang, Robert C.F. Wang
- 3 Jeanne Dea, Robert Tiechmann Jr., Robert Chui, Chin-Cheng Fang, Edward Hsi

#### Flight C (non life master)

- 1 Kevin Lane, Lenard Lakofka, Aaron Craig, Alan Flower, Ron Birnbaum
- 2 Gerri Soffa Carlson, Ronald Carlson, Tamra Boyd, Regis Smith

## District 23 Rank Changes 4/1/08-4/30/08

**Junior Master (5 points):** Thomas Anderson, Gregory Black, Donald Dewey, Rowena Gilbert, Tom Lawrence, Jacqueline Moor, Robert Moulton, Gayle Owens, Susan Rosenson, Carol Tenda, Herbert Zweig

**Club Master (20 MPs):** Manetta Benson, Elaine Dovgard, Leo Lin, William Lama, Henry Lipson, Donna Massman, Terry Morton

**Sectional Master (50 MPs):** Merri Anderson, Margie Hall, Yolanda Medina, Keith Miller, Joan Richardson

**Regional Master (100 MPs):** Allan Palansky, Joanie Pepper

**NABC Master (200 MPs):** Tracy Boys, Connie De Rosa, Edwin Gruber, Jo Anne Kelley, Bernard Mann, Laura Waisler

**Life Master (300 MPs):** M Fierman, Alan Flower, Jean Kato

**Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):** Karen Byrd, Hank Sheehan, Sudershan Sood, Emma Trepinski

**Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):** Matt Klimesh, Mary Ann Wotring

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## Kibitz With Karraine: The 199er Report

### Knockouts 101

By Karraine Murray

The first two couples eliminated in Dancing With The Star's current sixth season were Penn Jillette (the magician) and his partner, and Monica Seles (tennis great) and her partner. It was the first ever double elimination and I do believe our Knockout team can relate to their experience.

I can now say that Bracketed Knockouts are my favorite one session event. Penn was eliminated due to poor footwork technique – Judge Bruno compared one of his routines to *Shrek Goes Cha-cha-cha* (apparently even a magic tie which moved by itself was not enough to sway the judges), and Seles' elimination was based on the grounds that she could not seem to connect to the music. Our team, you could call it "Shrek and Friends Play Knockout Bridge," had its own connection issues. We were eliminated for one simple reason: We did not rack up enough IMPs. No, not wimps, shrimps, pimps, or blimps (hey, I could write a poem) – IMPs. But I'll get to those pesky little fellers in a second.

The concept, as in Dancing With The Stars, is that after each session, the bottom scorers are knocked out, and those remaining continue to compete in later sessions until you have a winner. In this case, the first round was on a Friday night, with rounds two and three following the next day on Saturday. This particular Friday night, Barrington hosted the first session. The club was jam-packed with director Peter Knee commanding Stratified Open Pairs and Bracketed Knockouts simultaneously. Personally, I would get panicky if I had to direct more than three tables.

Our brave team, with approximately 187 masterpoints between the four of us, huddled together to discuss strategy (lie! Our only strategy was to breathe and try to survive).

One of our team members expressed concern that she might be too worn out to play a third session. Pard and I exchanged amused glances. We knew we were waltzing right into a big 'ole KO in the first session. It didn't matter though, as we were there for the experience and the fun of the game.

Pard and I found our designated North-South positions as did the East-West members of our team. As the opponents took their places at our table I confessed to them, "We haven't a clue what this is all about. All we know is that overtricks are not important, but what is crucial is that you make your contract and not go down." I also wanted to reassure partner that because of this I would bid cautiously and refrain from making risky, stupid bids. But that would imply that in normal games I *would* engage in making those risky, stupid bids. You know, the ones you bid when you think you are blocking the opponents from making an easy game by taking a "little" sacrifice and you will get top board and come out a bridge hero, but instead you end up doubled, going way down, losing not only the board but your dignity...oh...right... I'll work on that.

Turns out, we got the sweetest opponents in the world. Vera and Dottie smiled kindly (the authentic type of smile, not the *we're gonna eat you alive* kind of smile) and patted my hand knowingly. "Don't worry, we're going to help you."

And they did. They showed us how to use a special score sheet just for IMPs (International Matchpoints) and how after the first 12 boards compare our scores with those of our East-West team members (who were playing the other half of Vera and Dottie's team) to see who played better. IMPs are awarded accordingly, and who ever accrues the most wins. We played another 12 boards with Vera and Dottie – I send them my heartfelt thanks – can you imagine if you had to play 24 boards with someone, well, less than pleasant – egads. As Friday's session drew to a close it was obvious that it was time for our team to rumba on out of the knockouts. It was a lot of fun and I recommend everyone try it at least once.

Bridge Week is coming in July (June 30 – July 6) and you can try it then! There will also be tons of 299er games so put on your bridging shoes and give it a whirl.

I would also like to ask those of you who took part in Bridge Week when it was a big fancy ordeal to send me a short comment about what it was like, what it meant to you, etc. I'd really like to get a feel for it for my next column. You can send it to Kibitzwithkarraine@yahoo.com and please mention bridge in the subject line.

Until then, Happy Bridging, and happy summer fun!



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Inability to care for oneself and one's estate is a difficult subject for many to face, but long-term beneficial results may come from doing so.

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# Problem Solvers' Panel

**Moderator:**  
**Marshall Miles**

**Our panelists are:** Our panelists are Stephen Goldstein, Mark Itabashi, Eddie Kantar, Mr. Mealy-mouth, Rick Roeder, Josh Sher, Michael Shuster, and Jon Wittes

1	North	East	South	West
both vul IMPs	INT*	dbl	3♠	4♥
	pass	pass	?	*12-14
	You, South, hold: ♠J87543 ♥6 ♦AQ96 ♣73 What call do you make?			

ITABASHI: Pass. With defense in diamonds and no clear action, I'll pass and hope to beat it. Partner could have bid 4♠ and didn't, and double could be right but is speculative—an action to take if you need a board.

KANTAR: Pass. I think I've shot my wad.

MR. MEALY-MOUTH: I confess I had no idea what to do when I held this hand in a dollar-an-imp team game. With 1½ Honor Tricks and the ♦AQ sitting over the ♦K, I doubled. My idiot partner had ♠K62 ♥K108 ♦KJ102 ♠A96. Instead of leading the ♦J and beating them (even the ♠A and a diamond shift would have worked), he led the ♠2. Declarer misguessed, putting in dummy's ♠9, but then he ruffed off my ♠J, finessed the ♥J, ruffed another spade, led another trump to dummy's ♥A, and threw two diamonds on dummy's ♠AQ. Partner ruffed the fourth spade with the master trump, but the ♠A was our only other trick, and they made an overtrick. "Nice going, Willie!" said my partner. "First you push them into a bad four hearts they wouldn't have reached on their own, then you get me off to the spade lead that lets them make instead of the diamond lead that beats them." "Aw, Skid!" I replied. "How could I tell that declarer was zero-six-two-five?" "You couldn't," he said with that sad look for which he is famous. Now that I see it posed as a problem, I won't fall into that trap again. I'll bid 4♠, which goes for only 500 despite East's [sic] three trump tricks. And I'll never let my partner talk me into weak notrumps again. None of this would have happened if he'd opened 1♦ like a normal person.

SHER: Well, it depends on what 3♠ meant. I usually play this as a distributional invite, so after that I would pass. If 3♠ was preemptive, then I usually play double next (by a preempter) as "I have extra offense and extra defense; do something smart, in which case I might double, but honestly, with Jxxxx in spades I really don't want partner to bid on at all. The 6-4 says to double; the AQ over the strong hand says to double; the weak trumps says pass. What double has going for it is partner probably doesn't have a fit when he didn't raise me., so partner is unlikely to bid on over the double, although when he does it will probably be bad. Did I answer the question? The answer depends on whom I am playing with. . . Playing with Marshall who would usually pass the double, I would double. (BTW, at MPs you have to double to protect your likely +140).

SHUSTER: Pass. The 3♠ bid was a fair description of this hand's offensive potential. Partner declined the invitation to bid 4♠ and failed to double 4♥. I expect to defeat 4♥ about half the time and to be down one or two in 4♠ doubled. If 4♠ was making, partner would have bid it.

WITTES: 4♠. The notrump range was not stated, so I am assuming it is 15-17. [I sent out a correction, stating it was 12-14, but apparently Jon did not get it or notice

it]. Also there is no asterisk next to the double, so I assume it is penalty. Partner should not have a big fit, since he didn't bid 4♠. But he was also unable to double 4♥. I assume West must be extremely distributional to bid 4♥ freely. This could conceivably be a double game swing. I'm not crazy about the texture of my suit, but 4♠ seems like the prudent bid.

ROEDER: Double. For five reasons: 1) My AQ is behind the stronger hand and may produce two defensive tricks. 2) Since the high cards are evenly distributed, 4♥ may not be reached at the other table. Thus, my double may be relatively "free." 3) Partner will realize that my 3♠ bid was not preemptive and showed "convertible" values and is not based on a trump stack. This will give pard the chance to convert to 4♠ with certain hands offering good play. 4) If partner passes, your double may help protect his possible trump holdings of Qxx, AJx Q10xx or QJxx. 5) Good advertising. I do not like my opponents to bid close vulnerable games. I am willing to invest the occasional 5 imps to let the world know this.

GOLDSTEIN: Double. Gives partner a choice to bid or defend. We hope he passes since it could be a big number if your ace-queen of diamonds is behind dummy's king. As Kit Woolsey says, "Make them guess and make them pay." I held this hand in an imp event against Steve and Kitty Cooper. Partner passed the double and they went down 800 against a partscore.

Partner's (my) actual hand was ♠Qx ♥KQ9x ♦10xx ♣AJ10x, and I bravely passed the double. I had failed to double 4♥ myself for two reasons: I thought that declarer would play the hand better by at least one trick if she were warned of bad breaks by a double, and I wasn't sure whether partner's 3♠ bid was invitational or preemptive. Unlike Josh (and many other players) after partner has preempted or invited game, I don't play that a double by me gives him a chance to change his mind. In addition to the good reasons stated by the last two panelists for doubling, North's diamond holding, including the nine, should be worth two tricks more often than not; declarer was not getting a good trump break; any trump honors our side had were going to be well-placed. And most players double a weak notrump with 14 or more points West, with ♠AKx ♥Jxx ♦KJxx ♣Qxx, had barely enough to double, and East, with ♠Kx ♥A10xxx ♦xx ♣Kxxx, had barely enough to bid 4♥ since her partner could have had a stronger hand. It is ironical that I think partner should double opposite a weak notrump, and some of the panelists, even before they received the correction that the opening range was 12-14 instead of 15-17, failed to double. They said that if partner couldn't double, they couldn't either. This hand might be a logical exception, but I seldom double the opponent's contract after opening INT (whether strong or weak) since I have already described my hand within narrow limits, and it is partner who (if anyone) should be doubling.

2	North	East	South	West
EW vul IMPs	1♥	pass	3♥*	3NT
	pass	pass	?	*preemptive
	You, South, hold: ♠Q86 ♥Q754 ♦76 ♣J854 What call do you make?			

GOLDSTEIN: Double again. You have good values for your preempt. You want a heart lead. Again, Kit Woolsey's adage applies. Opponents won't take so many "free shots" if they know they're frequently going to be doubled.

ITABASHI: Pass. This should be partner's decision, not mine. I don't have anything special for my bidding.

KANTAR: Pass. This can't be right if it's in here, but that's what I would do.

MR. MEALY-MOUTH: Pass. Partner's heart lead will probably blow a trick, but declarer may be in for an unpleasant surprise when his "solid" seven-card club suit doesn't run. If 3NT makes, I'll apologize to partner for pushing the opponents into a game I can't beat.

SHUSTER: Pass. 4♥ will be down at least 500 and probably more, while 3NT might not make. Even at favorable, the 3♥ preempt would not have been my choice—10 losers is too many.

SHER: Pass. Why would I bid? Don't I have approximately what I said I had?

WITTES: Pass. I have my 3♥ bid with nothing additional in the way of distribution or trick taking potential. 4♥ will probably go for 300, possibly 500, or if very lucky, maybe only 100. 3NT is no guarantee to make. Declarer may have made a speculative bid with something like 8 tricks in hand. He might even have something like AKJxxxx of diamonds and two outside aces, and partner might even have Qxx of diamonds. If they are making, 4♥ rates to be a decent save, but since there is no guarantee of 3NT making, let's pass and take our chances defending.

*I probably would not have bid 3♥, and I'm sure I wouldn't double 3NT. However one thing in favor of Stephen's action is that you hold the queen of hearts. That makes it unlikely that declarer has a double stopper in hearts, so with a heart lead, he needs to cash eight more winners without losing the lead.*

3	North	East	South	West
EW vul IMPs	1♠	pass	?	
	You, South, hold: ♠A8754 ♥K7 ♦3 ♣AJ864 What call do you make?			

GOLDSTEIN: 2NT as a forcing raise. Normally, one does not do this with an unbalanced hand with a long side suit. But here, if partner shows a singleton club, you have an excellent hand to try key-card Blackwood with a grand slam in the offing if he shows three keys. If partner does not have a singleton club, you can start cue bidding at four clubs unless partner jumps to four spades. In that case, I pass because the five level may not be safe.

ITABASHI: 2♣. I like 2♣ and a raise better than a direct splinter, mainly because there are many hands where partner would sign off over a splinter that would still give us a play for slam.

KANTAR: 3♥. Strong unknown singleton with slam implications. (3♠ asks for the singleton). Partner will not expect a side five card suit, but the rest is pretty close. Mike Lawrence taught me this bid many, many years ago and it never came up. Finally, in a National Men's Pairs in Houston, Mike opened 1♠ with ♠AKQ10x ♥10xx ♦xxx ♣QJ and I responded 3♥ holding ♠-- ♥AKJ9xxxx ♦AKx ♣xx. (At that time I was used to playing strong jump shifts). Mike alerted the 3♥ bid announcing I had spade support with some short suit (he was right about that 'short suit' part. Anyway, he hated his hand and didn't bother asking me where my shortness was and bid 4♠.

I bid 5♥ and he alerted that, telling the opponents I had a heart void! Close again, except it was a spade void. Mike then bid 6♠! I bid 7♥ and he alerted that. When asked he said: "Cancel all other alerts.:" and passed. They led a diamond and I made it! We had many kibitzers before this hand and they all left after the hand. Every last kibitzer!

MR. MEALY-MOUTH: 3♣. A jump shift is the royal road to slam. The skeleton for 7♠ is ♠Kxxxx ♥AQxx ♦Axx ♣xx. . .

*As a whole, I think modern bidding is a great improvement over the bidding 50 or 60 years ago. But a strong jump shift to 3♣, followed by 4♦ next round to show a singleton diamond and primary spade support still looks good to me. Perhaps the 4♦ bid to show a singleton only goes back 30 or 40 years ago—the concept was introduced by Paul Soloway.*

ROEDER: Jacoby 2NT is the best of three reasonable choices. If pard shows club shortness, I have struck gold. I do not think the club suit is quite good enough to bid 2♠ before showing my massive trump support. A 4♠ splinter is more attractive if it is agreed as a maxi-splinter (with 3NT showing mini-splinters).

SHER: 2♣ (planning on splintering next over 2♠ or 2NT, or bidding 3♠ over 2♦ or 2♥), but it probably doesn't matter. In

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general. When you have a good 5 card suit you should bid it instead of splintering since cards in that suit are much more valuable than cards in the other (non-short) suits. Practically any 5 card holding that contains the K or AQ should bid the suit. The decision between bidding the suit and splintering when your suit is Axxx doesn't matter that much since a singleton (when you have lots of trumps) is just as valuable as a fit, but partner will evaluate Kx correctly (it's a great holding). Adding the jack makes it more likely to be correct to bid the suit since partner will really love holding the king and the queen and you will be able to avoid a grand when partner has Kxx. Imagine partner has the following hands: (a)  $\spadesuit KQxxx$   $\heartsuit AQ$   $\diamondsuit Axx$   $\clubsuit xxx$ ; (b)  $\spadesuit KQxxx$   $\heartsuit Axx$   $\diamondsuit xxx$   $\clubsuit Kx$ ; (c)  $\spadesuit KQxxx$   $\heartsuit AQx$   $\diamondsuit xxx$   $\clubsuit xx$ ; (d)  $\spadesuit Kxxxx$   $\heartsuit AQx$   $\diamondsuit Qxx$   $\clubsuit KQ$ ; (e)  $\spadesuit Kxxxx$   $\heartsuit AQx$   $\diamondsuit Ax$   $\clubsuit Kxx$ . Partner will like all of these (especially (a) and (e) after a splinter. I think with (a) it's hard to stay out of slam after a splinter, and with (e) might get to a bad grand. But it's (b), (d) and (e) that produce a slam, and the key is opener's club holdings. Now instead, if partner had something like  $\spadesuit KQxxx$   $\heartsuit AQx$   $\diamondsuit Axxx$   $\clubsuit x$  he would be more excited over a splinter than by the club bid. But I think you would still get to the grand here over a 2 $\clubsuit$  start. Actually, 3 $\clubsuit$  is really a good start (if you play strong jump shifts) followed by 3 $\spadesuit$  since you really do not care about partner's exact shape, just partner's club and spade holdings and side aces.

SHUSTER: 2 $\clubsuit$ . The slam potential of this hand is primarily defined by partner's fit for clubs and wastage in diamonds. If partner raises to 3 $\clubsuit$ , this hand is a slam drive. If partner bids 2 $\diamond$  or 2 $\heartsuit$ , continue with 3 $\clubsuit$ . You will hear about a club filler immediately. This hand should be driving to the 5-level by itself.

WITTES: 2 $\clubsuit$ . With the fifth trump and such great controls, I'm a little too good for 4 $\clubsuit$ . There are a lot of minimum hands that partner could have, that we would still be cold for a slam. I can always splinter at my next opportunity, showing a better hand with a club suit.

*The panelists all agree that the hand is too strong to splinter in diamonds immediately and pass if partner just bids 4 $\clubsuit$ . And if you splintered and bid again, your bid would show a control, not a suit. I don't like a 2NT response for two reasons. First, I play that a Jacoby 2NT response denies a singleton or void (unless responder intends to bid Blackwood next round and was just setting the suit for the responses). It denies shortage since there is no way to show shortage on later rounds. Also, it puts most of your eggs in one basket. Partner does not need to be short in clubs to have a good play for slam (See Josh's example (b)—and he doesn't even need the queen of spades). As Josh and Jon pointed out, you may get a chance to show your club suit AND the splinter.*

**4**  
IMPs

South West North East

1 $\clubsuit$  pass 1 $\heartsuit$  pass

?

You, South, hold:  $\spadesuit AK9$   $\heartsuit J96$   $\diamondsuit 6$   $\clubsuit AK10873$ . What call do you make?

GOLDSTEIN: 3 $\clubsuit$ . Leaving room for partner's likely three diamond bid. Then I will support hearts and bid 3NT if he continues with three spades. Why distort your hand when the auction is likely to go favorably to you?

ITABASHI: 3 $\clubsuit$ . Sorry, Marshall, but I'm not bidding 2 $\clubsuit$  with this hand. I'll make the value bid, which still does not preclude playing hearts if partner has a good enough hand to bid again.

KANTAR: 1 $\spadesuit$ . Hoping to show a good hand with diamond shortness. Yes, I happen to have one more club and one less spade than I'm supposed to have, but they never deal exactly what I am suppose to have, particularly in bidding panel problems.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: 3 $\clubsuit$ . Hoping for a heart rebid, or 3 $\diamond$  from partner. This hand, on the cusp of a 3 $\clubsuit$  jump rebid when I opened, improves when partner responds in hearts.

ROEDER: 3 $\clubsuit$ . As the late Al Roth repeatedly said, "What's the problem?" I have quite a decent dummy for hearts and will be happy to provide pard with such info if he rebids 3 $\diamond$ , 3 $\heartsuit$  or 3 $\spadesuit$ .

*But what if he rebids 3NT with something like  $\spadesuit Q10x$   $\heartsuit KQxxx$   $\diamondsuit Kxx$   $\clubsuit xxx$  or  $\spadesuit QJx$   $\heartsuit KQ10x$   $\diamondsuit Axxx$   $\clubsuit xx$ , when 4 $\heartsuit$  would be a greatly superior contract? With stoppers in the unbid suits, partner is unlikely to look for a heart fit, not realizing that your club suit is rather weak for a 3 $\clubsuit$  bid.*

SHER: This hand can be debated all day. 3 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\heartsuit$  or eclectic 1 $\spadesuit$  or a conservative 2 $\clubsuit$  can all be right. My vote is 3 $\clubsuit$  since the suit is very strong.

SHUSTER: 2 $\heartsuit$ . No form of scoring is given here when it might matter most. Red at imps, I'd try 3 $\heartsuit$ . This hand will make game opposite most responses that include a fifth heart, hence the overbidding at imps. You can't live your life in fear of a 4-3 fit. 2 $\clubsuit$  is a reasonable alternative, as there is still room to get to hearts when partner has a forward going hand. I don't like 3 $\clubsuit$ , which buries the heart fit forever. By the way, in today's world, the opponents' silence means partner is quite likely to have extra values.

WITTES: 3 $\heartsuit$ . Certainly not the book bid. 2 $\clubsuit$ , 3 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\heartsuit$  would probably all receive more votes. However, if partner has a minimum with five hearts, 4 $\heartsuit$  is probably our most likely game, and with such a hand, partner would probably be passing over any of those other bids. Of course, in the worst case scenario, partner will have a bad four card heart suit, a diamond card, and the queen of clubs, and 3NT will be cold.

*Eddie and I agree on this one. 2 $\heartsuit$  is an underbid; 3 $\heartsuit$  is an overbid and may get us to 4 $\heartsuit$  when we belong in 3NT. 2 $\clubsuit$  gives us more room to find a heart fit, but is fairly likely to be passed. A 1 $\spadesuit$  rebid is very unlikely to be passed, and it gives us more room to investigate alternate contracts. Also, partner's rebid will be more revealing. He actually had  $\heartsuit AKQxxx$  and  $\spadesuit Jx$ , which was just enough to bid 3 $\heartsuit$ , making it easy to get to 6 $\heartsuit$ , while a 3 $\heartsuit$  rebid over 3 $\clubsuit$  might be made with a much weaker hand. The biggest risk in bidding 1 $\spadesuit$  is that partner will raise with four card support and stubbornly insist upon playing in spades no matter what you do. However, if you rebid clubs over a spade raise, he may not insist upon a spade contract. He might bid hearts, notrump or more clubs. And if he has a good four card spade suit, 4 $\spadesuit$  might be your best contract.*

**5**  
no vul  
IMPs

West North East South  
1 $\clubsuit$  2 $\diamond$  dbl pass  
3NT pass 4NT pass  
pass pass

West East  
 $\spadesuit 764$   $\spadesuit AKQJ$   
 $\heartsuit 9$   $\heartsuit A754$   
 $\diamondsuit K8$   $\diamondsuit 963$   
 $\clubsuit AKQ10753$   $\clubsuit 62$

## Apportion the blame for not getting to 6NT

GOLDSTEIN: 100% to East. West took a shot to bid 3NT and could easily have had an extra king. East knows that West has one of two hands—an 18 or 19 balanced hand or a long club suit. East is supplying five tricks for partner. Opposite the long club suit, this should be a claim unless the opponents have the first two diamond tricks. With the balanced hand, it's hard to know. Maybe four diamonds should ask West to describe his hand. Then East or West could make the final decision.

KANTAR: I think it was mainly East's fault. 70%. West figures to have solid clubs with a diamond stopper and East has five quick tricks. West, presumably having shown solid clubs, might bid 5NT (30% to show oodles of tricks with only one ace (my idea) which should also lead to East bidding 6NT.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: West is blameless. He can hardly be faulted for jumping to 3NT over East's negative double. Nor can he be faulted for passing 4NT, as East might have had  $\spadesuit AKxx$   $\heartsuit AKxx$   $\diamondsuit xxx$   $\clubsuit xx$  (only 11 tricks on a likely heart lead) or even  $\spadesuit AKxx$   $\heartsuit KQJx$   $\diamondsuit Qxx$   $\clubsuit xx$  (15 HCP but off two aces). Whether East can be blamed depends on the partnerships' notrump ranges. If the top of their 1NT range is 18 and the bottom of their 2NT range is 21, then East should bear all the blame (he should be willing to bid 6NT over 3NT facing a minimum of 19 balanced or West's actual hand type). If the top of their 1NT range is 17 HCP and the bottom of their 2NT range is 20 HCP, then East is blameless (he dare not bid 6NT over 3NT when West may have only 18 HCP, e.g.

$\spadesuit xxx$   $\heartsuit KQx$   $\diamondsuit KJx$   $\clubsuit AKQJ$ ). In that case, all the blame should go to whoever persuaded East and West to use those shaded 1NT and 2NT ranges.

ROEDER: Nobody did anything bad. I do not believe West has anything extra for his 3NT bid. East might be worried that West has  $\heartsuit QJx$  of diamonds. I give East more responsibility since he had 5 tricks opposite a good, good hand. Let's score it as East 40%, West 20% and the Bridge Gods 40%.

SHER: I don't think anybody did anything wrong. West might have had  $\spadesuit ax$   $\heartsuit x$   $\diamondsuit QJx$   $\clubsuit AKQxxx$  or  $\spadesuit x$   $\heartsuit Qxx$   $\diamondsuit AQxx$   $\clubsuit AKQxx$  and lots of other hands that don't produce slam. West is definitely closer to bidding the slam than East is, but East didn't have to hold 5 fast tricks (and 2 aces), but instead could have held  $\spadesuit AKQ$   $\heartsuit KQxx$   $\diamondsuit xxx$   $\clubsuit Jxx$  or  $\spadesuit AKQx$   $\heartsuit KQJx$   $\diamondsuit xx$   $\clubsuit Jxx$ .

SHUSTER: West 75%, East 25%. There isn't a whole lot of blame to go around here. West should have corrected/accepted 4NT to 5 $\clubsuit$  at the form of scoring (give East  $\spadesuit KQJx$   $\heartsuit AKJx$   $\diamondsuit xxx$   $\clubsuit Jx$  and you can see why). With the actual East hand, he'd raise that. 4NT was slightly conservative, but not wrong.

WITTES: I would have to place the majority of the blame with East. Looking at that hand, partner rates to have a long solid club suit and a diamond card, so it seems right to just bid the slam with 5 tricks in hand.

## July problems

1. no vul, MPs South West North East  
1 $\diamond$  pass 1 $\heartsuit$  pass  
?

What call do you, South, make with  
 $\spadesuit 86$   $\heartsuit A5$   $\diamondsuit AKQ1087654$   $\clubsuit ---$ ?

2. EW vul, IMPs South West North East  
1NT\* dbl \*\* 2 $\heartsuit$ \*\*\* 3 $\diamond$   
?

\*12-14 \*\*14+ \*\*\*natural  
What call do you, South, make with  
 $\spadesuit 864$   $\heartsuit K83$   $\diamondsuit AK875$   $\clubsuit Q6$ ?

3. no vul, IMPs South West North East  
1 $\diamond$  1 $\heartsuit$  2 $\heartsuit$  pass  
?

What call do you, South, make with  
 $\spadesuit AK8$   $\heartsuit ---$   $\diamondsuit QJ10975$   $\clubsuit Q854$ ?

4. Neither vulnerable, matchpoints  
West East West East  
 $\spadesuit 765$   $\spadesuit AK$  1 $\diamond$  2 $\clubsuit$   
 $\heartsuit AK7$   $\heartsuit QJ43$  2 $\diamond$  2 $\heartsuit$   
 $\diamondsuit QJ9652$   $\diamondsuit ---$  3 $\heartsuit$  3 $\clubsuit$   
 $\clubsuit K$   $\clubsuit QJ109843$  3NT 4 $\heartsuit$   
pass pass

Apportion the blame for not getting to 6 $\clubsuit$ .

5. no vul, IMPs West East West East  
 $\spadesuit AKQJ986$   $\spadesuit 4$  1 $\spadesuit$  2 $\heartsuit$   
 $\heartsuit Q6$   $\heartsuit AKJ843$  2 $\clubsuit$  3 $\diamond$   
 $\diamondsuit K1054$   $\diamondsuit A976$  4 $\diamond$  4NT  
 $\clubsuit K$   $\clubsuit A8$  5 $\diamond$  (one control) 6 $\diamond$

6NT, 6 $\heartsuit$  and 6 $\spadesuit$  are all better contracts than 6 $\clubsuit$ . Apportion the blame for getting to the 4 $^{\text{th}}$  best small slam.

# LA Regional Results March 24-30, 2008

## RESULTS continued from last month

### KRAZY COMPACT KONSO I - 6 Tables

- 1 Bob Gruber - Linda Gruber, Camarillo; Linda Peterson, Playa Del Rey; Eugene White Jr, Playa del Rey
- 2 Paul Nason, LA; John Villalobos, Glendale; Robert Tayrien, Burbank; R Gerry Belcher, Alhambra
- 3 Alfred Tuckman, Monroe Township NJ; Philip Pearl, Fountain Valley; Weidong Pei, Brea; Jon King, Balboa Island

### KRAZY COMPACT KONSO II - 5 Tables

- 1 Jody Pedri - Jo Anne Vansandt, Costa Mesa; Hans Giroux - Frederick Solomon, Irvine
- 2 Elaine Kehm Tallackson, Chicago IL; Laurian Hasselwander, Indio; Jean Chappell - Sherry Hockemeyer, Palm Desert

### KRAZY COMPACT KONSO III- 7 Tables

- 1 Mark Hartzell, LA; Lea McClernan, Redondo Beach; Mary Falvey, Monrovia; Betty Williams, Rncho Pls Vrd
- 2 Caroline Vincent, Santa Monica; Robert Moest, LA; Murat Vaysoglu, Cypress; Lisa Kuo, Rancho Palos Vd
- 3 Michael Horn, Pasadena; Georgiana Bierman, La Verne; Cheryl Loggins, San Gabriel; Charlotte Brackmann, South Pasadena

### KRAZY COMPACT KONSO IV - 6 Tables

- 1 Patricia Shellogg Seal, Studio City; Myrna Kalman, Woodland Hills; Eva Seri, Burbank; E. J. (Jim) Lechner, West Toluca Lk
- 2 Sharon Donoff, Laguna Beach; Marcia Holland, Dana Point; Marie Tanner, Mission Viejo; Patricia Rock, Santa Ana
- 3 Edwin Kelly, Glendora; Karen McCarthy, Upland; Lynne Parker - Mary Miller, Claremont

### SUNSET OPEN PAIRS - 7.0 Tables

- | A | B | C   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 |   | Craig Kavin, Oxnard; Robert Kerr, LA 60.24%                     |
| 2 |   | Suzanne Lebendig - Samuel Haveson, LA 56.45%                    |
| 3 | 1 | Charles Kelley - Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific Plsades 54.22%         |
| 4 |   | Christopher Young, San Diego; Craig Huston, Portland OR 53.52%  |
| 5 |   | Robert Rubin, Whittier; Harry Sacks, Hacienda Hgts 52.65%       |
|   | 2 | Edward Schwartz, Pasadena; Jacob Frenkel, Temple City 52.28%    |
|   | 3 | Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND 51.95% |
|   | 4 | Don Harris, Fair Oaks; Herbert Royal, Garden Grove 51.74%       |
|   | 2 | Harold Goodman - Jill Goodman, Rcho Palos Vdes 48.54%           |

### EVENING SIDE SERIES - 4.0 Tables

A B C

- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
| 1 | 1   | Steven Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Mitch Towner, Salt Lake City UT 59.72% |
| 2 | 2   | Todd Knapp, Costa Mesa; William Morton, Woodland Hills 54.17%            |
| 3 | 3   | 1 Lyle Wiedeman, LA; Michael Baker, Scottsdale AZ 53.47%                 |
|   | 2/3 | Robert Novell, Arcadia; Robert Verhoef, Glendora 49.31%                  |
|   | 2/3 | Jo Ellen Praklet - James Heiner, Pleasanton 49.31%                       |

### WED AFT 299ER PAIRS - 3.0 Tables

- | A | B  |
|---|--|
| 1 | M Blythe Anderson, San Bernardino; Elizabeth Haas, Redlands 69.00% |
| 2 | Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina; Albert Lax, Azusa 60.00%            |

### WED MARGARET JACOBS PAIRS - 21.0 Tables

- | A | B | C   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 |   | Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena; William Ng, Chatsworth 60.15%             |
| 2 |   | Bob Bratcher, Vista; Stephen Skinner, Huntington Bch 59.68%         |
| 3 |   | Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg 59.08%               |
| 4 |   | Cecil Cook, Long Beach; John Killian, Sunset Beach 57.28%           |
| 5 | 1 | Wei-Bung Wang - Chien-Yao Tseng, Riverside 56.56%                   |
| 6 |   | Diana Borgatti, South Pasadena; Cathryn Martin, Pasadena 56.50%     |
|   | 2 | James Lynch, Agoura Hills; Gabriella Amadeo, Calabasas Hills 55.74% |
|   | 3 | N Purkin - Tammy Purkin, Calgary AB 53.74%                          |
|   | 4 | Steve Carr, Tarzana; William Morton, Woodland Hills 52.59%          |
|   | 5 | Harry O'Neil, Perris; Charles Fox, Sun City 51.18%                  |
|   | 6 | Ralph Beazley, Long Beach; John Cairns, Huntington Bh 51.11%        |
|   | 2 | Sudershan Sood, Cerritos; Claudette Barrack, Cypress 49.05%         |
|   | 3 | Carol Diamant, Tarzana; Allan Palansky, Sherman Oaks 48.85%         |
|   | 4 | Jo Ellen Praklet - James Heiner, Pleasanton 48.84%                  |
|   | 5 | D Schwartz - Carol Schwartz, LA 47.14%                              |

### WED AFT SWISS TEAMS - 18 Tables

- | A   | B   | C   |
|-----|-----|---|
| 1   | 1   | Daniel Raider, San Mateo; James Merzon, Templeton; Y Chen, Fremont; Norman Wang, Palo Alto 58.00                    |
| 2   | 2   | David White, Agoura; Craig Stump, Ridgecrest; Samuel Wang, Monterey Park; John Whittlesey, Santa Barbara 56.00      |
| 3   | 3   | 1 Mary Ann Wotring - Warren Wotring, Jr, Chino Hills; Eiko Miller, Big Bear City; Arlene Elder, Big Bear Lake 53.00 |
| 4   | 4   | Lutrell Long, Rncho Pls Vrd; Dann Habberfield, Manhattan Beach; Kim Wang, Torrance; Masae Kato, Pls Vrds Ests 52.00 |
| 5/6 | 5/6 | 2/3 Steve Sanzo - Tom Miyaoka, LA; Graetchn Torres, South Pasadena; Bettyanne Houts, Long Beach 49.00               |
| 5/6 | 5/6 | 2/3 Diane Licht - Sheri Rivera - Sally Aminoff, LA; Sue Ann Simon, Beverly Hills 49.00                              |
| 4   |     | Ruth Shayne - Vera Mandell - Fran Malina, LA; Sandra Satlin,  |

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## District 23 — Team Game Sectional

Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22, 2008

San Fernando Valley Bridge Academy

### Saturday, June 21

**10:30 am —**  
Compact Knockouts  
Rounds 1 and 2

**3:30 pm —**  
Compact Knockouts  
Rounds 3 and 4

**3:30 pm —**  
Swiss Teams  
Single Session - Stratified

### Card Fees:

ACBL Members  
\$10 per person/per session  
Non-Members  
\$11 per person/per session

Director in Charge: Peter Knee

### Sunday, June 22

**10:30 am —**  
Swiss Teams - Stratiflighted  
First Session  
Flight A/AX: 0 — unlimited masterpoints  
Flights B, C, D: 0 — 2000 masterpoints

**Second Session to be announced**  
NOTE: There will be a sufficient break to allow players to go out to a restaurant.

Stratified A: 2000+ masterpoints  
Stratified B: 500-2000  
Stratified C: 0-500

### Location:

San Fernando Valley Bridge Academy  
6733 Variel Ave. Canoga Park  
2 blocks W. of DeSoto, just S. of Vanowen  
Exit DeSoto from the 101 or 118 Freeway  
(818) 999-9131

FREE PARKING



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Grand National Teams Coordinator

\*\*\*\*\*All profits from this tournament will be given to our GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS to help support their expenses as they represent our district in the GNT National Competition \*\*\*\*\*

**RESULTS**

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Beverly Hills 44.00

**WED AM 299ER PAIRS - 4.0 Tables**

D	E	
1	1	Gary Swinhart, Sunland; Agatha Angelides, LA 61.11%
2	2	Joyce Bartel, Mission Viejo; Robert Stanley, San Clemente 60.42%
3	3	Martha Terwilliger - Jeanne Sherwin, Agoura Hills 53.47%

**MORNING SIDE SERIES - 5.0 Tables**

A	B	C	
1	1		Mary Ann Wotring - Warren Wotring, Jr, Chino Hills 60.00%
2	2		Todd Knapp, Costa Mesa; Marcus Evans, La Palma 58.00%
3	3		Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory, LA 57.50%
4	4		Kim Wang, Torrance; Luttrell Long, Rncho Pls Vrd 51.50%

**TUE-WED EVE SWISS TEAMS - 8 Tables**

A	B	
1		Greg House, S San Fran; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park; Peter Benjamin, Culver City; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks; Phil Clayton, San Juan Capo; David White, Agoura 104.00
2	1	Roger Lee, Arcadia; Jack Chao, Oceanside; Wei-Bung Wang - Chien-Yao Tseng, Riverside 84.00
3		Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; Marcus Evans, La Palma; Daniel Williams, Denver CO 73.00
2		Mollie Campbell, Rancho Mirage; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre 60.00

**WED SUNSET PAIRS - 6.0 Tables**

A	B	C	
1			Edward Piken, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks 58.75%
2			Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills; Marjorie Michelin, LA 55.83%
3	1	1	Robert Ashen, Beverly Hills; Brian Rose, LA 52.71%
4	2		Orhan Gurbuz, Huntington Bh; Hayim Ninyo, Irvine 51.46%
3			Charo Holdo - Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena 48.54%
4			Ocki Krogfoss - Jim Rupp Jr, Thousand Oaks 48.33%
2			Jean Chappell - Sherry Hockemeyer, Palm Desert 46.04%

**EVENING SIDE SERIES - 6.0 Tables**

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Michael Baker, Scottsdale AZ; Lyle Wiedeman, LA 58.42%
2			Samuel Wang, Monterey Park; William Morton, Woodland Hills 57.42%

3	2	2	Michael Levine - Geraldine Weiss, La Jolla 53.42%
4	3		Lawrence Hanna, Huntington Bh; Richard Hanna, Laguna Woods 52.58%
4	3		Carol Diamant, Tarzana; Allan Palansky, Sherman Oaks 49.50%

**MID-WEEK KO I - 10 Tables**

1		Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks; Greg House, S San Fran; Peter Benjamin, Culver City; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park
2		Terry Waterman, Saint George UT; David Waterman, St George UT; Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI
3/4		Alfred Tuckman, Monroe Township NJ; Jon King, Balboa Island; Weidong Pei, Brea; Edwin Gruber, West Hills
3/4		Barbara Dunkley - John Scibelli - Justine Hancock - Thomas Shulman, Las Vegas NV

**MID-WEEK KO II - 12 Tables**

1		Mitch Towner, Salt Lake City UT; Steven Towner, Salt Lake Cty UT; Charlotte Blum, La Jolla; Shirley Eide, Bakersfield
2		Diana Black, Newport Beach; Jerry Schneider, Irvine; Ellen O'Brien, San Clemente; Sally Pelmeier, Mission Viejo
3/4		Michael Horn, Pasadena; Georgiana Bierman, La Verne; Cheryl Loggins, San Gabriel; Charlotte Brackmann, South Pasadena
3/4		Winkie Webb, Irvine; Jane Dober, Dana Point; Jacob Weisberg, Trabuco Canyon; Larry Globus, Mission Viejo

**MID-WEEK KO III - 13 Tables**

1		Thomas Harris, Garden Grove; Cindy Matsuk, Lakewood; Barbara Frischkorn, Seal Beach; Jean Kato, Westminster
2		Amr Elghamry, Monrovia; Clifton Cates - Charles Cordaro, Pasadena; Lyle Wiedeman, LA
3/4		Marlys Haraden - Eleth Fields, Tustin; Camden Clair Parish - Joanne Thompson, Fullerton
3/4		Jane King - Anthony Shloss, Irvine; Dede Gansel - Betty Johnson, San Clemente

**EARLY BIRD OPEN PAIRS - 18.0 Tables**

A	B	C	
1			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; Ann Nixon, Irvine 62.68%
2			Christopher Young, San Diego; Craig Huston, Portland OR 61.71%
3			Art Gulbrandsen, Monrovia; Mike Spero, Burbank 59.40%
4			Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach; Wayne Otsuki, Rncho Pls Vrd 59.07%
5			Bob Bratcher, Vista; Eddie Rose, Laguna Niguel 57.43%
6			Jack Chao, Oceanside; David Wei Chuan, Rancho Mirage 56.78%
1			James Lynch, Agoura Hills; Gabriella Amadeo, Calabasas Hills 54.02%
2			Charo Holdo, Pasadena; Lynn Ryan, Glendale 52.40%
3			Richard Glatzer, LA; Tom Codey, Palm Springs 51.75%

# UNIT 559 JOHN WAKEN SECTIONAL

**August 1-3, 2008****La Salle High School****3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd Pasadena, CA 91107****Presented by Pasadena - San Gabriel Unit 559**[www.darbonne.com/bridge](http://www.darbonne.com/bridge)**Director In Charge: Peter Knee 661-424-1701****Tournament Chairs: Mark Hartzell 818-472-7226****Sandra Franciscus****Partnerships: Jan Wickersham 626-355-2666****Bridge Fees: \$9.00 ACBL Members****\$10.00 Non-ACBL Members****Sunday Fee: \$96.00 per 4 Member Team with Lunch****Additional members are \$6.00 per person**

**FREE Coffee!**  
**FREE Snacks!**  
**FREE Parking!**

**A= 2500+ MP, B=0-2500 MP, C= 0-750 MP****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!**

4		Thompson Jin, Northridge; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 51.61%	
5	1	Carol Frank, Burbank; Sean Lui, Arcadia 51.53%	
	2	Loretta Rubin, Thousand Oaks; Ann Dupont, Calabasas 47.73%	
	3	Alene Friedman, Sherman Oaks; Irving Drooyan, Woodland Hills 47.50%	

## AFTERNOON SIDE SERIES - 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1		Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton; Lulu Minter, Glendora 70.42%	
2		Barbara Dunkley - Justine Hancock, Las Vegas NV 68.75%	
3/4	1/2	1 Ce Ce McCourt, Huntington Bch; Nadine Nakai, Costa Mesa 57.92%	
3/4	1/2	W Schroeder, Oxnard; Mira Rowe, Newhall 57.92%	
5		Robert Chen, LA; Gary Zeiger, Phoenix AZ 56.25%	
	3	James Bent - Anita Bent, Yorba Linda 54.58%	
	4	2 Joyce Bartel, Mission Viejo; Robert Stanley, San Clemente 50.42%	
	3	Jerry Androus, La Verne; Paule Ford, Upland 42.50%	

## THURSDAY AFT SWISS TEAMS - 14 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1	Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory, LA; Daniel Raider, San Mateo; James Merzon, Templeton 67.00	
2	2	Steven Sulzby, Torrance; Earl Van Der Vord, Long Beach; Mark Tang, Seal Beach; Michael Ventri, Fullerton 63.00	
3	3	B Horiguchi, Gardena; Stanley Snyder, La Habra; William Ng, Chatsworth; M Futterman, LA 52.00	
4	4	1 Eleth Fields - Marlys Haraden, Tustin; Joanne Thompson - Camden Clair Parish, Fullerton 46.00	
5	5	Dann Habberfield, Manhattan Beach; Kim Wang, Torrance; Masae Kato, Pls Vrds Ests; John Williams, Hermosa Beach 41.00	
	2	Fred Dyle, Huntington Bch; J Robinson, Newport Beach; Vicki Macclymnt, Irvine; Jennifer Porter, Laguna Niguel 38.00	
	3	Ann Raymond, South Pasadena; Margie Hall, Glendora; Sandra Rucker, San Gabriel; Beverly Scholes, Monrovia 35.00	

## THURS AM 299ER PAIRS - 7.0 Tables

D	E	F	
1	1	1 Donald Naf, Chino; Edwin Kelly, Glendora 62.67%	
2	2	2 Elizabeth Bentley, Glendale; Anna Urata, Hacienda Hgts 58.83%	
3	3	Lavelle Proboese - Chuck Clark, Laguna Niguel 58.25%	
4	4	Nadine Nakai, Costa Mesa; Ce Ce McCourt, Huntington Bch 56.33%	
5	5	Joyce Bartel, Mission Viejo; Robert Stanley, San Clemente 52.58%	
	3	Beverly Scholes, Monrovia; Sandra Rucker, San Gabriel 48.75%	

## MORNING SIDE SERIES - 5.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1		James Merzon, Templeton; Daniel Raider, San Mateo 62.50%	
2	1	Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory, LA 61.50%	
3	2	1 Elaine Kehm Tallackson, Chicago IL; Laurian Hasselwander, Indio 55.00%	
4		Patricia Al-Hakeem, Laguna Beach; Nunzio Martorina, Midland TX 53.50%	
	3	2 Jim Canty, Berkeley; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont 52.00%	

## THURS SUNSET OPEN PAIRS - 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1	Herbert Royal, Garden Grove; Don Harris, Fair Oaks 56.85%	
2		Howard Kaufman, Reseda; Donna Davidson, Newhall 55.65%	
3	2	1 David Jay, Santa Ana; Thomas Felice, Anaheim 54.76%	
4		Ross Grabel - Ilene Grabel, Huntington Bh 53.27%	
5	3	Kyle Mattes - Melissa Mattes, Pasadena 53.13%	
	4	Ronald Murray - Allen Hamburger, Torrance 51.79%	
	2	Carol Diamant, Tarzana; Allan Palansky, Sherman Oaks 50.15%	

## EVENING SIDE SERIES - 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1		David Wei Chuan, Rancho Mirage; Jack Chao, Oceanside 65.73%	
2	1	Eric Tan, West Covina; Nick Gao, Hacienda Height 65.43%	
3	2	Thompson Jin, Northridge; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 62.85%	
4	3	Fredy Minter - Lulu Minter, Glendora 60.17%	
5	4	1 Rashmi Shah, Pls Vrd Estates; Eknath Deo, Long Beach 57.71%	
	2	Donald Vandemore - Lou Ann Vandemore, Santa Clarita 40.82%	

## PACIFIC PALMS KO I - 12 Tables

1	Toby Rothman, Beverly Hills; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno; Phil Clayton, San Juan Capo; Brian Gilbert, Irvine	
2	Subba Ravipudi, Downey; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts; Yoon Kim, San Diego; Harish Singh, Diamond Bar; Ron Lien, Brea; Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo	
3/4	Julian Heicklen, Teaneck NJ; Bill Eisenberg, Perris; Jean Talbot - Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA	
3/4	Matt Klimesh, Pasadena; Roger Lee, Arcadia; Wei-Bung Wang - Chien-Yao Tseng, Riverside	

## PACIFIC PALMS KO II - 13 Tables

1	Ocki Krogfoss - Jim Rupp Jr - Virgil Taylor - Suzanne Robertson, Thousand Oaks	
2	Thomas Ludwig, Cerritos; Sherry Troeger - Lavonne McQuilkin, Long Beach; Carol Murakoshi, Cypress	
3/4	Kathy Helber, La Verne; Millie Williamson - Dominique Moore, Arcadia; Bernardine Mateer, Monrovia	
3/4	Sue Rottner, Pasadena; Consuelo Ledbetter, Arcadia; Ted Nicholas - Alice Nicholas, Fountain Valley	

## BLOODY MARY OPEN PAIRS - 28.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1		Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; John Farr Jr, Lomita 61.80%	
2		Rebecca Clough, Culver City; Adrienne Green, LA 61.26%	

3	Bob Bratcher, Vista; Eddie Rose, Laguna Niguel 60.25%	
4	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine 59.51%	
5	Yvonne Hernandez - Lu Kohutiak, Murrieta 58.51%	
6	1 David Ruoff - Gary Olson, Corona 58.38%	
7	2 Terry Waterman, Saint George UT; David Waterman, St George UT 58.07%	
8	Craig Kavin, Oxnard; Jim Munday, Camarillo 57.75%	
3	Lary Alba, Ranch Cucamonga; Cordell Goode, Pomona 55.50%	
4	Marel Bates, Winnetka; Bruce Altschuler, LA 54.70%	
5	Lawrence Sharp - Bill Greenberg, Laguna Niguel 54.50%	
6	1 Eva Mroz - Penny Wentworth, Villa Park 53.41%	
2	Barbara Gilcrest, Irvine; Nadine Nakai, Costa Mesa 48.93%	
3	Ned Sissel - Ronald Purkis, Upland 46.99%	

## FRI AFT SIDE/299ER PAIRS - 5.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1		Robert Chen, LA; Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo 61.00%	
2		Barbara Shields, LA; Mary Hardy, Las Vegas NV 60.50%	
3	1	1 Bill Reeves, Brea; Jeanette Finn, Sacramento 59.50%	
4	2	Herbert Royal, Garden Grove; Don Harris, Fair Oaks 58.00%	
	3	2 Kathryn Luft - Carol Hellebrand, Yorba Linda 47.50%	

## FRIDAY AFT SWISS TEAMS - 16 Tables

A	B	C	
1		Alan Le Bendig - Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles; Robert Conot - William Hall, Thousand Oaks 59.00	
2	1	Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory - Nancy Heck - Karen Byrd, LA 54.00	
3		Julian Heicklen, Teaneck NJ; Bill Eisenberg, Perris; Jean Talbot - Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA 53.00	
4		Matt Klimesh, Pasadena; Roger Lee, Arcadia; Wei-Bung Wang - Chien-Yao Tseng, Riverside 52.00	
5/6		Rae Murbach - Jerry Murbach, Altadena; Eugene White Jr, Playa del Rey; Samuel Haveson, LA 48.00	
5/6	2	Dann Habberfield, Manhattan Beach; Masae Kato, Pls Vrds Ests; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre 48.00	
	3	1 Tom Trilling - Brian Rose, LA; Lamar Marutani, Vallejo; Daniel McGuire, Las Vegas NV 40.00	
	4	2 Jody Pedri, Costa Mesa; Frederick Solomon - Hans Giroux, Irvine; Thomas Felice, Anaheim 39.00	
	3	Constance Abell - Herbert Ehrmann - Jerry Smith, LA; Michael Torpey, San Francisco 37.00	

## MORNING SIDE SERIES - 6.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1/3	1/2	Walter Otto, Diamond Bar; John Stone Jr, Glendora 57.50%	
1/3		Solange Graziani, W LA; Jane Kennedy, Chicago IL 57.50%	
1/3	1/2	1 Robert Rove - Beverly Nuding, San Carlos 57.50%	
4	3	2 Carol Hellebrand - Kathryn Luft, Yorba Linda 54.17%	
	4	Jerry Smith, LA; Michael Torpey, San Francisco 50.00%	
	3	Ted Maesaki, Temple City; Nora Gee, San Gabriel 49.58%	

## THU-FRI EVE SWISS TEAMS - 8 Tables

A	B	
1	1	Roger Lee, Arcadia; Matt Klimesh, Pasadena; Chien-Yao Tseng - Wei-Bung Wang, Riverside 91.00
2		Ron Lien, Brea; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach; Harish Singh, Diamond Bar; Subba Ravipudi, Downey 79.00
3		Toby Rothman, Beverly Hills; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno; Phil Clayton, San Juan Capo; Viktor Anikovovich, LA 74.00

## EVENING SIDE SERIES - 9.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1	Virgil Taylor - Suzanne Robertson, Thousand Oaks 61.81%	
2		Jack Waller, Ridgecrest; Samuel Wang, Monterey Park 58.56%	
3		Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Garth Yettick, Denver CO 56.25%	
4	2	Lamar Marutani, Vallejo; Daniel McGuire, Las Vegas NV 55.79%	
5	3	1 Fred Zhang, LA; Serena Guo, La Puente 54.17%	
	4	2 Brian Rose - Tom Trilling, LA 52.31%	
	5	3 Timothy Finlay - Eileen Finlay, Ontario 52.08%	
	4	Booker Smith, Jr - Roseanne Smith, Richmond 51.62%	

## LAST CHANCE KO I - 13 Tables

1	Jeff Fang, Arcadia; Adam Meyerson, LA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Garth Yettick, Denver CO	
2	Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; Gerri Knilians - Hal Knilians, Thousand Oaks	
3/4	M Futterman, LA; Stanley Snyder, La Habra; Bernard Garbose, Worcester MA; B Horiguchi - Chiye Horiguchi, Gardena	
3/4	Mike Savage, Signal Hill; Gerald Bare, Pacific Plsds; Janet Ju - George Wang, El Monte	

## LAST CHANCE KO II - 13 Tables

1	Harold Koletsky, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Hank Sheehan, Torrance; Sheryl Kohloff, Rncho Pls Vrd; Barbara Lasky, Rancho Santa Fe	
2	Stephen Seagren - Jill Seagren - Charlotte Blum, La Jolla; Shirley Eide, Bakersfield	
3/4	Lynne Parker - Joe Unis - Mary Miller, Claremont; Karen McCarthy, Upland	
3/4	Hansford Rowe - Mira Rowe, Newhall; W Schroeder, Oxnard; James Fu, Chatsworth	

## TUE-SAT AFT SIDE SERIES - 4.0 Tables

A	B	C
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# Around The Units in District 23

## Antelope Valley Santa Clarita

by Gin

The feeling of camaraderie has returned to the AV Bridge Club. Many members have contributed money to offset the expenses encountered in decorating the new clubroom. Others volunteered their skills to assemble furniture, make wall hangings, construct cork boards, develop web site, etc. Donations include a new computer, printers, use of large copiers, PA system, etc. This type of team work brings back the feeling of friendliness that once defined our club. Almost everyone has contributed commensurate to their means. Kudos to each and every contributor that made our club so special.

Beginner lessons are on going on Monday nights at 6:30. Look for a game night beginning June 12 on Thursdays at 6:30. Board games as well as card games other than bridge will be offered. Flyers with details are available on the information desk at our clubroom.

The Great Western STaC winners at Unit 556 include Marlene and Dave Gasper 4.33 silver points, Doris Thompson and Pat Juenemann 1.75 points, May Abagi and Russ Buker 1.07 points, and Bobbi and Barb Shuping 1.05 points. The STaC games are reported in depth elsewhere in this column.

Rose Coldiron lost Bob, her beloved soul mate on May 9. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Rose and her family. Our condolences are extended to Joe Weber on the loss of his brother. Our condolences are extended to Viviane Dinehart and May Abagi on the loss their mother/mother-in-law, Marcelle Abagi, as well as the entire Abagi family. Jack & Gin Dudley said goodbye to their beloved nephew Al Dudley, a talented artist and caring father. Al is missed by his family and all the friends he left behind. Jill Adkins is recovering at AV Health Center. She is undergoing therapy as she recovers from a broken knee. Gloria Robinson's son John and Howard Kaufman are both undergoing chemo and/or radiation therapy for cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Carolee Schupp and Viviane Dinehart. Both ladies are going through difficult times. Colin MacDougall is well on the road to recovery and will soon be playing bridge. Sam Shaw is slowly recovering from surgery. We hope to see her at the clubroom upon recovery.

### Top Five

Doris Thompson and Marlene Warren-Gasper took top honors with their 73.44% game. 1.67 percentage points separated the next four high games. Heading this group were Nan Newland and Rose Coldiron with 66.67%, they were followed by Doris and Marlene with 66%. Doris paired up with Russ Buker for a 65.57% game. Janet Coussens and Marlene placed fifth with their 65% game. April was an interesting month. Congratulations to all.

### Unit Game May 4

	A	B	C
Hugh Bartlett & Roshen Hadulla	1	-	-
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	2	-	-
Joe Weber & Peggy Fleming	3	-	-
Donna Davidson & Howard Kaufman	4	-	-
Tom & Barb Jones	5	1	1
Herm Shuping & Sid Zalk	6	2	-
Rosalie and Bob Cuccias	-	3	2
George Lewis & Nan Newland	-	4	-
Sandi & Ron Oest	-	5	-
Joan Adams & Friend	-	-	3

### STaC May 6 noon

Janet & Marlene	1	-	-
Barb Shuping & Fritz Miller	2	1	-
George Lewis & Don Crozier	3	2	-
Bob Erb & Sylvia Feiman	4	3	-

### May 7

Brad Ward & Lola Messiha	1	-	-
Pat Juenemann & Dave Gasper	2	-	-
Russ Buker & May Abagi	3	1	1
Leah Levitt & Dave White	-	-	2

### May 9

Doris & Pat	1	-	-
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George MacDonald & Mary Stauff	2	1	-
Joe Weber & Russ Biker	3	-	-
Vibeke Gilbreath & Rita Vannatter	-	3	1

### May 11

Dave & Marlene	1	-	-
Bobbi & Barb S.	2	-	-
Russ & May	3	1	1

### Coming Events

Double Session Unit Game with potluck lunch  
June 1, 10:30 am

Unit Game and Board Meeting July 6 at 1 pm  
AV/Santa Clarita Sectional Tournament Sept. 19-21  
Thursday Game Night June 12

A parting thought.....Don't let other people drive you crazy when you know perfectly well it is within walking distance.

## Downey – Whittier

by Bernice Crelia

This year is really racing by— can you believe it? Summer is really here.

Now we have one more of our long time players that we want to congratulate on becoming a Gold Life Master. You all know her because she very seldom misses a game, and this has gone on for many years. She is of course, Dolores Phillips, who has earned the majority of those 2500 points playing right here in our unit. One of her partners, Shirlee Faber also became a Gold Life Master not very long ago. Now you know why they are a top pair to play against. We are so very proud of both of you.

Before I list our big winners for the month I want to be sure you know that our club president is now Barbara Newman. She is well qualified and will do the job very well.

Nest we have our recent winners - April Jr. Fund overalls: 1. Mary Kiechle and Frank Jones, 2. Chunky Hilton and Marcie Evans, 3. Barbara Horn and Betty Boss, 4. Len Beck and Bruce Horiguchi, 5/6. Terry Binns and Bernice Crelia, Stan Snyder and Mort Futterman.

May Unit Game Overalls: 1. Bess Kennedy and Mary Graef, 2. Bruce H. and Stan S., 3. Kim Wang and John Williams, 4. Dolores P. and Shirlee F., 5. Annette Rayman and Charlotte Sturm.

1<sup>st</sup> Silver Point game: N-S 1. Lucile Thompson and Bob Krause, 2. Dolores P. and Roy Rodenberg, B-2. Nancy Ramage and Coleman Conrad, E-W 1. Sam Wang and Ed Hsi, 2. Bess K. and Mary G., B 2/3. Helen Nordbak and Selma Minard, Chunky Hilton and Millie Graybill.

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Point game: 1. Chunky H. and Millie G., 2. Lucile T. and Marcie Evans, 3. Dolores P. and Shirlee F., B-2. Bess K. and Mary G., C-1. Renalda Rippe and Beverly Pkershing.

Till next month – shuffle, deal, play, and enjoy!

## Glendale-Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game: 1:00 PM Saturday June 14  
12:15 PM Buffet Lunch

Before your lazy days of summer become filled up, be sure to circle, square, hypotenuse, or otherwise reserve August 15, 16 and 17 for our Sectional, which again will be held at the Scottish Rites Temple, 150 No. Madison Ave. in Pasadena. The announcement setting forth scheduled events will be available in mid-July at the Regency Bridge Club.

At that latter venue Leon Alexander and Temo Arjani bested everyone with a 72.2% game recently, and deserve to be heartily hailed, as does Rae Murbach upon achieving her 2500 Gold Master Point accreditation. It takes perseverance and continuing review to attain the various ACBL goals in our game, and Tim Lolli has been most helpful in filling in some quandaries in his scheduled Saturday morning lectures at the Regency. None is scheduled for June, but he has indicated interest in continuing at a later date, so stay tuned. In his standing as a professional Tim has always been generous in responding to player's questions as well as emphasizing ethical conduct. His good partner,

Daniel Oakes, has provided some valuable input on this subject which will be featured in next months column. I am all red-eared to learn wherein I have been erring - no, no, folks, let me hear it from Dan!

Of course, if your supply of measures for dealing with recalcitrant partners of "federal case" variety is running low, perhaps the following will help: "I know you can't forgive or forget, but can't we just move on?" However, if you wish to be rather more forceful, how about: "Why don't you just blow it out whichever one of your orifices is not plugged up!" Hmmm...maybe you-all had better start sending me your news, or I may have to delve deeper into the bottom of the barrel and utilize an author's unpoetic licentiousness....

Nancy Lyon returned from her trip to Egypt filled with awe and respect for those ancient architects and engineers, as well as appreciation for the beauty and serenity of the Nile River. However, one has to pity the poor Egyptian students with over 3,000 years of history to cover!

R(asputin?) Gerry Belcher and Barbara had to curtail their travel plans to Spain due to his suffering a broken leg in a fall at their hotel in Miami. At least they were able to do the cruising across the Atlantic to Barcelona and touched down at a couple of other ports of call before flying home. So instead of a tapas bar in Madrid, he was seated at a bridge table in Glendale, plying his skills and sporting a bright red cover over that protective leg cast. (He should be "castrated" by the time you read this.) I almost viewed his return with a jaundiced eye, because while he was gone, I came in first three times, and have been low down on the score sheet since his return. No need to "go figure," n'est-ce pas?

Merry Besvold's return trip to Florida proved a sad occasion in that her ailing father did not pull through. Fortunately, she and her brother had visited their parents recently, and their father was noticeably pleased - perhaps small compensation at this time, but some. Our condolences, Merry.....

The Mother's Day weekend took away some of the players from our Unit Day game, but we still had a good gathering of good competitors. Special thanks go to Nancy Lyon and Betsy Josias for filling in on the Board's luncheon plan, and to me - I supplied the Marie C's pies, and Calvin made good coffee to go with it all, or did he? With my dear cousin Roxie in tow, I'm not too clear on some of the details, but be assured the following results of the game are computer guaranteed:

	N/S
A1/2	John Villalobos & Dick Plumer
A1/2	Carolyn Cohen & Melina Stevens
A3 B2 C1	Edward Hsi & C. C. Fang
A4	Barbara McKissick & Sherry Strube

	E/W
A1 B1 C1	Betsy Josias & Nancy Lyon
A2	William Ng & Sam Wang
A3 B2 C2	Harold Knowles & Zach Vedro
A4 B3	Sixten Ohman & Margaret Mataga

Our kudos to all. Hope to see you at this month's UG on the 14th. Take care everybody.

## Long Beach

[www.acblunit557.org](http://www.acblunit557.org)  
[www.longbeachbridge.com](http://www.longbeachbridge.com)  
by Jon Yinger

UNIT CHARITY GAME - Sunday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m.  
Non-life masters play for free, but you need to sign up before the game

### APRIL 30 ANNIVERSARY GAME RESULTS:

Seventeen tables in the open game. Overall results were: 1st in A, a tie between Raymond Mack/Mark Raggio and John Bralliar/Bea Bralliar; 3rd, George Welsh/Irma Johnson; 4th, Cory Hand/Tom Skidmore; 5th, Sharon Beran/Thambu Nadarajah; 6th, Linda Carder/Roy Wilson. Other winners in the overalls were: Rich Wasser and Kay Tseng, 3rd in B; Cayce Blanchard and Jo Melis, 4th in B; Barbara Balowitz and Bernard Mann, 5th in B; Eileen Nelson and Julie Cunningham, 6th in B. And in the C category, 2nd: Tom Harris and Cindy Matsuk, 3rd: Barbara Frischkorn and Jean Kato, 4th: Hank and Fern Dunbar. In the seven-table 299er game over-all winners were: 1st, Roy and Diane Tomooka; 2nd, Sarah Langley and Sherry Royce; 3rd, Louise Sperr and Doris Richardson; 4th, Phyllis Greenstein and Doreen Maes; 5th, David Morgan Jones and Bill Reeves. Renee Hoffman and Anne Munchow were 3rd in B. The Mexican-style dinner, prepared by Donna Wenberg, assisted by Emma Trepinski, was delicious. Congratulations winners!



**BIG POINT AWARDS** from the April 30 anniversary game: Ray Mack/Mark Raggio and John and Bea Bralliar each won 4.96mp. George Welsh and Irma Johnson, won 3.19mp. From the Western Conference STaC games: May 6: 1st overall Gary King and Marjorie Michelin, 4.50 MP. 2nd overall Christine Frumen and Bill Hume, 3.38 MP. May 9: 1st overall Stanley Snyder and Lois Abramson, 4.00 MP. 2nd overall Jo Melis and John Melis, 3.00 MP. All of these were points awarded by the club. Big STaC regional winners from our club were: Jerry Chamberlain and Winnie Jasper (our visitors from the Bay Area), 12.41 MP for their 68% game on May 5, and Bruce Horiguchi and Mark Tang, 12.96 MP for their 69% game on May 9. And in the International Fund Game May 8 Doris James and Jo Daigle were 1st overall winning 5.33 MP, Paul Pettler and Al Mastron were 2nd overall winning 4.00 MP. Congratulations to all of you!

**70+% GAMES through 5/15:** Three pairs hit that "magic" 70+% game this reporting period. Sunny Harper and Richard Dickens had a 73.96% game on 4/23, Kevin and Dennis Lane had a 71.99% game on 4/29, and Gary Dial and Marcia Westlake had a 71.83% game on 4/30. Congratulations!

**NEW STATUS & NEW MEMBERS:** We issue a warm welcome to our one newest member, Doug Eisner, and welcome back returning member Sharon Beran.

The most recent status changes for our unit are: *Life Master* David Goetz and *Bronze Life Master* Chuck Messall. Congratulations!

**FREE LESSONS** to lure new members: Beginning on Saturday, May 10, the club offered free lessons to anyone interested in learning the game. Ninety-two people showed up on the first day, so it was decided to split the group in two and offer the free lessons on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons for the next three weeks. Baum Harris deserves the credit for the idea, Donna Wenberg for organizing it and Bob Mault for teaching the classes. Great job guys!

**THIS MONTH AT THE CLUB:** Extra points games: Thursday, May 29 at 12:30 a membership game; Saturday, June 7 at 12:30 Worldwide Bridge Contest (card fees \$11); Monday, June 9 at 7 a team game; Wednesday, June 18 at 12:30 and 7 membership games; and a charity game Sunday, June 22 (non-life masters section can play for free—up to 13 tables, but you have to sign up before the game).

**GET WELL WISHES** to Shirley Thomas who is recovering from back surgery. And goodbye to Jeanne Landy who is moving to Florida to be closer to her family.

**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](mailto:jyinger1@gmail.com) or you can reach me at 714-256-0250.

## Pasadena San Gabriel Valley

[www.darbonne.com/bridge](http://www.darbonne.com/bridge)  
by Jan Wickersham and Roy Wilson

Unit Game: June 2, San Marino Community Center  
LUNCH 12:30 --- GAME 1:00 PM

At the unit game in May, around Cinco de Mayo, we had some wonderful chicken enchiladas prepared by Mark Hartzell and Sandra Franciscus. A yummy, healthy salad complemented the main dish, and since there was enough for a Mexican army, no one went hungry. Jerry and Rae Murbach finished first in A, and Connie de Rosa and Norma Simpson swept the first place spots in B and C. Sandra Rucker and Beverly Scholes were first in the 299'er game. Congratulations to you all.

May I remind you that the unit game in June is for charity. The fee will be \$10.00 with a dollar going to this year's ACBL charity. And here's another reminder – The unit game in July won't be in July. It's the last Sunday in June. And in case you want to get your calendar filled in, our sectional will be held on August 1, 2 and 3 at La Salle High School.

The San Marino Bridge Club has reduced its card fees to \$6.00 for the Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening games, and also started a jackpot that increases by \$6.00 for each evening game where nobody has at least a 70% score. It's been quite a while since anyone was able to get that high a score in San Marino, so the jackpot might build to a good amount.

Eric Holdo, Charo's son, will be competing in Las Vegas on a Grand National Team representing the state of Georgia in the B division. We all wish him the best!!!!!!

For the next month I will be busy getting ready for the

coming Regional scheduled June 30 - July 6 at the Pacific Palms Resort. I hope you are making plans to attend and I will see you there. On Sunday, we have our sit-down lunch, and Cecil Cook will be honored for his years of service to the district. Dan Morse, this year's ACBL president, will also be attending. It will be a nice opportunity for you to meet him.

I would like to pass on two suggestions that are part of Bridge Etiquette: The first one is that if you and your partner are defending a contract, it is proper etiquette to lead before you write down the contract. This allows declarer to get a look at the dummy and keeps the game moving. Secondly, when the director makes a call for the next round, it is the responsibility of the N/S team to pass the boards when the round is called, even if you are still playing the hand. This, too, keeps the game moving and keeps others from waiting or being frustrated. --- Jan

The Arcadia Bridge Center has some special events this month:

Swiss Teams Sunday 1:00, June 8  
Beat the House Friday 7:30, June 20  
Winners/Loser Sunday 1:00, June 22

And most special of all is the World-Wide Pairs game which will be on Friday, June 6, at 7:30. This is the game where you will compete against players all over the world and you can compare your score to theirs with the Internet. After the game you will receive a booklet which has a hand analysis for each deal. Card fees are \$12.00 for this special game.

Most of us would prefer that the opponents just keep quiet and let us do the bidding, but sometimes their interference gives us another bidding tool that we didn't have before – cue-bidding is one of them. In the long-ago dark ages of bridge a cue-bid announced a very strong hand with control of the enemy suit, but today it's often used to show a limit raise or better. If you normally give your partner a jump-raise with about 10-12 points you can use the cue-bid to show that hand after an opponent interferes, and you can change the meaning of a jump-raise to indicate a weak hand with good support. That's a nice addition to your bidding tool box. Oh, and the opponents don't even have to interfere for you to start a cue-bidding sequence... If you and your partner have agreed on a trump suit then bidding a new suit is not trying to find another place to play but shows a control in that suit, perhaps an outside ace or a void. Also, if you cue-bid you are generally showing extra values as well. Just don't stop until you have reached a contract in your agreed suit. I have another suggestion regarding cue-bids: don't start a cue-bidding sequence and then lapse into Blackwood. You will just get redundant information. You could agree to reserve the 4NT call as a cue-bid of the ace of trumps.

-- Roy

## Pomona Covina

by Vic Sartor

Unit Game - Sunday, June 8  
Lunch at 12:30, Game at 1:00

Unit president Penny Barbieri is continuing her campaign to build our unit membership numbers and keep us safely above the 100 member mark—the minimum needed to qualify as a viable unit. She asks any ACBL member who lives and plays in the unit 551 area to contact her (909-599-4818) or any board member if they are assigned to other units. The ACBL has not shown a particularly strong grasp of California geography in the past, and many people have been misassigned. We also want to attract new members, so please encourage any friends who might want to get involved in a fascinating new avocation to enroll in one of Roger Boyar's Wednesday lessons at the Glendora Knights of Columbus Hall.

Don't forget that Roger is offering free plays to all first-time players at all his LaFetra games (Tuesday and Friday mornings and Thursday evenings). Any players who are not currently playing locally are cordially invited to investigate our local club. The price is right!

We won't have any unit game results this month due to its late date. In club results, top game of the month was a nice 66.7% effort by Genise Hassan and Joe Unis. Other 60%+ winners were Ron Purkis, Ann McClelland, Georgiana Bierman, Paule Ford, Rick Whitham, Kurt Triesselmann, Kathy Helber, Herman Helber, Lary Alba, Dave Ruoff, Penny Barbieri, Roger Boyar, George Altinus, Ken Bloomfield, Edwin Kelly, Donald Nag, Helen Wang, Lulu Minter, Fred Minter, and Vito Sartori. Additional winners were Richard Patterson and Sue Rottner.

Our hand of the month came up on an internet game. With both sides vulnerable, you pick up the following freak:

♠KJ9x ♥Q10987xxx ♦--- ♣Q. An easy 4H bid, right? But what if your partner opens a preemptive 2NT (5-5+ in the minors, 6-10 HCP)? If you don't see a problem, picture a not unlikely hand like: ♠xxx ♥--- ♦AJxxx ♣K10xxx. If you haven't noticed, you may never see the dummy. On a bad day, you may be down 3 or 4. On a really bad day you may be down 5, doubled. So, being a devout coward, you choose a pusillanimous (thank you, Sonny Moysen) 3♥. The result of your craven timidity exceeds your wildest dreams. LHO, after assuring himself that your bid is completely non-forcing, convinces himself that he is being stolen blind and overcalls 3 spades! Not only has he pulled you off the train tracks, he has settled down for a nap between the rails. Your partner, who actually holds the hand suggested above, leads the ace of diamonds and a high diamond for you to ruff. With a firm grasp of the obvious, you figure out he's void in hearts, and you proceed to take 7 tricks on a crossruff. When you check the scores, you find you're the only pair to avoid a telephone number ranging from -400 to -1100. Courage is highly overrated. Til next time...

## San Fernando Valley

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by Jimmie Swan

Congratulations to the following for their recent achievements!

### UNIT RANK CHANGES

CLUB MASTER: Terry Morton and Judy Wachtel  
SECTIONAL MASTER: Marge Bulmer  
NABC MASTER: Steve Carr  
GOLD LIFE MASTER: Josh Sher

### 70% games at the 750 Club

Paula "Podie" Rosenfeld and Fleur Levine had a 71.67% game during STaC week!

### 70% games at the Bridge Academy

Ellen Anten and Beverly Ann Goldstein had a 71.73% game during STaC week!

### Bridge Academy leaders in April

Top ten <299 leaders: Marty Hurwitz and Don Rosen were tied for first with 4.31 points, followed by Mel Lerner, Sam Antoun, Bob Glasser, Morris Cody, Moe Mansour, Allen Smith, Herb VanBrink, and Bill Taylor.

Top ten >299 leaders: Andy Vinock with 22.46 points, followed by Gil Stinebaugh, Tom Wylie, Leda Danzig, Gary Frans, Armand Szulc, Sy Zemlyn, Marta Peltz, Ellen Anten and Harvey Witt.

### Unit 561 Western Conference STaC Winners-May 2008

These are the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall winners, and the A., B., and C. stratification[s] they won:

Monday Morning non life master [nlm] pairs: A. Annette Cohen and Harriet Smuckler. B. & C. Marge and Skip Fierer.

Monday Evening 750 Club pairs: A. Winnie Green and Ann Dupont. B. & C. Ann and Lawrence Trygstad.

Tuesday Morning nlm pairs: A. Mort Nagler and Ed Berliner.

Thursday morning open pairs: A. Ellen Anten and Beverly Ann Goldstein, with that 71.73% game!

Thursday Evening 750 Club pairs: A. & B. Paula "Podie" Rosenfeld and Fleur Levine, with that 71.67% game! C. Ann and Lawrence Trygstad.

And, on Saturday, Judy Rosenstiel and Sharon David were 4<sup>th</sup> overall in morning open pairs and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the afternoon open pairs.

Thousand Oaks Sectional: Jan Richter and Paul Mostman, were 1<sup>st</sup> in Section, in the Friday afternoon pairs.

Gatlinburg Regional: Terry Morton was so excited to win her first gold points, 7.66, and another 4.39 red points at this Regional. She and hubby Bill played together and had great fun!

NEWS: Let me begin by saying how nice it was to see Fred Becker back at the bridge table yesterday after his recent medical problems. Welcome back Fred! It has been a month of surgeries and hospital stays, but everyone seems to be coming along OK as far as I know. Ann Trygstad is out of her surgical boot and Tammy

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**Purkin** seems to be limping less as she uses her cane on the road to recovery from her broken leg. **Eric Heilman** is recuperating from knee surgery. **Freddi Straus** from kidney surgery, **Sue St. Marie** was in and out of the hospital but is OK again with her electrolyte imbalance now in balance, and I just heard **Ray Bush** had an M.I. [heart attack] but as yet I have no word on his condition. Hopefully, it was a very mild one. I hope all of you are doing better by the time you receive this news!

**AWARDS GAME:** The unit apologizes for the delay of this game, but it will be held and the winners awarded, in the very near future. Please keep an eye out for signs posted in the Bridge Academy and at their web site, for the new date, as we'd like all of you to honor these winners when this game is held! The winners of the Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs, and Kaiser Trophy Awards will be personally notified when the game has been rescheduled. That's all for now...

**Torrance South Bay**  
<http://home.netcom.com/~asmager1/sbbchp.htm>  
<http://www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc>  
 by Steve Mager

**Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club**  
 Club Championship: Friday, June 13, 11:30  
 Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sunday, June 15, 1:00  
 Club Championship: Wednesday, June 18, 11:30  
 North American Pairs Qualifier: Monday, June 23, 11:30  
 Club Championship: Thursday, June 26, 7:00  
 There will be Friday night games on June 6 and June 20  
 There are now Handicapped Swiss Teams every Tuesday night at 7:00

## Club Championships

The NLM Club Championship on April 24 was won by Greg Black/Ed Srenco in both Flights A and B. The 2 Session A/X Unit Game Swiss on April 26 was won by John Jones, Valerie Gamio, Jackie Hess and Wayne Otsuki in Flight A with Freddie Spradlin, Stuart Thomason,

Nancy Conger and Girts Ozolins taking Flight X. The BCD event the same day was won by Gerri Carlson, Ron Carlson, Tamra Boyd and Regis Smith in Flights B and C with Bruce Weiner, Dolly Weiner, Dennis Hollingworth and Krystyna Hollingworth on top in Flight D. The upgraded Club Championship on May 2 was captured by Dean Kaloudis/John J. McDermott in Flight A with Bob Bacharach/Mike Welsh taking Flight B. The May 12 Club Championship saw Bea and John Brailiar taking Flight A honors with Morris Lorber/Ron Carlson winning Flight B and Carnell Wingfield/Carlos Jones on top in Flight C.

## Swiss Team Winners

The April 15 Swiss was headed by the quartet of Gerri Carlson, George Stinson, Guy Brackett and Robert Daniel in both Flights A and B. The April 22 Swiss was won by Harry Wessels, Mark Raggio, Arlene and Stanley Greengard. The April 29 Swiss was led by Ron Murray, Alan hamburger, Elizabeth Weinstein and Winnie Ninneman in both Flights A and B. Winners in both Flights A and B in the STAC Swiss on May 6 was the team of Mark Raggio, Charles LaFranchi, Arlene and Stanley Greengard. On May 13 the Swiss saw Mark Raggio, Harry Wessels, Carol McCully and Ed Barad winning Flight A with Luis Gamio, Jon Szeps, Bronck Felczar and Jim Dutton taking Flight B.

## Western Conference STAC Results

Overall finishers during the Western Conference STAC in games played at the South Bay Bridge Club are listed in the following.

Monday Morning, May 5  
 11A Maurice Suhre/John J. McDermott  
 21A Gary King/Ted Gibbs  
 7C Ed Srenco/Greg Black

Monday Evening, May 5  
 16A Valerie Gamio/C. M. Meaux

Wednesday Morning, May 7  
 7A 4B Bob Bacharach/Henry Crowder

Thursday Morning, May 8, NLM Pairs  
 3A Elaine Bleiweiss/Barbara Coe

4A Bee-De Lim/Margaret Yeh  
 5B George Stinson/Setsuko Miyasaka  
 6B Beebe Moorhead/Marianne David  
 2C Greg Black/Ed Srenco

Friday Morning, May 9  
 9A 3B Bob Bacharach/Henry Crowder  
 22A Dean Kaloudis/John J. McDermott  
 15B Dolores Nawa/Barbara Johnson

Friday Morning, May 9 0-20MP Pairs

- 1 Peggi Spring/Midori Dekiba
- 2 Marilyn Landau/Johnny Arceri
- 3 Shirley Axtell/Jeanne Green
- 4 Mike Sulman/Clara Beene
- 5 Joyce Field/Marilyn Skolich

## GUV Award

This month there is a tie for the GUV award between Claudia Valerie Gamio (CVal) and Lucy Tredennick. CVal found a unique way of losing a trick in a notrump contract. She held AKxx facing Qxxx in a diamond suit that split 3-2 in the opponents hands. CVal led a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the queen. She then ducked a diamond into an opponents diamond jack. Why not play the ♦K you ask. Well, at the time it was laying on the floor under the table. CVal had apparently dropped it and failed to remember she once held it. This did turn a make into down one. It left CVal and pard wondering what might have been since they lost the session by half a percent.

Lucy Tredennick was half right during a recent swiss. Halfway through a hand she said "There has been a revoke by Declarer." Well there was a revoke to be sure. Unfortunately it wasn't by declarer but Lucy herself. Na Zdrowie

**West LA**  
 by Jordan Chodorow

Howie asked me to write the column just for the month. Well, as Blanche told Dorothy on *The Golden*

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# September 22-28, 2008

## Las Vegas

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## Knockout Teams

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## Evening Knockouts

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 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.  
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## Board-A-Match Teams

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MONDAY, JUNE 30

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Stratified Charity Pairs (red) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
299er Pairs (red) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Charity Knockouts (1 of 3 sessions, continues Tuesday, gold) ..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

Morning Side Game (1 of 5) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Charity Knockouts (2 of 3, gold) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Firecracker 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, JULY 2

Antelope Valley Unit Morning Side Game (2 of 5) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Unit 556 Remembers lost Loved Ones in 2008 ..... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Sparkler 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.

Conventions: All conventions on the ACBL Convention Chart are approved for any event at this tournament. For Pair and Team events, the mid-chart conventions for defense over Notrump opening or overcalls are allowed. Mid-chart conventions, for which the ACBL has published approved defenses may be used *only* in the top bracket of the KO events, and then *only* if no Team in the bracket averages fewer than 1500 masterpoints and Flight A/X events. Any pair using mid-chart conventions is responsible for having the Published defenses at the table.

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

Morning Side Game (3 of 5) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Yankee Doodle Dandy 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, JULY 4

Morning Side Game (4 of 5) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Bob Mateer 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.  
Last Chance 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, JULY 5

Morning Side Game (5 of 5) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Red, White and Blue Strati-flighted Open Pairs ..... 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.  
Uncle Sam Compact Knockout Teams ..... 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Knockout Teams (3 sessions, gold) ..... 10:00 a.m., 3:00 & 7:30 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, JULY 6

Cecil Cook Appreciation Day Swiss Teams (A/X 0-5000/5000 + J/B/C/D 0-500/250/2500) ..... 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

Strat Key: A=2500+ B=750-2500 C=0-750

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*Girls*, "I already work my fingers to the grindstone 12 hours a week at the art museum!" But how do you say no to a man who, as President, can answer the question, "You and what army?" Besides, with my teams (the Clips and Kings), I don't have to worry about those pesky playoffs. So, to borrow from *3-2-1 Contact's* Bloodhound Gang, "If you've got the crime, we've got the time."

Congratulations to the winners of the spring WLA sectional: Denny Seltzer & Ed Feldmann (Fri. Open Pairs), Carol Frank, David Kempe, and Kyle & Melissa Mattes (KO Bracket 1), Karen Byrd, Nancy Heck, Han-Yu Chang & Leo Lin (KO Bracket 2), Alan & Suzanne LeBendig (Sat. Morn. A/X Pairs), Laura Waisler & Rhoda Weisler (Sat. Morn. B/C/D Pairs), Joyce Nakasaki & Joseph Thomas (Sat. Aft. Open Pairs), Marjorie Michelin, Stephen Goldstein, Vic Chernoff & Paul Markarian (Sun. A/X Swiss Teams), Michael Daley, Earl Van Der Vord, Steven Sulzby & Mark Tang (Sun. B/C/D Swiss Teams). Marjie takes a 5.86 masterpoint lead in the Jill Meyers Trophy race into the fall WLA sectional, while Jeanne Tamaki holds a 1.20 masterpoint lead in the race for the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy. Thanks to coordinator Pete Benjamin and everybody involved for a great tournament that saw attendance jump over 50 tables from last year.

Coming up on Sunday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Bridge Club is the WLA Unit Pro-Am Game, coordinated by Jeri Berger. Please sign up to take part in this annual tradition. It's a great opportunity for Non-Life Masters to play with a more experienced partner and for LM's to give something back to the game we all love.

Sad news this month as Anne Bernheim and Nat Tolmach passed away. Our condolences to their loved ones. Best wishes to Jack Golden, who's in the hospital, for a speedy recovery. With that and with Howie's reminder to "keep it short" ringing in my ears – "too late," as Colonel Mustard said in *Clue* – I hereby hand the column back to Candy, where it belongs. See you again, in the immortal words of Jim Perry, "when next we meet on *Card Sharks*. Bye for now!"

what do you think?

send letters to the editor to:  
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## District 23 Players With Greatest Total Points

1 Dr Gene Freed, Los Angeles	28,301	57 Sharon David, Valley Village	4,710
2 Michael Shuman, Pasadena	25,222	58 Ifikhar A Baqai, Irvine	4,588
3 Mary Jane Farrell, Los Angeles	24,745	59 Lois K Abramson, Huntington Bh	4,464
4 Steve H Gross, Westlake Vlg	17,158	60 Peter Knee,nyon Country	4,455
5 Jill J Meyers, Santa Monica	15,951	61 Paul F Boudreau, Lomita	4,417
6 Beverly Rosenberg, Sherman Oaks	15,852	62 Dr Lewis C Himmell, Beverly Hills	4,417
7 Rick B Henderson, Los Angeles	15,596	63 Leonard Holtz, Los Angeles	4,411
8 Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles	14,936	64 Fred Melman, Pacific Plsds	4,392
9 Gerald W Bare, Pacific Plsds	14,309	65 Don P Krauss, Beverly Hills	4,390
10 Ed Davis, Seal Beach	12,567	66 Rhoda Himmell, Beverly Hills	4,368
11 Jim V Looby, Burbank	12,425	67 Bill Papa, Upland	4,342
12 Erik Paulsen, Upland	12,006	68 Robert D Gish, El Monte	4,313
13 Mrs Ellen S Anten, Encino	11,949	69 Leda Danzig, Woodland Hills	4,304
14 Eddie B Kantar, Santa Monica	10,867	70 Fred F Mautner, Encino	4,304
15 Victor B Chernoff, Los Angeles	10,393	71 Andrew J Vinock, Woodland Hills	4,293
16 Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach	10,280	72 Sylvia Shallon, Los Angeles	4,285
17 Mrs Rebecca L Clough, Culver City	10,089	73 Craig A Kavin, Oxnard	4,270
18 Roger L Clough, Culver City	9,182	74 B Horiguchi, Gardena	4,243
19 Robert A Kerr, Los Angeles	8,601	75 David L Sacks, Los Angeles	4,222
20 Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles	8,333	76 Gloria A Levy, Los Angeles	4,212
21 William C Wickham, Los Angeles	8,087	77 Arthur B Moore, Arcadia	4,180
22 Mitch J Dunitz, Sherman Oaks	7,986	78 Susan G Somogyi, Van Nuys	4,167
23 Mike Savage, Signal Hill	7,827	79 Fumie Glenney, Los Angeles	4,156
24 Bill Sides, Burbank	7,711	80 Frank D Bartlett, Long Beach	4,148
25 Mrs Barbara A White, Manhattan Beach	7,326	81 Art E Gulbrandsen, Monrovia	4,124
26 James W Rosenstiel, Alhambra	6,955	82 Reese Milner, Los Angeles	4,119
27 John D Jones, Hacienda Hgts	6,937	83 Armand Szulc, Woodland Hills	4,079
28 Peter E Benjamin, Culver City	6,907	84 Barbara Lesser, Los Angeles	4,076
29 Jeffrey M Goldsmith, Tujunga	6,877	85 Cecil Q Cook, Long Beach	3,979
30 Dr Sidney Brownstein, Santa Monica	6,748	86 Freddie M Straus, Encino	3,972
31 Louis Levy, Los Angeles	6,612	87 Helen Kaswen, Culver City	3,968
32 Phil Schaefer, Los Angeles	6,438	88 Catherine Podolsky, Sherman Oaks	3,939
33 Earle Ziskin, Santa Monica	6,393	89 Howard Einberg, Los Angeles	3,924
34 Steve P Cohen, Burbank	6,348	90 Dr Samuel B Haveson, Los Angeles	3,907
35 Steven J Onderwyzer, Marina del Rey	6,297	91 Gary M Frans, Calabasas	3,870
36 Dwayne C James, Seal Beach	6,126	92 Julie F Sheerin, Pinon Hills	3,827
37 Leo Bell, Long Beach	6,045	93 Raymond A Mack, Redondo Beach	3,814
38 Mrs Nell Schaefer, Los Angeles	5,976	94 Jeffrey P Ferro, Santa Monica	3,704
39 Aram I Bedros, Santa Monica	5,860	95 Samuel K Wang, Monterey Park	3,703
40 Ellen Kent, Marina Del Rey	5,823	96 Nina E Glazer, Santa Monica	3,698
41 Doris M James, Seal Beach	5,756	97 Dorothy E Wood, Manhattan Beach	3,617
42 Gaye W Herrington, Redondo Beach	5,669	98 Betty L McClellan, Long Beach	3,593
43 Michael E Pudlin, Pasadena	5,643	99 Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach	3,560
44 George Wang, El Monte	5,616	100 Guy G Green, Los Angeles	3,524
45 Gilbert D Stinebaugh, Van Nuys	5,391		
46 Ron W Feldman, Redondo Beach	5,304		
47 Thomas J Lolli Jr, Studio City	5,149		
48 Rodger V Harbin, Culver City	5,060		
49 Jill Richmond, Los Angeles	4,980		
50 Peter Szeesi, Pasadena	4,930		
51 Joanne Minken-Levy, Los Angeles	4,895		
52 Janet C Ju, El Monte	4,888		
53 Alexander G Kolesnik,labasas	4,865		
54 Adrienne D Green, Los Angeles	4,860		
55 Suzanne H LeBendig, Los Angeles	4,828		
56 William L Schreiber, Van Nuys	4,777		

## West Los Angeles Spring Sectional

by Mario Mory

The WLA Spring Sectional concluded Sunday, May 4, with a total of 165 tables overall, a 50% increase over the previous sectional at the same venue when the total tables in play were only 111. Most of the credit goes to Peter Benjamin, the Tournament Manager, for a smoothly run event. Much praise was also bestowed upon Candy Scott for an endless supply of refreshments and tasty snacks. Barbara Nusbaum and Toby Green were also part of the organizing committee and helped make this sectional the best attended in many seasons. Needless to say, our president, Howard Einberg, was always available when a helping hand was needed.

The overall winners of the various events were as follows:

Open Pairs Friday Night, Flights A and B: Edwin Feldmann and Denny Seltzer; Flight C: Harold and Jill Goodman.

K.O. 1st Bracket: Melissa and Kyle Mates, Carol Frank and David Kempe. K.O. 2nd Bracket: Nancy Heck, Karen Byrd, Leo Lin and Han-yu Chang.

Stratified Open Pairs Saturday am. Flight A: Alan Le Bendig and Suzanne LeBendig; Flight AX: Fari-deh Sigari and Regis Smith; Flights B, C and D: Laura and Rhoda Weisler. Stratified Open Pairs Saturday pm. Flights A and B: Joyce Nakasaki and Joseph Thomas; Flight C: Mary Overbey and Bee-De Lin.

Sunday Swiss. Flight A: Stephen Goldstein, Victor Chernoff, Marjorie Michelin and Paul Markarian; Flight AX: Marel Bates, Elianna Ruppini, Bruce Altshuler and Ho-Lin Chen. Flight B: Steven Sulzby, Earl Van Der Vord, Mark Tang and Michael Daley; Flights C and D: Ronald Carlson, Gerri Soffa Carlson, Tamra Boyd and Regis Smith.

The overall master point winner at this sectional was Marjorie Michelin with 16.11. The 299er with the highest number of master points was Jeanne Tamaki with 5.84. The player with most master points in all this year's WLA sectionals will have their name engraved in the Jill Meyers trophy. The 299er with the most points will have their name engraved in the Mary Jane Farrell trophy. The last chance to accumulate such points will come in the Fall Sectional which will be held on Labor Day Weekend, August 29 to September 1. Be sure to save the date!

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**Card Fees per Session**

\$10.00 per Person  
 \$11.00 Non & Unpaid Member  
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Unit 515 Sectional

**June**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Friday, June 6th****10:00 AM**

- Stratified\* Open Pairs
- 299er Pairs
- Compact K.O.s  
(Rounds 1 & 2)

**3:00 PM**

- Stratified\* Open Pairs
- 299er Pairs
- Compact K.O.s  
(Rounds 3 & 4)

**Saturday, June 7th****10:00 AM**

- Stratified\* Open Pairs
- 299er Pairs
- Compact K.O.s  
(Rounds 1 & 2)

**3:00 PM**

- Stratified\* Open Pairs
- 299er Pairs
- Compact K.O.s  
(Rounds 3 & 4)

**Sunday, June 8th****10:00 AM**

- Stratified\* Open Pairs
- Swiss Teams

• TBA

**Second Session**

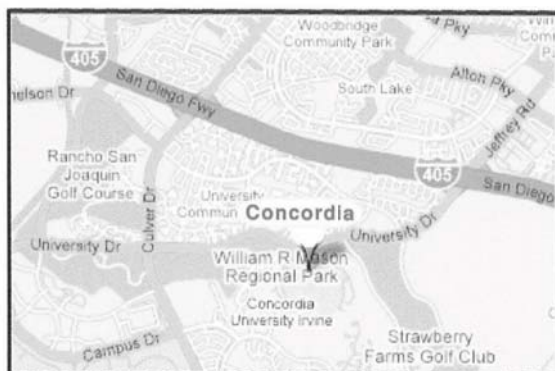
Flight A	5000+
Flight AX	0 -> 5000
Strat B	1250 -> 2000
Strat C	750 -> 1250
Strat D	0 -> 750

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Mon.	9:00*	Open	Free Continental Breakfast
	9:30	Bridge Plus	
	12:30	Open	Free Lunch at Noon
	7:00	NLM	"After Game" ???'s for Director
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 & Bridge Plus	Three VERY friendly games
Thurs.	12:30	Open & 99er	Free Chili during game
Fri.	9:00*	Open	Free Continental Breakfast
	12:30	Open, NLM & 199er	Free Lunch
	4:15	Open	Free Dinner at 6 p.m.
Sat.	12:30	Open	Jackpot Game - Snacks

\*NEW TIME

**Class Schedule**

CLASS	DAY	TIMES	COST	STARTING
Beginning Bridge	Mon.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	\$50 for 8 classes	July 7
Beginning Bridge	Tues.	9:45 - 11:45 am	\$50 for 8 classes	July 8
Intermediate Bridge	Thurs.	9:45 - 11:45 am	\$50 for 8 classes	July 10
Supervised Play	Thurs.	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$4 per class	Ongoing
Conventions	Wed.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	\$3 per class	Ongoing

**June Special Games**

Sat, June 6	12:30	Worldwide Bridge Contest
		Card Fees - \$11
Mon, June 9	7:00	Team Game
Wed, June 18	12:30 & 7:00	Membership Games
Sun, June 22	1:00	Unit Charity Game
		NLM Free Play - 13 table

**July Special Games**

Sun, July 13	1:00	Unit Game
		NLM Free Play - 13 table section
Mon, July 14	7:00	Team Game
Fri, July 18	4:15	International Fund Game
		Card Fees - \$10
Mon, July 28	All 3 Sessions	Membership Games
		9:00, 12:30, 7:00



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**RESULTS**

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1	1	Elianna Ruppig, LA; Carol Frank, Burbank 70.14%
2		Mark Raggio, Rancho Palos Vd; Gabriela Jackson, San Pedro 56.25%
3	2	Patricia Radamaker, Claremont; Dan Botoaca, Glendale 54.86%
3	2	Lynne Parker, Claremont; Karen McCarthy, Upland 52.78%

**VANCE MORAN STRAT-FLT A/X - 14.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables**

A	X	
1	1	Howard Einberg - Jordan Chodorow, LA 59.41%
2		Bob Bratcher, Vista; Paul VanMiddlesworth, San Marcos 57.69%
3	2	Suzanne Lebedig, LA; Cecil Cook, Long Beach 57.22%
4		Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; Ann Nixon, Irvine 56.15%
5	3	Jackie Hess - Mary Ann Coyle, Rancho Pls Vrd 55.55%
6	4	Paul Ryan, El Segundo; Nicholas Martino, Marina del Rey 55.08%
7	5	Wayne Otsuki, Rancho Pls Vrd; Lucy Tredennick, Lomita 53.11%
8		Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills; Marta Peltz, West Hills 52.54%
9		Margery Yates - Virginia Herrick, Los Altos 52.39%
10		Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield 52.31%

**VANCE MORAN STR-FLT B/C/D - 20.0 Tables**

B	C	D
1		Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 65.57%
2	1	Jon King, Balboa Island; J Sutcliffe, Agoura Hills 62.05%
3	2	Roland Pineda - Sofia Pineda, S Pasadena 57.26%
4		Charo Holdo, Pasadena; Barbara Baeskens, Upland 56.65%
5	3	Rhoda Weisler, LA; Laura Waisler, Santa Monica 55.90%
6	4	Rick Traylor, Santa Ana; Charles Messall II, Laguna Beach 55.20%
5		David Jay - Richard Shuirman, Santa Ana 54.29%
6		Sean Lui, Arcadia; Markle Vandervort, Monrovia 52.19%
3		D Schwartz - Carol Schwartz, LA 49.10%
4		Timothy Finlay - Eileen Finlay, Ontario 49.03%
5		Donald Vandemore - Lou Ann Vandemore, Santa Clarita 48.01%

**SAT AFT SWISS TEAMS - 14 Tables**

A	B	C
1		Mike Savage, Signal Hill; Gerald Bare, Pacific Plsds; Janet Ju - George Wang, El Monte 76.00
2		Julian Heicklen, Teaneck NJ; Bill Eisenberg, Perris; Jean Talbot - Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA 51.00
3	1	Matt Klimesh - Bob Johnson, Pasadena; Joseph Viola III, Altadena; Roger Lee, Arcadia 50.00
4		Ron Lien, Brea; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts; Subba Ravipudi, Downey; Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo 49.00
5	2	Harry O'Neil, Perris; Mary St Julien, Lake Forest; Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON; Solange Graziani, W Los Angeles 46.00

3		Judith Hecktman, Northbrook IL; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez; Phil Clayton, San Juan Capo; V Everett Boyer, San Bruno 44.00
4	1	Carolyn Scerni, San Marcos; Patricia Kell, Carlsbad; Jonathan Harvey - Arleen Harvey, Riverside 43.00

**MORNING SIDE SERIES - 5.0 Tables**

A	B	C
1	1	Eknath Deo, Long Beach; Rashmi Shah, Pls Vrd Estates 65.50%
2		Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON; Solange Graziani, W LA 59.00%
3	2	Harry O'Neil, Perris; Mary St Julien, Lake Forest 57.50%
4	3	Robert Rove - Beverly Nuding, San Carlos 54.00%
4		James Bent - Anita Bent, Yorba Linda 50.00%
2		Daniel Marcus, Laguna Woods; Florence Marcus, Mineola NY 46.50%

**SATURDAY SUNSET OPEN PRS - 8.0 Tables**

A	B	C
1	1	1
2	2	2
3		
4		
5	3	
4		
	3	

David Goetz, Huntington Bch; Jeff Porter, Omaha NE 56.55%
John Szeps, La Crescenta; Luis Gamio-Klapic, Pls Vrds Pnsl 55.65%
Harry Sacks, Hacienda Hgts; Hayim Ninyo, Irvine 55.51%
Charlotte Sturm - Stephen Sturm, Fullerton 54.17%
Kyle Mattes - Melissa Mattes, Pasadena 54.02%
Rai Osborne, Anaheim; Hemant Bhatia, Foothill Ranch 53.72%
Sharon Beran, Huntington Bh; Thambu Nadarajah, Mississauga ON 50.60%

**EVENING SIDE SERIES - 8.0 Tables**

A	B	C
1	1	Kathy Swaine, Valencia; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield 61.49%
2		V Everett Boyer, San Bruno; Phil Clayton, San Juan Capo 58.04%
3		Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Garth Yettick, Denver CO 57.99%
4/5	2	James Weeks, Irvine; Ilene Grabel, Huntington Bh 53.45%
4/5		Jack Waller, Ridgecrest; Samuel Wang, Monterey Park 53.45%
3		Jerry Smith, LA; Michael Torpey, San Francisco 53.23%
4		Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 50.30%

**ON TO BRIDGE WEEK KO I - 7 Tables**

1		Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara; Leo Bell, Long Beach; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts; Josh Sher, Woodland Hls; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga
2		Stephen Goldstein, Huntington Bch; Dayou Zhou, La Jolla; Marshall Miles, Redlands; Rick Roeder, San Diego
3/4		Kerry Brothers, Oxbow ND; Donald Croysdale, Elm Grove WI; Roger Clough - Rebecca Clough, Culver City

**ON TO BRIDGE WEEK KO II - 8 Tables**

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**GLENDALE-VERDUGO SECTIONAL****August 15, 16, 17, 2008****Scottish Rites Temple****150 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, California****Friday, Aug. 15****10:00 am****Stratified Pairs****0-500, 1500, 1500+****\*\*299er****2:30 pm****Stratified Pairs****0-500, 1500, 1500+****\*\*299er****1st Session Compact KO****7:30 pm****Stratified Pairs****0-500, 1500, 1500+****\*\*299er****2nd Session Compact KO**

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**Tournament Director**

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**Saturday, Aug. 16****10:00 am****Stratified Pairs****0-500, 1500, 1500+****\*\*299er****1st Session Compact KO****2:30 pm****Stratified Pairs****0-500, 1500, 1500+****\*\*299er****2nd Session Compact KO**

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 Lyon, Dorothy LaMaie, Margaret Mataga,  
 Barbara McKissick, Sharon Wolf

**Emergency # (818) 441-2424****Sunday, Aug 17****11:00 am and TBA****Stratiflighted Swiss****0-500, 1000, 1500,****0-3000/3000+**

**Entry Fee: \$9.00, Under 18: \$2.00**  
**Non & unpaid members: \$10.00**

**\*\*299er game when possible**



## 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 91321  
Manager: Kathy Swaine Dir: Rand Pinsky  
Tuesday 6:45 Open/Stratified

### Downey-Whittier 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 1:00 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  
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)

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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.danaharborbridgecenter.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  
7 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)

Balboa Unit  
http://www.acbdistrict22.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

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

**RESULTS**

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1 Rae Murbach - Jerry Murbach, Altadena; Samuel Haveson, LA; Eugene White Jr, Playa del Rey

- 2 Ahmed Sorathia, Chino; Matthew Mallory, San Diego; Mariko Kakimoto - Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach; Sankar Reddy, Cerritos; Haroon Sorathia, Rancho Sta Marg

**ON TO BRIDGE WEEK KO III - 8 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Felice, Anaheim; Jody Pedri, Costa Mesa; Hans Giroux - Frederick Solomon, Irvine
- 2 Fred Vescial - Paula Holmes - Ann Vescial, Laguna Woods ; Lola Jolly, Laguna Hills

**ON TO BRIDGE WEEK KO IV - 6 Tables**

- 1 Ronald Carlson - Gerri Soffa Carlson, Ranch Pls Vrd; Tamra Boyd - Regis Smith, LA
- 2 Michael Baker, Scottsdale AZ; David Jones, Long Beach; Jo Anne Kelley - Charles Kelley, Pacific Plsades

**SUNDAY FAST PAIRS - 5.0 Tables**

- A B
- 1 1 Myrna Blaufarb, LA; Jojo Sarkar, West Hills 63.25%
- 2/3 2 Lamar Marutani, Vallejo; Daniel McGuire, Las Vegas NV 56.00%
- 2/3 Bob Bratcher, Vista; Paul VanMiddlesworth, San Marcos 56.00%
- 4 Mary Dougherty, Northridge; Lynda Ullman, Burbank 55.00%

**A/X SWISS TEAMS - 26 Tables / Based on 52 Tables**

- A X
- 1 Stephen Goldstein, Huntington Bch; Marjorie Michelin - Michael Mikyska - Howard Einberg, Los Angeles 111.00
- 2 Nicholas Martino, Marina del Rey; Mike Savage, Signal Hill; Jeff Fang, Arcadia; Rick Henderson, LA 91.00
- 3 Leo Bell, Long Beach; Mark Bartusek, Santa Barbara; Marshall Miles, Redlands; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts 90.00
- 4/5 Rebecca Clough - Roger Clough, Culver City; Corinne Kirkham - Jim

- 4/5 1 Kirkham, San Bernardino 88.00
- Bob Johnson, Pasadena; Michael Gosnell, Glendora; Chien-Yao Tseng, Riverside; Roger Lee, Arcadia 88.00
- 6 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; Janet Ju - George Wang, El Monte; John Farr Jr, Lomita 87.00
- 7 Julian Hecklen, Teaneck NJ; Jean Talbot - Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris 85.00
- 8 2 Peter Szecsi, Pasadena; Art Gulbrandsen, Monrovia; Herman Helber, La Verne; Mike Spero, Burbank 77.00
- 9 3 Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine; Arif Shah, Granada Hills; Shariq Raza, Walnut; Tariq Latif, Downey 76.00
- 4 Adam Meyerson - David Kempe, LA; Carol Frank, Burbank; Sean Lui, Arcadia 75.00
- 5 Robert Rubin, Whittier; Hayim Ninyo - Mark Sacks, Irvine; Harry Sacks, Hacienda Hgts 71.00

**B/C/D SWISS TEAMS - 27 Tables / Based on 26 Tables**

- B C D
- 1 Michael Ventri, Fullerton; Weidong Pei, Brea; Xiaoxue Walker, Mission Viejo; Jon King, Balboa Island 104.00
- 2 Susan Ruoff - David Ruoff - Gary Olson, Corona; Herbert Stampfl, Ran Cucamonga 98.00
- 3 1 Miriam Harrington - Gitta Earl - Eli Wang, Arcadia; Jacob Frenkel, Temple City 96.00
- 4 2 Rick Traylor, Santa Ana; Charles Messall II, Laguna Beach; Cathy Bauer, Orange; Cynthia Greer, Mission Viejo 93.00
- 5 Harold Binder, Dana Point; Laverne Marano, San Juan Capo; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre 89.00
- 6 Ann McClelland, La Canada Flt; Thomas Lill, Chino; Harry Brenner, Arcadia; Peter Jager, Monrovia 85.00
- 7/8 Lary Alba, Ranch Cucamonga; Cordell Goode, Pomona; Russell Drew, Alta Loma ; Susan Emminger, Upland 77.00
- 7/8 3 George Norman, Torrance; Kay Tseng, Huntington Bch; E Mroz - Penny Wentworth, Villa Park 77.00
- 4 1 Sofia Pineda - Roland Pineda, S Pasadena; Clifton Cates, Pasadena; Amr Elghamry, Monrovia 74.00

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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
	7:00	NLM	"After Game" ???'s for Director
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 & Bridge Plus	Three VERY friendly games
Thurs.	12:30	Open & 99er	Free Chili during game
Fri.	9:00*	Open	Free Continental Breakfast
	12:30	Open, NLM & 199er	Free Lunch
	4:15	Open	Free Dinner at 6 p.m.
Sat.	12:30	Open	Jackpot Game - Snacks

\*NEW TIME

## Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIMES	COST	STARTING
Beginning Bridge	Mon.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	\$50 for 8 classes	July 7
Beginning Bridge	Tues.	9:45 - 11:45 am	\$50 for 8 classes	July 8
Intermediate Bridge	Thurs.	9:45 - 11:45 am	\$50 for 8 classes	July 10
Supervised Play	Thurs.	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$4 per class	Ongoing
Conventions	Wed.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	\$3 per class	Ongoing



## June Special Games

Sat, June 6	12:30	Worldwide Bridge Contest
		Card Fees - \$11
Mon, June 9	7:00	Team Game
Wed, June 18	12:30 & 7:00	Membership Games
Sun, June 22	1:00	Unit Charity Game
		NLM Free Play - 13 table

## July Special Games

Sun, July 13	1:00	Unit Game
		NLM Free Play - 13 table section
Mon, July 14	7:00	Team Game
Fri, July 18	4:15	International Fund Game
		Card Fees - \$10
Mon, July 28	All 3 Sessions	Membership Games
		9:00, 12:30, 7:00



Call ahead 562-498-8113 to reserve your table