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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A New Grand Life Master



by Bill Schreiber  
ALACBU President

**Congratulations** to Roger Clough, one of my occasional partners, on reaching Grand Life Master Status (10,000 Masterpoints + a National Championship). He went over the crescendo by placing 1<sup>st</sup> in a game at the Beverly Hills Bridge Center.... Come on Roger... it should have been while winning a Regional Event, at least. There can't be too many other husband and wife pairs (Becky) who have accomplished this feat.

Make your reservations for BRIDGE WEEK! The cut-off date for the \$129 room rate at the Pasadena Hilton is June 19. By the time you read this column, there will be less than three weeks left to take advantage of this rate. Stay two or three nights and enjoy the Pasadena area, with its many fine restaurants. Morning start times for all events are 10 a.m., so don't hassle the drive, wake up relaxed and grab the free coffee in the morning (every morning) at the Starbucks located just outside the playing area.

Start your BRIDGE WEEK off with the Mark Schreiber Memorial 299 Championship (two sessions with a Barometer final) on Friday, July 3 or in the Alan LeBendig Calcutta, a money event to be held on that Friday Evening (no masterpoints — just green points). Highlights of the tournament include the four-session Mary Jane Farrell Open Pairs on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 and the Marshall Miles 4 Sessions Swiss Teams on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11. Included throughout the week are lots of knockout events and compact knockouts, as well as pair events and a Board-A-Match team event on Thursday, July 9.

Conditions for the Alan LeBendig Calcutta are on our website, but generally it will be an IMP pairs with

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## What Do You Do With Your Old Bridge Bulletins?



by Rand Pinsky  
District Director

What do you do with your old bridge bulletins? That was one question that was asked at our board meeting in Houston during our discussion of bridge promotion. The two answers received were: "I save them" or "I throw them away." If you are in the "I throw them away" group, here is a suggestion for how you can help promote bridge in our communities.

We all have gone to our doctor's office or dentist's office and while sitting in the waiting room reached for a magazine lying on the table. What if that magazine was the Bridge Bulletin? And what if the cover of the magazine had a label sticker on it informing the reader that if they were interested in bridge lessons or additional information they should contact their local bridge club or teacher?

The mechanics of this project is simple. Each local bridge club, unit or teacher should ask their members to bring to the club their unwanted Bridge Bulletins. The name and address of the member should be cut out or covered up. Labels should be printed that can go over the

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name and address stating something like "If you want information about bridge lessons contact (insert the name, telephone number and address)." These newly labeled magazines can now be distributed by your club players at their local doctors' and dentists' offices. If any club tries this, please let me know so we can track its success and report our results to the national board and management.

A second means of promotion is the use of the ACBL's free bridge column. Management has developed a series of weekly bridge lessons

that can be used by your local newspapers. The columns have a tag line at the bottom which tells the reader that if they want additional information about bridge or lesson information they should contact their local bridge club (with name, address, and telephone number). You can find these columns online, but if you need assistance call me and I will help you find them.

A third idea for promotion is being investigated by our marketing department. They are contacting all of the airlines and asking if we can add a bridge column in their in-flight magazines. These magazines

already have a puzzle page and having a bridge column with a reference to ACBL would provide additional exposure for bridge.

### **It Is A Different View From Dummy**

Remember these dates: June 19 and July 3. June 19 is the last day to get the bridge rate at the Pasadena Hilton for our 10-day Bridge Week Regional. July 3 is the first day of the tournament with a special evening Calcutta named in memory of Alan LeBendig. I hope to see all of you there.

As always, I can be contacted at [pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net](mailto:pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net).

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### **Oh Calcutta!** *by Bill Schreiber*

No, it's not the raunchy musical from yesteryear. It's a **money**, no masterpoints, bridge event to be held at our Bridge Week Regional on Friday evening, July 3, 2009.

Prior to the playing of the 24-board event, there will an auction for each and every pair entered into the event by 7:00 p.m. of that evening. Anyone can bid on any pair of players entered. You do not have to enter yourself. The minimum bid to start will be \$50 and if no one bids on a particular pair, it is deemed that that pair has bought itself for the minimum and must pay the \$50 minimum fee.

Increments will be \$10 until the bidding reaches \$100 for any pair and \$25 thereafter. The bidding is expected to be fast and furious and fun. The playing pair has the right to purchase back, up to 50% of itself for half the final bid price.

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# Around the Units in District 23

## Antelope Valley Santa Clarita by Gin

Our Sectional Tournament is a mere three months away. Time sure flies when you are busy making changes. This year we are going to earlier starting times for all sessions of the tournament. The three-day event will begin on Friday, October 2 at 858 Jackman Street, Lancaster CA. Our club room is in the Arbor Court Complex on 10<sup>th</sup> Street West. The tournament will begin with Open Pairs games at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Our Compact Knockout Team game will be played at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The tournament will conclude with a two-session Swiss Team play-through event on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided between sessions for \$7. All entry fees will be \$10 per person, per session for ACBL members and \$11 for unpaid Life Masters and non-members. We are looking forward to seeing you in Lancaster and Palmdale. According to my Georgia born and bred husband, this means you all come!

It is such a joy to see the growth in our club games. The first beginner class taught by Ron Oest has increased the Wednesday night game by two tables. Ron and Sandi are in the midst of another beginner class with 25 enrollees. Ron and Sandi are also running a 49er game on Thursday night at 6:30. Stefania Beneneiste, a graduate of Ron's and Mary Stauf, posted a 58% game for second place on May 13—rather impressive for a beginner. Equally impressive is the 57.88% game played by Dorrie Deston and Sid Zalk. They took first place and their combined age is 180 years. Oh yes it is correct. Dorrie is 98 and Sid is 82. Both are relatively new members of our club and I have had the pleasure of partnering with both them since my return from Arizona.

Get well wishes are extended to Carolee Schupp and Gail MacDonald. Our thoughts and prayers are with both Carolee and Gail.

## Top Five

This month Lamonte Johnson and Basant Shah won first place with 73.83%. Dave Gasper and Bob Cuccias won second place with 68.06% Brad Ward and Marlene Gasper were in third place with 67.19%. Fourth and fifth place were shared by Judy Smith and Ron Oest and Brad and Marlene with 66.17%.

<b>Club Championship 4/21 overall</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Marlene Gasper & Brad Ward	1	-	-
Lola Messiha & Doris Thompson	2	-	-
Alfred Miller & Barbara Shuping	3	-	-
Bob Hart & Nora Fincher	4	1	-

## Unit Championship 5/3 overall

Don Crozier & Charles Morrin	½	1	-
Brad Ward & Pat Juenemann	½	-	-
Doris Thompson & Lola Messiha	3	-	-
Marlene & Dave Gasper	4	-	-
George MacDonald & Russ Buker	-	2	-

Coming Events are posted on the white board in the Clubroom.

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

## Downey – Whittier by Bernice Crelia

This year is going by so fast, and unfortunately I have played very little bridge. Watching our tiny puppy grow into a very big 9-month-old, 75.8 lb. German Shephard and keeping an eye on her has taken up a lot of my time. If I am not trying to keep her out of mischief, I have been frequently babysitting my oldest daughter's cat. Too bad they do not seem to like each other.

However, I'm sure you are more interested in the winners of the last two big games we have had, so here we go.

The monthly unit game was won by Sankar Reddy and Mark Tang (just nine-tenths of a point, below a 70% game); second were Barbara Horn and Mary Kiechle; next Mary and Terryl Williams tied with Sam Wang and Bob Gish. Then finishing fifth overall were Bruce and Chiye Horiguchi.

At this month's charity game, Sankar Reddy once again won with just a little less than half of a point below 70%. His partner this time was Ram Mohan, who is here enjoying several weeks of vacation from India. My partner Terry Binns and I were second, closely followed by Shirly Faber and Mary Kiechle, then Jay James and Chunkey Hilton.

It will soon be vacation time for many of us, so please be sure to save some time before you leave for bridge. Remember if you need a partner, call as far ahead as possible so Marcie can find you one.

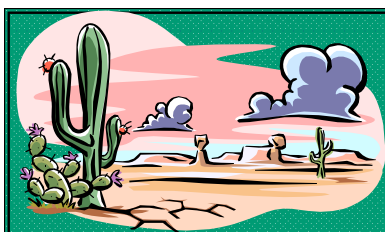
## Glendale Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13  
12:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch

Even though a bit late, we're pleased to report that Melina Stevens has joined the ACBL's Golden Girl & Boy ranks denoting passage to the 2500 masterpoint level. We'd send up a rocket, Melina, if it weren't such a no-no, 'cause we support potential achievement.

As you may know by now, this column has to reach the ALACBU computer people by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, which oftentimes coincides with our Unit Game. Such was the case in March and we had to scramble to get it done, resulting in several errors noticed in the April issue. I don't have a computer (yes, I'm retarded), nor can I type anymore, which leaves the alternate long-hand,



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## MONDAY, AUG. 17

Stratified Charity Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pro-Am Pairs ..... 1 pm  
Agave Bracketed KOs ..... 7 pm

## TUESDAY, AUG. 18

Side Game Series ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pairs ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
Agave Bracketed KOs ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
Barrel Compact KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

Side Game Series ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pairs ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified FAST\*\* Pairs ..... 9 am  
Cholla Bracketed KOs ..... 9 am  
Stratified OPEN Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Ocotillo Bracketed KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

## THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Side Game Series ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pairs ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified FAST\*\* Pairs ..... 9 am  
Cholla Bracketed KOs ..... 9 am  
Stratified OPEN Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Ocotillo Bracketed KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm

## FRIDAY, AUG. 21

Side Game Series ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pairs ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
Cholla Bracketed KOs ..... 9 am

Prickly Pear Compact KOs ..... 9 am  
Saguaro Bracketed KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

## SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Side Game Series ..... 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
199ers Pairs ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified CHOICE\* Pairs 9 am, 1 & 7 pm  
Cholla Bracketed KOs ..... 9 am  
Prickly Pear Compact KOs ..... 9 am  
Saguaro Bracketed KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Yucca Compact KOs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Teams ..... 7 pm

## SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams ..... 10 am  
7 x 7 with no break  
199ers Stratified Swiss Teams ..... 10 am  
no break, one session entries will be accepted for 199ers

### \* CHOICE Pairs

Must play in 2 out of 3 sessions that day

### \*\* FAST Pairs

24 boards—50 minutes per board

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which leaves the transcribing thereof open to glitches, besides which, the very helpful person who does my emailing is a rocket scientist, not a stenographer! Anyway, let me know if a glitch proves painful and/or correctable.

Speaking of which: A death certificate executed in Denmark was not acceptable in the US, nor was one issued by the Danish Counsel's office here. So it was Esther Tapelband to the rescue. She is the only certified Danish language translator in these parts and was able to transcribe the necessary information to prove satisfactorily that someone besides Hamlet had indeed died in Denmark!

Contrarily, Stan Lomax and Jeremy Oldson were very much alive at an April Wednesday night game at the Regency. They scored a 72.92 percent, certainly worthy of another rocket salute, and one goes as well to Sharon Wolf for providing the Regency Club with a copy

of unit relevant news, gleaned from the computerized Southern California Bridge News. Let's make that two in appreciation of her helpful field-reporting skills. She not only rejoices in her own accomplishments, but in those of others - a very good sign, n'est-ce pas?

Leon Alexander and Tim Stocks set sail on one of their periodic cruises to the Mexican Riviera, expecting to enjoy some warm sunshine. They only made it to the first port of call when the advisory came through about the so-called "swine flu." So they were shunted to Catalina Island where much cooler weather prevailed, most unsatisfactorily.

Considering the conflict with the Mother's Day weekend, we had a good turnout for our May Unit Game. Our thank-you rockets go to Eva, Betsy and Margaret for the sandwich-salad-dessert buffets. As for performance rockets, herewith:

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### Card Fees per Session

\$10.00 per Person  
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\$110.00 per Team for All Swiss Teams of Two Sessions; includes a box lunch.

299er Only: \$44.00 per Team - One Session, no lunch included

### \*Stratification Levels

[Friday & Saturday Only]

Strat A 2000+  
Strat B 750 -> 2000  
Strat C 0 -> 750

### Food for Sale

Box Lunches  
on Friday and Saturday

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## 2009 Balboa Unit 515 Sectional

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

### Friday, June 5th

#### 10:00 AM

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

#### 3:00 PM

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

### Saturday, June 6th

#### 10:00 AM

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

#### 3:00 PM

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

### Sunday, June 7th

#### 10:00 AM

- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 Sessions Only)
- 299er Swiss Teams (1 or 2 Sessions; declare at signup)

#### • TBA

#### Second Session

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

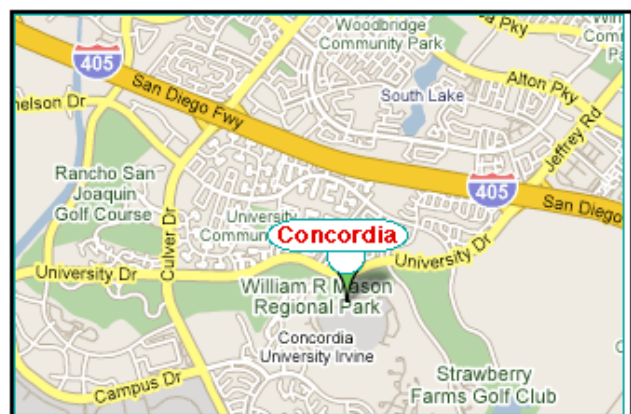
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*North/South*

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A2		Melina Stevens & Carolyne Cohen
A3	B1	Sedwyn & Sanford Glick
A4/5	B2 C1	Edward Hsi & C. C. Fang
A4/5		Dominique Moore & Phil Dessert

*East/West*

A1		Sam Wang & Mike Tang
A2		John Waken & Brad Beland
A3	B1	Betsy Josias & Margaret Mataga
A4	B-2 C1	Harold Knowles & Zach Vedro

We're holding forth again on June 13, so keep your skills honed and come join us. Practice may make perfect for our Sectional coming up on August 14-16. In the meantime, take care everybody and continue to enjoy...

**Long Beach**  
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 by Jon Yinger

**April 19 awards day unit game:** Overall results in the open game: 1<sup>st</sup> in A: John and Joy Ready; 2<sup>nd</sup> Yas Takeda/Lowell Andrews; 3<sup>rd</sup> John and Suzie Hand; 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Sulzby/Mark Tang; 5<sup>th</sup> Larry Slutsky/Diane Schmitz; 6<sup>th</sup> Kaye Amdon/Eileen Niesen. Overall winners in the B flight included: 4<sup>th</sup> Lisa Kuo/Murat Veysoglu; 5<sup>th</sup> Marcus Evans/Diane Sachs; and 6<sup>th</sup> Bea Aron Tybie Becker. Overall winners in C included 4<sup>th</sup> Karen Horton/Wayne Rapp and 5<sup>th</sup> Beverly Souders/Pat Peters. Overall winners in the Non-Life Master game: 1<sup>st</sup> in A Harry Wang/G T Tseng; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Karl/Sherry Royce; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monica Gettis/Claudette Barrack; 4<sup>th</sup> Judy and Thomas Percer; 5<sup>th</sup> Judy Grieb/Elizabeth Nelson. And 4<sup>th</sup> overall in B in the NLM game were Miriam Kelley/Cooie Dampman. Congratulations to all!

**70+% Games 4/16 through 5/15:** In open games three pairs had 70+% games during the past month. On April 18 Sean Lui/Earl VanDerVord had a 73.79% game. On April 20 Al Masteron/Morris Lorber had 80.50% (wow!). And on May 7 Steve Rowe and Jo Daigle had a 71.35% game. In the 299er game on April 21 Ylia Ross and Shirley Tavlin had a 69.64% game. Congratulations to you all!

**Big masterpoint awards:** Big points for 1<sup>st</sup> overall

in big games: In the April 16 afternoon game Betty McClellan/Jon Yinger won 3.31 mp; on April 17 Suzie and John Hand won 4.55 mp; on April 19 Joy and John Ready won 5.95 mp; on May 13 Jackie Hess/John Farr won 5.17 mp. Big masterpoint awards for 2<sup>nd</sup> overall: March 17 Doris and Dwayne James won 3.41 mp; on April 19 Lowell Andrews/Yas Takeda won 4.46 mp; and on May 13 Steve and Charlotte Sturm won 3.88 mp. In the big April 19 game Suzie and John Hand won 3.35 mp for 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Congratulations to all!

**New members and new status:** We issue a warm welcome to new member Lorna Rowland. Status changes: New Junior Masters: Alan and Sally Gordy. New Club Masters: Phyllis Greenstein and Joan Buhl. And new Sectional Master: Stanley Tseng. Congratulations to you all!!

**Upcoming special events at the club:** World-wide bridge contest Friday June 5 at 4:15 and Saturday, June 6 at 12:30 p.m. Sectionally rated. Card fee \$11. Monthly team game Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Unit charity game June 14 at 1 p.m. — Eight is Enough team game. Each team can have up to 8 points. Points are assigned on the basis of a members total master points as follows: 0 -750 masterpoints gives the member 1 point, 751-1750 gives the member 2 points and over 1750 gives the member 3 points. Lunch 12:30, game 1:00 p.m. Teams can sign up in advance at the club.

**Get well wishes** to Dann Habberfield, Peggy Waite, Christy Mangum and Frank Bartlett.

**Help the columnist:** 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 [jyinger1@gmail.com](mailto:jyinger1@gmail.com).

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

Unit Game - June 7, San Marino Community Center

I must confess, I was at home so little in April that the thought of my responsibility for the May news column **never** crossed my mind. So here I am bringing you up-to-date for the June column. My apologies!

Georgiana Bierman and Kim Horn were in charge of the food for the May unit game and did a great job of it. For those of you who played in the 299er section, that was our last time for a special section for you, but we hope that all of you will continue to attend the unit games. As a special incentive, any 299er player who is a member of the ACBL can play in the future unit games for \$6. (If you aren't already a member, this would be a good time to join. You would just about pay for your membership with the savings!) We thank Claudia Elms for her great job of directing. Winners of the Open game were Eric Tan and William Chu who were first in A and B. Congratulations, guys! Sofia Pineda and Abby Tribeck were first in C. Gary Swinhart and June Boyd were first in the 299ers.

If you want to attend a unit game and do not have a partner, you can call Marie Nimmrich at 626-448-3304.

Please note that we will have two unit games in

the month of June. June 7<sup>th</sup> is our regularly scheduled game and is also an ACBL Charity game. The fee for the Charity game will be \$9. Our July game will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> so we don't conflict with the Regional at the Pasadena Hilton. It's going to be nice to have the regional back in Pasadena!

We have rescheduled our Eight Is Enough game from August 16 to August 23 so that everyone can play in the Glendale Sectional on the 16<sup>th</sup>. It's not too early to begin planning for this very special event which is designed to get experts playing with novices. Bridge fees will be \$5, and the menu will again be pizza, salad and dessert.

Peter Szecsi is not only an advanced player, but he has also reached and advanced position in life; he turned 80 last month and many of his friends helped him celebrate the event. Many more, Peter!

Late last year Roy Wilson petitioned the ACBL to allow Flight A players to team with Flight C players

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Thursday-Friday	Both days	1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday	Both days	1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

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(0-20/50 mp & 0-100/200/300 mp)  
I/N Partnership Desk will be open before all games

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE IN PLACE  
Sanction R0906003

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Charity Pairs .....1:00 p.m.  
Newer Player Charity Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (1st of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
*All Monday games other than KO's are single sessions*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....9:00 a.m.  
Stratified Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions).....9:00 a.m.  
Newer Player Stratified Pairs.....9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Senior Pairs .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

Stratified Swiss Teams (1st of 2 sessions).....9:00 a.m.\*  
Stratified Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions).....9:00 a.m.  
Newer Player Stratified Pairs.....9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Senior Pairs .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd of 2 sessions).....9:00 a.m.\*  
Stratified Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions).....9:00 a.m.  
Newer Player Stratified Pairs.....9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Senior Pairs .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (4th of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....7:00 p.m.

\* single-session teams will be accommodated

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

Stratified Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions).....9:00 a.m.  
Newer Player Stratified Pairs.....9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Senior Pairs .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Stratified Fast Pairs (finish by 5:15).....11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (5th of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

Stratified Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions).....9:00 a.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....9:00 a.m.  
Newer Player Stratified Pairs.....9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Senior Pairs .....10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Stratified Fast Pairs (finish by 5:15).....11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions).....1:00 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Evening Side Game Series (6th of 6 sessions).....7:00 p.m.  
Stratified Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (1 session).....7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

Stratified Fast Pairs (finish by 4:15).....10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Newer Player Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Senior Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (playthrough).....10:00 a.m.  
Flight A Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (playthrough).....10:00 a.m.  
Strat B/C/D Swiss Teams (20-VP Scale) (play through).....10:00 a.m.  
*(All Swiss Teams play Finished by 5:00 p.m.)*

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and be allowed to compete as a Flight B team. As of May 1 this year, we can do that! The unit board has decided to allow the averaging of a pair's masterpoints to determine which flight to assign them. This policy will be used at both our sectional and unit games, and Marie Nimmrich says she will implement this method at the San Marino Bridge Club. Ask Art at the Bridge Center if he will allow this at one of his games. It's a good incentive for advanced players to mentor less experienced players.

Here's a bridge question for you: when your Left Hand Opponent opens the bidding and you have a two-suited hand, how do you show them? Michaels cuebid to show the two top suits, you say? Good. How do you show the two lower suits? Unusual notrump you answer. Excellent. Now... how do you show the top and bottom suits? Hmm. You might like this solution: Give up the preemptive bid of 3C and use that call to show a two-suited hand with the top and bottom unbid suits.

See you at the table...

## Pomona Covina

by Vic Sartor

Unit Game: Saturday, June 20  
11:00 a.m. Game  
1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

The board continues to monitor the Saturday unit game experiment, and the results so far appear to be positive. Attendance is up and the food has really been first rate. For any of you who haven't joined us yet, come out and give the game a try this month. Even if you have a lousy game, you'll get a pleasant afternoon's entertainment and a great meal for only \$6. Try matching that at your favorite restaurant!

Since our press deadline kept us from getting the April unit results into last month's paper, we have two games to report. The April unit game was won by Lary Alba and Cordell Goode with a nice 68% effort. Sue Rotner and Rita Corwin won E/W and Clint Lew and Joe Unis took 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Kerry Tillman and Tom Lill took stratified B and C honors. The May game was won by Bill Papa and Vic Sartor with a 66.3% result. Lary Alba and Cordell Goode were 1<sup>st</sup> N/S and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Pat Radamaker and Clint Lew edged Denise Morgan and Genise Hasan for Class B honors. The May Individual

was won by Roger Boyar, followed by Pat Radamaker, Charlotte Capelle, Clint Lew, and Dolores Kelley.

Top club game of the month was a 67.1% by Herman and Kathy Herber, barely topping Clint Lew and Helen Wang's 67.0. Other club winners included Susan and Dave Ruoff, Ann McClelland, Ron Purkis, Linda Ananea, Richard Patterson, John Tyner, Bill Papa, Vic Sartor, Kurt Trieselmann, George Altinus, Roger Boyar, Lulu Minter, Fred Minter, Edwin Kelly, Donald Naf, Lonnie Lautenschlager, Walt Otto, and Rick Whitham.

In social notes, Cordell Goode just returned from Hawaii, where she eschewed bridge for whalewatching and relaxation. Duane and Lois Eickhoff report they had a great time taking the train up to Seattle and then a cruise ship to Alaska. Your reporter managed an exciting night out at Burger Town in Fontana.

Our hand of the month contest was too tight to call between two worthy entries. First, how would you react if you were dealt: ♠-- ♥A1098xx ♦AK98xxx ♣-- and heard your partner open a strong club(17+)? No matter how sophisticated your system, the best you can do is find out that pard has only two small diamonds and the king but not the queen of hearts. Most people settled for a safe 6NT, but a couple of kamikaze types shot out 7. With diamonds 2-2 and a stiff Q of hearts with LHO, there is no way for you to avoid taking 18 tricks. If that hand didn't faze you, could you keep a straight face if you held ♠Kxxxxx ♥AKx ♦xx ♣Ax and heard your pard open 3♠? Yes, your side has all 13, but the best you can do is make +650 for a fairly average board. If your nasty opponents find the cheap (-100 or -300) save in 6♦ you get a near-bottom. Save these two to show friends who complain about weird computer hands.

Hope to see you June 20. 'Til then, sayonara.

## San Fernando Valley

[sfvunit561@aol.com](mailto:sfvunit561@aol.com)  
by Bill Morton

**Unit events:** The Unit 561 Three Day Sectional was successful, with the number of tables up from last year. Joyce Hart won the Kaiser Trophy, which is for a unit member with less than 500 points who wins the most Silver Points at the Sectional. A big thank you to the unit board for their work on the Sectional. A special thank you to Jimmie Swan who was the point person for the sectional.



The income and expenses for the tournament were:

Income \$5906

Expenses - \$4886

- Directors fees and ACBL sanction fees - \$2460
- Bridge Academy rent (5 Sessions) and free plays - \$900
- Prince of Peace rent (3 Sessions) - \$235.00
- Advertising - \$180
- Caddies, free plays, fill-ins, misc. - \$977
- Food, candy, cold drinks, paper goods, coffee, tea, ice - \$114
  - (Expenses \$731.28 – Income \$617.75)

Profit to the Unit \$1040

### Upcoming unit events:

Unit Award Game – June 28 – Location TBA

Holiday Party – December 6 – Location TBA

Elections for the New Board will be held at a Unit Game in January – Location TBA.

**Sectional winners from Unit 561:** *Overall Masterpoints Earned ( 5 or more):* Steve Gross (14.76), Joyce Hart (9.41), Lynn Heckler (9.34), Jeffrey Millman (9.22), Andy Vinock (9.13), Marta Peltz (9.13), Martin Blain (9.06), Herb Zweig (8.00), Bill Morton (7.87), Susan Somogyi (6.01), Ellen Anten (5.68), Robert Dannels (5.57), Norman Kramer (5.53), Al Spaet (5.47), Ed Gruber (5.43), Barbara Pinchuk(5.43)

*Compact Knockout Winners:* First - Marta Peltz, John Clark, Andy Vinock, Martin Blaim. Second - Nancy Lodge, Lynn Heckler, Barbara Wellisch, Ann Trygstad.

*Swiss Team Winners:* First – Lynn Heckler, Robert Dannels, Nancy Lodge, Jeffrey Millman. Second – Ron Malkin, Gloria Malkin, Norm Kramer, Bill Morton.

**Western Conference STaC games:** Unit clubs sponsored the Western Conference STaC Games during the week of, May 4. Many of our unit members achieved silver points. The highest points went to Gil Stinebaugh and Joan Rubin with a 71.73% game. They were first overall out of 248 tables in the Tuesday Morning game.

*Open Games:* Marta Peltz and Andy Vinock, Janice Richter and GEB Traksel, Gloria Feerst and Robert Dannels, Harvey Witt and Michael Wiener, Claude Patenaude and John Tickner.

*Under 1000:* David and Margy Sievers, Dan Strauss and Uri Ram, Barry and Janet Cooper, James Hoose

and Billy Blanchard, Frona DeCovnick and Ann Dupont, Mel Lerner and Bill Taylor, Mel Lerner and Herb Zweig, Jerry Smith and Vicki Ebin, Fran Mink and Dolores Horn, Carol and Norm Bloomfield, Winnie Green and Frona DeCovnick, Ann and Larry Trygstad, Diana Mitchell and Carol Connolly.

*Non-Life Masters:* Mike Klemens and Allan Palansky, Sue St. Marie and Marlene Brounstein, Jim Gardner and Norm Bloomfield, Marilyn Gains and Ruth Fleisher.

*299er:* Mike Klemens and Allan Palansky, Joan Farrar and Jerry Shapiro, Shirley Engel and Patricia Shellogg-Seal.

**Member highlights:** Congratulations to Dawn Kowalski and Greg Bozin! At the San Diego Regionals, they came home with 5 gold points and 5 red points. Congratulations to Arlene Dick, who became a Silver Life Master on April 1.

The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for April and May will be in the May Newsletter

### 70% Games for the month:

Gilbert Stinebaugh and Joan Rubin - 71.73%

Marilyn Gains and Ruth Fleisher - 70.50 %

Ron and Gloria Malkin – 72.32%

Ron Malkin and Bill Taylor – 72.74%

**Column news:** Make sure your bridge news appears in the next edition of Bridge News by sending it to Bill Morton at [wbmorton@att.net](mailto:wbmorton@att.net) or call 818-313-9711.

## Torrance South Bay

Unit Website:

<http://www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568>

SBBC Website:

<http://www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc>  
by Steve Mager

### Upcoming events at the South Bay Bridge Club:

NLM 2-Session Swiss Teams: Saturday, June 6,  
10:30 a.m., lunch included

Club Championship: Friday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.

Club Championship: Tuesday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.

STaC Handicapped Swiss: , June 21, 1:00 p.m.

North American Pairs Qualifying:

Monday, June 22, 11:30 a.m.

Club Championship: Thursday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

**Club Championships** on April 16 was captured by Mary Ann Coyle/John J. McDermott. The May 1 Club Championship was led by Grace Conde/Eleanor Cadenhead in Flight A with Bob Bacharach/Mike Welsh taking Flight B. On May 11 the Club Championship was won by Dick Jones/Ray Mack in Flight A with Lorna Wallace/Lutrell Long taking Flight B and Frankee Victor/Marilyn Daeschner leading Flight C.

**Team winners:** On April 19 the team of Paula Hall, Tonie Morgan, Wilma Brickley and Marilyn Daeschner led the way. The April 21 game was led by the foursome of Winnie Ninneman, Betsy Amador, Fred Spradlin and Henry Crowder. On April 28 Bruce and Chiye Horiguchi, Bea and John Brailliar were the top team. The May 5 STaC team game was taken by Bea Cron, Mary Belle Hoenig, Nancy Collinge and Mark Sinagra. The May 10 STaC team game was captured by the quartet of Mark Tang, Sam Wang, Bruce and Chiye Horiguchi. On May 12 the quartet of Linda Henson, Bill Lama, Ron Carlson and Marty Cooper emerged victorious.

**Condolences:** Torrance South Bay Unit members express their condolences to our tireless worker Gabriela Jackson. Her son Lenny Jackson passed away suddenly recently.

**Western Conference STaC Overall Finishers at the SBBC:** Following are overall finishers in District 23 STaC pair games played at the South Bay Bridge Club.

*Monday Morning, May 4*

21/23A	6/7B	G. Carlson/M.B. Hoenig
21/23A		Dorothy Wood/Ray Mack

*Monday Evening, May 4*

4A	4B	L. Wallace/Lutrell Long
17A		Larry Harris/Jeff Strutzel

*Tuesday Morning, May 5*

21A	8B	K. Wang/Chein-San Wang
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*Wednesday Evening, May 6 NLM Pairs*

3A	1B	Dolly and Bruce Weiner
6A	3B	Linda Henson/Bill Lama
	6B	3C Doris and Eric Fisher

*Thursday Morning, May 7, NLM Pairs*

4A	B. Morehead/M. David
5A	K. Rudolph/Neal Kleiner
6A	A. Andres/M. Morton

2B	B. Svensrud/F. Swinth
6B	3C Jeannette Betts/Ron Smith
	4C M. Marti/H.Remstein
	5C J. Arceri/Peggi Spring

*Thursday Evening, May 7, Aux Pairs*

5A	M Coyle/J.J. McDermott
	5C S. Williams/Emil Stranz

*Friday Morning, May 8*

3A	D. Kaloudis/J. McDermott
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**GUV Memorial Award:** A partner of mine introduced me to the Suction convention several months ago. We had one disaster due to my forgetfulness but all in all it has worked OK for us. When we started using it he told me Suction was on over 1NT, 2NT, Forcing 1♣ and 2♣ openers. He failed to mention that it was on over gambling 3NT openers. In case you are unfamiliar with this convention if you bid a suit over one of these strong openings it shows the next higher suit *or* the two suits above that. For example, if an opponent opens 1NT a 2♣ bid shows either diamonds *or* hearts and spades.

During a BBO ACBL tourney recently, said partner held ♠QJxxxx ♥AKxxx ♦x ♣x, Non Vul vs Vul and heard a gambling 3NT on his right. So playing Suction he tried 4♣, but holding ♠ATxxx ♥T9xx ♦xx ♣xx, I didn't realize it was Suction and passed. It was passed out at 4♣. Shades of playing with Paul Boudreau in a 2-1 fit but it wasn't Paul. The opponents pulled a couple trumps and claimed, down 10!

It would have made a great story if spades were 2-0 and hearts 3-1. The opponents would have been cold for a minor suit slam and we would be only minus 500. But, alas, the spades and hearts both split and the best the opponents could do was make four of a minor.

Na Zdrowie

**West LA**  
by candy

It's this weekend that the Annual Unit Pro-Am is at the Barrington BC. Sign-ups are great, now we hope you all show up and have a great time. It is Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> and game time is 6:00. Come early to meet your partner and discuss your card. Plus there are all those delectable goodies to partake in.

Other unit championships this month are Tuesday

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## BRIDGE WEEK 2009 DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday July 3	299er Mark Schreiber Memorial Pairs (Barometer Final)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM	Wednesday July 8	Stratified IMP Pairs	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Wednesday/Thursday KO (Rds 1 & 2 of 4)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Friday/Saturday KO (Rds 1 & 2 of 4)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Second Side Game Series (5 of 6)	10:00 AM
	First Side Game Series (1 of 6)	10:00 AM		Second Side Game Series (6 of 6)	3:00 PM
	First Side Game Series (2 of 6)	3:00 PM		Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Swiss (2 of 2)	7:30 PM
Saturday July 4	Stratified Swiss (One Session)	3:00 PM	Thursday July 9	Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)	7:30 PM
	CALCUTTA 7:00 entries, 7:15 bidding	7:00 PM		Wednesday/Thursday KO (Rds 3 & 4 of 4)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Friday/Saturday Stratified Swiss (1 of 2)	7:30 PM		Stratified Board-A-Match Teams (Rds 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Mary Jane Farrell 4 Session Open Pairs Qualifying	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Friday/Saturday KO (Rds 3 & 4)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Third Side Game Series (1 of 6)	10:00 AM
Sunday July 5	Firecracker Compact KO	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM	Friday July 10	Third Side Game Series (2 of 6)	3:00 PM
	First Side Game Series (3 of 6)	10:00 AM		Thursday/Friday Eve. Stratified Swiss	7:30 PM
	First Side Game Series (4 of 6)	3:00 PM		Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)	7:30 PM
	Margaret Jacobs Memorial Stratified Swiss (1 of 1)	3:00 PM	Saturday July 11	Marshall Miles 4 Session Open Swiss Qualifying	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Friday/Saturday Stratified Swiss (2 of 2)	7:30 PM		Compact KO	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
Monday July 6	Evening Side Game Series (1 of 6)	7:30 PM		Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
	Farrell Open Pairs (Rds 3 & 4) Barometer Final	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Third Side Game Series (3 of 6)	10:00 AM
	Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Third Side Game Series (4 of 6)	3:00 PM
	First Side Game Series (5 of 6)	10:00 AM		Thursday/Friday Eve. Stratified Swiss	7:30 PM
	First Side Game Series (6 of 6)	3:00 PM		Side Game	7:30 PM
Tuesday July 7	Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)	7:30 PM	Sunday July 12	Becky Clough Flighted Swiss Teams (short break)	10:00 AM & TBA
	Monday/Tuesday KO (Rds 1 & 2 of 4)	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Fast Pairs (short break)	10:00 AM & TBA
	Strata-Flighted Open Pairs	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM		Side Game Series count best 2 games	
	Second Side Game Series (1 of 6)	10:00 AM			
	Second Side Game Series (2 of 6)	3:00 PM			



**AROUND THE UNITS** *continued from page 10*

afternoon (great song by the Moody Blues) and evening June 16. Another enjoyable WLA tournament, thanks to our leader Pete Benjamin and all his crew, directors Pete & Dave, caddies, hostesses, bakers, and of course those without whom this would be a lonely event, the players.

Halfway leader for the Jill Meyers Trophy is Jeff Strutzel and for the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy tied for the lead are Masha Fleissig and Sylvia Hurwitz. "Shine on Harvest Moon," come back for our fall tournament and see if you can beat them out.

Unit members shining in the pairs games were: "A" Jordan Choworow, Margie Michelin, Jill Richmond, Gary King, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Elianna Rupp, David Kempe. "B" Jean Tamaki, David Cheshire, Connie Feshbach, Lynne Bronner, Anne Bailey, Richard LM. "C" Jo Anne and Charles Kelley, Masha Fleissig, Sylvia Hurwitz. KO's Ellen and Michael Korney, Manny Weintraub, Debra Stein. Swiss "A" Mike Mikyska, Gary King "Ax" Bob Shore, Bud Bates, Brian Richardson, Zalman Perelman "B" J Steffes, Harriet Elston, Trudy Sokol "D" Fran and Arthur Sherwood.

Timing is everything... Fred Mautner and Viktor Anikovich had their 80 %!! game at the STaC for 1<sup>st</sup>

overall and saved their 74% game for a regular club game. Gloria and Lou Levy were one silly little trick better than Paul Gelb and Cliff Goodrich, beating their 70%er 72.89 to 72. 28. Other 70%ers were Hans Kraepelien and Michael Nash, Wallis Annenberg and Don Krauss, Robert Brogan and Bob Englekirk.

Club Champs at Barrington were: "A" Mickie Haines and Jeri Berger, Wallis Annenberg and Don Krauss, Jill Richmond and Gary King, Maria Pendergast and Bob Levy. "B" Diane Licht and Sue Ann Simon, Terry McGough and Maynard Tow, Terry McGough and Ken Paine, Margot Hartman and Leila Newman. "C" Sue Ann Simon and Sheri Rivera, Judy and Lou Zucker.

June may be known for its gloom, but there is Flag Day on which my flag shirt can proudly make an appearance, followed a week later by Father's Day and Summer Solstice. The other day my flag shirt comes out is July 4, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Bridge Week in Pasadena. For those who enjoyed the caterer for our holiday party, their restaurant is close by on Lake Street and California.

So while I try to work out whether I have been a) Twittering b) Blogging c) Chatting d) All of the above e) None of the above, I'll just spell check and ship this off.

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payouts for the number of places depending on the number of entries sold. You do not have to play in the event to bid on the pair you think will win. Hope to see you there.

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# Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: Leo Bell

Panelists: Vic Chernoff, Mitch Dunitz, Jeff Goldsmith, John Jones,  
Tim Lolli, Adam Meyerson, Mike Shuman and Bill Wickham

# 1

IMPs  
none vul

pass pass 3♠ ?

You hold: ♠Q8 ♥A2 ♦AKQT642 ♣A5

What call do you make?

**CHERNOFF:** 3NT or 5♦, depending on who East is and how much I want to gamble.

**DUNITZ:** 3NT or 5♦. A poker problem; the answer depends on your opponent's tendencies. Against a rock, I would bid 5♦. Against a slacker (like myself) I would bid 3NT over a non-vul 3♠ bid.

**GOLDSMITH:** 5♦. 3NT takes less to make, just ♠Jxx. And that holding will probably cause 5♦ to go down, but odds are that 5♦ will make, too, and 3NT might go down a bunch if partner doesn't have spade help. Starting with a double suggests a more flexible hand, not a stronger one; partner with 3514 will pull 5♦ to 5♥, thinking he has given the option to do so. Yeah, we might miss a slam vs. x KQxx Jxx xxxxx, but I don't see a reasonable way to get there unless LHO bids 5♠ and partner chooses a forcing pass, which seems dubious.

**JONES:** 3NT. I have 9 top tricks. My spade queen is only doubleton, but I have many chances to score 3NT. Pard may have a spade card. RHO may duck when his suit is running. LHO may lead his own suit. Bids like this frequently work when perfect defense would defeat the contract. 3NT is only disastrous at IMPs when 3NT fails and 5♦ makes. If I had the same problem at matchpoints, I would have the additional worry that 3NT might go down 2 or 3 while 5♦ would fail by only one. That would create a very poor matchpoint score, but losing an extra 3 IMPs maximum is no big deal.

**LOLLI:** 5♦. Not willing to bank on partner having a spade stopper. This could avoid playing an embarrassing 3NT or it could lead to 6♦.

**MEYERSON:** 4♦. Bidding 3NT might work, but we could also be off seven top tricks. With so many tricks in hand, if we can make 3NT then we can probably also make 4NT (hopefully if partner bids 4NT it's to play). [Jones: It would be an interesting debate to see what the panel thinks 4NT should mean.] But there are many hands where 5♦ is our spot.

**SHUMAN:** 3NT. 7-2-2-2's don't usually make 5 of a minor... take a shot!

**WICKHAM:** 3NT. Seems almost like an even money proposition. I might avoid this action if I were playing with an anal partner.

*I think this would be a much more difficult problem if either partner is an unpassed hand or the opponents are vulnerable. Who opens 3S non-vul in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat on AKJTxxx? In any case, I insist my partner has a sense of humor.*





1♥ pass ?

You hold: ♠973 ♥2 ♦AKJ7542 ♣QT

What call do you make?

*\*IMP pairs is a form of scoring where a pair's score is compared to an average result and then converted to IMP's as in a team game.*

**CHERNOFF:** 2♦. If playing "standard," i.e., not game-forcing - my preferred style. If playing 2/1 game forcing I suppose you're forced to bid 1NT and guess later.

**DUNITZ:** 2♦. Followed by 3♦ if invitational *or* 3♦ directly, if invitational.

**GOLDSMITH:** 2♦. I like to play that 1NT followed by 2♠ shows a good hand (roughly this strength) with either minor. It's on even if opener rebids 2♥, in which case he's expected to bid 2NT and hear my suit. If that's available, it's easy. If 2♦ isn't game forcing or if 3♦ is this hand, then it's easy. Assuming no useful methods, I'll go for the slight overbid of 2♦.

**JONES:** 1NT. 2♦ game forcing would be way too rich. 2♦ in Standard American would be minimally acceptable. Not fitting hearts makes this hand worthless. My hero liked this hand so little that he bid 1NT and then rebid only 2♦ over my 2♣ rebid. He was on target because no game was at all good even though I had 14 HCP with 3514 distribution. My hero hit the bull's-eye when he redoubled when the opponents reopened with a double, making 2♦ redoubled.

**LOLLI:** 1NT. Not good enough to force to game, but I will bid diamonds later!

**MEYERSON:** 3♦/2♦. An easy hand for 3D natural and invitational. Assuming I'm playing 2/1 GF without that handy method, I'd go with the overbid of 2D rather than the wide-ranging 1NT- 3D option.

**SHUMAN:** 1NT. Perfect for 3 invitational diamonds.

**WICKHAM:** 3♦/2♦. Depends upon system - if 2/1, with some variant of Bergen raises, find a new system since a forcing NT followed by 3D is a gross underbid. Otherwise, show an invitational hand in diamonds, either with 2D and then 3♦ (preferable) or an immediate 3♦ if that is the only natural invite.

*IMP pairs is a form of scoring where a pair's score is compared to an average result and then converted to IMPs as in a team game. I'm not going to pat myself on the back too much for underbidding this hand. I had the advantage of being able to find out whether partner had a balanced hand. When he showed at least 5-4 in hearts and clubs, I downgraded my hand which, as John points out, worked out rather well. This hand doesn't really fit a two over one response, so playing a method to show an invitational hand with a long minor is very useful.*

**Jones:** Leo held this hand playing with me in the Mini-Cavendish and our methods allowed a slight inference that Leo used. We were playing that 1♠ in response to a 1♥ denied spades and was a forcing NT (an Edgar Kaplan idea). Leo bid 1♠ and when I rebid 2♣, Leo knew that I was unlikely to have a balanced hand, slightly diminishing the value of Leo's hand.





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IMPs  
both vul1♣ pass 1♥ 1♠  
?

You hold: ♠AQT42 ♥-- ♦AT ♣AKQJ62

What call do you make?

**Note – DBL would be 3 card heart support**

**CHERNOFF:** 2♠. I'll try to sort it out later. Have to force and this is the only way I know how. (I'd be worried that partner will expect me to have heart support. A 2♦ bid wouldn't suggest that.)

**GOLDSMITH:** 3NT. Entries to dummy might be a problem in a club slam, and with spades breaking badly, I'll take the low road and just bid game.

**DUNITZ:** 2♠. 3NT could be right (♠x ♥KQxxx ♦Qxxxxx ♣xx) I need some enthusiasm from partner to bid a slam. If partner bids 3♣ over 2♠, a lot of cue bidding will follow and we will end up in 6 or 7 clubs.

**JONES:** 2♦. Followed by 2NT or 3NT depending on my partnership agreements. I must make some significant move towards 3NT. Sure they are going down in 1♠, and in the days before support doubles everybody would double with this hand. So waiting is possible, but I won't like it if 1♠ gets passed out. I like 2♦, a forcing reverse, slowing the auction down, and hiding (from the opening leader) how great my spade stoppers are.

**LOLLI:** ??? I agree with the 1♣ opening, but now I wish I had opened 2♣. I guess the odious 2♦ comes into play, but 6♣ is a good shot. Basically you can put me down for "I have no idea." [*If we were at the table, we'd still be waiting?*]

**MEYERSON:** 2♠. Strength showing. A pass has merits, but if partner's finding a double there's a good chance we have play for club slam, and if partner passes it out we could easily miss a 3NT game.

**SHUMAN:** 2♦. Let's get another response from pard. 3NT or 5♣ seems a likely contract, or, possibly 6♣?

**WICKHAM:** 3NT. My first choice – while glaring at RHO, say "I double that," fold up your cards and write the contract in your scorecard. So, I'll opt for the "legal" choice - 3NT showing short hearts, pointy stoppers and great clubs. So, I have a "little" extra.

*Is it really likely that you're going to play this hand anywhere other than 3NT? In a club contract, even if LHO is kind enough to lead a spade, you still have plenty of losers to worry about.*

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IMPs E/W  
Vul

1♣	1♠	pass	2♣
pass	?		

You hold: ♠QT8742 ♥A75 ♦QJ93 ♣--

What call do you make?

**CHERNOFF:** 2♦. Show my second suit. Will decide later what to do. If partner bids 2♠, I will bid 3♣.**DUNITZ:** 2♦. Let's preserve bidding space and find out what partner has in mind.**GOLDSMITH:** 4♠. Vul at IMPs, when partner raises your six-card major, you bid game.**JONES:** 2♦. Yes, my overcall is close to minimum. However, if pard fits me well then game could be on even if pard is minimum also. My distribution is huge.**LOLLI:** 2♦. Although it's light on high cards, I have a useful hand, so I'll cooperate and see what partner has in mind.**MEYERSON:** 2♦. Natural game try. This hand could easily make game opposite the right limit raise, but the lack of more club bidding is a bad sign. I'll make a game try and give up if partner rebids 2S.**SHUMAN:** 4♠. Seems about right (3♣ 50%)**WICKHAM:** 2♦. Unless I have a partner who might pass! After all, I deserve to find partner with buy ♠AKx ♥xxx ♦AKxx ♣xxx.*I would definitely think game is very likely if spades, but bidding 2♦ doesn't cost anything and gives partner valuable information. On the actual hand, 6♦ is a fine contract.***District 23 Rank Changes 4/1/09 - 4/30/09****Junior Master (5 points)**Hannah Gough  
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4♣      4♦      pass      ?

You hold: ♠Q5 ♥KQT54 ♦9543 ♣92

What call do you make?

**CHERNOFF:** Pass. If partner can make 5♦ he'd have bid it. It wouldn't surprise me if we're too high already. (Sometimes partner's diamonds become much better with 4 card support. i.e. AKTxxx)

**DUNITZ:** 5♦.

**GOLDSMITH:** 5♦. What's the problem? (Obviously, there is one, since there is wide disagreement on the proper course of action) 4♥ might be the best spot, but partner will pass 4♥ very often when it isn't.

**JONES:** 4♥. 4♥, 5♦ or pass all could be right. I will retreat to 5♦ if doubled.

**LOLLI:** 4♥. I'm overstating the heart suit, but I'd rather contract for 10 tricks than 11. Hiding the diamond support bothers me, but I might have another chance.

**MEYERSON:** 4♥. If partner has Jx in hearts we rate to be fine, and some of the times when 4♥ is bad we

might still scramble to 5♦.

**SHUMAN:** 5♦. Ugly... 4♥ (50%) could easily be the winner.

**WICKHAM:** 4♥. Unless I have a partner that would almost always pass 4♥. I'm aiming for the best red suit game, and see no better way to do so.

*As some panelists have pointed out, the danger in bidding 4♥ is that partner might pass with a singleton or small doubleton heart. How can partner tell you don't have AKJTxxx? 5♦ also leaves open the possibility that partner will bid a slam with something like ♠Kxx ♥Ax ♦AKTxxx ♣Ax.*

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