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District 23 Winners To Be Recognized

by Rand Pinsky
District Director



Later this month we will hold our second regional at the Pacific Palms Conference Center. If you did not have a chance visit the facility, try the location. It is very bridge friendly.

On Sunday at the Swiss Teams, I will be presenting to our District Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs 2007 Masterpoint leaders, Certificates of Awards for their outstanding accomplishments during the past year. I am unaware any other district that recognizes these leaders. It is done on both a national and unit level.

I am proud to announce the following players:

MP level	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0-5	Amr Elghamry	Amr Elghamry
5-20	Charles Kelley	Daphne Nussbaum
20-50	Michael Daley	Michael Daley
50-100	Kathy Harouche	Howard Taub
100-200	Sue Fardette	Arthur Bowman
200-300	Roger Lee	Joyce Lelah
300-500	Cory Hand	Cory Hand
500-1000	Shui-Ming Huang	Kay Tseng
1000-2500	Alfred Lee	Earl Van Der Vard
2500-5000	Bruce Horiguchi	Jon Yinger
5000-7500	Marjorie Michelin	Richard Ryder
7500-10000	Rebecca Clough	Steve Mager
10000+	Ellen Anten	Ellen Anten

I will also be presenting to Steven Mager, direct from ACBL, his platinum Life Master Certificate for exceeding 10,000 masterpoints.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT LA REGIONAL

The Pacific Palms has reserved some prime starting times for our district to hold our first annual golf tournament. It really is not a tournament, but we will have about 16 reserved spots for our members to play some golf before participating in the Charity Game. Golf plus bridge fees is \$72. This is a five dollar savings. The date is Monday, March 24. Call me at 661-253-1105 or email me at pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net for reservations and more information.

IT IS A DIFFERENT VIEW FROM DUMMY

Tournament Disciplinary Panel for Detroit North American Bridge Championships.

At each national, there is a panel of players who volunteer to sit on the Tournament Disciplinary Panel. We try to get two or three representatives from each District to serve. If anyone going to Detroit wants to be considered for this panel, please let me know immediately. Also, if anyone would like to be considered for a future NABC, let me know.

I leave for Detroit on March 2 for four days of board and committee meetings. Any last minute input anyone wants to provide as to lifemaster requirements send me an email so I can present it to the committee.

If I do not see you in Detroit, (13 degrees as I write this article) see you in sunny Los Angeles at our Regional.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring LA Regional Takes Place This Month

by Bill Schreiber
ALACBU President



I have some great news to open my column this month! Diana and I are pleased to welcome a fledgling bridge player into our family. Our first grandchild, Joshua Seth Friedman (6½ lbs.), was born on February 6, 2008 with a little help from her mother, Robyn, our daughter, and father, Matt.

On to Bridge Talk. Our 2nd Regional at the Pacific Palms Conference Center in Industry gets under way on Monday, March 24 and continues through Sunday, March 30. A new twist this year will be a golf outing on Monday combined with bridge on Monday night. See the advertisement elsewhere in this paper for details on all the events at our Springtime Tournament.

Attendance was up about 8% at our October Regional over the last one played at the LAX Hilton. I would like to see another 10-12% increase this time. My goal is to try to recapture some of the Glory Days from the time when our regionals held at the Ambassador Hotel and Pasadena Convention Center drew large crowds and were considered the best tournaments in the west.

I would like to acknowledge some of the people who make the tournament possible: **Jan Wickersham** (Tournament Chairman), **Betty Jackson** (Partnership Chairman), **Teri Atkinson** (Non Life-Master Lesson and Dinner), **Bob Chen** (Caddymaster), **Penny Barbieri** (President of the Pomona-Covina Unit, our unofficial host), and of course **Betty Bratcher** (and her outstanding group of Directors).

Finally, please don't forget our Scholarship Foundation. We need qualified applicants, graduating high school seniors who will be going on to colleges and universities next fall. A scholarship application is available on our website: www.acbldistrict23.org. We also need donations to fund the scholarships. The ALACBU Scholarship Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization with the Internal Revenue Service and any donation is fully tax deductible.

Announcements

Non-Life Master Drury Bids Seminar

There will be a special non-life master seminar at the LA Spring Regional this March. On March 24 from 4-6 pm in the Pacific Palms Ballroom, Teri Atkinson will teach a lesson on Drury bids. A light supper will be served after the lesson. To sign up contact Jan Wickersham via phone at 626-355-2666 or via email at janwickersham@verizon.net. There will also be a 299er game starting at 7:30 pm.

GNT FAQs by Howard Einberg

What is the Grand National Teams (GNT)?

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

How many flights play in the GNT?

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

How do I enter?

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

When and where do we play?

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

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

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

Junior Master (5 points)

Ronald Banner Phyllis Greenstein Dorothy Joseph
Peter Joseph Michael Klemens Yvonne Lai
Marsha Lehrman Leo Lin Meredith Murad
Suzanne Myhre Amir Reza Harold Underwood
Carol Ann Underwood Christopher West

Club Master (20 MPs)

Delores Kelley Hsi-Chun Liu Yolanda Medina
Sanka Reddy Maureen Shay

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Rosalie Cuccias Monica Gettis Earl Liston
Robert Martin Floyd McKinsey Karen Olin
Andrea Pruitt Lee Skupen Barry Watt

Regional Master (100 MPs)

Paule Ford Michael Horn Jean Ingram
Karen McCarthy Rodney Moss Joe Unis

Life Master (300 MPs)

Nancy Conger Richard Cutler Sue Fardette
Thomas Harris Girts Ozolins Ellen Sue Sarture

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Harriet Elston Vera Mandell Verna Scott
Ned Sissel Mim Spertus

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Patricia Banks Alice Inglis
Brian Reynolds Sibyl Slutsky

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)

Priscilla Blakely

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District 23 website: www.acbldistrict23.org

BBO Women's Online Bridge Festival

by Bill Schreiber

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

Save The Dates: June 20-22



Ventura Sectional

April 4 - 6, 2008

Friday, April 4

10 am & 2:30 pm
Compact KO Teams
Stratified Open Pairs
Single Sessions
(0-300, 300-1000, 1000+)

Saturday, April 5

10 am & 2:30 pm
Compact KO Teams
Stratified Open Pairs
Single Sessions
(0-300, 300-1000, 1000+)

Trophy Event Stratified
99ers Pairs

Sunday, April 6

10 am & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams
Victory Points
7 rounds of 7 boards
\$95. per Team with Dinner
Stratified Open Pairs - 10am
(Dinner may be purchased)

Free Coffee & Snacks

Complimentary Lunch for players
playing 2 sessions in one day.
Non-Smoking/Courtesy Breaks

Fees: ACBL \$9 per session
non-ACBL \$10 per session

Director: Nancy Boyd **Partnerships:** Elinor Crawshaw (805)646-1964
Tournament Chair: Mary Anita Hill (805)985-4688 (rhandma@aol.com)

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"Come for the food, stay for the Bridge"

Kibitz With Karraine: The 199er Report

Use It Or Lose It

By Karraine Murray

I have come to the realization that playing bridge is not at all like riding a bicycle. You know, the old theory that once you have learned how to do something, the learning process is over. You can pick it up wherever you left off, regardless of the amount of elapsed time in between. Coming from a long line of bicycle riders (my Dutch ancestors rode bikes as a means of transportation for centuries and still today you see 80-year-old women, baskets on both fender sides overflowing with produce, zipping over canals in below freezing weather, but I digress) I can say that the bicycle analogy is right on the money. Once you know how to ride a bike, you will always know. Not so with bridge, my friends, not so. The learning curve seems to deteriorate if it remains unused. Like those feisty little pacmen from that old arcade game, your bridge knowledge is devoured if you don't regularly refresh and enhance it. I know this because I haven't been playing much lately. I've been "busy"... well, if it's not an emergency, this is no excuse. My game feels as if I'm driving in a foreign place where I come to a fork in the road. I have to pick a direction so I assess all the information I have. This is when I start sweating and realize how much I have forgotten or at best, buried. And then I invariably pick the wrong option.

You must get out there and play and play often, 199ers! Don't make the same mistake I have. My bridge partner still loves me, but I have to buy a lot of wine after the game.

Speaking of fiascos, I received an interesting assessment of a bidding misunderstanding which I wrote about in last month's column from Danny Kleinman, a local and prolific bridge author. This is how the bidding went: 2♠ (by LHO), Double (by my partner), Re-double (by RHO), Pass (by me). Since my partner and I had never discussed this, she didn't understand my pass and left the auction in 2♠ redoubled vulnerable.

Danny says: *Although most of Standard American has eroded in the current tsunami of conventions, some things remain the same. One of them is advanced's pass over a redouble of his partner's takeout double, which still has a standard meaning: "Partner, take it out yourself, as I can handle any unbid suit that you choose." Anybody who plays it differently is playing a non-standard convention called Penalty Passes of Redoubles. Like any other convention, this one requires partnership agreement, memorialization on a convention card displayed on the table for the benefit of opponents, and a timely alert by the takeout doubler when his partner passes the redouble... to give opener a chance to know what is going on and rescue himself if he so desires.*

Thank you, Danny. I do feel somewhat better after that, yet, the bottom line remains: when a situation has not been discussed, don't give partner a losing option. CAUSE SHE WILL SELECT IT.

There will be a wonderful opportunity to get out and play more bridge on Sundays beginning March 2 at The Barrington Bridge Club. Ida Simms, who just recently became an ACBL certified director (kudos, Ida!), will be directing a friendly game starting at 1 pm. The first one, on March 2, will be a championship game. Sunday couch potatoes, this is your call!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL PISCANS, HAPPY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (March 9 this year, don't forget), HAPPY EASTER, and of course, HAPPY BRIDGING. I can be reached at KibitzWithKarraine@yahoo.com.

The Team Game Sectional Is Coming

What Do You Think? Send letters to the editor to:
bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org

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Estate Planning Corner by Jordan Chodorow



The Internal Revenue Code allows a transferee of property who makes a qualified disclaimer to be treated as having never received the property (i.e., treated as if he or she died before the decedent). The ultimate taker is treated for federal gift, estate and generation-skipping tax purposes as if the property passed directly to him or her from the decedent. This treatment is a powerful tool that can be built into an estate plan or can be used post-death. Two examples illustrate the point.

Generally speaking, property passing to a spouse which is not a terminable interest qualifies for the marital deduction and is exempt from transfer tax. If the interest is terminable (e.g., the family residence goes to the spouse for 10 years, or for as long as she wishes to occupy it, then to a daughter), it is taxable. However, if the spouse and the daughter disclaimed as to the house, it could pass in whole or in part to the spouse under intestate laws of succession free of tax.

As another example, assume equal bequests are provided for "my children who survive me." Two children are well-off, and one is disabled and needy. If the two well-off children disclaim their bequests, they are treated as if they predeceased the decedent, and the disabled child will be the only surviving child and only taker from the decedent. Without the disclaimers, the well-off children would have paid gift tax on the transfers to the disabled child.

The disclaimer must be written, irrevocable, unequivocal, and delivered within nine months of the transfer to be effective for federal tax purposes.

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Problem Solvers' Panel

Our panelists are: David Chechelashvili, Billy Eisenberg, Stephen Goldstein, Eddie Kantar, Mark Itabashi, Mr. Mealy-mouth, Rick Roeder, Michael Shuman, Michael Shuster, and Jon Wittes

Moderator:
Marshall Miles

1 both vul IMPs	North	East	South	West
	1♥	1♠	2♦	3♠
	4♥	pass	4NT	pass
	5♠*	pass	6♥	dbl
	pass	pass	pass	

*2 controls + ♥Q

You, South, hold:

♠5 ♥654 ♦AKJ97652 ♣A What call do you make?

CHECHELASHVILI: Unless my LHO is Zia, or someone as imaginative (who might make a psychic double) I would bid 6NT. If the opponents double, I would run to 7♦. LHO is either bluffing, ruffing a diamond or making a penalty double based on something like KJ109 in trumps. Since partner has two keywords, he can have a hand like ♠Axx ♥AQxxx ♦Qx ♣Kx or ♠Kxx ♥AQJ10xx ♦Qx ♣Kx, or he can have ♠xxx ♥AQxxx ♦Qx ♣Kx.. In the first two cases it is correct to run to 6NT; in the other case 6NT goes down 4 or 5, so I will try to catch one of those hands where 6NT would make. In the worst case, I will either play 6NT undoubled, down 4 or 5 for -400 or -500, or 7♦ doubled, down one. In the best case, I will go plus 1440 instead of -200.

EISENBERG: 7♦. Trying to stay alive.

GOLDSTEIN: Pass. I don't have anywhere to go. I hope West is psyching his double to get me to run. Anyway, it seems unlikely that I can make a contract higher than 6♥.

We were plus 300 with a diamond ruff, a spade to the ace, and another diamond ruff, while the opponents were cold for 6♦. We hoped to pick up quite a few IMPs, but lost 11 instead when our teammates bid 6NT and played it, doubled, down four. David was planning to run to 7♦, if doubled. That would have gained 5 IMPs instead of losing 11.

ITABASHI: Pass. Even if Rdbl says don't worry about diamonds and expresses concern about the impending ruff, it may give partner no good option. If partner has the spade king he could have bid 6NT over the double himself. Rdbl may just result in -1000 if partner passes.

KANTAR: Pass. Let them get their diamond ruff. Partner probably has a singleton so I am going down one. I can't see doing any better by running to 7♦.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: 7♦, unless my opponents play Darkner Slam Doubles, in which case East will lead a spade and partner will wrap up +1660. (In the heyday of the Cavendish West, nobody made normal opening leads against slams, so I invented Darkner Slam Doubles to demand normal leads.) Win 7 IMPs for down one doubled, as at the other table a diamond ruff, a spade return, and a second diamond ruff beat 6♥ doubled, down two. Too bad I wasn't called in to sub for that crazy South earlier, as I would have bid 6♦, not 6♥.

ROEDER: Pass. Doubler probably has a diamond void. Since you hold unannounced extra diamond length, this may not be crystal clear to the opening leader. A runout to 6NT is not appealing. Most likely, the missing key card is the ace of spades. If partner holds the king of spades, you likely have already wrong sided 6NT. Too bad you cannot do a redo and bid 4♠ instead of 4NT (kickback, anyone?)! As it is, I think it best to ride the rapids and hope. The \$64,000 question for experts is what a redouble means here. In MPs, where you will get an excellent score for making 6♥ doubled or redoubled, it is best for redouble to show doubt. At IMPs usually it is logical to play the redouble as business. However, that thought is muddier here since the penalty against a runout to 6♠ will likely be significantly less than making 6♥ redoubled.

SHUMAN: 6♠. Backing into 6NT with the ace or king of spades will make on a variety of holdings where 6♥ goes down on a diamond ruff.

That is imaginative. Unfortunately, you have already bid NT yourself.

SHUSTER: 7♦. When partner lacks the spade ace, the opponents will get two diamond ruffs and a spade for down 2. When partner holds that card, we are on the heart finesse to make both 6♥ and 7♦ if partner has at least two diamonds. Therefore, 6NT, gambling on the ace of spades will show a gain only when partner also holds the club king and the heart finesse loses. If things go well, 7♦ will make a bigger plus score. Matters are complicated by the fact that the heart finesse rates to lose on the auction, but I think this call is our best chance to salvage the board.

WITTES: Pass. Take my medicine. I will be down 2, assuming a diamond lead, ruff, spade, diamond ruff. However, 7♦ in the best case scenario will be one better, and in the worst case scenario, one worse. Partner probably has 7 hearts, possibly only 6, and rates to be short in diamonds. (one or possibly zero). Unless partner has two diamonds including the ten, we will be off two in 7♦ doubled, anyway. And if East is void in hearts, 7 diamonds will be down 3.

2 both vul MPs	West	North	East	South
	1♥	2♣	2♥	?

You, South, hold:

♠A75 ♥8763 ♦A10653 ♣Q

What call do you make?

CHECHELASHVILI: Pass. I would expect partner to reopen since he is marked with heart shortness. If he does not reopen, the worst that can happen is we could have pushed them higher and set 3♥, while our 3♦ was making. At least we would not be the only pair defending against 2♥.

EISENBERG: 3♣. Trying for +200.

if the opponents take the push.

GOLDSTEIN: This is like a hand from Terence Reese's book "Develop your bidding judgment" where he advocates raising on a stiff queen in partner's suit as the "pressure bid." I agree. It's definitely the pressure bid on this hand. Since partner is short in hearts and did not double, he rates to have six or more clubs. Queen stiff is as good as three small. If the opponents bid to three hearts, you can then double and try for +200.

ITABASHI: 3♦. Safest bid by a bit over a responsive dbl. The problem with dbl is that you are tapping the long hand in spades or may end up in a 3-3 fit.

KANTAR: Pass. Partner will probably reopen with a singleton heart at matchpoints. This is not the hand partner will expect if I dbl or bid 3♣.

MR MEALYMOUTH: 3♣. By feigning three-card support for clubs, I will induce opponents

who rely on the Law—excuse me, LAW—of total tricks to overbid by two tricks, so I can double them and collect +500. Or perhaps with ♠xxx ♥A ♦xxx ♣AKJ10xx (despite being a trifle light for 2♣ by Richard Walsh standards) partner will venture 3NT.

Or 5♣ with ♠Kx ♥x ♦Jxxx ♣AKJxxx (his actual hand)

ROEDER: Double. Do three wonderful cards justify a 3♦ bid with a weak suit and no club length? Nope. Double is not a panacea since you will have to guess after a 2♠ bid by pard. However, at least you will be at a low enough level that you can be tracked by NASA.

SHUMAN: 3♣. Close second choice: Dbl (T/O), correcting 2♠ to 3♣.

SHUSTER: 3♣. A double should tend to deliver five spades, not three. This call may trap law-abiding opponents into overcompeting. Good job, Marshall—you found a hand where I'm freely raising on a singleton.

WITTES: 3♣. Partner surely has 6 or 7 clubs (By the way, I normally play good-bad 2NT, so this should be forward going). If partner had only five clubs, he would surely have a takeout double of 1♥ rather than a 2♣ overcall, since he has at most a singleton heart.

3 no vul MPs	North	East	South	West
	1♥	pass	1♠	pass
	2♥	pass	?	

You, South, hold:

♠AK1096 ♥3 ♦75 ♣KJ842

What call do you make?

CHECHELASHVILI: Pass. (Hands like these are the reason my preferred system includes Multi 2♦ and intermediate 2♥/2♠ (10-13 HCP).

EISENBERG: Pass.

GOLDSTEIN: Pass. People usually bid on these misfit hands, get too high, and wonder why. I pass, stay low, and hope partner does not have a perfecta.

ITABASHI: 3♣. A little bit of an overbid but seems the best of bad choices. My 2nd choice would be 2NT, which at least is the value bid. This hand will play best if you can catch a black suit fit.

KANTAR: 3♣. Not because I think it is such a great bid, because it isn't, (the first inclination is to pass) but I think most everyone else is going to bid 3♣, so I am happy to stay with the field even though I am making a very marginal bid.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: Pass. Get out quickly on misfits. My real problem will come on the next round, after West (who has been trained never to sell out to two of a suit) balances and the opponents land in 3♦. Will I have the guts to double and collect +300?

ROEDER: 3♣. Pass could be right and I could be talked into a matchpoint pass if my spade spots were not so darned good. If pard rebids 3♥, I am done. Otherwise, game, here we come!

SHUMAN: 2♠... I dog it, anything may be right in pairs.

SHUSTER: Pass: 2♥ has a fairly wide range, so we could be missing a good game. However, given what my partners have been opening with, pass is our best shot. It is important to protect the plus score at matchpoint scoring.

WITTES: Pass. I adhere to the theory of going for the underbid on misfit hands. Partner could have a perfecta, and we could make game, but it is matchpoints, and in the long run, staying low gives us the best chance for a plus score.

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4 both vul IMPs	South	West	North	East
	1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
	4♥	pass	pass	dbl
	pass	pass	pass	

West	East
♠J97654	♠AK32
♥A7	♥Q5
♦Q5	♦1087
♣KQ6	♣10753

East-West were a bit unlucky. South had 0-6-5-2 distribution and made an overtrick. (4♠ would have been down 800). Apportion the fault for this result.

CHECHELASHVILLI: I don't quite agree with East's 3♠ bid, so that makes me apportion all the blame to East. However, I don't think it was a terrible bid. If I were in East's chair, my choices would be 4♠, 2♠ and 3♠ in that order. 3♠ is the last choice, because it pushes them to 4♥, and I don't know what to bid over 4♥. Keeping pressure on the opponents usually pays off; thus 4♠ is my first choice.

EISENBERG: East 85%. What should West do? Double was unnecessary.

GOLDSTEIN: East 100%. East described his hand the first time. No need to bid again. West had no reason to save with balanced shape and two or more defensive tricks.

ITABASHI: 100% East. West is an innocent bystander. East's double is probably meant as co-op, but is a bit too optimistic.

KANTAR: I don't get the double at all. Was 3♠ preemptive? If so, did East think it was safe to double because he was known to be weak with four spades? There are some hands that are clear-cut passes and East has one of them. Even though West knows there is a ten-card spade fit, West has a good defensive hand and their making an overtrick should be the last thought in his mind.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: All blame to East, who overbid when he bid 3♠ (presumably intended as a limit raise) at his first turn, and then doubled with a reasonable (but far from certain) expectation of taking one trick on defense against 4♥.

ROEDER: East 99% for his defensive Yarborough. West 1% for partner selection. West must STILL be incredulous at the result. He had 92% of the HCPs outside his suit! If West plays with East, AT LEAST one of the following factors must be true: (a) East is a client; (b) West has more patience than Job; (c) East sleeps with West.

When the hand was over East said to West, "How could you possibly leave the double in with a six card suit?" West said, "How could you possibly make a pre-emptive raise, followed by a penalty double?" (The six-card length should not matter since East cannot count any spade honor, other than the ace, as a likely defensive trick).

SHUMAN: East 90%, happenstance 10%. I would have bid a mere 2♠ as East, and not have doubled 4♥.

SHUSTER: East 100%. I have no idea why East doubled with all of his values in spades. West was right not to save in 4♠, taking a shot at a plus score defending rather than concede an easy penalty at IMPs.

WITTES: East 98%. If 3♠ is preemptive, East is too good, and East has ½ a defensive trick, so I couldn't imagine ever doubling 4♥ with that hand. West might briefly consider taking the dive with a six-card suit opposite four card support, but there's no guarantee that 4♠ will be close to making, and with partner's double, they should be going down, since even though a minimum, West does have some defense in the other suits.

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IMPs

West	North	East	South	West	East
1♠	2♦	3♦*	5♦	♠KJ9654	♠AQ1073
5♠	pass	6♠	7♦	♥K87	♥A103
pass	pass	7♠	pass	♦---	♦Q6
pass	pass		*limit raise or better	♣AJ103	♣Q74

Apportion the blame for getting to a poor grand slam.

CHECHELASHVILLI: East 100% although again, I cannot say that it was a terrible mistake from East. West has a clear 5♠ bid even with a diamond card instead of a heart card, so after partner raises to 6♠ and RHO bids 7♦, he has a clear-cut forcing pass. I believe that in bidding situations like these, a forcing pass guarantees a void in their suit. East, however, became too optimistic when he bid 7♦ since his two queens were worthless, so in essence he has ♠Axxxx ♥Axx ♦xx ♣Qxx, so I would double rather than bid 7♠.

EISENBERG: East 65%. Should have bid 6♦. Hard for West to have enough for 7.

I think Billy misread the problem, trying to answer seconds before time to start a knockout match..

GOLDSTEIN: East 100%. West described his hand well by bidding 5♠, then passing to show first round diamond control. East had a doubtful 6♠ bid and therefore should have doubled 7♦.

ITABASHI: 75% East. East's pointed queens are wasted values, and he's looking for magic when he bids a grand. Unless you can reasonably visualize the necessary tricks, it's not advisable to bid blind grands. West gets a minor charge since he may have realized that partner did not make any forward going cue bid over 5♠, making a grand unlikely. He might have doubled, even though he had 1st round diamond control.

KANTAR: I'm not sure who is more to blame. West should have started with a forcing pass over 5♦. Once East bid 5♠, I can barely understand the 6♠ bid. Couldn't West have the same hand with one diamond and one less club? Once West didn't make a forcing pass, I can understand West's inconsistent pass to 7♦, barely, but I don't think East has the right hand to bid 7♠ given West not

making a forcing pass earlier with the intention of pulling a double to show slam leanings. I put the finger on East, mainly.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: All blame to East, who should have doubled 7♦. ♠A10732 ♥A103 ♦632 ♣K4 (11 HCP instead of 14HCP) would have been much better for grand slam purposes..

ROEDER: East 95%. Over a non-forcing 5♠, East ultimately bid a grand slam with a minimum game force. Wow! Since West had a ton in context of his heavy 5♠ bid, I think his pass of 7♦ is 100% correct. I give West 5% because he misbid over 5♦. His 6th spade and diamond void make it reasonable to make a "pass and pull" slam try if pard doubles 5♦. Yes, you are in a forcing auction at the 5 level with an opening bid opposite at least a limit raise. Think of minimum limit raises which make slam terrific (ie. ♠Axxx ♥Axx ♦xxx ♣Qxx) and you will see why 5♠ is an underbid. Still, West deserves empathy. With a bidding maniac like East for a partner, if he passed and pulled, he probably thought the bidding might not end until the 8 level.

SHUMAN: East 90%, West 10%. When West bid 5♠ East should never "target" a grand as there rates to be a hole somewhere. Perhaps West should not make a forcing pass, but that's not totally clear.

SHUSTER: East 100%. West had already made a huge underbid with 5♠. He surely is worth his pass over 7♦—I probably would have just bid 7♠ myself.. For East's action to be right, he needed partner to hold the king of clubs in addition to what he already held. If West held that hand, he'd have surely bid 6♦, not 5♠ (or passed and pulled to 6♦)

WITTES: East 70%, West 30%. East needs West to cover an awful lot of

losers to make 7♠, and I have more sympathy for West's bidding than East's. After all, give partner one more diamond, and one less club or heart, with say the king of clubs, and the grand looks like a pretty good proposition.

I have mixed feelings about this hand. Obviously East overbid. But suppose that East and West could see each others' hands. What would they choose to do? In order to make 7♠ (disregarding other remote chances), declarer needs to find South with the king of clubs, singleton, doubleton or triplet—probably about a 25% chance. Usually a partnership needs well over a 50% chance to bid a grand slam at imps (unless it is behind in the match and needs a favorable swing). But that is when the choice is between bidding seven or stopping at six. Since the opponents bid 7♦ East-West don't have that option. If they could see each others' hands, they would know that 6♠ is a laydown and their opponents are almost certain to bid it. Will their teammates sacrifice at the seven level with 14 points between them? Perhaps they will, perhaps not. If their opponents at the other table are allowed to play 6♠ they will win 5 to 11 imps, depending on whether 7♦ was down three or four tricks (the most likely results). If you (East) bid 7♠ and make it (roughly one time out of four) you will gain 11 imps when it makes instead of losing 5 to 11 imps. So it is not at all clear that it is a mistake to bid the grand. One more point: Several panelists said that West should have passed and pulled partner's double (presumably intending to bid slam if East bids 5♠). I am not convinced that a pass would be forcing when both hands are distributional and East has only invited GAME. But even if it were forcing, it suggests (to me) that West doesn't know whether they should bid 5♠ or defend 5♦. To make a clear-cut slam try, why not bid 5♥?

Problems For April

1. both vul, IMPs, you are playing Precision

South	West	North	East
1♣*	pass	2♣**	pass
?			*16+ HCP
**natural, 5+ clubs, forcing to game			
What call do you, South, make with ♠KJ1076 ♥Ax ♦Kx ♣AK64?			

2. both vul, MPs

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♥	pass	?
What call do you, South, make with: ♠KJ52 ♥5 ♦Q943 ♣Q765?			

3. no vul, IMPs

North	East	South	West
1♣	pass	1♠	pass
2♣	pass	?	
What call do you, South, make with ♠Q106532 ♥KJ ♦K654 ♣7?			

4. NS vul, MPs

East	South	West	North
2♥	dbl	4♥	4♠
pass	?		

(a) What call do you, South, make with ♠A954 ♥-- ♦Q43 ♣AKJ874?

(b) What call would you make if West had bid 3♥ and partner had bid 4♠?

5. NS vul, MPs, NAOP

North	East
♠A103	♥J2
♦AQ976	♠AQJ
♣AQJ	♥952
	♥A
	♦K1043
	♣9762

* North South do not play weak jump shifts;
** nor do they play fast arrival;

West leads the king and queen of spades. Dummy ace wins the second trick followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond rough. Plan the East defense.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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School Contact: _____
Grade Point Average through first semester senior year: _____
College/University Planning to Attend: _____
Intended Major: _____

Your connection to Contract Bridge (ie player, caddie, ACBL parent): _____

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

Extracurricular activities: _____

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

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The application must be returned as soon as first semester grades are available, but no later than May 15, 2008.

A copy of this application with the two paragraph essay should be sent to:

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Beginning Bridge	Mon.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	\$50 for 8 classes	March 3
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March Special Games

Sun, March 9	1:00	Unit Game
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Tues, March 18	4:15	Membership Game



Daylight Savings
Starts
March 9



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Around The Units in District 23

**Antelope Valley
Santa Clarita**

by Gin

Our new clubroom is really getting an 'extreme makeover'. We now have a new desk, a credenza for sign up sheets, notices, etc., 12 new tables, 48 padded chairs and 24 side tables that compliment the card tables and chairs. The kitchen area is getting a sink and range in addition to the two new refrigerators. There are also two microwaves available. The physical atmosphere is vastly improved and a new cell phone policy is posted which if adhered to will improve the ambience in the game area during the games. Wall coverings are being sought to help buffer noise. With any success at all we will soon be able to enjoy the ideal game room. Our new clubroom is very comfortable and just might entice newcomers to join our friendly group. So invite a friend to join us for a game and help rebuild our club.

At first 2008 appeared to be shaping up as an exceptionally good year but misfortune found us in mid January in the form of a severe concussion suffered by my husband. The Rocky Raccoon look is slowly fading away but most important the headaches have significantly subsided. He has regained some strength and wants to thank all of you for your get well wishes. You certainly brighten up his day when he received the cards.

Rand Pinsky is facing a surgical procedure as an out patient, Dave White is recovering well from his painful surgery, Mary Ann Shaw and Bob Coldiron are also dealing with some health issues. Hopefully all four will experience a speedy and complete recovery.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to our very dear Onorita and her family. Onorita lost her beloved Fred after a lengthy illness on January 31, 2008.

On March 23 the Valencia Bridge Studio will be hosting the 3rd annual Mary Goldberg Memorial Game at 1 pm. All of the departed bridge friends in 2007 will be honored at this event. Leslie Weinstein will provide the food in honor of her mother Mary Goldberg.

The Ace of Club winners for 2007 were Larry Levin 0-5, Ella Rice 5-20, Rosalie Cuccias 20-50, Mary Ellen Downs 50-100, Henry Roediger 100-200, Russ Buker 200-300, George Lewis 300-500, Mary Stauff 500-1000, Marlene Warren-Gasper 1000-2000, and Janet Coussens 2500-5000.

The Mini McKinney winners were Jerry Burrill 0-5, Ella Rice 5-20, Don and Luanne Vandemore 20-50, Mary Ellen Downs 50-100, Charles and Mary Ann Self 100-200, Russ Buker 200-300, George Lewis 300-500, Dave White 500-1000, Marlene Warren-Gasper 1000-2500, and Janet Coussens 2500-5000.

Congratulations to all for such a productive year at the bridge tables.

Top Five

71.88% gave Rose Coldiron and Henry Roediger first place and in close pursuit were Bobbi Thompson and Barb Shuping with 71.30% for second place. Barb teamed up with Alfred Miller for third place at 69.91%. Barb and Bobbi won fourth place with a mere 68.45% game. Howard Kaufman and Donna Davidson rounded out the top five with a 68.06% game. What a noteworthy month with almost three 70% games. Game results were not available for January 2,4,9,23, and 27. I do know why so many game result sheets were missing, but one cannot report something that is not available.

February Unit Game Overall	A	B	C
Brad Ward and Pat Juennemann	1	-	-
Bobbi Thompson and Barb Shuping	2	-	-
Howard Kaufman and Donna Davidson	3	-	-
George Lewis and Earlene DeHaas	4	1	1
Barb and Tom Jones	5	2	2
George Mac Donald and Russ Buker	6	3	3
Rosalie and Bob Cuccias	-	4	4
Carolee Schupp and Henry Roediger	-	5	-

A parting thought....when your day is bright, and your spirits light your heart will happy too.

Downey – Whittier
by Bernice Crella

This New Year is moving right along and we are enjoying some really nice days that promise it won't be to long before we can begin looking forward to our usual warm weather. However I don't think the majority of bridge players really care much about the weather. What they do care about is the competition that each new board provides, and that's what makes life interesting. So lets get on with whats been happening at our club.

First of all let's give credit where credit is due. George Wang and Janet Ju play a spectacular game. They bid well, they play well, and above all they are pleasant to be around. It's no wonder we can really congratulate them for two really great games last month 72% and the very next week 77.3%. That is just awesome.

Two people we really missed lately are George and Shirley Faber. George would rather play golf but it has been a while since he felt well enough to really enjoy it, and when Shirley spends her days in bed we know she has a big problem. Lets hope her surgery will get her back to bridge real soon.

It is good to see Joe Newman has finally been able to shed his cast. Broken bones can slow you down, but they cant keep you away from bridge for too long.

One last item of importance. Our busy director has had to resign her very short term as our board president. She will be replaced by our vice president Beverly Pokershing who will be replaced by Barbara Newman. I wonder if our members know how lucky we are to have so many capable people in this club who are willing to help with the various tasks that are necessary to run our group. Thanks to all of you for your work we really appreciate you.

Now for our results of the special games last month.

First game overalls – 1. Bess Kennedy and Mary Graef, 2. Mary Kiechle and myself, 3. George and Shirley Faber, 4. Len Beck and Bruce Horiguchi.

Next game – 1. Janet and George, 2. Chunky Hilton and Dick Holmes, 3. Renalda Rippe and Beverly Pokershing, 4. Lucile Thompson and Gladys Dolberg.

Last January game – 1. Millie Graybill and Marcie Evans, 2. Annette Rayman and Betty Boss, 3. Lucile and Bob Allen, 4. Dolores Phillips and Roy Rodenberg.

In February I have only our unit game to list. Overall winners were. 1.Len Beck and Larry Bolls, 2. Janet and George, 3. Renalda and Beverly, 4. Carlos Garcia and Moses Tenzer.

Sorry I have missed a few results but I'll try to do better next month.

Glendale-Verdugo
by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game 1:00 pm Saturday March 8
with Buffet Lunch at 12:15 PM

Board of Directors Meeting 11:00 am Saturday March 1

As good neighbors do in a condo complex, she fed his cat and he watered her plants when the need arose. His cat and her plants must have thrived, because the friendship moved on to long-term "significant otherness," which was just fine, with two stellar careers to consider. Then merging firms forced early retirement for him (the parachute may not have been golden, but neither was it lead), followed several years later by hers. Then, with the approach of senior citizenship, came a different perspective, such that Gerry Belcher and Barbara GOT MARRIED, with daughter Elizabeth and her boyfriend in attendance! A short cruise to environs of Mexico provided the first honeymoon, with Tahiti a later, major destination. Our hearty congratulations and best of wishes.....

While we're still in a TRUE ROMANCE mode, it didn't take long for Ted Maki to decide that Joanie was the one for him, and vice versa of course, they both were given a romantic boost when they joined Lorraine Adams and her husband on a trip to Hawaii over a year ago, so here again, congratulations are due. Marital responsibility was not the reason for Ted's absence from our tables these many weeks (he assures me that "Joanie understands"). Instead we have the sad news that Lorraine has been helping with her husband's serious health problems. He's exhausted all the difficult treatment options, but the prognosis is not encouraging. We're rooting, Lorraine.....

Pat Abbey and Norman enjoyed the history and mystery found on their trip to Egypt. But it was fun to join a young relative on the way home in London. Meeting time was dinner time, and even the hotel concierge was impressed when directing them to the very special Ivy Restaurant. As it happened, although at three separate tables, Pat can now claim that she dined with Jack Nicholson and Steven Spielberg....(and possibly did lunch at Abu Simbel with Pharaoh Ramses II and his wife Nefertari!).

So sorry to learn that Sherry Strube's sister has passed away. Last year was most difficult for Sherry, and now she has more coping to do. We trust the Law of Averages will kick in soon.

As you can tell from the above, there was little bridge news to report, but an LA Fall Regional item with a significant cast: Eva Seri and Jim Lechner registered a 75.42 % game in a 299er event, and they didn't even tell me. Fortunately I'm nosy, and my whining also produced the news that Phil Dessert and John Waken scored a 70% game at the Arcadia Club recently.

Merry Besvold took charge of the February Unit Game Buffet and conjured up three selections of lasagna which turned out just fine, as did the salads provided by Betsy Josias and Calvin Smith. Merry, Leon Alexander and Sharon Wolf loaded the dessert counter, and we all managed to unload everything, prepping for tor the game. Lots of master points were won as indicated below:

North/South	
A-1	B-1 Robert Wang & Frank Shih
A-2	B-2 Edward Hsi & C. C. Fang
A-3	Margery Gould & Susan Rhoads
A-4	Carolyn Cohen & Melina Stevens
B-3	Leon Alexander & Harold Bresler
B-5(oa)	Merry Besvold & Karen Alpert
C-2(oa)	Mark Hartzell & Sandra Franciscus

East/West	
A-1	Brad Beland & Tim Lolli
A-2	Sam Wang & Min Xu
A-3	Shiu-Min Huang & J. Wickersham
A-4	B-1 Harold Knowles & Zack Vedro
B-2	Bob Hogan & E. Tapelband
B-3	Art Chacanian & D. LaMaie
C-1	Sixten Ohman & Tom Miyaoka
C-2	Ramona Rhoads & Paul Kimmel

Now wasn't that fun? Our next UG is March 8, and we want you to come and have more fun. Take care, everybody.....

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by Christine Frumen

UNIT GAME – Sunday, March 9

Lunch at 12:30 pm – Game at 1:00 pm NEW TIME

UNIT GAME: Our Unit Game is scheduled for Sunday, March 9. This will be the first Unit Game to kick-off the new NLM's **PLAY BRIDGE FOR FREE** at **UNIT GAMES**. As stated in the last column, there will be a "special" thirteen table NLM Section at each Unit Game for the rest of the year. The section will be limited to thirteen tables. Each of those NLM players in that "special" section will get to play for FREE! It will be on a first-come, first-served basis – you must show up at the desk to get the free play, no call-in or pre-reservations. Once the thirteen tables are filled, latecomers will have to be assigned to tables in the Open Game and pay regular card fees. Boosting the number of tables will mean even more points up for grabs – the larger the game, the more points.

JANUARY UNIT GAME RESULTS: Wow, we had two 13-table sections at the January Unit Game. Overall results were: 1st, Stanley Snyder & Len Beck; 2nd, Baum Harris & Bee Kinman; 3rd, Bob Mault & Phyllis Parker; 4th, Betty McClellan & Mary Scheffer; 5th, Bill Ng & Samuel Wang. Flight C honors went to: 1st, George Norman & Kay Tseng; 2nd, Jo-Anne & Calvin Waller and 3rd, Sharon & Al Appel. Congratulations winners!

NEW STATUS & NEW MEMBERS: We skipped some new members last month and apologize for our lapse. Three players, Jennifer Macfarland, Diane Tomooka and Roy Tomooka transferred into our Unit last month. This month Judy Carter-Johnson, Vonda Mauerhan and Cynthia Osborne transferred into our unit. We warmly welcome all.

Status changes this reporting period have noted Retha Ott and Peter Woodruff as new *Junior Masters*. Zeme Christopolus and Willie Grieb are new *Club*

Masters. Michael Daley and Midge Dunagan have become our newest *Regional Masters*. Doris Richardson is a new *NABC Master*. And we proudly introduce, Dennis Schmitz as our newest *Life Master*. Congratulations to each of you!! A reminder that we don't publish the changes until we get the report from the ACBL so there is usually a short lag time and even a greater delay when we miss a change like we did last month!

70+% GAMES through 2/15: We had two pairs – in different games – score an even 70.0% game. Doreen Maes & Phyllis Greenstein and Gary Dial & Richard Dickens hit that magic number. Shirlee Bouch & Jean Bader scored a 70.67% game. And the big 70+%er went to Tybie Becker & Irene Hirschland with their 74.88% game. Good playing!

THIS MONTH AT THE CLUB: The first special game at the club this month is kicked off with the Unit Game on, Sunday, March 9 at 1 pm. (Don't forget that's the day the clocks change – spring forward!) On Monday, March 10 at 7 pm is the monthly Team Game. On Tuesday, March 18 there will be two Membership Games – one at the 12:30 game and another at the 4:30 game. All chances to score extra points.

GET WELL: Poor Anna Kavoian broke both feet (*Ouch!*) but is back at the tables playing. We are happy to see her back.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS: The team of Bill Brooks, Peter Eddy, LaVonne McQuilkin & Carol Murakoshi won the Bracket III Knock-Outs at the Riverside Regional.

Thanks once again to Maxine Montgomery for providing the following:

"Every year more players from the LB Bridge Center join Bridge Quest in Mazatlan, playing bridge with a view of waving palms on a beautiful Mexican beach. They meet again with bridge players from all parts of the U.S. and Canada renewing friendships. Top MP winners this year were: Maureen Brown, 10.78; Donna Wenberg & George Thompson, 7.51; Monica and Paul Honey, 5.09; Connie & Jay Young, 4.59; Dolores Backlund & Bob Goodman, 4.07; Tybie Becker & Beatrice Aron, 4.03; Jean Matz & Suzanne Oftedal, 3.47; Grace Byrd & Doris Richardson, 3.45 and Martha & Phil Schuster, 3.23.

THIS & THAT: For questions about the club or bridge, please call the Club or one of the Unit Board members. This reporter is NOT a board member and can only redirect you, which will delay an answer. If it's a news item or we missed some information, do call or email so we can correct it. You can find the Unit Board Members names and contact information at the Unit website www.acblunit557.org or they should be posted at the club on the bulletin board.

For any news items you would like in the column, my email is gulfgal@charter.net and my phone number is 562-434-8993. The column is due by the 15th of each month. Thanks again for all the reporters out there that give me bridge news.

Pasadena San Gabriel Valley

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

Unit Game March 2, Elks' Lodge ELECTION PARTY

We're going home! Well, the San Marino Bridge Club is going home, anyway. After a long hiatus the club is returning to the building on Huntington Drive which we've always known as the Woman's Club. Our first game there will be on Monday, March 3. The Elks Lodge in Arcadia was a nice place to play, but it will be good to return to San Marino.

On January 27 we tried a new experiment in team games. We played what is known as "Eight Is Enough." The idea behind the game was to give newer players an opportunity to team with more experienced players. It could not have rained harder on that Sunday afternoon, but despite the bad weather we had 21 teams for the competition. The winners were Shiu-Ming Huang, Rae Murbach, Robert Wang and Frank Shih. And thank you to the board members who donated the hors d'oeuvres – they were delicious. The board voted to repeat this opportunity in August on the 24th, so put it on your calendar and put together a team. For me, personally, it was extra special because two members of my team had never scored Victory Points before. They learned how to do it themselves and were so pleased with the whole experience.

Our February Unit game was held at the Bridge Center, as Art and Diane graciously consented to let us hold it there when we found out at the last minute that

the Elks Lodge had double booked the playing area. Mary Falvey, with some background support from Georgiana Bierman and Kim Horn, took care of the food. We catered pizza and everyone got plenty to eat. Roger Lee and Matt Klimesh won the honors in both A and B. They will be the recipients of free plays in April. (Free plays are only good for one session.) Chuck Cordaro and Lyle Wiederman were first in C, and Marion Miller and Maureen Shay placed first in the 299'ers. The 299ers played in a Howell movement, so they got to play everyone. Remember, there is a prize at the end of this year for the 299'er with the most masterpoints earned in a 299'er event. So Marion and Maureen are off to a good start! The board also voted to offer a free play to any 299'er who is responsible for signing up someone to join the ACBL. Applications will be available at the unit games.

Our Election Party will be held this year on Sunday, March 2 at the Elks' Lodge. The game will begin at noon, with a buffet dinner served between sessions. The choices are Prime Rib or Salmon, plus all the trimmings. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available from any board member. The Ace of Clubs winners will receive their certificates and the Mini-McKenney winners will be awarded their medallions. The second session is a swiss, so get your team together.

The board was surprised to receive an anonymous donation from a player in our unit and wishes to say thank you for the kind words on behalf of the membership. It always feels good to be appreciated.

I am hopeful that many of you will be able to attend the regional at the Pacific Palms, March 24-30. A map and schedule are on our website. The winners of the district-wide Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs will be honored at the Sunday lunch, and I believe that several members of our unit, who had an outstanding year in 2007, will be recognized.

There are some surprisingly good players at the Arcadia Bridge Center playing in the Rookie and Newcomer games. About a month ago, Don Dewey and William Hildeburn had a 78.33% game! Very nice, gentlemen. Here are some important dates in March at the Bridge Center: Beat the House night, March 14, and Winners and Losers Sunday, March 16. Don't forget the swiss teams on March 9. The Bridge Center will be closed on Easter and again on March 30.

Mike Pudlin played in Hawaii early in the year and brought back this memorable hand that provided a 3200 point swing in a knockout game against the team of Kyle Larson. Mike's opponents played in seven spades, doubled, and at the other table his partners played in six of the same suit! The bidding and the hand is shown below. At Mike's table West bid four spades in a competitive auction to get a spade lead, forgetting that he was going to be on lead! His partner thought it was a real spade suit and took the "sacrifice." (And these players were all high level experts. Bad boards can happen to anyone, I guess).

♠AK1096 ♥3 ♦75 ♣KJ842

What call do you make?

NS vul

		North	
		♠ K8xxx	
		♥ Qxxx	
		♦ AKJx	
		♣ A	
West		East	
♠ ---		♠ J10xx	
♥ Kxxxxx		♥ xx	
♦ xxx		♦ ---	
♣xxxx		♣KQJ10xxx	
		South	
		♠ AQ9x	
		♥ Ax	
		♦ Qxxxxx	
		♣ x	

Bidding			
North	East	South	West
1♠*	4♣	4♦	4♠**
5♣	pass	7♦	pass
pass	7♠	X	

* Strong Club
** Oops.

See you at the bridge table.

Pomona Covina

by Vic Sartor

Unit Game: Sunday, March 9
Lunch: 12:30 Game: 1:00 P.M.

Last month, suffering from sparse material, I explained I would have to keep the column brief, devoid of the usual collection of witty anecdotes, bon mots, and observations.

Judging by the flood of congratulatory notes, letters, and emails, I must have tapped into a hidden undercurrent of public sentiment. I'm sure all of these communications were intended to be interpreted in the nicest possible way. However, I do think the unanimous congressional resolution was a bit over the top. At any rate, the surfeit of results and awards available this month will serve to fill the column without any gratuitous attempts at humor. This promise is good for one month only, however.

First we have the official Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards, which will be presented at the March unit game. (All honorees are cordially encouraged to attend and bask in the adulation of their peers.) McKinney winners are Ryan Wessels, Mary Miller, Karen McCarthy, Joe Unis, Helen Wang, Harish Singh, Herb Stampfl, Yoon Kim, Barbara Baeskens, Larry Bolls, and Erik Paulsen. Ace of Clubs winners include Christian Stoeckert, Donald Naf, Lynne Parker, Joe Unis, Helen Wang, Richard Patterson, Ron Purkis, Penny Barbieri, Barbara Baeskens, and Larry Bolls.

We also have our monthly unit results. Top game of the month was an impressive 72.2% turned in by Larry Alba and Susan Emminger. Winners with 60%+ games were Genise Hasan, Joe Unis, Georgiana Bierman, Paule Ford, George Altinus, Vito Sartori, Dave Ruoff, Carolyn Siracuse, John Tyner, Penny Barbieri, Helen Wang, Tim Finlay, Eileen Finlay, Kathy Helber, and Kurt Trieselmann. Other winners included Ken Bloomfield, Ken Lowenthal, Linda Ananea, Val Fletcher, Consuelo Ledbetter, Albert Lax, Dolores Kelley, Richard Patterson, Roger Boyer, Lonnie Lautenschlager, Edwin Kelley, Donald Naf, Jerry Androus, Billie Steiner, and Kathy Helber.

The February unit game was won by Hans Hehnke and Vic Sartor, followed by Lu and Fred Minter, and Florence Weinstein and Gary Olson. Roger Boyer and Richard Patterson took first in B. This month's individual champ was Rick Whitham, with Roger Boyer second.

Several unit members did well in the recent Riverside Regional. Larry Bolls was the point leader with 16.43, followed by Dave Ruoff (15.42), Helen Wang (14.42), Karen McCarthy (12.93), Gary Olson (12.27), Richard Patterson (11.44), Mary Ann Wottring (11.72), Warren Wottring (11.72), Joe Unis (11.44), Susan Ruoff (10.31), and Walt Otto (8.29). Also scoring were Penny Barbieri, Georgiana Bierman, Clint Lew, Sandy Barnes, Larry Alba, Cordell Goode, Mary Miller, Lynne Parker, Karen Olin, Jerry Androus, Paule Ford, Lulu Minter, Denise Morgan, Susan Emminger, Russ Drew, Rosalie Roberts, Kathy Helber, and Herman Helber.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! Roger Boyer is doing all he can to boost attendance at the La Feta Club.

He is offering a free play for any first-time player and for any Ace of Clubs or Mini-McKinney winner at his Thursday night game. Come on out and support our only local nighttime game. He also is offering a ½ price deal for the same players if they attend the Tuesday or Friday morning games. He also announces that all local games will close down during the week of March 24-30, in deference to the big regional at the Pacific Palms Resort in Industry Hills.

I think that's plenty for now - I'll save the hand of the month 'til April. Ciao.

San Fernando Valley

by Jimmie Swan

There is lots of news to report, some current, and some I could not access the past two months because of computer problems. First let me cover what was unavailable in my computer when I wrote this column a month ago.

Congratulations to those who also came home with points from the Palm Springs Regional, and were missed in last month's column: **Jeanne Sherwin, Mitch Dunitz, Josh Sher, and Thompson Jin.**

Also, belated get well wishes to those who had surgery, who were or are still ill, or who were injured recently: **Fred Becker, Leila Greenfield, Carol Stein, Tammy Purkin, Elynor Soble, Rita Glasser,** and any others I may have missed. And last, but certainly not least, our sympathies go out to **Barbara Straus** on the recent loss of her son, Richard. We hope to see all of you very soon at the bridge tables!

Those who missed the **Holiday Party** in December missed a good time! I want to thank **Sheila and Greg Bozin, Mary Dougherty and Fredi Straus**, for all their efforts in making this a good time for all, not only for their efforts as club owners, but, as Unit Board Members. They always handle the hospitality needs of the Unit and do a terrific job!

By the way, all four of them are retiring from the

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District 23 2007 Mini-McKenney Award Winners

0 to 20			200 to 300			2500 to 5000		
1.	Charles Kelley, Pacific Plsades	108	1.	Roger Lee, Arcadia	200	1.	B. Horiguchi, Gardena	848
2.	Jill Goodman, Reho Palos Vdes	107	2.	Joyce Lelah, Los Angeles	196	2.	Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills	565
3.	Daphne Nussbaum, Los Angeles	63	3.	Alan Schneider, Beverly Hills	159	3.	Reese Milner, Los Angeles	402
4.	Allan Palansky, Sherman Oaks	51	4.	Harish Singh, Diamond Bar	159	4.	Jeff Fang, Arcadia	380
5.	Robert Martin, Pacific Palisade	45	5.	Sherie Schneider, Beverly Hills	148	5.	Janet Ju, El Monte	351
6.	Mary Miller, Claremont	44	6.	Fern Dunbar, Lakewood	141	6.	Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles	313
7.	Amr Elghamry, Monrovia	44	7.	Sean Lui, Arcadia	127	7.	Alexander Kolesnik, Calabasas	309
8.	Ge Yao, Vermillion SD	39	8.	Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena	125	8.	Samuel Haveson, Los Angeles	299
9.	Lee Skupen, Northridge	38	9.	Russell Buker, Lancaster	122	9.	Jon Yinger, Brea	283
10.	Floyd McKinsey, Santa Monica	34	10.	Ronald Malkin, Northridge	117	10.	Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys	281
11.	James Gardner, Northridge	34						
12.	Brian Butler, La Crescent	31						
20 to 50			300 to 500			5000 to 7500		
1.	Michael Daley, Running Springs	104	1.	Cory Hand, Cypress	201	1.	Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles	641
2.	Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific Plsades	96	2.	Carol Frank, Burbank	182	2.	Peter Benjamin, Culver City	559
3.	June Boyd, Pasadena	80	3.	Keith Hafen, Long Beach	142	3.	Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga	418
4.	Michael Horn, Pasadena	77	4.	Marta Peltz, West Hills	140	4.	John Jones, Hacienda Hgts	373
5.	Gary Swinhart, Sunland	67	5.	Charles Messall II, Laguna Beach	135	5.	George Wang, El Monte	354
6.	Jean Ingram, Huntington Bch	53	6.	George Norman, Torrance	134	6.	Richard Ryder, Los Angeles	341
7.	Karen McCarthy, Upland	53	7.	Karen Byrd, Los Angeles	130	7.	Leo Bell, Long Beach	261
8.	William Rawlings, Broomfield CO	51	8.	Hank Dunbar, Lakewood	130	8.	Aram Bedros, Santa Monica	198
9.	Eric Heilman, Sherman Oaks	49	9.	Susan Hafen, Long Beach	126	9.	Earle Ziskin, Santa Monica	152
10.	Lynne Parker, Claremont	49	10.	Janet Wagner, Long Beach	116	10.	Phil Schaefer, Los Angeles	143
50 to 100			500 to 1000			7500 to 10,000		
1.	Kathy Harouche, Beverly Hills	63	1.	Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino	477	1.	Rebecca Clough, Culver City	688
2.	Robert Moest, Los Angeles	61	2.	Yoon Kim, San Diego	325	2.	Roger Clough, Culver City	599
3.	Howard Taub, Santa Monica	61	3.	Matt Chiwo Leung, Montebello	254	3.	William Wickham, Los Angeles	435
4.	Sally Karbelnig, Beverly Hills	60	4.	Steven Sulzby, Long Beach	244	4.	Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks	362
5.	Nancy Collinge, Pls Vrds Pnsl	55	5.	Kay Tseng, Huntington Bch	223	5.	Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach	334
6.	Ernest Scherer, Brea	51	6.	Sandra Carroll, Los Angeles	203	6.	Mike Savage, Signal Hill	213
7.	Mary Thomas, Long Beach	50	7.	Robert Carroll, Los Angeles	195	7.	Robert Kerr, Los Angeles	107
8.	Fred Swinith, Torrance	48	8.	Diane Sachs, Rossmoor	189	8.	Bill Sides, Burbank	79
9.	David Lodge, Encino	48	9.	Elianna Ruppini, Los Angeles	179			
10.	Robert Svensrud, Torrance	47	10.	Nancy Heck, Los Angeles	176			
100 to 200			1000 to 2500			Over 10,000		
1.	Sue Fardette, Cypress	130	1.	Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd	453	1.	Ellen Anten, Encino	1179
2.	Vincent Remedios, Cerritos	127	2.	Mark Tang, Seal Beach	420	2.	Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg	997
3.	Helen Wang, West Covina	124	3.	William Ng, Chatsworth	419	3.	Jim Looby, Burbank	960
4.	Edward Hsi, Arcadia	124	4.	Martin Blain, Woodland Hills	304	4.	Jill Meyers, Santa Monica	565
5.	Carol McKay, Redondo Beach	113	5.	Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles	296	5.	Michael Shuman, Pasadena	418
6.	Harold Goodman, RPV	111	6.	Gary King, Hermosa Beach	288	6.	Gene Freed, Los Angeles	293
7.	Sherry Troeger, Long Beach	88	7.	Mario Mory, Los Angeles	288	7.	Alan Le Bendig, Los Angeles	252
8.	Jean Kato, Westminster	85	8.	Phyllis Mory, Los Angeles	279	8.	Mary Jane Farrell, Los Angeles	158
9.	Georgiana Bierman, La Verne	83	9.	Earl Van Der Vord, Long Beach	272	9.	Pam Wittes, Venice	150
10.	Tamra Boyd, Los Angeles	83	10.	Peter Schneider, La Canada	269	10.	Beverly Rosenberg, Sherman Oaks	105
			11.	John Farr Jr., Lomita CA	259	11.	Ed Davis, Seal Beach CA	84
			12.	Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA	248	12.	Gerald Bare, Pacific Plsds CA	83
						13.	Rick Henderson, Los Angeles CA	80
						14.	Erik Paulsen, Upland CA	60



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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, MARCH 25

 Morning Side Game (1 of 5)10:00 a.m.
 Charity Knockouts (2 of 3, gold)10:00 a.m.
 Sunrise 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.
 Sunset Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)3:00 & 7:30 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, MARCH 26

 Morning Side Game (2 of 5)10:00 a.m.
 Margaret Jacobs 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.
 Sunset Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)3:00 & 7:30 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.

Website: www.acbldistrict23.org
THURSDAY, MARCH 27

 Morning Side Game (3 of 5)10:00 a.m.
 Early Bird 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.
 Sunset Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)3:00 & 7:30 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, MARCH 28

 Morning Side Game (4 of 5)10:00 a.m.
 Bloody Mary Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 Pacific Palms Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 Last Chance Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 Afternoon Side Game (4 of 5)3:00 p.m.
 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)3:00 p.m.
 Nightcap Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)3:00 & 7:30 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, MARCH 29

 Morning Side Game (5 of 5)10:00 a.m.
 Vance Moran Stratified Pairs (2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 (A/X 0-5000/5000+) (B/C/D Stratified 0-500/1250/2500)
 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.
 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.
 Sunset Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
 Stratified Swiss Teams, (single session, red)7:30 p.m.
 Evening Side Game (5 of 5)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

 Swiss Teams (A/X 0-5000/5000+) (B/C/D 0-500/1250/2500).....10:00 a.m.
 Stratified Fast Open Pairs10:00 a.m.

Sunday Swiss Teams sit down Lunch \$128.00 per team, \$8 for extra teammates

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



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Single Session Swiss Teams every evening Tuesday-Saturday
Fast Open Pairs Sunday 10:00 a.m., out by 4:00 p.m.

Daily Knockout Teams

Monday Kickoff Knockout continues Tues, Rounds 2-4.....7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday-Thursday Knockout Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday-Friday Knockout Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Friday-Saturday Knockout Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday Compact Knockout Teams.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Open Pairs Games

Monday Charity Pairs single sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Stratified Pairs 2 sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Stratified Pairs 2 sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Stratified Pairs 2 sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Friday Stratified Pairs 2 sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday Stratified Pairs 2 sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Fast Open Pairs 2 sessions.....10:00 a.m. & TBA

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**Co-Chairmen: Bill Grant • 619 260-0197 wgran@yahoo.com
 Alice Leicht • 858 278-2256 talktoalice@san.rr.com**

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Monday Charity Swiss single session.....1:00 p.m.
 Tuesday through Saturday single sessions.....7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday-Thursday Swiss Teams two sessions, gold.....9:00 a.m.
 Friday-Saturday Swiss Teams two sessions, gold.....9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 2 sessions.....10:00 a.m.

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Mornings single sessions Tuesday through Saturday.....9:00 a.m.
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 Evenings single sessions Tuesday through Saturday.....7:00 p.m.

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Monday Charity Pairs single sessions.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
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 Sunday 299er Swiss Teams 2 sessions.....10:00 a.m.

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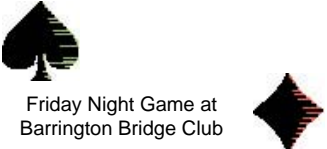
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STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd
11:00 am
**STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS IN HONOR
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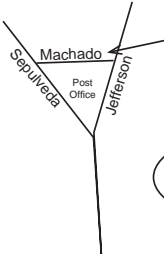
Flight 'A'/AX (approx. 35% of field) 0 - unlimited
 Flight 'B', 'C', 'D' 0 - 2,000MP

KNOCKOUT TEAMS - 2nd Session
4:00 pm
**KNOCKOUT TEAMS - Finals
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**

SUNDAY, May 4th
11:00 am and TBA
STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

Flight 'A'/AX 0 - Unlimited MP
 Flight 'B', 'C', 'D' 0 - 2,000MP

COMPETE FOR TWO TROPHIES
 The West Los Angeles Unit player winning the most master points combined at the two 2008 West Los Angeles Sectionals will have their name engraved on the Jill Meyers Trophy. The 299er player winning the most master points at the West LA Sectionals will have their name engraved on the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy. The 2007 winners were Peter Benjamin and Carolyn Taff.



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KNOCKOUT TEAMS
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1st Round	Friday, May 2	7:30 pm
2nd Round	Saturday, May 3	11:00 am
Final Round	Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm

WEST LOS ANGELES UNIT BOARD

Peter Benjamin	Howard Einberg	Fred Mautner
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Cecil Cook	Sam Haveson	Carolyn Taff

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 (310) 558-0888 EMAIL ahoneydo@aol.com
 (310) 720-6050 (cell Peter Benjamin)
 Tournament Director - Peter Knee

Be sure to hold the date for our Fall Sectional - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1

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 & NLM
7:00 NLM
Tuesday 12:30 Open & 99er
4:15 OPEN
Wednesday 12:30 Open & NLM
7:00 Open & 199er
Thursday 12:30 Open
7:00 49er
Friday 9:30 Open
12:30 Open & NLM & 99er
4:15 Open
Saturday 12:30 Open/Stratified
Sunday 1:30 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
7:15 299er
7:30 Open
Thursday 11:00 Open
7:15 0-1500 MP & lessons
Friday 11 Open
7:30 Open & 299er
Saturday 10:30 99er & 299er
1:00 Open
Sunday 1:00 Open - except 1st Sun
Elk's Lodge of Arcadia
27 W Huntington Dr.
Arcadia, 91007
Dir: Marie Nimmrich
Monday noon Open
Unit Game - 1st Sunday
lunch at noon, game at 1 pm

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

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

310-659-7978 or 310-966-4144
Barrington Bridge Club, D: Cyma Aronow
11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025
Tuesday: 7:15 Open

Marina City Club

(310) 713-8647 or (323) 369-5494
Dir: Viktor Anikovich
4333 Admiralty Way
3rd floor, Center Tower
Tuesday 7:30 open w/ free lesson

The Palisades Game

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

for directory changes,
please email

bridgenews@acbdistrict23.org

Orange County, Southern Gold Coast, Santa Ana

Anaheim Unit #513

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

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

Balboa Unit
http://www.acbdistrict22.com/515/
Halecrest Tennis & Swim Club
3107 Killybrooke Ln
Costa Mesa, 949-233-6655
1st Sun 1:15 Unit Game, Open
Monday* 12:15 99er (lesson at 11)
Wed 12:15 Open & 299er
(lesson at 11)
* phone # for Mon game - 949-347-1356

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

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

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

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/Stratified &
non-life master game
6:30 Open Swiss Teams
Thursday 12:30 Open/Strat&299/
NLM
Friday 7:00 Open/Stratified
3rd Sun 12:30 Unit Game
4th Sun 12:30 Swiss Teams

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 les-
son 7:00
NLM 7:15 INV game
Friday 7:30 Open
Saturday 11:00 INT/ADV
12:30 Open (lunch at 12)

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

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

LWDBC Games Everyday
home.fea.net/~lwdbc

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

UNITS

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Unit Board this year, so we hope many of you will sign up to be on the Unit Board, as we will need lots of help, not only in hospitality, but, in other areas as well. But, more on the Unit Board Election at the end of this column.

It seemed impossible to find a good date for the Holiday Party last year, but, we believe we have already found an ideal date for this December that does not conflict with any Southern California sectionals or regionals, religious holidays, etc., so mark your calendars now for our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 7!

The Unit wants to welcome former "snowbirds" **Tammy and Noel Purkin** to California! We hope your move to California will be a good one for you!

We had some great **70%+ games** by our Unit the past 30 days!

Two of those three games were at the Riverside Regional: New players **Jim Amato** and **Chuck Sarture** won with a 73.50% game, in a 299er pairs event. The other half of these couples, **Peggy Amato** and **Sue Sarture**, won a side game with a 72% finish. Fantastic!

The third game was a 72.83% win at the Bridge Academy by **Ellen Anten** and **Steve Gross**! Good job! **Sue Sarture** became our latest **Life Master** after her successes in Riverside! **Congratulations Sue!**

There were other first place winners from our Unit at the Riverside Regional as well: **Shelley and Len Popowitz**, **Andy Vinock** and **Marjorie Michelin**, **Bill Ng** and **Sam Wang**, and **Ellen Anten** with **Steve Gross**, **Mitch Dunitz**, **Jim Looby**, and others in a Swiss Team event. Great job!

Also bringing home some points from Riverside were **Josh Sher**, **Alex Kolesnik**, **Marta Peltz**, **Arlene Dick**, **Gil Stinebaugh**, **Robert Dannels**, **Martha Terwilliger**, **Jeanne Sherwin**, **Arif Shah**, **Joan Rubin**, **Bill Morton** and **Larry Gordon**. Way to go!

We also have other rank changes in addition to **Sue Sarture**: **Jeanne Sherwin** is now a Club Master. **Joe Friscia** and **Herb Schneider** are now Sectional Masters. And, **Larry Gordon** and **Dick Wiggins** are now NABC Masters. Good job!

Bridge Academy top ten in January, with less than 299 masterpoints, were **Mel Lerner** leading with 5.66, followed by **Eric Heilman**, **Don Rosen**, **Marge Bulmer**, **Merkie Rowan**, **Jim Lechner**, **Jim Gardner**, **Gloria Malkin**, **Sam Antoun**, and **Moe Mansour**. Congratulations to all of you!

Bridge Academy top ten in January, with more than 299 masterpoints, were **Susan Somogyi** leading with 26.23, followed by **Gary Frans**, **Leda Danzig**, **Sy Zemlyn**, **Andy Vinock**, **Harvey Witt**, **Joan Rubin**, **Tom Wylie**, **Ellen Anten**, and **Armand Szulc**. Congratulations to all of you!

Please take a look at the UNIT CALENDAR on the Bridge Academy/Unit site at www.sfbvbridgeacademy.com. We have lots of events listed, which you will enjoy. For example:

Sunday, March 23 the Marjorie Goldberg Memorial Game will be held at the Bridge Academy at 12:30p.m.

Don't forget the April 11-13 Unit Sectional being held at the Bridge Academy!

The Unit will be announcing last year's **Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners** very soon and will be holding a **celebration game** in their honor. Please watch for the information on the web site calendar and on the bulletin boards at the Bridge Academy.

And **Bill Schreiber** and **Rand Pinsky**, we are thinking of you too after your recent injuries/surgery and wish you both speedy recoveries.

Speaking of Rand reminds me—**did those of you who have opinions about a proposed change of requirements to become a Life Master, and other ranks, send your comments to Rand?** The consensus among our non Life Masters follows: When current non Life Masters decided to invest their time and money to become a Life Master, they felt they had a contract with the ACBL, and to change the requirements midstream, seems patently unfair and unethical. While it may be acceptable to raise this goal for future acbl members, it is **not** for current members! Email your comments to Rand at www.pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net.

Let's talk about the upcoming **Unit Board of Directors Election**.

We want to encourage you to join the Unit Board of Directors, as well as participate in the election. We will have 6 vacancies on the Board, out of 10, beginning in June, and your participation would really count! There are many interesting positions to fill, all of which will be available in June. And, if you can't be on the Board, we also need members' participation in several committees, so we would really appreciate your help. The more who participate the less time we will all have to spend, to

make the Unit a success, so we hope you will offer your assistance, no matter how small.

As I said above, **Freddi**, **Sheila** and **Mary**, and **Greg**, who was also co-chair of Tournaments, are retiring from the Board in June, and we will really miss their participation. Also retiring are **Joyce Hart**, co-chair Tournaments and **Betty Andelson**, Secretary, whose participation we will also miss.

All jobs on the Board will be available in June, when the new Board decides who will fill these positions at the first Board Meeting. Feel free to talk with me, or email me, or any board member, if you have any questions and might be willing to help us out. We really need your participation! Even if you are only able or interested in being on a committee, let us hear from you. More information will be available before the election. Unit Board Members' contact information is listed at the [sfbvbridgeacademy](http://sfbvbridgeacademy.com) site. We really need your participation to make our Unit activities better than ever! Thanks so much.

That's all for now.

Torrance South Bay

<http://home.netcom.com/~asmager1/sbbchp.htm>
by Steve Mager

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm
Handicapped Swiss Team Championship:
Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 pm
Club Championship: Wednesday, March 19, 11:30 am
Club Championship: Friday, March 21, 7:00 pm
Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sunday, March 23, 1:00 pm
Friday night games on March 7 and March 21.
There are now Handicapped Swiss Teams every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM.
Card fees for the Monday night game have been reduced to \$4.00

Club Championships

The Handicapped Swiss teams on January 27 was won by **Kim Wang**, **Hank Sheehan**, **Arlene** and **Stanley Greengard**. The January 28 Club Championship was headed by **Pat Henderson**/**Joe Caserma** in Flight A with **Harold Koletsky**/**Hank Sheehan** taking Flights B and C. The January 29 Swiss teams was taken by the quartet of **MaryAnn Coyle**, **Barbara White**, **John Farr** and **Bo Bogema**. The February 1 Club Championship saw **Hank Sheehan**/**Christopher Lee** win Flights A, B and C. The February 7 Club Championship was swept by **Lutrell Long**/**Lorna Wallace** in Flights A, B and C. The February 11 Club Championship was won by **Chiye** and **Bruce Horiguchi** in Flight A followed by **Mimi Sina**/**Dolores Nawa** in Flight B with **Hank Sheehan**/**Harold Koletsky** on top in Flight C. The Handicapped Swiss teams on February 12 resulted in a tie between the quartet of **Arlene** & **Stanley Greengard**, **Mark Raggio** and **Harry Wessells** plus the foursome of **Mary Ann Coyle**, **John Farr**, **Bo Bogema** and **John J. McDermott**

SBBC Results on New Web Site

In addition to the homegrown website listed at the top of this article there is a new site on which daily results from the South Bay Bridge Club can be seen. A link is being set up between the above listed site and this new site. The new site is managed by **Alan Carpenter** who runs Bridgeclubs.org a site that helps clubs publish daily results. A direct link to his site is: <http://www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc>

GUV Award

There are a couple top candidates for the GUV award this month.

Over the years **Bo Bogema** has gotten a reputation as a very conservative bidder. However, maybe this is changing. At the Tuesday night Swiss a couple of weeks ago I couldn't turn Bo off until he reached a grossly overbid contract of 4♥. Somewhere in the middle of the hand an opponent revoked on a trick their partner won. Later in the hand said opponent won a trick with the card he should have followed suit with earlier. Was this Bo's salvation to make a ridiculous contract? Not quite. Despite gaining two tricks thanks to the revoke Bo was so overbid he still was down 1. The revoke did get us a push on the board.

Gerri Carlson's partner was wearing a t-shirt that said, "1400 is Character Building". As if to prove a point he decided to go for -1400 all by himself. I don't know if it built any character but Gerri may have decided to punish him for his indiscretion the very next round. She opened a

Club and LHO overcalled a Spade. Gerri's partner tried a 2♠ cue bid showing limit or better in Clubs. Gerri claims she didn't see the overcall and thought partner had made a weak jump shift in spades. So Gerri's partner got to play 2♠ in a 2-2 fit. In any case by the time the opponents woke up to the right defense declarer had nabbed 6 tricks. This was good for minus 100, which actually got an average beating a number of minus 140's on the board. Perhaps this particular declarer had an advantage through previous experience playing in contracts with limited trumps. In the past he had played a couple 1-1 fits with **Paul Boudreau** after slight bidding misunderstandings.
Na Zdrowie

West LA

by candy

I'd like to subtitle this column "The Sound of Music". But it will probably come out more like "The Sound of Muzak" and appreciating "The Sounds of Silence" when I'm through. What's the worst that can happen, I remind you of an old tune and it keeps replaying in your head for the next month. With that in mind on to the second paragraph.

"Mack the Knife" last years Mini-Mac unit winners were- **John E Stokdyk** (can we take your middle initial and put it in your last name)- **Charles Kelley** - **Jo Anne Kelley** (a married couple who has worked out if they're in the different categories they can both be winners, well played). **Kathy Harouche** - **Ken Bishop** - **Joyce Lelah** (top three players in this bracket live on the same street, and I'm not telling who or where) - **Karen Byrd** - **Matt Leung** - **Adam Meyerson** - **Reese Millner** - **Marjorie Michelin** (more kvelling in Michigan) - **Becky Clough** (used to tell her students "rhymes with rough & tough") - **Jill Meyers** (excitements over, your back in the ALACBU News).

"I'm Looking Over a Three Leaf Clover" Ace of Clubs winners **John**, **Ken**, **Joyce**, and **Becky** are repeaters, so take your bow again. The Kelleys dropped to second leaving room for **Robert Martin** - **Elliott Marshall**. The rest of the brackets **Sheri Rivera** - **Ed Feldmann** - **Sam Namer** - **Paul Smith** - **Richard Ryder** - **Alan Le Bendig**.

"We are the Champions at the Clubs" 70%ers- **Suzanne LeBendig** & **Sam Haveson**, **Jill Richmond** & **Jordan Chodorow**, **Lewis** & **Rhoda Himmell**, **Margie Michelin** & **Gene White**, **Farideh Sigari** & **Joyce Lelah**, **Chuck Fonarow** & **Fred Mautner**.

"M-i-c-k-e-y M-o-u-s-e, Club champs, Unit champs, Club Champs, Unit Champs. Forever let us hold our banner high, high, high." **Barrington** - "A" **Ed Barad** & **George Wagner**, **Suzanne Le Bendig** & **Beverly Goldstein** "B" **Betty Mednick** & **Ruth Shayne**, **Suzanne Bornstein** & **Melinda Curry** "C" **Constance Abel** & **Karen Schwartz** 199er **Pat Cross** & **Linda Garfunkel**. **Bev Hills BC** "A" **Joyce Lelah** & **Priscilla Blakely** **Dick Ryder** & **Paul Smith** "B" **Elliott Marshall** & **Bernie Ravitz**, **Nat Tolmach** & **Manny Weintraub** "C" **Donna Castor** & **Sylvia Fenberg**, **Doris Schwager** & **Milla Boczar**. Cyma sorry I've already used up your news, but there's a Unit Champ Tuesday March 4th afternoon and evening, so I'll save space for you.

"Umazl tov U-Siman tov Siman tov Umazl tov" **Bill** and **Diana Schreiber** are the kvelling grandparents of grandson **Joshua**.

"Sea Cruise" **Barbara Nusbaum** decided to help **Joan Mason** celebrate her 75th birthday by sailing into the sunset and I think I'll take my cue from them....

With a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi-Ho Silver I end with "Sha Na Na Na Hey Hey Good-bye"

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