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New Life Master Requirements: Only 30 Days Left

Calling all clubs, teachers, directors, units and players... only 30 days left! December 31 is the deadline.

That's right... Effective January 1, 2010 the new requirements for Life Master take effect. Therefore, we must make a strong effort to recruit as many new members as well as inactive members to become ACBL members by the end of the year. The consequence of not being an active ACBL member as of December 31 is that the non-member will be required to fulfill the new Life Master requirements. As of January 1, 2010 the requirements for attaining Life Master will be 500 total points, of which 50 must be gold or platinum; 50 red, gold or platinum; 75 silver and 75 black. If you are an active member on December 31, the old Life Master requirements still apply.

— Rand Pinsky

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Events & Treasury Report

by Bill Schreiber
ALACBU President

December... how did the year go by so quickly? By the time you read this, the San Diego NABC will be in full swing. It's not too late for you to get there for the final weekend. Upcoming events for District 23 are the first Southern California **New Year's Regional**, sponsored by the **Long Beach Unit**, held from December 31 thru January 3, our Swiss Teams weekend featuring Grand National Team qualifying and **Bridge Week 2010**, a full seven days of bridge at the Pasadena Hilton once again. At Bridge Week, we are featuring a four-session Open, a four-session Swiss Teams and our Calcutta, a money event. Make your

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San Diego Board Motions Update

by Rand Pinsky
District Director

The timing of this report is awkward. This article is due on November 15. The paper is published on the first of December. The board meetings (and the San Diego NABC) I will be attending will end just a few days before the paper is published. Despite this timing problem, I will discuss some additional items for review in San Diego.

NABC Bracketed Knockout Teams

A motion has been presented to the Board to make the "Mini-Spingold" events a 32-team Bracketed Knockout. The maker of the motion feels that this would provide a definite ending date for the event as well as "protect" the lower masterpoint total teams from playing against the higher total point teams. I am against changing the format and in fact I received an email from Elianna Ruppman who offered her opinion that this was a bad idea. Apparently we are not alone in our thoughts about this.

During the week of November 9, the Bridge Committee of the board (which I sit on) held a conference call to discuss the motions to be reviewed

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by the committee prior to full board action. It was overall consensus of the committee that a Bracketed Knockout format was not good and that the format should be exactly as the Spingold is held. This means that depending on the number of teams entered, the event could be a six-day event instead of a five-day event. I expect this motion to fail, and that the event will be restored to its original format of five or six days depending on the entries.

Robot / Electronic Player Masterpoints

This motion states that no masterpoints shall be issued in any game (online) in which robots

or other electronic players are involved.

The Bridge Committee wanted some additional information on this motion and did not make a recommendation. This comes up only in online individual games. Some arguments in favor are that the player always gets the hand to play and that the skill level of the bots are not adequate. On the other side of the argument is that ACBL does recognize online games and that with three bots playing cheating between partners is eliminated. I am against this motion and wish to encourage online playing.

Enhancement of Identification of ACBL

This motion is straight forward. In almost all of our advertising (signs we post at hotels during tournaments) we use the letters "ACBL." We do not explain what "ACBL" is. Therefore, the motion asks that when we advertise, in addition to the spade logo and the letters "ACBL," we include the word "Bridge."

Additionally, while on this topic of logo, there has been some discussion among the board members that it might be time to modernize our ACBL logo. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please forward them to me so that I can pass them on to management. I can be reached at pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net.

I hope everyone who went to San Diego had a wonderful time and Kathy and I wish all of you a very merry holiday season.

And don't forget the new year's regional to be held in Long Beach. See our website for schedule.

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reservations now! Evening sessions are **half-price**, and for each room night, you will receive a **free play good for one session for a future District 23 regional**.

I am pleased to include the following statement from Roger Clough, our District 23 Treasurer:

I am happy to report that we have ended the 10/31/2009 fiscal year in the black. Bridge Week profits of \$5,000, STaC income in excess of \$4,000 and savings from online-only publication of the Southern California Bridge News enabled us to show a net profit of \$6,500.

Happy holidays

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Around the Units in District 23

Antelope Valley By Gin

Although September began with a great deal of personal stress it soon dissipated with a positive medical diagnosis. My husband continues to demonstrate improvement as he continues his upgraded medical treatment.

October ushered in a disappointment with the lack of support from our unit's membership at our yearly sectional tournament. Although the table count was significantly lower, a small profit was forthcoming. Discussions are now underway on the feasibility of future tournaments. Now is the time to make your wishes known and to submit suggestions to help improve the event.

The bright spot in the month was the pleasant and uneventful trip to the Lower Colorado River Valley masking the fact that Murphy's Law was in effect. Upon arrival we discovered the battery in our van was dead. A minor annoyance that proved to be the tip of the iceberg as it exposed the effect of the brutal temperatures of summer. The extreme heat caused the gas to gum up in the fuel pump conveniently located in the gas tank. AAA to the rescue — it towed the vehicle for repairs, thus freeing the driveway giving access to the golf cart. At last we can use the cart to buzz around the neighborhood. A slight delay occurred, you see, there was the issue of flat tires.

Meanwhile the phone lines needed attention, thus postponing the activation of the local land line and the internet, etc. Cell phones worked well but our unit is in a dead spot for Wi-Fi. Is it any wonder I missed the deadline for the October column?

We are looking forward to our return for the holiday dinner and unit game. Our return to Arizona will be via Palm Springs to compete at the Regional Tournament December 14 to continue the chase for the illusive Gold Points. The downside is that the December deadline is the middle of the month and could prove very difficult

to complete a column on time. Perhaps someone out there would like to be a guest writer to maintain the continuity for the readers of our unit.

Winners of the Month: The winners of the Sunday game were Mary Stauf /Henry. Tuesday afternoon belongs to Marlene Gasper/Ann Schreick. Tuesday night winners were Bill Brodek/Pat Juennenmann. Wednesday winners Pat/Ann. Thursday morning LaMonte Johnson/Basant Shah emerged victorious. The 99er game on Thursday was won by Betty Reed/Chad Challman with a whopping 72.2%. Our dear friend Brad Ward/Willo Phillips topped the Friday game. Congratulations to all, especially Brad who appears to be well on his way to recovery.

Charity Game	A	B	C
Lola Messiha/Marlene Gasper	1	-	-
Joan Adams/Gin	2	-	-

Valencia Club Appreciation Game overall

Lamonte Johnson/Dan Axtell	1	1	-
Dave/Marlene	2	-	-
Pat/Bill	3	2	-
Betty Pavey/Everett Dehn	4	3	
May Abagi/Jim Fu	5	4	1

Club Appreciation Lancaster

Lola/Dave G	1	-	-
Doris/Marlene	2	-	-
Onorita Pallanti/ME Downs	3	-	-

Unit Championship overall

Bill/Pat	1	1	-
Onarita/Dave White	2	2	-
Charles Morrin/Sid Zalk	3	-	-
Greg Vernon/Tony Miller	4	-	-
Dave/Marlene	5	-	-
Tracy Boys/Glenn Eddy	5	1	
Colin MacDougal/Linda Janssen	-	-	2

A parting thought... It is that time of year again to wish you all a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays - whichever applies.

Glendale-Verdugo

By Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Day/Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12
Noon – yummy buffet lunch
1:00 p.m. - game time

'Tis the season and we're planning a jolly time at the Regency Bridge Club at the times noted above, with a full Yuletide meal, door prize raffle, congeniality, and challenging bridge. Reservations are requested, preferably received by Thursday, the 10th, and easy to make by dialing 818-500-8669, also to be used if you need to cancel. Although this is an unusual event, the fee to participate is the usual \$10 which may prove to be an offer you can't refuse, n'est-ce pas? We need unused "Her," "His," and "It" items in pretty wrappings for the raffle. Also, the teddy bears bin needs to be filled up for our contribution to the Children's Court, always much appreciated (we get mail!) by both staff and those little ultimate receivers.

Now that you've entered the above into your social calendars, you may wish to reserve Wednesday, December 16 at 7:15 p.m. for a farewell party for Sherry Strube at the Regency. Sherry is a long-time member of our unit and is retiring and moving to Scottsdale, Arizona to be near her daughter and family. This will be a Beat the House game, which sounds like fun. Again, reservations are requested at 818-500-8669.

Elaine Moore and Thomas Shudic certainly beat the house and everyone else at a recent Wednesday evening game, scoring a 71-percenter. In checking the "W" book, I also discovered a 74% game turned in by Neil Sherman and Tom Fox some time ago. These are news items worthy of report, so don't hesitate to let me know of your special accomplishments, because I love to brag about our players. Also, problem hands can be of interest, so 'fess up...

And then there is our travel section, and Steve Guerrero takes the honors here with his last summer forays with European friends into Belgium, Morocco

and Spain, then Scotland and cruising to Iceland, on across the Atlantic, and home. His is a well-worn "passeporte," n'est-ce pas?

Leon Alexander and Tim Stocks ran a close second with a month of November cruising on a round trip through the Panama Canal. Tim and his special dancing partner must have worn out their dancing shoes after all those miles of "tripping the light." As for our game aboard ship, after testing a few times, it becomes a matter of "to play or not to play." Fortunately there are Plans B, C, D, etc. available, and one can't find fault with just relaxing on a deck chair, soaking up some of that Central American sun...

With football season in full swing, Gerry Belcher is covering USC's play around the states in person again, possibly wondering what the Great Northwest has that S.C. has been lacking in recent years. He and Brad Beland will be jockeying for position with Rufus Rhoades as regards to S. Cal and N. Cal, even as we write this, when USC meets Stanford on November 14. Hope there is a midway section at the coliseum so they can take 2-to-1 turns cheering... and of course some sportsmanly toasting after the event.

As for our November unit sporting event, Susan Rhoades started us off with a delicious chip and dip, while Merry, Eva, Betsy, and Nancy provided the main sustenance and the following contenders provided the main winning ways:

North/South

A1	B1	Pat Abbey/Sherry Strube
A2		Bob Gish/Steve Licker
A3	B2	Mike Doll/Patrick Cardullo
A4		Carolyn Cohen/Melina Stevens
A5	B3	Bill Martin/Karen Alpert
	C1	Merry Besvold/Betty Stenbom

East/West

A1			Tim Lolli/Dan Oakes
A2	B1	C1	Temo Arjani/Sixten Ohman
A3	B2	C2	Esther Tapelband/Bob Hogan
A4			Art Chacianas/Dorothy LaMaie
A5			Harold Knowles/Zach Vedro

Pretty autumn leaves to all of you! Now keep your skills honed and come and contend on December 12. Until then, take care all and enjoy the holiday season.

Long Beach

Unit website: www.acblunit557.org

Club website: www.LongBeachBridge.com

by Jon Yinger

November 15 unit game: Overall results: 1st in A: Sankar Reddy/Subba Ravipudi, 2nd Steve Skinner/Bob Lavery, 3rd John and Suzie Hand, 4th Aaron Jones/Jerry Cassady, 5th Alan Goldberg/Mike Galante, and 6th Frank Bartlett/Cory Hand. Overall winners in the B flight included: 3rd Sue Sood/Kay Tseng, 4th Felice MacCauley/Bob Mault, 5th Sharon and Al Appel, 6th Simon and Lina Cheng. Overall winners in C included: 3rd Alice and Ted Nicholas, 4th Al and Sharon Appel, and 5th Lynn and Curtis Johnson. Overall winners in the Non-Life Master game were: 1st Kay Hyland/Lynne Finley, 2nd Sue Blom/Michael Bucklein, 3rd Mike and Karen McKittrick, 4th Richard and Claudette Barrack,

and 5th Bobbie Peterson/Mary Riddick. Congratulations to all!

70+% games 8/15 through 9/15: Toni Morford/Betty McClellan had a 70.83% game in the open game on Nov 4, and in Easy Bridge games on Oct 31 Sally and Alan Gordy had a 72.22% game, and on Nov 14 Pamela Cole/Diane Elliott had a 78.33% game. Congratulations to you all!

Big masterpoint awards: Big point awards in club games: In the Oct 16 unit-rated game Larry Slutsky/Baum Harris won 6.00mp for 1st, Steve and Charlotte Sturm won 4.5mp for 2nd, and George Thomspson/Jon Yinger won 3.38 for 3rd. Oct 18 Jeff Strutzel/Alfred Lee won 4.39mp for 1st and Mary Singer/Barbara Benson won 3.01mp for 2nd. Oct 20 Betty McClellan/Steve Rove won 4.01mp for 1st and Rish Wasser/Jon Yinger won 3.01mp for 2nd. Oct 21 T S Chernuchin/Bill Wilson won 3.03mp for 1st; Oct 22 Steve Sulzby/Mark Tang won

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1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams
Rd. 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams
Rd. 2 of 3

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams
Final Rd.
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams
Rd. 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams
Rd. 2 of 3

*Non-smoking Tournament
with Hospitality Breaks*

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams
Final Rd.
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams
Rd. 1 of 3
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams
Rd. 2 of 3

Thursday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
1:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams
Final Rd.
Bracketed Compact KOs
1st session of 2
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams
Bracketed Compact KOs
Final Session

Friday, March 5

10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs
(finish by 4:15p.m.)
(This is a 2-session event, but single session entries will be sold at the director's discretion.)
10:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
(2-session play-through no break)
Swiss Teams will finish by 5:00 p.m.
There will be a snack bar in the playing area all day Friday

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3.03mp for 1st; Oct 23 Stanley Snyder/Len Beck won 4.23 for 1st and Doris James/Steve Skinner won 3.17mp for 2nd. Oct 31 John and Bea Bralliar won 4.50mp for 1st and John Melis/Cayce Blanchard won 3.38mp for 2nd; Nov 1 Bee Kinman/Jon Yinger won 3.50mp for 1st; in the unit-rated game Nov 13 Rich Wasser/Jon Yinger won 6.52mp for 1st, Lina Cheng/Jon Wong 4.89mp for 2nd, and Baum Harris/Larry Slutsky 3.67mp for 3rd. In the Unit Game Nov 15 Subba Ravipudi/Sankar Reddy were 1st winning 5.38mp, Steve Skinner/Bob Lavery 2nd winning 4.04mp and Suzie and John Hand were 3rd winning 3.03mp. Congratulations to all!

New members and new status: We issue a warm welcome to new member Dorothy Favre. *Status changes:* New Junior Masters: Shirlee Bouch, Kiyo Nagaishi and Jerry Reid; Sectional Masters: Phyllis Greenstein, Doreen Maes, and Julie Osborne; Regional Masters: Arlene Spatz and Bob Turansick; and new NABC Master: Thuan Pham Gwynn. Congratulations to you all!!

Upcoming special events at the club: Dec 6 Unit Charity Game and Holiday Party. The unit will provide the main course and members are asked to bring salads, desserts, or side dishes. Monday, Dec 7 at 7 p.m. unit team game. Dec 7 through 13 District 23 STaC games. Dec 16 Bridge Center Holiday Party and Charity Game; Dinner 6:30, game 7 p.m. Dec 18 holiday potluck; lunch at noon, upgraded club championship game at 12:30. Dec 28 National Card Playing Day, unit-rated game. Dec 30 12:30 and 7 p.m.: membership games. Dec 31 - Jan 3 Long Beach Regional. All special games are at regular prices but pay extra points. A reminder: all *Monday morning games* are sectionally rated, pay extra points, and include a very nice breakfast. All for \$10.

Condolences to: family and friends of Sandra Shadden who passed away earlier this month after a long illness.

Get well wishes to: Joy Rosenthal and Dann Habberfield.

Get on the email list for the newsletter: If you miss getting the newsletter by snail mail (it's been almost a year now since the district quit mailing them out), you can have me send you a copy by email. Send me your email address and I'll put you on the list. My email is jyinger1@gmail.com.

Pasadena San Gabriel Valley

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By Jan Wickersham and Roy Wilson

Unit Game - December 13 Arcadia Community Center

Our November unit game was lots of fun and Robert Wang's first crack at being in charge of the food. He did a great job. Pizza from Costco is hard to beat! It was a special day because Rand Pinsky chose to award \$1,000 to the charity of our choice, which is The Elizabeth House in Pasadena. Debbie Unruh, the president and founder of this wonderful non-profit, was on hand to receive the check (and enjoy some pizza, too!) Our table count was 24, more than we have had recently. The winners of the game were Mike Shuman and Rufus Rhoades, first in B were Miriam Harrington and Jake Frenkel, and first in C were Margie Hall and Ann Raymond (two ladies who know their "stuff"). Peter Szeesi was the winner of the 50/50.

If you want to reserve a N/S for the game, just give Mike Marcucci a phone call three or four days before the game. If you do make a reservation and something comes up so you are unable to attend, please let him know as soon as possible. Mike tries hard to accommodate us, but he's also charged with balancing the field, so he needs as much lead time as we can give him.

The Holiday Party is December 13 and the games begin at noon. Tickets are available through any board member. This is a charity party and all the proceeds go to the Elizabeth House, so I hope that all of you will attend and support this worthy cause. Once again we are holding it at the Arcadia Community Center.

If anyone in our unit has an interest in serving as a board member, please let Jan Wickersham know. After Christmas the board will be assembling a nominating committee to put names on an election slate. There are no special requirements other than that you be a member in good standing of our unit and that you want to contribute to our bridge world. Anyone and all are welcome!

The San Marino Bridge Club will hold a Christmas Party and Club Championship on Monday, December 21. There's probably no need to remind you to come early for the luncheon. The game begins at noon.

Our January unit game will be held January 10 instead of the first Sunday in January. Please make a note on your 2010 calendars.

Marie Nimmrich has graciously agreed to serve as Friendship Chairman until the elections in March. Thanks so much, Marie.

Here's a bid that doesn't happen very often, but it's nice to have an agreement when the occasion arises... your partner opens a weak two-bid in spades and the next hand overcalls three hearts. You pass and your LHO raises to four hearts. That happens rather frequently, right? Suppose your partner doubles their contract. Now, you must admit, that's very rare. Does your partner really have a weak hand but thinks he can defeat the contract? No, not at all. Your partner wants to sacrifice in spades but wants to give you the chance to convert the double to penalty. Most partnerships that use this agreement promise one outside defensive trick and if you think it's enough with your hand, then leave the double in, else you should cooperate and bid four spades. Talk to your favorite partner and see if you like this. There are other situations where it applies as well.

See you at the table!

Pomona - Covina

By Vic Sartor

Unit Game - Saturday, Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m.

For those of you who noticed what seemed like a major bit of missing information in last month's column, I have a reasonable (I hope) explanation. The ALACBU deadline fell a couple of days before our big unit two-session election game, so I begged special permission to get my copy in late. That way I could get all the game and board election results in while the news was still hot. The plan worked out perfectly, except for one minor problem. When it comes to computers, I am severely mentally challenged. To put it in less PC terms, I am an imbecile. I wrote up the whole column early and sent it in, leaving out only the last-minute results. I rushed home after the game and submitted my copy, patting myself on the back for being a latter-day Walter Winchell. There was just one hitch— I neglected to attach the result file to my email. I then failed to check my incoming mail for several days, missing multiple

messages warning me about the problem. So I will now give you those missing results - one month late.

Wait a minute, I hear someone say, the election results WERE published last month! Another explanation is owed. Our elections are sort of like those in the old Soviet Union — not real suspenseful. If you have a pulse and don't get a medical excuse declaring you criminally insane, you automatically get voted in (actually that doesn't always work— they refused my note and re-elected me president). Anyway, I cheated a little and announced the winners before the actual election. Only the game results were AWOL. Here they are, one month late: Cordell Goode/Lary Alba took first overall, followed by Clint Lew/Pat Radamaker (1st OA in B), Dave and Susan Ruoff, and Penny Barbieri/Rosalie Roberts (2nd OA in B). Also taking session placements were Lynne Parker/Georgiana Bierman and Bill Papa/Jim Griffin.

In this month's club results, top game of the month was a 72% posted by Lulu and Fred Minter, edging out a 71% by Bill Papa/Vito Sartori. Papa and Sartori ran off five consecutive wins in the Friday a.m. game. Other winners were Luan Schirmer, George Altinus, Walt Otto, Richard Patterson, Georgiana Bierman, Michael Horn, Pat Radamaker, Clint Lew, Edwin Kelly, Donald Naf, and Joe Unis. The monthly individual was won by Richard Patterson, followed by Carolyn Moyers, Clint Robertson, Rick Whitham, Charlotte Capelle, and Maria Marvish.

Congratulations to Kerry Sartor, who advanced to Sectional Master, and Joe Unis and Karen McCarthy, who made NABC Master.

On a somber note, we have to report the loss of two local bridge personalities. George Winter, veteran director, bridge teacher, and friend of many area players, died peacefully in Hamilton, Montana, where he had been living for the past few years. Stan Pace, who played for years at our Pomona club, also passed away recently. Unit old-timers will remember Stan for his good humor and friendliness at the table. I'm sure all of his friends will also remember his wife and partner Jane and want to send their condolences to her.

There were lots of candidates for hand of the month. Some sessions you could hardly turn around without tripping over an eight or nine-card suit. But my two favorites involve big hands caught in awkward bidding situations.

District 23 Rank Changes 10/1/09 - 10/31/09

Junior Master (5 MPs)

Wayne Beagle
Chad Challman
Diane Elliott
Bob Hoherd
Barbara Holman
Wendy Kelley
Catherine King
Felice Levine
Cynthia Levinsohn
Leon Lewin
Martha Marcon
Joyce Newton
Marjorie Preston
Larry Rubinstein
Sharry Vida
Farryl Weitzman
Jane Winston

Club Master (20 MPs)

Mihir Das
Alan Gordy
Sally Gordy
Margo Halsted
Robert Linde
Paula Mishkin
Charles Rubinfeld
Betty Sichel
Judith Tomic
Madge Weinstein
Christopher West

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Paul Endler
Marsha Kerns
Marcia Schulman
Sue Schultz
Karen Schwartz
John Tickner

Regional Master (100 MPs)

Cooie Dampman
Peggi Spring

NABC Master (200 MPs)

Andy Anderson

Life Master (300 MPs)

Michael Klemens

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

John Kahan
Claris Miles

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)

Charles Fonarow



#1 non vul. You hold: ♠AKJxx ♥— ♦Axxx ♣AKxx Naturally your partner opens 4♥, just what you wanted to hear. Your call?

#2 vul. You hold: ♠A10x ♥— ♦AKxxx ♣AKxx Your non vul RHO opens 1♥. Your call? If you double, your obnoxious LHO bids 3♥, which comes back around to you. Your call now?

#1 If you made a cowardly pass, you have excellent judgement or a yellow streak about a foot wide. You will be plus in 4♥. If you tried for slam and stopped in 5♥, pray for a non-diamond lead. Pard has ♥AJ109xxx and 1-7-3-2 distribution. If you blasted 6, you need to have a little talk with pard about your pre-empting style.

#2 Did you double again? Make sure you have a partner who is good at playing 3-3 fits. 3♠ was not the optimum spot on the board. Pass will at least get you a plus. 4♦ gets you to a making game in either minor.

Until next time...

San Fernando Valley by Fran Kern

Tickets available for holiday party Sunday, December 6: Party will be held at Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, 818-887-4800. There will be two sessions of junior and open games beginning at 1:00 p.m. Advance ticket price of \$30 includes two bridge sessions, self parking, snacks, and dinner. Purchase tickets from current board members Bill Morton, Fran Cohen, Jim Gardner, Gloria Malkin, Larry Gordon, Eric Heilman, and Fran Kern. Ticket price at the door is \$40. Special thanks to Gloria Malkin for arranging this wonderful party package.

Board member election: Candidates: Margie Blumer, William Carlson, Arlene Dick, Mike Fierman, Mike Gosnell, Mo Mansour, and Karyn Shatskin. Voting for the new board will be conducted at the holiday party! Absentee ballots are available and can be obtained from Bill Morton or Jim Gardner. Each completed ballot will be sealed in an envelope with the voter's signature across the flap. Absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the ballots from the holiday party.

Upcoming unit events: Unit sectional scheduled for April 16, 17, and 18 in 2010. Watch for details in the next issue of Bridge News.

The top ten masterpoint winners for October: 750 Bridge Club: Paul Endler 9.04, Bob Williams 8.23, Ron Malkin 7.86, Joyce Hart 7.25, Don Rosen 6.80, Paula Rosenfeld 6.26, Fleur Levine 6.26, Eric Heilman 6.12, Morris Cody 5.69, and Fran Mink 5.69.

Bridge Academy 299 Game: Roz Glazer 5.07, Wayne (Doug) Beagle 4.99, Merkie Rowan 4.96, Fran Cohen 4.94, Miriam Bental 4.91, Bill Raines 4.44, Marge Bulmer 4.43, Joan Farrar 4.12, and Rochelle Lotto 3.75.

Bridge Academy Open Game: Andrew Vinock 34.92, Gilbert Stinebaugh 24.07, Gary Frans 23.47, Michael Gosnell 22.00, Jeffrey Millman 20.52, Leda Danzig 20.08, Tom Wylie 19.05, Marta Peltz 18.84, Seymour Zemlyn 18.41, and Dan Kosman 18.30.

There were no 70% Games for October.

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By Steve Mager

Western Conference STaC - Dec. 7 - 12
STaC Handicapped Swiss - 7:00 p.m., Dec. 8
Unit Game/Holiday Party - 1:00 p.m.,
Sunday, December 13, 12:30 p.m. Refreshments
Swiss Team Club Championship - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22

Club championships: The NLM Club Championship on October 15 was won by Ed Srenco/Neal Kleiner in Flight A with Christine Uriu/Effie Jones taking Flight B plus Dorothy and Peter Joseph on top in Flight C. The October 21 NLM Championship was captured by Joan and Robert Stillwell in Flight A with Karen with Mike McKittrick taking Flight B honors. The Halloween Party Club Championship saw CVal Gamio/Dean Kaloudis on top in Flight A with Gerri Carlson/Joan Johnson leading Flight B and Dolly and Bruce Weiner ahead in Flight C. The Club Championship on November 2 was won by Alfred Lee/Bruce Horiguchi in Flight A with Kim Wang/Lutrell Long ahead in Flight B and Karen

and Mike McKittrick leading Flight C. On November 6 the Club Championship was captured by Mary Ann Coyle/Bo Bogema in Flight A with Ron Carlson/Oystein Hellesoy taking Flight B. The November 12 Club Championship was captured by Ray Mack/Fran Israel in Flight A, Louis Bruhnke/Harry Wessells in Flight B, and Carol McKay/Joan Chrishal in Flight C. The unit game IMP pairs on November 15 was won by Mary Ann Coyle/Bo Bogema in Flight A with Steve Ramos/Mark Raggio ahead in Flight X. At this same event the BCD IMP pairs was won by Krystyna and Dennis Hollingworth in all flights.

Team winners: The October 20 handicapped Swiss teams was won by Krystyna and Dennis Hollingworth, Jean and Harold Brunner. On October 27, Dolly and Bruce Weiner, and Krystyna and Dennis Hollingworth brought home top honors. The November 3 was captured by the quartet of Oystein Hellesoy, David Peim, Bronek Felczer, and Jim Dutton. On November 10 the winners were Masae Kato, Henry Crowder, Freddie Spradlin, and Jeff Strutzel.

Milestones: It was a bad month for the unit. Gloria Geidt, Mary Anne McNeal, and Bob Roberts all passed away recently. I always found Gloria to be a very pleasant lady. Mary Anne was a regular in the Wednesday night NLM game. Bob was a die-hard Cubs fan and during the baseball season we had a lot of fun teasing each other about Cubs and Dodger games. He was a WW2 vet. We will all miss them.

GUV memorial award: The winner of the GUV Memorial Award this month is GIB N. You may ask who is GIB N and how did he or she get a name like that? Well GIB is neither a he nor a she but a computer program and N stands for North. GIB N is your partner if you ever play ACBL Robot Duplicate on BBO (Bridge Base Online). If you play in this game your opponents are also computers GIB W and GIB E. About the first half dozen times I took on the computers in the standard BBO ACBL 12 board matchpoint tournaments I never broke 45%. However, I finally learned how to handle the computers and now break 60% often.

First of all let me tell you that if you play in this ROBOT game you are always given good hands. Either you or your partner GIB N are declarer on about 90% of the hands. I can also tell you that GIB N is not that great a declarer and its bidding is outer space at times. Since we rarely defend it's hard to rate GIB N's

defense. However GIB E and GIB W sometimes defend brilliantly and sometimes hopelessly.

Here are my hints for beating the computers:

1. Use a 14-18 point range for No Trump openers for two reasons. The first reason is that this ensures that you will most likely be declarer and this is good since GIB N never seems to guess anything right. The second reason is that GIB N seems to be programmed well enough to handle No Trump openers by partner. This goes for No Trump overcalls too. Stiffs are allowed for your No Trump bids.
2. After opening one of a suit, bid conservatively for two reasons. GIB N has a tendency to never stop bidding and I can almost guarantee you will get some ludicrous result sometime in the 12-board set because of GIB N's bidding. Also critical suits hardly ever split. If you are in an 8-card trump fit forget about a 3-2 split. Be happy when trumps split only 4-1. I once played 2 consecutive 4♥ contracts where trumps were 5-0.
3. Remember that the same three computers are at all the other tables. This means that some of your ridiculous results will be duplicated at the other tables and you will get some matchpoints.

I might mention that when you are dummy the hand is over in an instant. When playing with each other the computers don't huddle. And lastly I might mention some good news. If you really screw up the bidding or play, GIB N will not criticize.

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by candy

Bill Schreiber has resigned from the Unit Board due to personal and business commitments (i.e. tax season). Bill felt he couldn't do an effective job right now. Thanks, Bill, for all your years of service and all your time spent making the game of bridge better by your presence. We know he will be there if we need him and look forward to his returning when he is able.

With Bill resigning and one person wanting to be on the board, elections are over. This was truly a paperless election, with no hanging chads. The new board will be

announced at the holiday party.

Speaking of the holiday party, it will be on a Sunday afternoon, December 13. Appetizers will be at 11:00, with the a capella group, "the Westside Voices," to entertain us. At noon, brunch will begin, followed by more music and the presentation of "Player of the Year" and "Volunteer of the Year." Rodger and Denny will then take over and it's time for bridge and desserts. We will be a part of the Western Conference Sectional Tournament at the Clubs, so silver points will be available. This will be held at the Kayne Eras Center, the same place our sectional is held and last year's party. The address is 8550 Machado Rd. in Culver City, which is between Sepulveda and Jefferson, and just south of Sawtelle. Mail in your reservations by December 5. Invitations are at the club if one was not mailed to you. Call me if you need further directions, a partner, or if you have any other questions at 310-652-6116.

Sad to write about the passing of Alice Davidson. When we join the ACBL now the number given us is random, but when the ACBL was beginning the numbers reflected your district and unit. "R79" meant you were a Westwood Unit member. Alice was an "R79" and has been a fixture in Westside bridge for many years. That number reflects that there were countless partners, friends, opponents, tournaments won and lost. An original member and person, we celebrate your life. Those moving up the Masters Chart were: New Junior Master: Herb Garfinkle, David Lyons, Sandy Slotkin, and Ronnie Stabler; New Club Master: Beth Benson, Gloria Frankel, Mimi Kaufman, and Carole Slavin; New Sectional Master: Roberta White; New Regional Master: Michael Camras; New NABC Master: Kris Somer and Richard Stevenson; New Bronze Life Master: Vicki Ebin, Charles Kelley, and Jo Anne Kelley; New Gold Life Master: Ed Barad.

Barrington sent their Club Champs: A: Jill Richmond/Gary King (2), Nelly Gordon/Colin Gordon (3), Sandy and Bob Carroll, and Denny Seltzer/Paul Smith. B: Al Myers/Frank Miller, Sandy and Bob Carroll, Mary Lee Guiss/Hilde Harris, Sam Litovsky/Leslie Rawitt, Jean Mladick/Howard Taub, and Sally Aminoff/Sue Ann Simon (Lilly non-playing captain). C: Carol Boyd/Richard Neumeyer, Judy/Lou Zucker, Renee Wishengard/Mark Levine, Suzanne Bornstein/Melinda Curry, Eleanor/Clay Levine, and Joan Grossblatt/Sally Kirshner.

70% Games: Nelly/Colin Gordon, Aram Bedros/Art

Zail, Bob Levy/George Wagner, Jill Richmond/Steve Yaffe, and Beverly Goldstein/Danny Kleinman.

Barrington's Christmas party will be Friday, December 11 and Cyma's Tuesday night, December 22nd. Come hungry.

With all the bowl games and playoffs coming up, here's wishing you a season filled with games with scores that don't resemble soccer scores. Following our holiday party will be the holiday shopping for Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, etc. My wish for all of my readers are... a compass that tells which way to finesse for a queen; a deck of cards not having enough oil on them to light your menorah for eight days; unlike the one your using, a bidding box with all the right bids in them; an opponent bearing gifts (hopefully more useful than the ones the Three Magi brought) and if these don't work, a partner with a sense of humor.

See you in San Diego, the holiday party, the club parties, and any other event involving a bottle of wine and a deck of cards.

From the
Barry Crane Top 500
updated 11/6/09

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Jeff Meckstroth	Tampa FL	2,398.11
2	Eric Rodwell	Clrwater Bch FL	2,327.31
3	Jacek Pszczola	Chapel Hill NC	1,874.12
4	Garey Hayden	Tucson AZ	1,788.74
5	Gary Cohler	Miami FL	1,730.85
6	Michael Seamon	Hollywood FL	1,694.03
7	Mike Passell	Las Vegas NV	1,615.38
8	Chris Compton	Dallas TX	1,598.69
9	Eddie Wold	Houston TX	1,558.09
10	Chris Moll	Raleigh NC	1,544.50
11	Jacob Morgan	Madison WI	1,445.96
12	G Gard Hays	Veradale WA	1,421.14
13	Matt Granovetter	Cincinnati OH	1,403.11
14	Geoff Hampson	Las Vegas NV	1,336.40
15	Robert Todd	Tallahassee FL	1,332.02
16	Barry Harper	Regina SK	1,323.65
17	Marc Jacobus	Las Vegas NV	1,322.20
18	David Berkowitz	Boca Raton FL	1,315.28
19	Aaron Silverstein	New York NY	1,251.82
20	Robert Levin	Lake Ariel PA	1,239.60
21	Mark Itabashi	Murrieta CA	1,236.28
22	Bruce Ferguson	Palm Springs CA	1,230.53
23	David Caprera	Denver CO	1,206.41
24	Sheila Gabay	Newton MA	1,193.64
25	Hamish Bennett	Menlo Park CA	1,184.26
26	Greg Hinze	San Antonio TX	1,169.03
27	Ed Schulte	Tampa FL	1,122.15
28	Mike Cappelletti	Winter Park FL	1,103.53

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**Lunch and Bridge at the
West Los Angeles Unit Year-End Party**
by Mario Mory

Come December it's time to celebrate the holidays with your bridge friends at the West Los Angeles year-end party. As usual, Candy Scott has done a fabulous job of organizing the festivity. The action starts at 11:00 a.m. with appetizers and music by the Westside Voices. At noon we'll line up for a scrumptious buffet, which is the signature of this yearly party. This will be followed by more music from the Westside Voices and announcements and presentations of "Player of the Year" and "Volunteer of the Year." After dessert and beverages, we will play bridge for silver points since the game will be part of the Western Conference STaC.

The theme of the party is "Black and White Holiday." So, to get in the swing of things, try to wear a casual black and white outfit and come ready to party on Sunday, December 13 at the Kayne Eras Center. If you haven't been there before, the address is 5350 Machado Rd., Culver City, 90230. Machado Road runs between Sepulveda and Jefferson Boulevards, just north of where these two main arteries intersect. There is ample free parking at this facility, but in the event of an unusually large turnout, the parking lot of the neighboring shopping center will take care of the overflow.

The fee of \$35 per person takes care of food and bridge, so hurry up and make your reservation before December 5 by sending a check to:

Howard Einberg, 2620 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Please indicate the name of your partner. If you wish additional info please call Candy Scott at 310- 652-6116.

Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: Leo Bell

Panel: Mark Bartusek, Ed Davis, Eddie Kantar, John Jones, Marshall Miles,
David Sacks, Kit Woolsey, and John Swanson

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IMPs
No Vul

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	3♠	?

You hold: ♠Q8 ♥A2 ♦AKQT642 ♣A5

What call do you make?

Bartusek: 4♦. It's an underbid, but it's the most flexible bid because it allows partner to bid 4♥. Despite East's being non-vul, we can easily be off the first 6 or 7 spade tricks. 3NT is too unilateral and final. 5♦ is a close second choice.

Davis: 3NT. Jxx or either the ♠A or ♠K in partner's hand, or even xxx when LHO has a stiff A or K will keep the opponents from running spades. Sometimes LHO will save me by bidding 4♠ when holding three spades (over which I will bid 5♦ hoping for a spade ruff and a red king from partner). On rare occasions, LHO will have Ax of spades and a KQJ sequence in another suit and I will make because of no spade lead.

Jones: 3NT. There are just too many ways for 3NT to win. The non-vul pre-emptor might not have AKJTxxx, and if he does, he might duck the opening lead, because he can't have a quick outside entry (I have them all!). If LHO has a singleton honor, then the suit will block. LHO might be void or choose to lead his own suit. And, of course, my partner could have the ♠A or ♠K.

Kantar: 3NT. Is Marshall on the panel? He would

never speak to me again if I didn't bid 3NT with this hand. *[You know your old partner well!]*

Miles: 3NT. Partner may have an honor in spades. East may duck without a side entry. I can't stand the thought of missing the most likely game. It's even possible that spades are blocked with the opening leader's holding the singleton ace or king.

Sacks: Know thy opponents! 4♦, 5♦, or 3NT depending on who is on my right. These days, with AKJxxxx, most tend to open 4 not vul.

Swanson: 3NT. A couple of good things can happen, like we make or someone takes another bid. Of course, there is that one bad thing.

Woolsey: 5♦. It is tempting to bid 3NT, which can make in a variety of ways. But 5♦ will probably make more often than not, and slam is possible. 4♦ is an underbid.

I thought this was a good problem six months ago and also when I looked at it recently, so forgive the repeat from the June problems. I thought 3NT was right then, and I still do now.

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IMPs
NS Vul

West	North	East	South
3♣	3♦	pass	?

You hold: ♠AT63 ♥AK62 ♦83 ♣T52

What call do you make?

Bartusek: 4♣. Unfortunately going past 3NT, but this allows partner to bid a non-forcing 4M with a 4-card suit. (Game before slam!) If we end up playing 5♦, then partner will probably have a good suit. Second choice is an eccentric 3♥, which rates to work most of the time even if we play a Moysian fit.

Davis: 3♥. I have too much to pass 3♦. Hoping partner can bid 3NT. Hmmm. Maybe it's not too much to pass 3♦. I think the correct bid is a responsive double.

Jones: 3♥. What a headache! 3♥ is 100% forcing. OK, I'm supposed to have at least five hearts. I have way too much to pass, and 4♣ agrees diamonds, which I'm not willing to do without making some effort to get to a major.

Kantar: 4♦. I feel I have to do something. If partner has solid diamonds with a club stop he would have bid 3NT.

Miles: 3♥. This should show at least a five-card suit. I think it is unlikely that partner has a running diamond suit and a club stopper; in that case, he probably would have overcalled 3NT. We may belong in 5♦, so

I need to give partner a chance for game by showing my strength. It is possible that partner has something like ♠xx ♥QJxx ♦AKQxxx ♣x and couldn't make a takeout double with two small spades.

Sacks: 3♥. 3♥ is forcing, even if playing on BridgeBase. Anyone who thinks he will find a major fit after cue bidding 4♣ is suffering from extreme optimism. At least 3♥ lets us find an eight-card major suit fit in either major.

Swanson: 3NT. I am hoping that on the next problem I will actually hold a stopper. *[Marshall never mentioned to me that one needs a stopper in the opponents' suit to bid 3NT.]*

Woolsey: 3NT. I'll gamble on the club stopper. Nobody has a solid suit for a favorable vulnerability preempt these days. North didn't make a takeout double, increasing the chances that he has at least 2♣.

I think 3♥ gives you the most flexibility. If we end up in a 4-3 fit, at least the ruffs will be in the short hand.

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IMPs
Both Vul

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	dbl	1♣
			?

You hold: ♠AJ93 ♥AJ4 ♦KQ ♣K953 What call do you make?

Bartusek: Pass. It's too scary to rebid 1NT vulnerable with this piece of junk, although I may bid it on the third round. An immediate 1♠ rebid should guarantee at least 4-5 in the blacks. By the way, this hand can be opened 1NT since the ♦KQ doubleton should be

downgraded.

Davis: Pass. Usually it is right to bid 1NT with 18-19 HCP on this sequence. However, I probably have only

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single stoppers in the two suits that are most likely to be led and no source of tricks. If LHO wants to play 1CX, it will be partner's responsibility to find a better place if it looks like one exists.

Jones: Pass. The opening bidder apparently intended to rebid 2NT over a simple response, but I think this hand is only worth opening 1NT. It has a doubleton KQ, no other connected cards, no tens, and no five-card suit. It's not worth 18 points, and with all vulnerable, I am happy to let the opponents play it. If I were non vul at matchpoints, I would rebid 1NT (showing 18 or 19). At any form of the game, however, I prefer opening 1NT.

Kantar: 1NT. I like to play that redouble shows this strength with at least five clubs as it makes it easier for partner to compete in clubs.

Miles: Pass. I have no reason to believe we have a better spot. If West passes, partner can run if he has somewhere to go.

Sacks: Pass. I would have opened 1NT. KQ doubleton is a bad holding for notrump. This is not a good enough hand to redouble, and an expert partner with short clubs knows to pull if the double gets passed.

Swanson: Pass. Lots of high cards but few tricks.

Woolsey: Pass. We don't have a game, and quite possibly we can't make anything. Just go quietly. Redouble is risky – if West passes, what does North do? After I pass, if West passes for penalties North will run without adequate clubs.

I totally agree with the panelists who would have opened this hand 1NT. But you didn't, and now you should want to escape from 1♣ doubled.



West	North	East	South
2♣*	2♠	pass	?

*Natural;
10-15 HCP

You hold:

♠K5 ♥QT632 ♦AQ85 ♣92

What call do you make?

Bartusek: 3♥.

Davis: 3♥. I will raise partner's 3♠ bid to 4♠. If partner has a sixth spade and some heart tolerance, he can bid 4♣ as a choice of games cuebid rather than guessing whether to rebid 3♠ or 4♥, e.g., ♠AQxxxx ♥Ax ♦Kxx ♣xx. If not playing COG cuebids, I would bid 3♣ over 2♠ and accept missing a 5-3 heart fit.

Jones: 3♥. If partner bids 3NT or 4♥, I'll pass. If partner does something else, I'll bid 4♠.

Kantar: 3♠. Don't let the children see this.

Miles: 3♠. This is too good a hand to pass.

Sacks: 3♣. On balance, it looks like a cuebid has more ways to work out than 3♥.

Swanson: 3♣. I'll risk a slight overbid to try to find the best strain.

Woolsey: 3♣. I'm willing to drive this to game, and the 3♣ call maximizes our chances of finding the right strain I believe.

It's likely you have a game, but where? The only way to land in your 5-3 heart fit is to bid 3♥.





West	North	East	South
			1♥
3♣	3♠	pass	?

You hold: ♠5 ♥AJ754 ♦AQJ ♣9632 What call do you make?

Bartusek: 4♦. Partner should realize that I have few options in this cramped auction. 4♦ is the most descriptive choice. West will have a good suit vulnerable, so 3NT is not an option. Without prior discussion, a cuebid should promise spade support. Even if 4♣ were a choice of games, I think it ought to promise at least two spades.

Davis: 3NT. A horrible set of choices – pass (the worst bid), 3NT with no stopper, 4♦ on a three-card suit, 4♥ on a weak five-card suit, 4♠ on a singleton or, for those that play this treatment, 4♣ as a choice-of-games cuebid asking partner to help choose where to play. If partner does not have heart tolerance or a sixth spade, he will have five diamonds and we will reach 5♦.

Jones: 4♦. My diamonds are close to being a 4-card suit. This is another ugly bid in a nasty set of problems. Leo, I think you stayed up late thinking of ways to torture us. *[Just call me the Sadistic Moderator as opposed to Marshall Miles' former title of Esteemed Moderator]*

Kantar: 3NT. Don't let them see this one, either.

Miles: 3NT. It may make, but partner is unlikely to pass without a fit in hearts or a running suit of his own.

Sacks: 4♦. Making the best of a bad situation, I'll bid where my cards are.

Swanson: 3NT. Notrump is surely the best contract on one of these hands.

Woolsey: 3NT. What else is possible? If partner isn't rebidding 4♦ or 4♥ or 4♠, 3NT will be the only game with a chance.

Interesting choices... Half the panel chooses to bid their three-card suit at the four-level, and the other half opts for 3NT with a tenuous stopper in clubs (or should I say a nineuous stopper?) 3NT feels right to me, since it will tend to slow down the auction and give partner a chance to bid his hand if it is too unbalanced to pass 3NT. Thanks to this month's panelists. As always, if you have a bidding problem you'd like to submit, shoot me an e-mail at leobell711@yahoo.com.

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Rank	Player	Location	Points				
29	Gavin Wolpert	Singer Island FL	1,103.10	39	Donald Stack	Overland Park KS	1,031.87
30	Kevin Dwyer	Fort Myers FL	1,091.80	40	Krzysztof Buras	Warszawa Poland	1,030.77
31	Alan Stout	Mtn. Home AR	1,081.22	41	John Russell	N. Barrington IL	1,025.76
32	Ellen Anten	Encino CA	1,071.54	42	Alan Sontag	Gaithersburg MD	1,008.83
33	Russell Ekeblad	Portsmouth RI	1,066.53	43	Gene Simpson	San Rafael CA	1,005.75
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37	Les Bart	Bradenton FL	1,048.53	47	Melanie Tucker	New York NY	985.04
38	G. Narkiewicz	Bielsk Poland	1,037.72	48	G. Silverman Bart	Bradenton FL	979.69
				49	Dan Morse	Houston TX	976.48
				50	John Hurd	New York NY	976.23
				51	William Hunter	Peabody MA	975.91