

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Kantar Class Open Pairs At The Regional Approaches

Big Changes For
The Bridge News



by Bill Schreiber
ALACBU President

This month’s column brings good news and bad news. Since I joined the American Contract Bridge League in 1965, I have received, through the mail, a copy of the Southern California Bridge News every month. Now, due to cost cutting measures, the Bridge News will only be published every other month, starting with this issue. Accordingly, the next paper you will receive will be approximately December 1st. This action,

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by Rand Pinsky
District Director

Our Regional at the Pacific Palms Resort is just days away. The two highlights of the tournament will be the first annual EDDIE KANTAR STRATIFIED OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP which will be held on Saturday October 18. This event will be limited to 52 pairs (preregistration required). Participants will receive a private morning coffee with Eddie, two sessions of bridge and a private dinner with Eddie being honored and guest speaker. Winners of each stratification will be seated at Eddie’s table for dinner. See the advertisement in this paper or contact Jan Wickersham at 626-355-2666 for more information.

The second highlight will be the honoring of the Cal Tech Bridge Team that won the 2008 Intercollegiate Bridge Team Championship. This ceremony will take place during the lunch break on Sunday between sessions of the Swiss Team. We will also be acknowledging our Grand National Team (Flight B) which won the national title at the just completed NABC.

On the national scene, I will be one of three directors going to Memphis the week of October 26 to interview accounting firms in an effort to hire a new firm to perform our yearly audit. The

current firm has been doing the job for many years and it is a good practice to change firms on a regular basis.

Last month I reported on board action changing the Life Master requirements. To complete my report of actions of the board in Las Vegas, I can announce that Jerry Fleming was elected ACBL President for the year 2009. Jerry has been treasurer for the past few years and is an excellent choice for president. Jerry is from Arizona and has already asked to attend our July 2009 Regional.

Other actions by the board included: voting to keep ACBL Headquarters in the Memphis area and not relocate to another city and the passage of a Board of Director’s Behavioral Code. The Board also passed a revision to the ACBL Handbook concerning unit requirements, privileges and requirements. These changes should be provided to the units, but I do have them if any unit wants an advance notice. Also the board passed new guidelines for North American Pairs and Grand National Teams residency requirements. These new guidelines will provide more consistency in determining qualifications for participation.

To conclude, the board approved a new national event called the Platinum Pairs. More details to follow. Finally, the board approved Atlanta for the 2013 Summer NABC, Phoenix for the Fall 2013 NABC, and Las Vegas for the Summer 2014 NABC.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Pacific Palms.

District 23 Rank Changes
8/1/08-8/31/08

Junior Master (5 points)

Beth Benson, Nolan Chang
Douglas Eisner, Bobbe Hoskins
Ava Norman, Susan Schulman

Club Master (20 MPs)

Wallis Annenberg, Jerry Burrill
Patricia Cross, Linda Garfinkel
John Gibson, Renee Hoffman
Stephen Massman, Frank Miller
Jojo Sarkar, Ira Teller
Elizabeth Thometz

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Ho-Lin Chen, Robert Englekirk
Joan Leb, David Lievsay
Mary Miller, Ann Raymond
Joy Rosenthal, Mark Speizer
Lawrence Trygstad

Regional Master (100 MPs)

John Billings, Mary Lou Burrows
Elliott Marshall, Debora Stein
Chien-Yao Tseng

NABC Master (200 MPs)

Ronnie Berland, Seymour Feshbach
Margot Hartman, Sankar Reddy
C Young

Life Master (300 MPs)

Harold Goodman, Jo Anne Kelley
Kevin Lane, Rhoda Weisler

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Yasue Harada
Harold Koletsky
Herbert Stampfl

Announcements

LA Regional

at 818-903-2471

Don’t miss this month’s LA Regional October 13-19, 2008 in the City of Industry. The event takes place at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort at One Industrial Hills Parkway. A map and driving directions can be found at www.pacificpalmsresort.com

A game schedule is printed on page 12 of this newspaper.

NAOP Semifinals

by Mike Marcucci
NAOP Coordinator

The qualifying is over and now it’s time to get serious. Those semifinal games are scheduled and details are on the D23 web site. The first one is in San Marino on November 1 and the second is two weeks later at the SFV Bridge Academy. Please pick your favorite location and join us.

Some statistics: We had 34 total qualifying games this year compared to last year’s 39. Those games produced 518 qualifiers compared to last year’s 616. Does that mean this year’s next stage will be easier? Probably not, because that depends on how many folks actually play in each semifinal.

Pasadena had the most A qualifiers, but South Bay had the most B and C qualifiers. Full details of the qualifying will be posted at the semi games along with our D23 history of previous year winners.

Special credit goes to Mark Raggio this year for qualifying three times. Forty-four other folks qualified twice but Mark was the only three-timer! See you all at the semis, where some snacks will even be healthy. Peter Knee will be your director.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me

Bridge Hall Of Fame
Nominations

All ACBL members in good standing are eligible to submit to the Bridge Hall of Fame Committee the names of players who have made outstanding contributions to the game of bridge and who are eligible for nomination to become a recipient of either the Blackwood Award or the Von Zedtwitz Award in 2009.

The Blackwood Award is given for outstanding contributions to bridge outside expertise at the table. The list of past recipients of the Blackwood Award are:

- 1996: Albert H. Morehead
- 1997: Lee Hazen
- 1998: David Treadwell
- 1999: Kathie Wei-Sender
- 2000: George Rosenkranz
- 2001: Alan Truscott
- 2002: Ira G. Corn, Jr.
- 2003: Henry Francis
- 2004: Amalya Kears & Jeff Rubens
- 2005: Marshall Miles
- 2006: Richard L. Goldberg
- 2007: None
- 2008: Jerry Machlin (to be inducted in 2009)

The Von Zedtwitz Award is given to players who made their mark either as players (usually old-timers) or in other key areas of bridge. Previous recipients of the Von Zedtwitz Award include:

- 1996: P. Hal Sims

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At the Los Angeles Regional in the Pacific Palms Resort



1st Annual Kantar Classic Open Pairs

Card Fees: \$135 per pair. Card fees include: Private Pre-game coffee with Eddie, 2 sessions of Bridge, Dinner with Eddie as Honoree and Speaker.

1st overall winners of each strat will sit at Eddie's table at dinner.

This event is a CLASSIC - Semi Formal attire is requested.

EDDIE KANTAR CLASSIC

Please reserve our partnership seats @\$135 per pair. We prefer to play ____ N /S ____ E/W

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Partner's Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): _____ ACBL# _____ / _____

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continued from last month

1 John Villman, Yorba Linda; John Ionescu, Irvine; Roshen Hadulla, Santa Clarita;
Basant Shah, Valencia

2 Lamar Marutani, Vallejo; John Villalobos, Glendale; Paul Nason, LA; Bill
McClean, Pacific Plsds

3 Donald Schroeder, Carpinteria; Mickey Plaut, Santa Barbara; Solange Graziani,
W LA; Nit Buckhout, Palm Harbor FL

1 Nancy Lee - Daniel Raider, San Mateo; John Simpson, Madera; Richard Feinberg,
Union City
2 Diane Sachs, Rossmoor; Fern Dunbar - Hank Dunbar, Lakewood; Judith Jones,
Huntington Bh
3 Edwin Feldmann, Beverly Hills; Nancy Heck - Brana Hall - Carolyn Taff, LA

1 Constance Abell - Herbert Ehrmann - Brian Rose, LA; Yvonne Snyder, Santa
Monica
2 Robert Miller - Michael Colantuono, Penn Valley; Kathy Harouche, Beverly
Hills; Rose Kaufmann, LA
3 Jennifer Porter, Laguna Niguel; Marcia Holland, Dana Point; Myrna Silverman,
Laguna Nigel; Teresa McNeil, Laguna Woods

A	B	C
1		Dan Morse, Houston TX; Rand Pinsky, Valencia; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks William Schreiber, Van Nuys 61.00
2/3		Stephen Goldstein, Huntington Bch; Don Krauss, Beverly Hills; William Wickham - Marjorie Michelin, LA 59.00
2/3		Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico 59
4		Matthew Mallory, San Diego; William Ng, Chatsworth; Subba Ravipudi, Downey; Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena 53.00
5	1	Jing Dong Chen, Rowland Heights; Jerry Fang, El Monte; William Chu, San Marino Chi-Chong Yu, Hacienda Hgts; Jack Chao, Oceanside; Eric Tan, West Covina 52.00
6	2	1 Marion Miller, LA; Maureen Shay, Pasadena; Mary Hodgson - Paul Housepian 51.00
	3	Shiu-Ming Huang - Zhong Bin Lin, San Marino; Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte; Mark Tang, Seal Beach 50.00
	4	Jacob Frenkel, Temple City; Michael Marcucci, San Gabriel; Kim Wang - Hank Sheehan, Torrance 45.00
	5	Mario Mory - Phyllis Mory - Colin Gordon - Nelly Gordon, LA 43.00
		2 Philip Richter - Ruth Richter, San Juan Capo; Sharon Rippey - Jack Rippey, San Clemente 42.00
		3 George Norman, Torrance; Kay Tseng, Huntington Bch; E Mroz - Penny Wentworth, Villa Park 39.00
		4 Bryan Reese, Chadds Ford PA; Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; Timothy Finlay - Eileen Finlay, Ontario 38.00

A	B	C	
1			Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine 64.05%
	2		Roy Wilson, West Covina; Linda Carder, Seal Beach 58.65%
3	1		Ocki Krogfoss - Jim Rupp Jr, Thousand Oaks 58.27%
4	2	1	Henry David, LA; John Horn, Glendora 56.68%
5			Neal Kleiner, San Pedro; Gilbert Stinebaugh, Van Nuys 54.29%
	3		William Glass, Clovis; Solange Graziani, W LA 51.31%

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THOUSAND OAKS

FALL SECTIONAL

October 24 – 26, 2008

Complimentary Kick-Off Breakfast—Friday 8:30 AM

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 24

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 AM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 1&2)	
Stratified Open Pairs	2:30 PM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 3&4)	
Stratified Open Pairs	7:00 PM

Saturday, October 25

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 AM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 1&2)	
Stratified Open Pairs	2:30 PM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 3&4)	
Stratified Open Pairs	7:00 PM

Sunday, October 26

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams	11:00 AM
7 matches, 8 boards	
\$100 per team (Buffet included)	
Stratified Open Pairs	11:00 AM
	& 3:30 PM

Strati-flighted Swiss

A: 3000+
 AX: 0-3000
 B: 1250 - 2000
 C: 500 - 1250
 D: 0 - 500

Stratified Pairs

A: 1500+
 B: 500 - 1500
 C: 0 - 500

20 Victory Points

Fees: \$ 9 per person/per session
 \$10 non-members/unpaid members

Sanction #0810080

99'er Trophy Event

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM
Come early for Buffet Breakfast

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 Best Western Thousand Oaks Inn
 75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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Going north or south on US 101, take Moorpark Road exit. Go north one block to Thousand Oaks Blvd. Turn left at the light. Hotel on right side.

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Problem Solvers’ Panel

Moderator:
Marshall Miles

Panelists: Billy Eisenberg, Stephen Goldstein, Eddie Kantar, Mark Itabashi,
Mr. Mealymouth, Rick Roeder, Mike Shuman, Michael Shuster, and Jon Wittes

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NS vul

West	North	East	South
1♥	pass	pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠AK ♥K54 ♦AKQ8 ♣KQJ8

What call do you make
a) at matchpoints? b) at IMPs?

EISENBERG: 2NT, a small underbid. I need a heart honor from partner.

GOLDSTEIN: Double at all forms of scoring. With 25 HCP, what’s the rush? I can always bid 3NT later.

ITABASHI: (a) double. The expectation if that you would be off four hearts and the club ace in notrump, so doubling and bidding 2NT would be my choice at matchpoints. If partner has the heart J or Q, then we will make too many. (b) 3NT would be my choice at IMPs. Hoping that partner has the heart J or Q.

I’m not criticizing Mark’s choice(s) since I have no idea what to do. But I doubt there is any way to get to 3NT when partner has nothing but Jxx of hearts, but to stay in 1NT (or 2NT) when he has no high cards, or only the queen and/or jack of spades.

KANTAR: I plan to double and rebid 3NT if partner bids 1♠. My partner, a good player, will have the ♥Jxx.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: I’m pretty sure I can eke out seven tricks at notrump at either form of competition, unless, of course, West, who may have opened 1♥ thinking he had ♠QJx ♥AQJ10xx ♦xx ♣Ax discovers a seventh heart hidden behind his diamond by the time I knock out the ace of clubs. However, if West actually has a near Yarborough and has psyched on favorable vulnerability, I may have a slam. So rather than bid a safe (well, *almost* safe) 1NT, I’ll double . . . just in case partner can make a constructive reply, which will smoke out West’s psych. Oops, I forgot to ask: Who is West? If it’s Jeff Meckstroth, he’s got me. Holding ♠x ♥AQJ10xx ♦Jxx ♣Axx, my partner will pass for penalties, and Meckstroth will escape for 1700 on a deal where we have 16 top tricks and are cold for 2220.

ROEDER: I would double with any form of scoring with this moose. Pard will likely bid some amount of spades if LHO passes. If so, I will have tough guesses over 1♠. (I would guess a conservative 2NT; will raise 2♠ to 4♠ and bid Blackwood over 4♠).

SHUMAN: (a) Double. Suspicious on this vulnerability. (I need to know my LHO). My target in 3NT unless something revealing happens. If all “legit”, perhaps 5 of a minor from my side is the only game that makes, but a good sequence to get there seems impossible.

SHUSTER: (a) 1NT. This normally shows about 12-15 HCP, but given that we have 25, we know a lot more about the hand. LHO is likely to have AQJ of hearts and the club ace. While eight tricks are probable, LHO might have a sixth heart, limiting us to seven. While we might have a good five of a minor contract, it will need to be played from my side. I cannot figure a way to ask partner to choose a minor and still let me play the hand. (b)3NT. Not only will this make opposite ♥Jxx or better, and possibly ♥Jx with the wrong lead, but also with ♥9xxx if RHO has the stiff ten or jack. While starting with a double could help us to avoid 3NT if LHO rebids 2♥, it is more likely to cause trouble by inducing partner to insist on a suit contract.

WITTES: Pass. LHO should have just about all the missing high cards. Our most likely contract would be 3NT, but if LHO has the ace of clubs and ♥AQJxx we rate to be down one at 3NT and down two if he has a sixth heart. 1♥ rates to be down two for 200 our way. If the opponents psyched, I’ll pay off.

We are vulnerable; the opponents are not. I think Jon’s mistake regarding the vulnerability affected his answer, although any plus score our way will probably be good if we can’t make 3NT. This problem was sent to me by Michael Schreiber. I don’t know what “works.”

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NS vul
IMPs

North	East	South	West
pass	pass	1♥	pass
1NT	pass	2♥	pass
3♥	pass	3♠	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

North

♠K4
♥98
♦AQJ84
♣9763

West

♠108752
♥Q6
♦753
♣KJ5

You lead the ♠2
(third from even, lowest from odd)
to the ♠K and partner’s ♠A.
He returns the ♠Q, declarer
playing small again.
Partner now leads the ♣8,
and you win the ♣J when declarer
follows with the two.

What do you lead at trick four?

EISENBERG: Small diamond. I play declarer for 2-6-1-4. Partner could have played the spade jack with better clubs and no ♦K.

GOLDSTEIN: Five of clubs. It does not seem as if declarer has both ace and queen of clubs.

Declarer would probably play the queen or ace with AQx or AQxx, hoping to win and discard remaining club losers on the diamonds

I lead a low club to take partner off any squeeze in the minors if declarer has ace third of clubs. Partner might be underleading the ace of clubs. In any case, we will surely get a heart trick.

ITABASHI: ♣K. Since declarer played the ♠K at trick one and partner won the ace and queen, we assume declarer did not have the ♠J or we would have ducked the opening lead. The ♣8 is either a low club or high from the 84. If partner has 84 then he should have switched to it before cashing the 2nd spade, since he wold hold the ♦K. Declarer would have bid 3♥ (rather than 2♥) with ♠xx ♥AKJxxx ♦Kx ♣AQxx. Declarer should have something like ♠xx ♥AKJxxx ♦Kx ♣Qxx, so you should return the ♣K to take your tricks.

KANTAR: There are so many hands declarer may have, but it seems best to return a spade. If declarer has ♠Jxx, it kills a later ruffing entry to dummy before declarer can trump finesse the diamond, assuming he has a singleton and somehow figures out partner has the ♦K. If declarer has the heart position, but declarer has AKJ10 of hearts, I have given away the heart position, but declarer was always going to to ruff a spade and see partner not overruff. Life is too short to spend any more time on this problem.

MR. MEALYMOUTH: I’m trying to think logically, but the logic of this deal eludes me. Where is the ♠J? Declarer can’t have it, or he’d have played low from dummy at trick 1. Partner can’t have it, or he’d have cashed it, not the ♠Q at trick 2. Which spades did declarer play on tricks one and two? I’m confused, because declarer didn’t rise with the ♣A and try to take discards on diamonds. I’ll exit with the ♣5. Yes, it would have been easier for me had partner led the ♣A and another, but he may have been trying to let me score the ♣Q if I had it. No, I don’t think declarer bid 3♠ on ♠J963; I think he was trying to deter a spade lead. At least that’s what I must have thought when I led a spade to trick 1.

ROEDER: When pard cashed the second spade, he has directed the defense. No reason for me to overrule. I assume declarer is 4-6 in the majors and play back a spade for pard to ruff. Also, he had club spots lower than the eight, if he wanted to encourage a non-spade play by me.

SHUMAN: Hmm. Declarer may have (1) ♠Jxx ♥AK10xxx ♦void ♣AQxx or (2) ♠Jxxx ♥AKxxxx ♦void ♣AQx or (3) ♠Jxx ♥AK10xxx ♦x ♣AQx, and

Many thanks to Marshall Miles
who is retiring from editing the
Problem Solver’s Panel with this issue.
He has edited the panel for more than
25 years. His hard work is appreciated.

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			2		San Marino 105.00
					Miriam Harrington - Gitta Earll, Arcadia;
					Jacob Frenkel, Temple City; Karen Arase,
					La Canada 104.00
2	Charles Messall II, Laguna Beach; Rick		3		Michael Ventri, Fullerton; William Clark,
	Traylor, Santa Ana 50.51%				Santa Ana; William Skupen, Yorba Linda;
					Zeev Collin, Tustin 93.00
	CECIL COOK A/X SWISS TMS		4	1	Clinton Lew, Claremont; Walter Otto,
	28 Tables / Based on 64 Tables				Diamond Bar; Penny Barbieri, San Dimas;
A	X				Helen Wang, West Covina 92.00
1	Mike Savage, Signal Hill; Leo Bell, Long		5		Steven Sulzby, Torrance; Mark Tang, Seal
	Beach; Rick Henderson, LA; Nicholas Martino,				Beach; Sherrie Auhll, LA; Matt Chiwo
	Marina del Rey 95.00				Leung, Montebello 91.00
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	Meyerson - David Kempe - Elianna Ruppín, LA				Thousand Oaks; Min Xu, Oxnard 87.00
	91.00		6/7	2	Weidong Pei, Brea; Allen Golbert,
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	Krauss, Beverly Hills 89.00			8	Russell Drew, Alta Loma; Ann McClelland,
4	Janet Ju - George Wang, El Monte; Phil				La Canada Flt 86.00
	Schaefer - Nell Schaefer, LA 88.00				Susan Cohen, Topanga; Paula Hall,
5	Julian Heicklen, Teaneck NJ; Bill Eisenberg,		9	3	Redondo Beach; Wilma Brickley, Gardena;
	Perris; Suzette Wynn - Steve Scott, Phoenix AZ				Annette Morgan, Rncho Pls Vrd 81.00
	87.00				Lutrell Long, Rncho Pls Vrd; Lee Edwards,
6	Cecil Cook, Long Beach; Dan Morse, Houston		10	4	Dacula GA; Hank Sheehan, Torrance; Steve
	TX; John Jones, Hacienda Hgts; Howard				Ramos, Seal Beach 80.00
	Einberg, Los Angeles 83.00				Richard Kemmerer - Carol Kemmerer,
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7/8	Varis Carey, Fort Collins CO; Michael Shuman,			5/6	Mark Hartzell, LA; Sandra Franciscus,
	Pasadena; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga; David				Pasadena; Nan Baker, Sierra Madre; Stanley
	Caprera, Evergreen CO 82.00				Weiner, Las Vegas NV 78.00
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	Viola III, Altadena; Michael Gosnell, Glendora				Carol Holmes, Garden Grove; Haroon
	81.00				Sorathia, Rancho Sta Marg 71.00
10	3	Steven Yaffe, Sherman Oaks; Viktor Anikovich		2	Charles Kelley - Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific
	- George Wagner - Constance Fishbach, LA				Plsades; Gary Swinhart, Sunland; June
	78.00				Boyd, Pasadena 65.00
	4	Peter Szecsi, Pasadena; Art Gulbrandsen,			
	Monrovia; Herman Helber, La Verne; Mike				
	Spero, Burbank 76.00				
	CECIL COOK B/C/D SWISS TM - 36 Tables				
B	C	D	1		Barbara Gilcrest, Irvine 117.54%
1			2/3		Ronald Srenco, Redondo Beach 115.04%
	Eric Tan, West Covina; Nick Gao, Hacienda		2/3		Gregory Black, LA 115.04%
	Height; Shiu-Ming Huang - Zhong Bin Lin,		4/5		Russell Buker, Lancaster 114.45%

A Poem

Local bridge player Mike Shuman submitted a poem adapted from E.A. Robinson’s Glass Houses.

*Learn if you must.....but do not come to me
For truth of what your pleasant partner says
Behind you of your bids or of your plays,
Or of your bridge ability generally;
If he’s a pleasure to you, let him be—
Being the same to him; and let your games
Be tranquil, having each the other’s praise,
And each his own opinion peaceably.*

*Two others once did play together well,
Yet not so well but that a pungent word
From each came stinging home to the wrong ears.
The rest would be an overflow to tell,
Surely; and you may slowly have inferred
That you may not play bridge a hundred years.*

4/5 George MacDonald, Agua Dulce 114.45%
6/7 William Chu, San Marino 113.32%
6/7 Jing Dong Chen, Rowland Heights 113.32%

MORNING SIDE SERIES

20.50 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

1/2 Robert Martin, Pacifi Palside 117.36%
1/2 John Stokdyk, Pacif Palisades 117.36%
3/4 Rochelle Popowitz, Northridge 111.18%
3/4 Leonard Popowitz, Northridge 111.18%
5/6 Ronald Srenco, Redondo Beach 107.83%
5/6 Gregory Black, LA 107.83%

EVENING SIDE SERIES

20.25 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

1/2 William Ng, Chatsworth 122.28%
1/2 Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena 122.28%
3 Daniel Williams, Denver CO 117.88%
4/5 Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts 115.20%
4/5 Yoon Kim, San Diego 115.20%
6/7 Jacob Frenkel, Temple City 109.73%
6/7 Edward Schwartz, Pasadena 109.73%

Long Beach Sectional

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November 7–10, 2008

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Friday, November 7

7:30 P.M.

Donna Wenberg Stratified Open Pairs
John Yinger Stratified Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 8

10:30 A.M.

John Killian Stratified Open Pairs
Louise Sperr Stratified 299er Pairs
Mark Tang Bracketed Compact Knockouts, Rounds 1 & 2
3:30 P.M.
Fern Dunbar Stratified Open Pairs
George Welsh Stratified 299er Pairs
Mark Tang Bracketed Compact Knockouts, Rounds 3 & 4

Sunday, November 9

10:30 A.M.

Frank Bartlett Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, Session 1
Sue Fardette Stratified 299er Teams
Baum Harris Stratified Open Pairs
3:30 P.M.
Irma Johnson Stratified Open Pairs
Time to be announced:
Frank Bartlett Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, Session 2
Bernard Mann Stratified 299er Teams

Monday, November 10

10:30 A.M.

Sharon Beran Stratified Open Pairs
Diane Sachs Stratified 299er Pairs
Steve Sulzby Bracketed Compact Knockouts, Rounds 1 & 2
3:30 P.M.
Linda Carder Stratified Open Pairs
Kevin Lane Stratified 299er Pairs
Steve Sulzby Bracketed Compact Knockouts, Rounds 3 & 4

Open Game Strats: A: 2000+, B: 750–2000, C: 0–750.
299er Game Strats: A: 200–300, B: 100–200, C: 0–100.
Stratiflights: A: 5000+, AX: 0–5000, B: 1000–2000, C: 500–1000, D: 0–500.
Team Games:

Friday evening: three eight-board matches.

Sunday: seven eight-board matches.

Match one random draw, subsequent matches based upon record

Victory-Point scoring.

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- Park behind the mall (on the south side).

voted upon by the Executive Committee of the ALACBU Board of Directors by a vote of 4 to 1, was necessary to assure continuation of the paper in light of diminishing revenues earned by the District. Some, but not all, of the unit boards have responded to a questionnaire regarding emailing of the Bridge News, either on a partial or full-time basis. This will be discussed more fully at our next ALACBU Board of Directors meeting to be held at the October Regional Tournament and a decision will be made then as to whether we will publish a paper edition, take the paper online, or a combination thereof..

While attendance has increased slightly at each of our Regional Tournaments held at Pacific Palms Conference Center, our costs have increased as well. In addition, Pacific Palms has indicated that they will almost double our minimum required room nights for a tournament to be held in March. We cannot afford that. With that proviso, we cannot afford to hold a march tournament at that location and there is not enough time to find a new location for March. Accordingly, there will be no March Regional Tournament. The good news is that we have been approved by the ACBL to hold a 10-Day Regional Tournament over the weeks encompassing the 4th of July weekend in 2009. BACK TO THE GLORY DAYS OF BRIDGE WEEK! Think of when it was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and the participation we had. The tournament committee has met in September and has produced a schedule of events that we are confident will increase attendance and bring back memories of yesteryear.

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October 13-19 LA Fall Regional

October 24 - 26 Thousand Oaks Spring Sectional

November 1 District 23 NAOP Semifinals

November 7 - 9 Coronado-Chula Vista Sectional

November 7 - 9 Santa Barbara Sectional

November 7 - 10 Long Beach Sectional

November 14 - 16 Sun City Sectional

November 16 District 23 NAOP Semifinals

December 15 - 21 Rancho Mirage Regional

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Reservation cut off date: September 30th

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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, OCTOBER 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Unit 556 Remembers lost Loved Ones in 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Stratified Fast Open Pairs10:00 a.m.

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

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.

Sanction # R0810075

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

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Around The Units in District 23

Antelope Valley Santa Clarita by Gin

You are not reading Sectional Tournament results because this column must be submitted on or before the middle of the month. There will be an in-depth report next month. There were many members involved in this year tournament, some behind the scenes others in the middle of the crowd like Barbara Shuping doing a superb job keeping the hospitality table replete with refreshments. She was assisted by Mary Ellen Downs and Earlene Dehaas among other volunteers. Let’s not forget Marlene who runs a well-oiled machine and did not disappoint organizing the tournament. Brad Ward and his posse not only helped in the parking lot, they also were instrumental in the set up of the card room Wednesday night before the tournament. Dave Gasper was indispensable in his role of Club Manager. There are many more AVBC members involved and each will be recognized next month.

Check out the bulletin board where the new changes to the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge are posted. Your suggestions or comments are welcome. The new law books are now available from Baron Barclay.

A request was made that the Board of Directors change the long standing policy “Scoring errors must be reported within twenty-four hours. Failure to do so makes the standing scoring official.” The intent of the policy is to advise the Director of Record, the Head Director or the Club Manager in a timely manner when a discrepancy is discovered. A phone call will suffice and the Director of Record will correct the error after reviewing the travelers that are posted with the results. It is particularly important to make the correction if the game in question is the last one of month since the results of all the games are backed up and sent to Memphis within 24 hours. Help the directors help you.

The Gold Point game on Thursday September 11 was won by Brad Ward and Pat Juenemann. Mary Ellen Downs and Gin took second place. The hands were very interesting and very challenging, more important it was a lot of fun. The game was only three tables thus disqualifying the winners for the full Gold Point. For some unknown reason the Board of Directors was not involved in getting the sanction, thus the phone tree callers were not informed.

Winter is on the horizon and this writer is methodically getting ready to return to the Lower Colorado River Valley in Arizona. It will be more difficult to keep up with the coming and goings in Lancaster but the magic of modern communications should keep me abreast of worthy news. You can always reach me at gind@qnet.com and your bridge news will be reported. Going on a fun trip anywhere (Wall Mart does not count)? Nora Fincher disappeared in late spring. She was touring Eastern Europe, not playing tennis at Indian Wells as presumed. Nora is a well traveled lady. She had cruised the Amazon, visited Europe many times, and if I remember correctly, she has also visited South Africa. She also spends lots of time in Indian Wells near Palm Springs.

Plans are pretty much cemented for the holiday dinner on December 7, 2008. It will be held at Josie’s Restaurant on 15th Street West. It will be a sit down dinner and you can bring your own wine but you will have to uncork it yourself. The dinner with card fees included will be \$25.00. The bridge game will follow at the Clubroom at Arbor Court.

Top Five

As predicted, an 82.29% game posted by Doris Thomson and Don Crozier was adequate to take first place in the Top Five. Seriously Doris and Don did distinguish themselves playing with such precision. It exemplifies the potential of new players and the supportive role of Life Masters when they team up at the local level. Hope to see more success stories like this one in the future. Don partnered up with another Life Master, George Lewis posting a 74.4% game for second place. Lola Messiha and Marlene Gasper were not far behind with 69.94% for a third place. Dave Gasper and Pat Juenemann took fourth place with 66% and in fifth place Peggy Fleming and Anne Schmidt with 64.47%. Congratulations to all.

Inaugural Thursday Game in Valencia was played on Thursday August 21. Dan Axtell is running a nice

game averaging nine tables. The games begin at 10:30 every Thursday. Check the Unit 556 web site for the exact address on Castaic Road.

Our very own George Lewis entered four of his Intarsa Wood Art Works at the Antelope Valley Fair. He won two red ribbons and two blue ribbons. His work is on display at our Clubroom on Jackman Street. Congratulations to George for his fine showing at the Fair.

Unit Championship September	Overall		
	A	B	C
Nan Newland & Rose Coldiron	1	1	-
Rand Pinsky & Greg Vernon	2	-	-
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	3	-	-
Bobbi Thompson & Jack Miller	4	-	-
Ron & Sandi Oest	5	2	-
Don and Lou Ann Vandemore	6	3	1
Rita Vannatter & Vibeke Gilbreath	-	4	2
Dave White & Charles Morrin	-	5	-
Joan Adams & Gin	-	6	3
Peggy Fleming & Jackie Moor	-	-	4
Club Championship Sept. 14			
Marlene & David Gasper	1	-	-
Don Crozier & Viviane Dinehart	2	1	-
Nan Newland & Rose Coldiron	3	-	-
Mary Stauf & Henry Roediger	4	-	-
Mary Ellen Downs & Gin	-	2	-

Coming Events

October 5 Unit Game 7 Board Meeting
October11 Double Session Championship Game at Ridgecrest
October 19,21,22,24 Club Appreciation Games
November 16,19, 21 Club Championship Games
December 7 Holiday Dinner, Annual Meeting, Unit Game

A parting thought....It is not that the key to success is hard to find, it is that the key to failure is always in the ignition.

Downey – Whittier by Bernice Crelia

It hardly seems possible that we are already into the fall months. We just started this year a short time ago and now there is only one fourth of it left. Time really goes by so very fast.

We have enjoyed a lot of very tasty luncheons. Whether you have a great bridge game or not, no one ever complains about the food. For this we can thank our popular director and all of our members and also even guests who provide such delicious spreads. Then we always have those beautiful floral arrangements by Marge Barnings, to remind us that there is so much beauty in the world if we just open our eyes and look around.

Just in case you didn’t read your Bridge Bulletin well, we want to send special congratulations to Steve Sturm and Janet Ju who reached Emerald and Diamond life master status respectively.

Next we are happy to report a 75.89% game this month by Janet Ju and George Wang. Then our friendly Teacher Avis Osmundsen and I had a 70% game, that will bid “goodbye,” to Avis as she goes back to work.

Now let us get on to our recent big game overall winners, August 20. 1. A Osmundsen and me; 2. Annette Rayman and Nancy Ramage; 3. Bruce Horiguchi and Lucy Tredennick; 4/5. George and Shirlie Faber, Mary Graef and Bess Kennedy.

August 22. 1. B Horiguchi and Michael Ventri; 2. Chiye Horiguchi and Jeff Strutzel; 3. Terry Binns and Lucille Thompson; 4. Dolores Phillips and Shirlie Faber; B-2. Beverly Pokershing and Renalda Rippee.

August 29. 1. G. Wang and J. Ju; 2. B. and C. Horiguchi; 3. M. Graef and B. Kennedy; 4. D. Phillips and S. Faber; B-1. M. Barnings and Roy Rodenberg; B-2. T. Binns and L. Thompson.

Sept. 5. 1. D. Phillips and S. Faber; 2. Donald Van Wye and L. Thompson; 3. M. Barnings and R. Rodenberg; 4. G. Wang and J. Ju; B-3. Simon and Lina Cheng; B-4. Mary Williams and Betty Boss.

Sept. 10. 1. B. Horiguchi and L. Tredennick; 2. B. Kennedy and M. Graef; 3. T. Binns and me; 4. D. Phillips and R. Rodenberg; B-2. Shirley Niemand and M.

Barnings.

At this last game we celebrated the sixth Anniversary of playing at the Downey Womens Club. During these years we deeply regret having lost so many of our old friends but thankful we have also gained many new ones, so we continue to look forward to having many more years together.

Glendale-Verdugo by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game - 1:00 PM Sat. Oct. 11
12:15 PM Buffet Lunch
Board of Directors Meeting 11:00 AM Sat. Oct. 4

Merry Besvold took on the role of Wonder Woman at our August Sectional. As president of our unit, she was involved in every aspect of the event and proved a splendid overseer, making sure all the gaps were filled in, even if it meant doing it herself. She came early and stayed late, providing direction to her board member cohorts including Karen Alpert who managed the partnership desk, and Betsy Josias, Nancy Lyon, Margaret Mataga, and Sharon Wolf, who all helped with setting up and taking down. Along with our humongous gratitude to the above, more than honorable mention goes to Pat Abbey who brought her shopping acumen to bear and to Vita Press who surprised us with her chocolate covered peanut butter balls on Friday morning (gone by Friday afternoon).

As for the performance of you players, we’re still in a praiseworthy mode and cite the following results more or less in chronological order: Friday morning: Compact Knock Out: 2nd Karen Arase, Gitta Earll, Miriam Harrington & Jake Frenkel; 4th Karen Alpert, Leon Alexander, Connie DeRosa & Sandra Franciscus. Stratified Open Pairs: A5 overall Carolyn Cohen & Gerry Belcher; B3 o.a. Dick Plumer & Anthony Chow; C1 o.a. Zeke & Yosh Mataga; A3 Cathy Martin & Louise Reich; A5 K. Arase & G. Earll; A6 William Ng & Alfred Lee; A7 Emily Moffet & Art Chacianas. 299er Pairs: D1 o.a. Chuck Cordero & David Lievsay; D2 o.a. Eva Seri & Jim Lechner; E3 o.a. S. Lomax & J. Oldson. Friday afternoon: Stratified Pairs: A4 o.a. Gerry Belcher & Brad Beland; A5 o.a. Bob Tayrien & Joe Hasencamp; A6 o.a. Shiu Ming Huang & Jack Chao; B4 o.a. Margaret Mataga & Tom Miyaoka; C2 o.a. Stan Lomax & Jermy Oldson; C5 o.a. Eva Seri & Jim Lechner; A3 Cathy Martin & Louise Reich. Friday evening: Stratified Pairs: A4 o.a. Rae Murdoch & Joe Viola; B1 o.a. Mike Doll & Patrick Cardullo; B2 o.a. tie Merry Besvold & D. Lamaie; B4 o.a. tie Pat Abbey & Sherry Strube; C3 o.a. Stan Lomax & Jeremy Oldson. Saturday morning: Compact K.O.: A2 John Villalobos, Paul Nason, Bob Tayrien & Gerry Belcher; Stratified Pairs: A2 o.a. Shiu Ming Huang & Robert Wang; B4 o.a. Mike Doll & Patrick Cardullo; B6 o.a. Mike Marcucci & Harry Torossian; C3 o.a. Marry Besvold & Calvin Smith; C4 o.a. Zeke & Yosh Mataga; A2 Bill Holmquist & Lulu Mintner; B3 Pat Abbey & Maureen Peterson; B1 Ted Maki & Gary Grey. Saturday afternoon: Stratified Pairs: A1 o.a. B. Holmquist & L. Mintner; B4 o.a. Charo Holdo & Jeanette Deverian; B4 o.a. Ted Maki & Gary Grey; C4 o.a. Jim Lechner & Jim Gardner; A3 C.C. Fang & Jerry Fang; A3 S. Huang & R. Wang; A4 Frances Katz & Peter Szecsi; B4 M. Marcucci & H. Torossian; C2 Zeke & Yosh Mataga: 299ers: d5 o.a. Chuck Cordero & Gary Swinhart. Sunday Swiss: A-X Teams: X1 Rae Murbach, Joe Viola, Bob Johnson & Matt Klimesk; X2 S. Huang, R. Wang, Jerry Fang & Z. Bin Lin; A3 B. Holmquist,L. Mintner, Charlotte & Steve Sturm: B-C Teams: B1 Harold Knowles, Zack Vedro, Oliver Norsworthy & Robert Malouf.

So there you have it, probably more than you wanted, but I don’t want to be damned if I don’t.....Anyway, we hope you found any necessary consoling at the good-cookie counter.

Margaret Mataga needed some consoling when her car was “totalled” in an accident in Beverly Hills last month. She had been thinking about buying a new car with fewer gas guzzling cylinders than her sturdy Lexus, so this time procrastination proved a plus. As of this writing, bodily harm has not been debilitating, only painful.

Gerry Belcher and Barbara flew up to Wisconsin for one of her school reunions, and then headed southeast to Virginia for his reunion with a first fall outing of the USC football team. Tis the season, and Gerry’s Saturday afternoon partners often will be deprived of the pleasure of his bridge skills (okay, of his company too!)

As for our September Unit Game, we not only had the pleasure of Barbara McKissicks’s company, but also that tasty roast ham and accoutrements she brought with her.

Betsy tossed a green salad for us and I shopped the dessert counter. Accolades due us, but almost as importantly due the following:

	N/S
A-1	John Villalobos & Don Howell
A-2	Ann Banta & Ron Moeckel A-3,
B-1	Carolyn Cohen & Mel Stevens A-4,
B-2	Maureen Peterson & Claudia Elmes
B-3	Pat Abbey & Sherry Strube
C-1	Edward Hsi & C. C. Fang

	E/W
A-1	Robert Gish & Steve Licker
A-2	Tim Lolli & Dan Oakes
A-3, B-1	Sanford & Sedwyn Glick
A-4	Rae Murbach & Brad Beland
B-2, C-1	Harold Knowles & Zach Vedro
C-2	Esther Tapelband & Bob Hogan

We hope you have enjoyed this UG and have marked your calendar for this October one. Take care everybody.....

Long Beach

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by Jon Yinger

SEPTEMBER 14 UNIT GAME (28 tables): Overall results in the open game: 1st in A, Suzie and John Hand; 2nd, Kaye Amdon/Eileen Niesen; 3rd, Mary Schefter/ Betty McClellan; 4th, Earl VanDerVord/Jon Yinger; 5th, Linda Carder/Roy Wilson; 6th, Dick and Linda Stein; tied for 7th, Phyllis Parker/Bob Mault and Jo Daigle/ Frank Bartlett; 9th, Walter Rothstein/Lois Abramson; tied for 10th, Dann Habberfield/Barbara Shortwell and Stephen Lowe/Sandra Pickering. Overall winners in the B flight were: 3rd: JoAnne and Calvin Waller, 4th Dottie Thompson/Elinor Baratelle, 5th Al and Sharon Appel, and 6th, Cathy Bauer/Lucille Hovland. And in the Cs, overall, Curtis and Lynn Johnson were 3rd, Sherry Troeger/Mike Ullman were 4th. In the non-Life Master game 1st NS were Cooie Dampman/Miriam Kelley, 2nd Nancy Karl/ Sherry Royce, 3rd Fred and Karyl Gurzi. 1st EW were Mary Thomas/Cole Sachs, 2nd Diane and Roy Tamooka, 3rd Larry and Bernie Gresko. Congratulations to all!

SEPT 8 UNIT TEAM GAME winners were the team of Keith Hafen, Sue Hafen, Peggy Waite and John Killian with three wins and no losses.

70+% GAMES through 9/15: Five pairs had 70+% in open games during this reporting period: Pat and Bob Turansick had a 74.35% game on Aug 18, Jo-Anne and Calvin Waller 73.55% on Aug 20, Bruce Horiguchi/St Stanley Snyder 70.60% on Aug 26, Doris James/Jo Daigle 70.81% on Aug 28, and Mark Itabashi/John Farr had a 77.55% game on Sept 12. In Easy Bridge games (16 boards or fewer) Jan and Bruce Peterson had a 73.25% game on Aug 18, Alan and Sally Gordy had a 70.83% game on Aug 30, and again on Sept 13 Alan and Sally had a 72.92% game. (Maybe it's time they considering playing in the open game).

BIG MASTER POINT AWARDS: Big points for 1st overall in big games: Aug 17 Gabrielle Sill/Mike Galante won 5.24mp; Aug 20 JoAnne and Calvin Waller won 4.17mp; Aug 22 Rich Wasser/Jon Yinger won 6.83mp; Aug 23 Cayce Blanchard/John Melis won 4.33mp; Aug 26 Bruce Horiguchi/St Stanley Snyder won 4.23mp; Aug 29 LoisAbramson/Irwin Bender won 4.44mp. And on Aug 22 John Chang/Frank Bartlett won 5.12mp for 2nd over-all.

NEW MEMBERS and NEW STATUS: We issue a warm welcome to two transfers into our unit: Douglas Blagdon and Jamie Davis. Status change: congratulations to Lavonne McQuilkin who became a bronze life master.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE CLUB: October 5 Unit Game. First 13 tables in the non-life master game play for free. Stratified open team game October 6, 7pm. October 6-12, Jane Johnson Club Appreciation games. Extra points, regular prices. October 27-November 2 Club Appreciation games. Extra points, regular prices. November 7-10 Unit 557 Sectional at Long Beach Bridge Center. Schedules and other info at: www.sectional.acblunit557.org.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Ron Amy who passed away unexpectedly last month

GET WELL WISHES to Ray Cummings and Jim Howard. And welcome back Walter Rothstein, Lois

Perovich and Nick Thomas.

HELP THE COLUMNIST: I apologize if I have missed an award or status change. Please let me know. If you have any news items you would like to see in the column, my email is jjyinger1@gmail.com or you can reach me at 714-256-0250.

Pasadena San Gabriel Valley

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by Jan Wickersham
and Roy Wilson

Unit Game: October 5, San Marino Recreation Center
lunch at 12:30, game at 1:00 p.m.

Our last Unit Game was smaller than usual, but excellent in every way. Miriam Harrington and Mary Falvey provided the food. Miriam catered the pasta and salad from Bella Italia. They did a great job, even stayed to serve the food. Mary brought those irresistible desserts. A BIG thanks to both of you. We only had one section, 17 tables in all and Mike Shuman and Rufus Rhoades were the big winners in A, followed by Ollie Norsworthy and Jim Erpenbach in B. There were no winners in C, as there were not enough players competing. In the 299'er section Mary Falvey and Chuck Cordaro walked away with the honors. I have **BIG NEWS** to report!!!!!! Beginning in October, the fees for the Unit game will be lowered to \$8.00. Thanks to Ruby Davis, we have a very nice arrangement negotiated with the San Marino Recreation Department, so we are happy to pass on the savings to you. And speaking of money, did you know there is a jackpot that grows every week at the Wednesday evening game? You will take it home if you have a 70% game.

For those of you who attended the Eight Is Enough game, please give us your feedback. The spirit of the game is to give newer players a chance to team with more experienced players. It's designed to be a "Goodwill Day," so let us know how we did, and if you would like us to continue this in the future.

Mark your calendars now for December 14 for the Holiday Party. Once again, it will be a two-session event and a lot of fun. Dominique and I have been busy planning special touches for the party, and I know you will not want to miss it, so be thinking now about who you would like to team with for the Swiss.

The Bridge Center has a couple of World-Class players in training -- Miriam Carter and Linda McCann had an 80.36% game in a Monday Newcomers game last month. That's certainly an impressive score! Also, the Bridge Center will be closed on October 19, but there are two special events later in the month... A Winners and Losers game will be held on Sunday, the 26th, and Art and Diane have brought back the Beat the House game, which will be on October 24. Free plays are not easy to come by when playing against Art and Diane but it can be done.

Say, do you play Inverted Minors? Many of you do I know, so here's a question for you... Your partner opens 1♦ and you have a very good hand. Playing this convention you raise to 2♦, forcing your partner to bid again. Now your partner jumps to 3♥! Do you have an understanding what this means? It's a Splinter bid! Your partner has a singleton in hearts and would prefer to play in either five or six diamonds but is leaving the decision to you. (A jump to 4♥ would show a void.) For those of you not familiar with Inverted Minors, they work like this: When you open a minor and your partner has a good hand, you want to explore for a 3NT contract which is often easier and a better result than playing in five of the minor. Besides, you only need nine tricks to make game. A simple raise shows an opening hand, while a jump raise is a preemptive tactic to make it difficult for the opponents to find their fit. Either bid denies a four-card major. That's the inverted part. So what are you supposed to do when your partner shows a good hand in support of your minor? If you have a stopper in one of the majors, bid that suit. If you have stoppers in both majors, rebid 2NT. A jump rebid in a major suit is shortness. If you tell your partner you have one or both major suits protected and your partner then bids the other minor, she is asking if you have at least a partial stopper there. If so, you should bid 3NT. But if you have rebid 2NT and partner needs you to have a full stopper in the other minor, she will simply retreat to three of your original minor. Bridge is a game of communication, and the better you are able to transfer information the more successful you will be. (I know, there is a bit of luck, too, but that keeps the game interesting!) Many consider the Inverted

Minor treatment a superior method to finding the best contract after an opening bid of either clubs or diamonds. Try it. You might like it!

See you at the table...

Pomona Covina

by Vic Sartor

Unit Election Party- Sun.Oct. 13
Two Sessions-12:00&5:00 Dinner 4:00

Ah, "The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-gley." Despite heroic efforts by board president Penny Barbieri and other board members, we were unable to overcome various pros' scheduling difficulties for our pro-am charity event. Despite that, we did manage to hold a reasonable unit game and raise a fair sum for the ACBL charity fund.

Overall unit game winners were Hans Hehnke and Vic Sartor, with a 71.5% game. Gary Olson and Florence Weinstein took EW honors. Helen Wang & Richard Patterson and Penny Barbieri & Kerry Sartor won Class B in their respective directions.

In Top Game of the Month competition, there were two other 70%+ games last month. Dave Ruoff and Vic Sartor posted a 77.5% and Susan Ruoff and Herb Stampfl achieved a 70.0%. Winners with 60%+ games were Suzanne Wojcik, Joe Unis, Ken Bloomfield, Ken Lowenthal, Lary Alba, Edwin Kelly, Elmer Skeldon, Penny Barbieri, Helen Wang, George Altinus, and Roger Boyar. Other winners were Sue Rotner, Kurt Trielselmann, Kevin Lane, Rick Whitham, James Rhodes, Tom Lill, Pat Radamaker, and Karen McCarthy.

Our Hand Of The Month is actually the round of the month, from the unit charity game. Three notable (nay, spectacular) hands challenged the EW pairs in three consecutive deals.

Deal 1: You are playing a big club system. You hold: ♠Q9 ♥9xxx ♦QJ98x ♣xx. Pard opens 1♣, you respond 1♦(negative). Over his 1♠ rebid, you eke out 2♦ (5-8). His next bid is 6♠! He tables: ♠AKJxx ♥-- ♦A10x ♣AQxxx (Pard sometimes needs sedation). Make him look good by making it on a high heart lead.

Deal 2: You hold: ♠Kxx ♥A10x ♦KQ109xxx ♣-- You open 1♦ (usually 11-16). RHO overcalls 1♥. Pard bids 3NT (see previous note)! Your bid?

Deal 3: You pick up: ♠Qxxxx ♥Qx ♦Ax ♣KQxx and hear pard open 2NT ! (by this time the opponents are getting visibly disgruntled) When you transfer to 3♥, Pard bids 4♠! Any ideas for continuing?

On Deal 1, I assume you figured out you needed to come off the board with the diamond 10 at trick two, leaving the ace on the board to ruff the next heart lead. As long as an opponent has to take it with Kx (or errs by taking it with Kxx) you're home. The club hook is on and diamonds behave.

On Deal 2, isn't a simple jump to 6♦ obvious? Pard says he has heart strength, and you haven't guaranteed anything in diamonds. Anyway, he comes down with: ♠Jx ♥Qxx ♦Ax ♣AKJxxx (The sedation was wearing off.)

The lead is the ♣Q of ! Your only hope is that LHO has no more than two trump, so you pitch a spade, play K-A of diamonds, and find her with a stiff diamond! Life is good. You pitch your last 2 spades, draw the last trump, and eventually lead up to the heart queen, making 6 again. RHO is mumbling to herself, "Why us? Why us?"

On Deal 3, if you figured out an intelligent sequence to reach 7 spades or just blasted to 7 after RKCB like my overexuberant partner, your luck finally ran out. It would make 7 on many deals, but this time you have mirror distribution in your side suits (AK opposite QJ in hearts and AJxx opposite KQxx in clubs), with no place to pitch a losing diamond.

It's probably just as well. If it had made, the opponents probably would have committed hari kari right there at the table.

Final thought- Don't forget that the October unit game is the annual two-session election party. The first session starts at 12:00, not the usual 1:00 p.m. time. There will be good food and good bridge, so get a pard and join us. And if you are willing to serve on the unit board, let us know. We'll try not to slobber as we kiss your hand. Ciao.



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San Fernando Valley

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by Jimmie Swan

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PLAYERS ON THEIR RECENT RANK CHANGES:**
- **Junior Master [5 MPs]:** Janis Wells
 - **Club Master [20 MPs]:** Sandy Klasky and Mike Klemens
 - **Sectional Master [50MPs]:** Larry Trygstad
 - **Regional Master [100 MPs]:** Fran Cohen
 - **NABC Master [200 MPs]:** Janet Cooper and Dave Posley
 - **Bronze Life Master [500 MPs]:** Robert Dannels and Carol Diamant

UNIT 561 HOLIDAY PARTY: Did you mark your calendar for the Unit Holiday Party on **Sunday, December 7?** Please do it now if you have not already done so!

The August unit game was a great success in every way imaginable so we do hope you will join us for the Unit Holiday Party. The Unit would like to thank **Terry Morton** for all the work she did to make this game a great success, as well as those other board members who did lots of work as well. She not only did a great deal of work before and during the event, she also made those delicious brownies, as a favor to the Unit. Thanks Terry.

UNIT 561 ANNUAL SECTIONAL: And don't forget to mark your 2009 calendar for the Unit's annual Sectional **April 24-26.**

BRIDGEACADEMY: Don't forget about the **two charity games for Multiple Sclerosis [M.S.] that will be held on October 3, Friday, at 7:15p.m. and on October 7, Tuesday, at 11:00a.m., at the Bridge Academy.** Triple points will be awarded! The fee will be \$11.50/game, \$1.50 of which will be donated to the M.S. charity.

We hope you will join us for these events. Please sign the appropriate reservation forms posted in the Bridge Academy, or call the Bridge Academy [(818) 999-9131], when you know you are able to attend.

A memorial game was held in September, in honor of **Howard Kaufman**, and there was a great turnout. Howard had a lot of friends, and there were many others who wanted to attend but were unable to do so. There were two games, open and non-life master, and about 80 people attended. Many people brought a lot of food for lunch, and deserts as well. After lunch, stories were told about Howard. He was outstanding when it came to welcoming new players. Almost all of us remember the first time we played at the Bridge Academy and how comfortable he made us feel. His lessons before the lectures were always filled with humor. We laughed about how he remembered hands he played months before, and was always wonderfully helpful when we had a bridge question. Everyone had a smile and a tear that day.

BRIDGE NEWS

70% GAMES: Leda Danzig and Sharon David had a **70.14% game** during the last 30 days. **Congratulations!**

LEADERS OF MASTERPOINTS EARNED AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY DURING AUGUST:

Top ten <299 Leaders: Samy Antoun led the way earning 6.65 masterpoints in August, followed by Eric Heilman, Sue St. Marie, Don Rosen, Jim Gardner, Allan Palansky, Ruth Fleisher and Marilyn Gaimes tied, and Ellen Carrier.

Top ten >299 Leaders: Leda Danzig led the way earning 23.53 masterpoints in August, followed by Gil Stinebaugh, Gary Frans, Sheila Bozin, Arne Lier, Jeffrey Millman, Armand Szulc, Andy Vinock, Dan Kosman, and Tammy Purkin.

Congratulations to all of you!
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE NEW ACBL DISTRICT 23 SITE FOR THE LATEST DISTRICT AND UNIT NEWS, PLUS OTHER BRIDGE NEWS AT www.acbldistrict23.org/blog
CARPE DIEM!

Torrance South Bay

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by Steve Mager

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

NLM Club Championship: Thursday, October 2, 10:30
Unit Swiss Teams: Sat, October 4, at 1, lunch at 12:30
Swiss Team Club Championship, Tuesday, October 7, 7
Club Championship, Monday, October 13, 11:30
Club Championship, Friday, October 24, 11:30
Club Appreciation Game and Halloween Party:
Thursday, October 30, 7:00

Friday night games on September 5 and 19
Handicapped Swiss Teams every Tuesday night at 7:00

Two Over One Classes.

A further reminder that Lucy Tredennick will begin her classes on Two over One bidding in Mid October. Sign Up sheets are available at the South Bay Bridge Club.

Club Championships

The August 18 Club Championship was won by Lucy Tredennick/Dean Kaloudis in Flight A with Mary Belle Hoenig/Vern Vanderpol leading both Flights B and C. On August 27 Dick Cheng/C. M. Meaux captured Flight A honors and Barbara Davis/Norm Imberman took Flight B. The August 28 North American Pairs Qualifier saw Mary Ann Coyle/John J. McDermott on top in Flight A with Mark Raggio/Charles LaFranchi leading Flight B. The September 8 Club Championship was led by Fran Israel/Gabriela Jackson in Flight A with Mary Belle Hoenig/Mark Sinagra on top in Flight B. The Non Life Master Club Championship on September 10 was captured by George Stinson/Setsuko Miyasaka in both Flights A and B.

Swiss Team Winners

On August 19 the Swiss was won by the quartet of David Peim, Dann Habberfield, Arlene and Stanley Greengard. Bea and John Brailliar, Lucy Tredennick and Wayne Otsuki took top honors on August 26. Both the September 3 and September 10 Swiss games were won by the quartet of Dennis and Krystyna Hollingworth, Jean and Harold Brunner.

GUV Award

Norm (Guvvy) Hogarth visited town for the West LA Sectional and the Irvine Regional. He supplied me with enough stories to last through the year 2020 for the award named in his honor.

Now I could talk about having the pleasure of playing 2♣ doubled down 6 in an IMP game. Or I could talk about a bidding sequence I'm sure was never heard before in the history of bridge that landed us playing five spades in a 3-3 fit. Maybe it was part my fault for getting us to 7♦ doubled off KQx of diamonds. Actually we were lucky on that last one since 6♠ doesn't make and we only lost 5 IMPs instead of 14.

However, my favorite was when Guvvy held ♠Qx ♥Jxxx ♦xxx ♣KQJx in a matchpoint game. As his partner I held ♠xxx♥x ♦AKQJx ♣Axxx . My RHO opened 3♥. Despite a soft spade holding I decided to double. Guvvy decided to try a chancy 3NT instead of 4♣, which was passed out.

Maybe the GUV Award should go to my RHO who held AKQTxxx of hearts and a couple small spades. Well, not for his opening lead which was a spade finding his partner with AKJxxx in that suit. During the run of the spade suit RHO decided to signal with a heart. This spared Guvvy the ignomy of being in 3NT down 9. He did manage to win trick 13 thanks to the heart discard. Unfortunately that trick did not get us any matchpoints.
Na Zdrowie

West LA

by candy

The theme of our unit holiday party is "Life is a beach and then you play bridge." The party will be Sunday December 7 at the Kayne Eras Center (same place as our sectional). At 11:00 appetizers start and at

11:30 "The Mighty Echoes" will entertain us with their A Cappella Doo Wop. Last year they blew everyone away and bridge players got out of their chairs and danced!!! Don't believe me? Come and see or better yet join us on the dance floor. A buffet brunch will follow and then more "Mighty Echoes," followed by the announcement of the "Player of the Year." After that it's, as I said, time to play bridge. Amazingly we are keeping the price at the same fee as last year \$35. This is for all who come (not just unit members). Invitations will be in the mail. If you are not a member the clubs will have invitations or call me and I will have one mailed to you. Candy (310) 652-6116.

At the sectionals, those who help understand all the background chaos that goes on to produce events. A cup of coffee seems an easy thing, until you watch Marco try to manipulate three coffee makers, one pot of hot water and a fuse box with an attitude problem. Barbara, Beverly and myself trying to figure the old tongue twister "How much wood can a woodchuck chuck chuck" and work out how much brownies, cupcakes and muffins can a room full of bridge players eat. I think all tournaments should have a cell phone number in their ad that will be open throughout the day for emergencies. The two Petes were the emergency cell numbers. Disproving the theory that bridge players are oblivious to everything, Pete B's phone went off and all these "oblivious" people pointed at Pete. Thanks to all those who made this tournament go off without a hitch.

Winners were - KOs Gene White, Linda Peterson, Viktor Anikovitch & Michael Haberstadt - Pairs "A" Margie Michelin, Howard Einberg, Mike Mikyska "Ax" Nick Martino, Paul Ryan "B" Mario & Phyllis Mory "C" Nathan & Elaine Gittleman - 299er "A" Rosa Lee Haynes, Ruth Young (two times) "B" Diane Licht, Sue Ann Simon "C" John Stokdyk, Robert Martin - Swiss "A" Margie Michelin , Mike Savage "B" Pete Menotti, Garth Greene, Anne Bazil "C" Yasue Harada.

I got to know director Dave White better when we filled in for a session. We started out playing ACBL Yellow Card, until Dave said his preference was ACOL, but no one will play it. I raised my hand and said "I will." "Four card majors?" "No problem." He filled out a card and off we went. On one hand I opened a 4-card spade suit and we were the only ones to get to game in our 4-4 spade fit. The rest of the field whimped out and played their 5-5 heart fit, no discards, average board!

Leading masterpoint winner was Margie Michelin who also won the Jill Meyers Trophy. The 299er leading masterpoint winners were Charles Kelley and they also won the Mary Jane Farell Award.

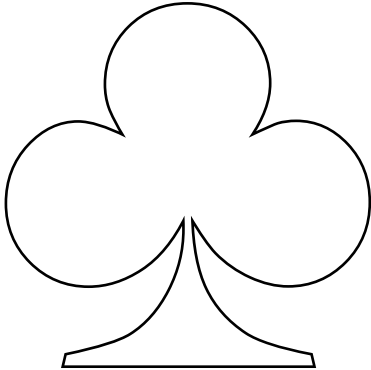
70%ers were Pete Benjamin & Gerry Bare, Rhoda & Lew Himmell, Mori Taylor & Anne Bazil, Bobbie Geller-Fields & Beverly Rosenberg, Becky Clough & Adrienne Green, Becky & Jill Richmond, Rodger Harbin & Dale Gilbert (just missing the 80%er) and Jeri Berger & Bryan Conley (that game got them 5th overall in the STAC).

New Life Masters !!! Jeanne Tamaki & Joan Mason. Other players who moved up in the rankings were Junior - Audrey Carlin & Gerry Thomas, Club Master - Susanne Menck, Sectional Master Suzanne Borenstein & John Stokdyk, Regional Master - Marilyn Hofert & Robert Martin, NABC Master - Rose Kaufman, Silver LM Connie Fishbach & Rita Levin.

Club Champs at Cyma's were "A" Becky Clough & Jordan Chodorow "B" Brana Hall & Arlen O'Hara "C" Norma & Sy Feshbach- Barrington "A" Jill Richmond & Gary King "B" Nicola Bird & Seth Weisberg.

The 7th Annual Charity Game was another big success with over \$7000 raised. Barrington donated the facility, Rodger Harbin his services and Eddie Kantar his melodious tomes and sense of humor. Co-Chairs of this event were Sid & Jackie Bogin, Shirley & Norm Davidson, Art & Myrna Weiner and Bob and Fern Seizer. Bob couldn't make it due to knee surgery, but he's better and will be back next year, so everyone join him.

I'm waxing down my surfboard and hopefully everyone is getting out their Hawaiian shirts and muumuus. I'll see you December 7 at the party. So as I paddle out into the sunset one last thing.... Where's the spell check? button.



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Regular Daily Events

Sun.	1:00	Open	Open Game w/lots of goodies
Mon.	9:00	Open	Free Continental Breakfast
	9:30	Bridge Plus	
	12:30	Open	Free Lunch at Noon Card fee \$6 if you played in the morning tame
	7:00	NLM	Snacks
Tues.	12:30	Open & 299er	Free Salad and Nachos Free class at noon for the advancing player
	4:15	Open	Free Dinner at 6 p.m.
Wed.	9:30	Newcomer	
	12:30	Open	Free Lunch at Noon
	7:00	Open, 299er and 49er	Three VERY friendly games
Thurs.	12:30	Open and 99er	Free chili during game
	7:00	Newcomer	
Fri.	12:30	Open, NLM, 199er	Free lunch at noon
	4:15	Open	Free dinner at 6 p.m.
Sat.	12:30	Open	Jackpot Game – Snacks
	1:00	Newcomer	Snacks

All Games Are Stratified

October Special Events

Unit Game

Sunday Afternoon the 5th at 1:00

A Week of Sectionally Rated Games

Monday the 6th through Sunday the 12th
Regular schedule, Regular Prices

Stratified Sectionally Rated Open Team Game

Monday Evening the 27th at 7:00

A Week of Club Championship Games

Monday the 27th through Sunday, November 2nd
Regular schedule, Regular Prices

November Special Events

Long Beach Sectional

The Bridge Center will run its normal Friday Afternoon game on the 7th
The Long Beach Sectional will be held at the Bridge Center from Friday Evening the 7th through Monday Evening the 10th

Unit Game

Sunday Afternoon the 16th at 1:00

ACBL Membership Games

Saturday Afternoon the 22nd at 12:30
Sunday Afternoon the 23rd at 1:00

We will be closed Thanksgiving Day

Class Schedule

CLASS	DAY	TIME	COST	STARTING
Beginning Bridge	Monday	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Jan 12
Beginning Bridge	Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Jan 13
Intermediate Bridge	Thursday.	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	\$50 for 8 classes	Jan 15
Supervised Play	Thursday.	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	\$4 per class	Ongoing
Conventions	Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	\$3 per class	Ongoing



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All KO Team games except Compact KO's are three rounds

Evening Knockouts

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday7:30 p.m.

Daytime Knockouts

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

Stratified Pairs Games

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

Stratified Pairs & Stratified 0-300 Pairs

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

Flighted Trophy Pairs & 0-300 Trophy Pairs

Saturday3:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams & Board-A-Match

All Swiss Teams except Sunday are single-session

Stratified Swiss Teams

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

Flighted Swiss Teams

Sunday (7 matches/7 boards play-through)10:00 a.m.

Board-A-Match Teams

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

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- 2001: Sami R. Kehela & Eric R.Murray
- 2002: Carol Sanders & Tom K. Sanders
- 2003: Tobias Stone
- 2004: Harry Harkavy & Jimmy Maier

- 2005: Percy Sheardown
- 2006: S. Garton Churchill
- 2007: None
- 2008: None

Submit your nominations for either or both of these prestigious awards to the Bridge Hall of Fame Committee at robinswr@erols.com

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In order to be considered, nominations for these awards must be received no later than November 1.

WLA Annual Unit Holiday Party

By Mario Mory

Last year’s Unit Holiday Party was a great success, and the Unit Board has decided to do it all over again. The festivity will take place on December 7 at the Kayne Eras Center, located at 5350 Machado Road in Culver City, one block north from where Sepulveda and Jefferson Boulevards cross.

The party is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., when appetizers will be served followed by a tasty and bountiful lunch.

When lunch is over, the crowd will be regaled to the sock-hop doo-wopping music and songs of the Mighty Echoes followed by the presentation of the 2008 Player Recognition Award and a Unit-Championship-rated bridge session.

The fee of \$35 covers food, entertainment and the bridge session. Reservations by November 30th are a must since space is limited. As soon as you receive the announcement in the mail, be sure to send your check to reserve a place at the party. See you all there!

A Simple Defensive Bidding Structure After Your Partner Opens 1NT and The Next Hand Overcalls 2NT for the Minors

by Mike Savage

Last weekend in a sectional, I overcalled 2NT after a strong 1NT opening and the next hand had 5-5 in the majors with enough stuff to compete but not having any conventional agreements with his partner over a 2NT overcall, just passed - and three of a major was cold and four on a finesse.

This set me to thinking that established partnerships should have agreements on what means what over a 2NT overcall (even if it rarely come up). So here is what I came up with - super simple to remember while seemingly covering all the necessities.

After your partner open’s a strong 1NT it is very rare that the next hand will make a 2NT overcall, showing both minors. However when it does (and it eventually will) your partnership should have some agreements in place to cope with it. If your partnership has never discussed what means what over a 2NT overcall, here is a simple, easy to remember bidding structure that seems to cover all of the necessities.

This is the basic structure: If responder bids in the immediate seat, play the usual conventions that you use over 1NT and also play that a double is strength showing and penalty oriented but after passing on his first turn to bid, a double by responder on his second turn to bid is a weak takeout for the majors and 3♥ & 3♠ are natural competitive bids with a long suit and not much more.

This simple structure is easy on memory and handles most of the hands that you might want to bid on very well: “Systems on”, immediate suit bids are game forcing and balancing bids are just competitive.

Here are the basics of this simple defensive bidding structure after a 2NT overcall of partner’s 1NT opener:

1NT(strong)-2NT(minors):

Dbl = Strength showing, usually ready to penalize at least one of the two minor suits but does not guarantee another bid if opener passes a 3♣ or 3♦ bid by LHO

Pass = Shows nothing but might be intending to balance over three of a minor

3♣ = Stayman (you could also use Puppet Stayman and if so, my Romex version is recommended)

3♦ = No four-card major

3♥ = Shows five spades and four hearts (Smolen)

3♠ = Shows five hearts and four spades (Smolen)

3♦ = Transfer to hearts (should have at least mildly invitational values)

3♥ = Bid with two hearts or with a minimum 1NT opener and three hearts

4♥ = Bid with (almost) any 1NT opener with four hearts or with three and a maximum.

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Balancing bids by responder to the strong 1NT opener after a three of a minor bid:

1NT-2NT-P-3♣-P-P:

Dbl = Shows a constructive major two-suiter, asks opener to bid three (or four) of his longer major. Should be made with five-five or longer in hearts and spades and some game hope

3♦ = Shows a weak major two-suiter and forces opener to bid three of his longer/better major

3♥ & 3♠ = To play but just might be raised to four with a good fit and a super maximum

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District 23 Bridge Club Directory

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

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

Downey-Whitier Unit #564
Downey Women’s Club 714-342-2822
9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey 90240
Wed 10 am Open
Friday 10 am Open
1st Friday 10 am Unit Game

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

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

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

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

Pomona-Covina Unit #551
LaFetra Bridge Club - 626 335-1985
Two Locations
333 E Foothill Blvd, Glendora 91741
Tuesday 8:45am Open
Thursday 7:00pm Open
Friday 8:45am Open
Free play for all first time players

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

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

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

Inglewood Beach Club 714-526-3129
3007 Vail, Redondo Beach 90278
Director: Warren Briggs
Friday 6:30 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, all games Open/Strat
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
Placentia Public Library
411 E. Chapman (near Kraemer) 92870
Wednesday 7:00 Open

Balboa Unit
http://www.acbldistrict22.com/515/
Halecrest Tennis & Swim Club
3107 Killybrooke Ln
Costa Mesa, 949-233-6655
1st Sun 1:00 Unit Game, Open
Monday* noon
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
phone # for Tues game - 949-215-6522
phone # for Thurs game - 949-347-1356

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

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

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

Laguna Woods - games everyday
home.fea.net/~lwdbc
949-268-2420

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

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

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

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

LWDBC Games Everyday
home.fea.net/~lwdbc

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

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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, OCTOBER 14

Morning Side Game (1 of 5)10:00 a.m.
Charity Knockouts (2 of 3, gold)10:00 a.m.
Christopher Columbus Open Pairs (1 of 2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Compact Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Charity Knockouts (final)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)3:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game (1 of 5)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues Wednesday, gold)7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game (1 of 5)7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Antelope Valley Unit Morning Side Game (2 of 5)10:00 a.m.
Unit 556 Remembers lost Loved Ones in 2008
Oktoberfest Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Mid-week Knockouts (1 & 2, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game (2 of 5)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Tue-Wed Swiss Teams (2 of 2 sessions, gold)7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game (2 of 5)7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Morning Side Game (3 of 5)10:00 a.m.
Autumn Leaves Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Mid-week Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Pacific Palms Knockouts (1 & 2, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game (3 of 5)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions, continues Friday, gold)7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game (3 of 5)7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Morning Side Game (4 of 5)10:00 a.m.
Red and Gold Open Pairs (2 sessions, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Pacific Palms Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Last Chance Knockouts (sessions 1 & 2, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game (4 of 5)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Thurs-Fri Swiss Teams (2 of 2 sessions, gold)7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game (4 of 5)7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning Side Game (5 of 5)10:00 a.m.
Fall Open Pairs (gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Eddie Kantar Classic Open Pairs (preregistration required)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
299er Pairs (2 single sessions, red)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Last Chance Knockouts (sessions 3 & 4, gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Compact Knockout Teams (gold)10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game (5 of 5)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams, (single session)3:00 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams, (single session, red)7:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game (5 of 5)7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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