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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Playing Bridge on the Road

by Becky Clough, ALACBU President



Have you ever played bridge in Western Canada? Western Canada is one of the most enjoyable places we have played. The Canadians are very hospitable and friendly. One of our favorite regionals in Canada is Penticton in southern British Columbia. Penticton,

whose name derives from a local language, means "permanent place where waters pass by." Penticton is as resort town situated between two lakes – Okanagan and Skaha. Accommodations remind me of the 1950's – clean but not luxurious. Most of the units have kitchens and people often gather together for pot luck dinners and camaraderie, inviting both friends and new acquaintances. Surrounding Penticton is the Okanagan wine country with more than 30 wineries and their groves adding to the spectacular beauty of the region.

Another favorite Western Canadian regional is the one that rotates every year between Calgary, Red Deer, and Edmonton. An outstanding feature at Edmonton and Calgary has been the home dinners. Five to ten local families agree to host out-of-town visitors one night for dinner. They might offer an intimate party for eight or a barbecue for twenty. In Calgary, the tournament hired school buses to transport the visitors to their home dinner locations for a "toonie." What's a toonie

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## More Meetings

by Rand Pinsky, District Director



This year the 2012 Summer NABC comes during the beginning of July instead of the end. My meetings begin on Monday July 9 and the NABC begins on the 12th. This will be my first meeting as treasurer of the ACBL. And with the early start, I will not be able to be at

our Pasadena Regional for the entire week as Kathy and I will be leaving on late Saturday night to arrive in Philadelphia Sunday morning in preparation for meetings beginning on Monday. Kathy and I will be in Pasadena for the Monday Pro-Am, then on Wednesday for July 4th, and maybe on Friday. I will be attending our ALACBU meeting on Saturday morning.

As for the agenda for my board meetings in Philly, our first day will be an all day Strategic Planning meeting. Sharon Anderson, ACBL president scheduled one of these in Memphis and it produced many good ideas covering all aspects of bridge administration and management.

These sessions are very helpful to management as our still new CEO Robert Hartman and his team is very active participants in these sessions.

Motions of interest to be discussed include at the Appeals & Charges Committee, a Cheating motion that was deferred from Memphis and a motion which amends the appeal process to provide more due process to the procedure. There is also a motion that will require in all disciplinary cases where the suspension is one year or longer or there is an expulsion that the case be automatically reviewed by the A& C committee at the next NABC.

There will some additional discussion regarding the motion concerning awarding masterpoints based upon the strength of field and not on the number of tables playing in the room or earlier times as the regulations now state. For the past few months, the tournament

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## District 23 Rank Changes May, 2012

### Junior Master (5 MPs)

Robert Chapman  
Linda Christopher  
Furrokh Dastur  
William Evans  
Joan Fox  
Arnold Glick  
Fred Harris  
Julia Irzyk  
John Krafft  
Renee Lambert  
Stephanie Lugash  
Cameron Rogstad  
Richard Schaeffer  
Raimonda Scime  
Donetta Serafini  
Janet Sudar  
Shoreh Toufanian

### Club Master (20 MPs)

Arlene Aschmeyer  
Geraldine Baluch  
Walter Briggs  
Leslie Brucker  
William Dilks  
Charles Dillon  
Dennis Hill  
Gary Jubas  
Mary Landroth  
Joseph Lieberman  
Diane Maye  
Mary McKenna  
Ramanathpur Murthy  
Linda Nye  
James Robinson  
Richard Ruby  
Douglas Senour

### Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Richard Bakovic  
Susan Bibby  
Bernard Dow  
Fred Kleinzweig  
Bridget O'Sullivan  
Gabe Rosenberg  
Rosalie Storc  
Susan Tucker

### Regional Master (100 MPs)

John Berg Jr  
Iris Craddock  
Rosalene Glickman  
Fern Seizer

### NABC Master (200 MPs)

Jeanette Betts  
Nanci Schultz

### Life Master (300 MPs)

Douglas Kuschner  
Annette Rayman

### Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Annette Rayman

### Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Jo Anne Kelley  
Neal Kleiner  
Zalman Perelman  
Jo-Anne Wallera

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# Around the Units in District 23

## Antelope Valley by Brad Ward

The bridge community must always acknowledge the inexorable march of aging that takes its toll on the players and the administrators. That inexorable march touches all of us. These next few weeks will see two big regionals where it is hoped that players can dodge the shackles of aging and once again soar to competitive heights. The very best of luck and good health is wished for all that venture out to one, or both, of these great contests. The Las Vegas Regional begins on June 18 and the LA/Pasadena Regional begins on July 2. I expect a good showing at each regional from our local players. The report next month will feature our local wizards doing battle in these two week-long events, and how they performed,

We congratulate Ms. Paula Olivares on her courteous and respectful attempts to begin a game for beginners in the Castaic area. The unit board has approved her sanction request and wishes her well. It is never surprising how far you can get with an approach that consistently features courtesy and respect.

The Valencia and Castaic clubs enjoyed continued success this past month. The Lancaster venue also did well but anticipates that attendance will decline significantly as a result of players being lured away by the regional rewards.

The results from Valencia this past month's reporting cycle saw an outstanding mix of winners. Dave Gasper and wife Marlene won twice. Congatulations to each of the following pairs that chalked up one win each in the hotly contested Tuesday night contests: Bill Brodek-Hugh Bartlett, John Langer-Kristi Kubo, Everett Dehn-Betty Pavey, Markle Vandervort-Lamonte Johnson, Peggy Fleming-Anna Schmidt, and Gary Grey-Arif Shah.

The Castaic Club also witnessed a great mix of winners with the partnerships of Rosemary Frankian-Everett Dehn, Hansford Rowe-Nell Schantz, Roshun

Hadulla-Ruth Baker, Lamonte Johnson-Basant Shah, Mira Rowe-Fabian Fang, and Bill Brodek-Bill Bartlett all winning once.

The results at the Lancaster Club for the past month followed the trend of lots of variety in the winners circle. Mary Stauf, playing with George MacDonald scooped up a win and then also partnered with Henry Roediger for another win. Brad Ward did the same kind of thing, winning with Marlene Warren-Gasper, Lola Messiha and also in partnership with Sylvia Feiman. Sylvia also joined the winners circle again in partnership with Ron Oest. Lola Messiha wanted in the mixed partnership challenge so she drafted Marlene Warren-Gasper and joined the winners circle again, Ron Oest played with his wife, Sandi in a win that put him into the crowded multiple-winners-with-different-partners category. Dave Gasper climbed aboard the same train by pounding the field with Gloria Robinson as his partner. Barbara Shuping and Russ Buker also won a game by playing in outstanding form!

Nell Schanz partnered with Paula Olivares for a fine win in the monthly unit game. Brad Ward and Willo Phillips won the June 2 World Wide Charity game in Lancaster with 10½ tables in play.

## Glendale Verdugo By Norman Abbey

Unit Game July 14  
lunch at 12:15, game at 1:00

### Unit 553 Championship results

Saturday Afternoon Session June 9, 2012

Pair	Pct	Score	Section			Rank
			A	B	C	
4	61.11	132.00	1	1		Arthur Chacanas Stephen Licker
2	60.65	131.00	A	2		Thomas Lolli Carolyn Cohen
9	56.48	122.00	A	3		Herman Helber

→

5	56.25	121.50	A		Jacob Frankel
					Patricia Abbey
					Merry Besvold
7	54.40	117.50	A		Peter Szecei
					Bernardine Mateer
11	54.40	117.50	A		Hugh Bartlett
					Nell Schanz
8	45.14	97.50	A		Steve Shanker
					Phil Dessert
10	44.68	96.50	B	2	Carol Lessin
					Gloria Balfour
3	41.20	89.00	B		Madelon Liebman –
					Helen Malzer
1	40.74	88.00	B		Karen Alpert
					Rufus Rhoades
6	34.95	75.50	B		Robert Hogan
					Esther Tapelband

## Unit 553 Championship Saturday Aft Session

June 9, 2012 - Scores after 9 rounds

Average: 108.0 Section A East-West

Pair Pct Score Section Rank

				A	B	C	
9	62.73	135.50	A	1			Ann Banta
							Ronald Moeckel
4	59.72	129.00	A	2			R Gerry Belcher
							Bob Tayrien
1	57.64	124.50	B	3	1		Patrick Cardullo
							Michael Doll
7	55.09	119.00	C	4	2	1	Eva Seri
							Lyle Wiedeman
10	53.24	115.00	B		3		William Brodek
							Paula Olivares
2	50.23	108.50	C				David Rozzell
							Temo Arjani
6	50.00	108.00	B				Brad Beland
							Amr Elghamry
3	46.53	100.50	C				Sandra Rucker
							Ann Raymond
8	42.59	92.00	B				Margaret Mataga
							Tom Miyaoka
11	38.89	84.00	A				Samual Wang
							Carmela Chiurazzi
5	33.33	72.00	B				Leon Alexander
							Adam Barron
TOTALS		1188.00					

Merry Bezvold and Pat Abbey were in charge of the salads. Mike Doll and Patrick Cardullo brought

a wonderful cucumber and zucchini salad with the vegetables from Mike's garden. Margaret Mataga provided the deserts and Gloria Balfour brought rolls and bread.

There have been three great games this month. Bob Tayrien and Sharon Wolf had a whopping 76.39% game. Tim Lolli and Phil Dessert had a very nice 71.43% game. Mike Doll and Patrick Cardullo had a 71.50% game. Mike Doll won with three different partners in one week. In addition to Patrick, he also won with Ann Banta and Steve Licker.

The Regency will be closed for the July Regional in Pasadena, July 1 – July 8.

Glendale players are great travelers. Gerry and Barbara Belcher spent six weeks in Europe. Their daughter Elizabeth joined them in Paris for a fun filled week. Steve Shanker and his wife spent five weeks in Spain. They rented a car and saw places most tourists never get a chance to see. In Madrid they stayed with Steve Guerrero's friend Marris. Glen Durlinger has spent the past two months at his home in North Carolina. We are happy to see them all back at the bridge table.

Next unit game: July 14 (Bastille Day). Try and make reservations.

## Long Beach by Jon Yinger

unit website: [www.acblunit557.org](http://www.acblunit557.org)

club website: [www.LongBeachBridge.com](http://www.LongBeachBridge.com)

**May 27 Unit Game:** Overall results: 1st in A: Marcie Evans/Mary Kiechle, 2nd Tess Martell/Lowell Andrews, 3rd Bob Mault/Phyllis Parker, 4th Earl VanDerVord/Jon Yinger, 5th Mark Tang/Matt Leung, 6th Susan and Keith Hafen. B flight overalls: 2nd Janet Wickersham/Ann Cressman, 3rd Sharon and Al Appel, 4th Paul Pettler/Judy Jones, 5th Renee Alpert/Joan Kaye, 6th Fay Beckerman/Sherry Troeger. C flight overalls: 2nd Usha Bansal/Kiyo Nagaishi, 3rd Regina Boll/Joe Lau, 4th Gloria Sedore/Dorothy Favre. Congratulations to all!

**MAY 10 unit rated International Fund Game:** Overall results: 1st in A: Lois Perovich/Paul Langerman, 2nd John Petrie/Earl VanDerVord, 3rd Aaron Jones/Steve Sturm, 4th John Killian/John Wong, 5/6 Jay and Connie Young tied with Richard and Robert →



Bakovic. B flight overalls: 5th Marcus Evans/Carmela Chiurazzi, 6th Diane Starbuck/Thad Mikols. C flight overalls: 3rd Melanie and Jerome Smith, 4th George Welsh/Mary Thomas, 5th Phyllis Greenstein/Doreen Maes. Congratulations to all!

**70+% Games in the club May 16 through June 15 (all in open games):** May 24 Gary King/Steve Mager had a 70.83% game. May 25 Lois Abramson/Rich Wasser had 71.73% in the evening game. May 30 Mark Teaford/Irwin Bender had 71.68%. And June 11 Betty McClellan/Jon Yinger had 70.22%. Congratulations to us all!

**Big Masterpoint Awards:** Big point awards for 1st, 2nd or 3rd in open games May 16 through June 15: May 21 Betty McClellan/Jon Yinger won 3.79mp for 1st. May 22 Bruce Horiguchi/Aaron Jones won 4.12mp for 1st and Lowell Andrews/Cecil Cook won 3.09mp for 2nd. May 25 Jo Daigle/Steve Rose won 4.13 for 1st and Mike Ullman/Roger Farmer won 3.17mp for 2nd. In the Unit Game May 27 Marcie Evans/Mary Kiechle won 3.83mp for 1st over-all. On their mutual birthday, May 29, Rich Wasser/Steve Rowe won 2.50mp for 1st over-all. In the evening game June 1

Verna Baccus/Hanefi Erten won 3.83mp for 1st overall (Worldwide Bridge contest). And in the second day of the World Wide Bridge contest, June 2, Kevin Lane/Bruce Altshuler also won 3.83mp for 1st over-all. June 3 Diane Starbuck/Wayne Rapp won 3.33mp. June 4 Aaron Jones/Greg Tapia won 5.67 for 1st, Kay Tseng/John Melis won 4.25mp for 2nd, and Sibyl Slutsky/Phil Schuster won 3.19mp for 3rd. June 5 Jo Daigle/Bev Shafer won 6.33mp for 1st, John Bralliar/Bruce Horiguchi won 4.75 for 2nd, Yas Takeda/Steve Sturm won 3.56mp for 3rd. June 6 Phyllis Parker/John Petrie won 4.67mp for 1st, John and Suzie Hand won 3.50mp for 2nd. June 7 Jackie Hess/Baum Harris won 4.83 for 1st, Marjorie Michelin/Carole Weinstein won 3.63mp for 2nd. June 8 Mike Daley/Earl VanDerVord won 7.33mp for 1st, Larry Topper/Bob Goldstein won 5.50mp for 2nd, and tied for 3/4, each winning 3.61mp, were Bob Mault/Phyllis Parker and Steve Rowe/Jo Daigle. In the evening game Brandon Sheumaker/Charlotte Sturm were 1st winning 3.67mp. June 9 Cayce Blanchard/John Melis won 4.83mp for 1st, and tied for 2/3 were Betty McClellan/Steve Skinner and John Petrie/Sankar Reddy, each winning 3.17mp. Congratulations to →

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### Monday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
1:15 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Round 1 of 3  
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Round 2 of 3

### Tuesday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Mon-Tue KO Teams Final Round  
1:15 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Round 1 of 3  
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Round 2 of 3

### Wednesday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Tue-Wed KO Teams Final Round  
1:15 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Round 1 of 3  
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Round 2 of 3

### Thursday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Bracketed Wed-Thu KO Teams Final Round  
1:15 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Compact KO Teams (Rounds 1 & 2)  
7:00 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 0-300 Pairs  
Compact KO Teams (Rounds 3 & Final)  
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

### Friday, September 14

10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs  
(finish by 4:15 p.m.) (This is a 2-session event,  
but single session entries may be sold at the  
Director's discretion.)  
10:00 a.m. & TBD Stratified Swiss Teams (2-sessions)  
Swiss Teams will finish by 5:15 p.m.

**All stratified events are stratified by the  
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Strats: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750  
I/N: 0-20/50/100/200/300

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**New Members:** William Heck, Carol Lopresti, Cynthia Pinkerton, Richard Hammerjohn and Kim Stockdale. Transfers into our unit: Usha Bansal and Marilyn Gasman. Welcome to the club!

**Status Changes:** Sectional Master: Ron Yaffee; Life Master: Norma Krueger; and Diamond Life Master: Bee Kinman. At Leisure World the newsletter announced that Bee had crossed the threshold of 55,000mp. Wow!! But I think they actually meant 5,000. Congratulations to you all!!

**Upcoming Events at the Club:** June 18-June 23 NAP qualifying week. June 24 Unit Game: lunch at 12:30, game at 1pm. July 2 Inter-Club Championship Game. July 4 Independence Day unit-rated game. July 13 (evening) ACBL-Wide International Fund Game. July 15 Unit Game—"eight is enough." July 16 through July 22 Districts 22 and 23 STaC week. July 23 through July 29: Club Championship week. NAP and IFG games: hand records, extra points, \$11 fee. Other special games—extra points, regular prices.

**Get Well Wishes** to Lois Abramson who is recovering from a broken hip.

### News From Leisure World from Gene Yaffee

Overall winners in the Club Championship game on May 5 were Gloria Sedore & Linda Carder; 2nd--Verna Burns & Joan Tschirki; 3rd--Eileen Nelson & Bee Kinman.

Special upcoming events: Monday, June 18, BBQ dinner immediately following the bridge game. Special Unit-rated game on Thursday, June 28. For more information on either of these events call Ruth Kaller, Club Manager, at 562/430-0316 or Ted Wieber, President, at 562/596-8661. Results of all Leisure World games are posted on [www.acblunit557.org](http://www.acblunit557.org)

Our condolences go out to the families of Barbara Zarzycki and Pandju Merali.

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## San Fernando Valley by Fran Kern

### Upcoming Events

Remember that our next Unit Game is on Sunday, July 15, at the Bridge Academy located at 6733 Variel Ave, Canoga Park, CA, telephone 818-999-9131. A catered lunch will once again be available at 12:00 noon, awards at 12:45, and one session of bridge 1:00PM. There will be one stratified game for 0-199ers and all other players will be stratified in an open game. This plan addresses survey responses from the last Unit Game when players asked to "mingle" with many other players whom they may not see on a regular basis. Reservations are appreciated and can be made at the Bridge Academy, the 750 Club, or by e-mail to Mike Fierman at [mandhent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mandhent@sbcglobal.net). Note that the special fee for this summer Unit Game is only \$7.00 and convenient parking is available

### The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for May 2012

750 Bridge Club: Dick Berg 6.97, Dick Wiggins 6.96, Susan Raphael 6.46, Ron Malkin 6.26, Joyce Hart 6.25, Margie Bulmer 6.05, Jim Lechner 5.87, Paul Endler 5.84, Jerry Goodman 5.70, Larry Kussin 5.48

Bridge Academy Under 750 Masterpoints: Ron Stewart 3.93, Sylvia Morstein 2.51, Jerry Goodman 2.21, Ruth Fleisher 2.09, Marilyn Gaims 2.09, Jim Lechner 1.85, Om Chokriwala 1.84, John Langer 1.84, Sheila Singer 1.179, Elaine Roth 1.77

Bridge Academy Open Masterpoints: Gilbert Stinebaugh 15.78, Andrew Vinock 12.99, Seymour Zemlyn 12.95, Tom Wylie 11.04, Joan Rubin 8.29, Marta Monheim 8.22, Barbara Pinchuk 7.48, Barbara Pinchuk 7.48, Leda Danzig 7.25, Dick Lum 7.09, Sheila Bozin 6.98

70% Games for May: Lou Hasson & Skip Smith 73.33, Kousi Pathi & Marjorie Romans 72.92, Barbara Pinchuk & Bill Carlson 70.45, Ron Malkin & Gloria Malkin 70.24, Samy Antoun & Gary Baxley 70.00

Column News: Make certain that your bridge news will appear in the next edition of Bridge News by sending it to Fran Kern at [fkern818@aol.com](mailto:fkern818@aol.com).

## Pomona Covina by Vic Sartor

With the summer heat approaching, many local players seem to be abandoning the simmering concrete and asphalt of our idyllic valley for more pleasant climes. Bill Papa is headed back to Greece after a previous month-long stay. Dave and Susan Ruoff are off on a cruise to Hawaii. Joe Unis is on an excursion in northern California, as is Gayle Ginsburg. Karen Olin is escaping to Lake Tahoe. Genise Hasan is visiting New York and plans to combine that with a side excursion to Philadelphia for the entire length of the Summer Nationals. Philadelphia in the summer—I guess that blows my theory about more pleasant climes!

At any rate, for those of us unable to escape the old home turf, don't forget to get your partnerships locked in for the Pasadena Summer regional, which will be starting just as you get this newsletter. Non-life Masters should take special note of a great opportunity set up for your benefit—the Pro-Am event on Monday, July 2 at 1:00 p.m.

On a sad note, our unit lost one of its best-loved members recently with the death of Marcella Scott. She was a fine player and a real lady at the table. Her many friends will miss her.

Due to the quirks of the unit schedule and the Bridge News deadlines, we have the results of both the May and June unit games to report in this issue.

Rosalie Roberts and Penny Barbieri were first overall in May, with Eric Tan and Amr Elghamry winning opposite direction. Also scoring were Penny Barbieri and Ron Purkis(1<sup>st</sup> in B), Tom Lill and Richard Patterson, and Roy Wilson and John Barrow. Charlotte Capelle and Hanan Mogharbel were first in C. The June winners were Eric Tan and Amr Elghamry, with Hans Hehnke and Vic Sartor first E/W and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Others placing were Penny Barbieri and Rosalie Roberts(1<sup>st</sup> in B), Richard Patterson and Roger Boyar, and Bill Papa and Jim Griffin. Charlotte Capelle and Hanan Mogharbel were first in C. The June individual was won by Linda Tessier, followed by Clint Lew, Bob Kakade, LaDonna Shatto, Luan Schirmer, and Steve Mancini.

Top club game of the month was a 68.5% result posted by Susan Ruoff and Herb Stampfl, barely edging out Genise Hasan and Cordell Goode. Other club winners included Ann McClelland, Ron Purkis, Mary

Miller, Karen Olin, Donald Naf, Kurt Trieselmann, Dave Ruoff, Vic Sartor, Kathy Helber, Herman Helber, George Altinus, Milt Kalikman, Michael Horn, Clint Lew,

Roger Boyar, Karen McCarthy, Pat Radamaker, Golda Shapiro, Bill Papa, Ken Lowenthal, and Ken Bloomfield.

It was hard to choose a hand of the month this time because distributional freaks seemed to pop up at every session. However, I settled on this rather mild example: What do you bid if your partner opens 4♠ and you're looking at: ♠K ♥AKQT9xx ♦void ♣AKQxx?

I hope you didn't get excited and bid 7♠ like one player who shall remain nameless. It seems your partner had nine to the QJ10. I know all of you who have been burned by partners' preempts before stopped to check on trumps with a 5NT grand slam force to avoid this minor faux pas, didn't you? Til next time...

## Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

Unit website:

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

SBBC website:

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

### Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

North American Pairs Qualifier: Monday, July 9, 11:30

Club Championship: Wednesday, July 11, 11:30

Unit Handicapped Swiss Game, Sunday, July 15, 1:00

District 22/23 STAC: Monday, July 16-21

North American Open Pairs Qualifier:

Wednesday, July 25, 11:30

NLM Club Championship: Thursday, July 26, 10:30

Club Championship, Friday, July 27, 11:30

North American Open Pairs Qualifier:

Monday, July 30, 7:00

Handicapped Swiss Teams Every Tuesday Evening

There will be Friday Night games on July 6 and 20

### Club Championships

The May 21 Club Championship saw Carole King/Beverly Narahara winning both Flights A and B. On June 5 the Club Championship was led by Dick Jones/Ray Mack in Flight A and Jeanette Betts/David →



Lyons in Flights B and C. The Championship on June 15 was won by Fran Israel/Jack Tsu in Flight A with Lorna Wallace/Ed Srenco capturing Flight B.

### Team Winners

Following are the winning quartets in recent Tuesday night handicapped Swiss games at the South Bay Bridge Club.

May 22: Barbara Shortwell, Henry Crowder, Keith Davidson, Bruce Merchant

May 29: Mary Ann Coyle, John Farr, Gaye Herrington, John J. McDermott

June 5: Al Blinder, Jeff Strutzel, Andy Anderson, CVal Gamio

June 12: Steve Ramos, Luis Gamio, Bronek Felczer, Jim Dutton

### Milestones

Sadly, two of our unit members passed away during the past month. Toshie Matsumoto, one of our junior players, was the mother of Marie Lynch. Marie also lost her husband a couple months ago.

We also lost Tom O' Brien, a Saturday regular. I once heard that Tom played for the Oakland Raiders. Don't quote me but maybe its true. I remember him as a really nice guy.

### GUV Memorial Award

First, let me say that I love Bernie Weinstein. This never prevents me from riding him unmercifully at the table trying to get an edge in winning matchpoints. It usually works, but not the other night. In a 5 board round against Bernie, pard and me got just a couple matchpoints. Call it Bernie's revenge. I don't remember 4 of the boards but I'm sure Bernie will remember the 5th forever and probably me too, even though I am trying hard to forget it. On bidding best forgotten, pard and me wrong sided an otherwise cold 3NT contract. Dummy had ♥Kxx facing my doubleton. Bernie led the ♥Q, I ducked. Bernie led the ♥J, I ducked and said, "OK Bernie now play the Ace". And he did cashing 2 more hearts to set me in a cold contract.

Na Zdrowie

West LA  
by Robert Shore

### Who Needs a Triple Crown?

Many of us were certainly disappointed when I'll Have Another was forced by injury to withdraw from the Belmont Stakes, thus ending his attempt to win the first Triple Crown in 34 years. If you're like me, instead of watching a much-less-meaningful horse race, you drowned your sorrows in a weekend of Unit Championship →



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bridge. The Saturday afternoon unit wide championship ended in an exact tie between Rhoda and Lew Himmell and Farideh Sigari and Rahim Israel. Your Humble Scribe took top honors in the Barometer Game. A pair of guests from the Valley abused our hospitality by winning the Sunday afternoon game, while Amadeo Ursini carried Al Franken to victory in the Toby Green Pro-Am Game. As you may know, Unit Championship Weekend is a relatively new event. Whether you played or not, be sure to let a board member know what you think of the idea.

Special thanks, by the way, go out to Anne Bank. Early this year Anne interviewed Toby Green and she took the time to type up the results. We gave away copies of the interview at the Pro-Am Game, and they are also available at the club and on the club's revamped Web site. Take a few minutes to read it, and then take another moment to pass along your thanks to Anne.

### **Déjà Vu All Over Again**

It hardly seems possible, but the time for a couple of my favorite events has arrived yet again. Bridge Week will start with another Pro Am game on July 2 and extending through the weekend of July 8. As usual, it's chock full of fun events, including several knockouts of both the regular and compact variety. Make your plans now.

In addition, qualifying has begun for the North American Open Pairs. Winners and second place finishers in each flight will get a sizeable stipend (more sizeable for first, of course) to travel to next year's Spring Nationals in St. Louis. Even if you have no interest in making the trip, it's still worthwhile because the district final carries the points (including gold points) of a full-fledged regional, taking place in the comfort of our very own Barrington Bridge Club. Qualifying is easy — just play one of many qualifying games (costing a dollar extra) occurring in June, July, and August at our local clubs. Qualifying games, by the way, are red point events and worth considerably more than ordinary club games.

### **Transitions**

Two departures to write about this month: one permanent, one not so much. Anita Levine has passed away. Although I never had the pleasure of knowing her, she was reported to be one of the nicer ladies out our

clubs. Considering the competition on this front, that's quite a compliment. Our condolences to her family.

Denny's Seltzer's impending departure from our midst will be much less traumatic. Denny has allowed his daughter to prevail upon him to relocate to Orange County. Thus, while he'll no longer be a weekly presence at Barrington, I'm sure we'll see him around from time to time both at the club and at our local tournaments. Let's face it — once this game has its hooks into you, it never lets go.

### **Monopoly**

Some very familiar names dominate this month's tournament report. Roger and Becky Clough picked up wins in the Saturday afternoon pairs game of the San Fernando Valley Sectional and a pair of wins — the Saturday Compact Knockout and the Sunday Swiss — at the Torrance Sectional, the latter allowing them and their teammates to tie for most master points at the tournament. Not to be outdone, Mike Savage won the Sunday Swiss at the San Fernando Valley Sectional and again at the Big Bear Lake Sectional. Gary King added to our unit's haul by winning the Friday Swiss at the Torrance Sectional. Congratulations to all of the winners. I'm looking forward to lots to add from Bridge Week.

### **Three on One Hardly Seems Fair**

White against red at matchpoints in second seat, you hold:

♠A85 ♥53 ♦642 ♣AQ932

After a pass on your right, you pass and you hear the opponents bid P-1♦, 1♥-1NT. Your partner's opening lead is a fourth best deuce of spade and you see the following dummy:

♠ Q964 ♥QT96 ♦QT8 ♣J6

Dummy plays low and you start thinking. The spade suit doesn't seem to have much promise, and even if your partner has heart cards, they're badly placed. Diamonds was Declarer's first bid suit so your only option appears to be clubs. Unfortunately, partner's stab in the dark has taken out your only sure entry. Still, if partner has as little as ♣Txx, you're in pretty good shape. Deciding to play for that, you put the club →

queen on the table.

The shift strikes gold. Partner does indeed have ♣T87, along with both red aces. You're well on your way to beating the contract for what will turn out to be a cold top. Unfortunately, when across-the-table opponent (also known as your Humble Scribe) grabs the diamond ace, he inexplicably elects to lead a small club thereby blocking the suit. You get two clubs and three other aces, so the opponents make two and they're the ones scoring up the cold top. Kevin Lane, who found the shift, certainly deserved a better fate.

### Around the Clubs

Barrington club champions last month were Roberta Constine and Pam Wittes, while your Humble Scribe paired with Myrna Blaufarb to win Cyma's Unit Championship game. Picking up 70% games were Rodger Harbin, Danny Kleinman, Harvey Katz, Arline Susswein, Guy Green, Aram Bedros, Sandy and Robert Carroll, Michael Nash, and Hans Kraepelien.

Winners of last month's Unit Championship were Richard Gliksman and Karen Schwartz, who put together their winning game at Beverly Hills. Club champions at Beverly Hills were James Clarkson and Michael Billow and Marion Tumen and Roy Boucvalt. Rhoda and Lew Himmell added to their collection of 70% games, as did Chuck Fonarow and Rahim Israel.

### Climbing the Ladder

Judith Forster, Bill Osterman, David Serbin, and Judy Stone join our ranks as Junior Masters this month, while Tony Gold and Elizabeth May take the next step to Club Master. Our newest Regional Master is Michael Lo.

Laura Waisler is now a Bronze Life Master. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments.

Got news? Send it to me at Bob78164@yahoo.com.



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# Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: John Jones

This month's panelists: David Chechelasvili, Jeff Goldsmith, Jill Meyers, Rick Roeder, David Sacks and Mike Shuster

# 1

IMPs  
NS vul

North	East	South	West
1♥	dbl	2♥	pass
pass	?		

You, East, hold: ♠AK ♥K532 ♦AK ♣A9752  
What call do you make?

**Sacks: 3♣.** We probably do not make all that much unless partner has a very long suit of his own or an exceptional club fit. With either of those, she might bid again.

**Chechelasvili: 3♣.** If partner has heart shortness and four or five clubs, he owes me a raise even with zero HCP. I would still bid a game if he raises. If partner has only four clubs and no honors, we may still get a 2-2 club break.

**Shuster: 4♣.** Partner is near bust with a stiff heart. I'd like to be in game opposite four or more clubs, and I think the direct approach is the best one. As far as exploring alternative strains, I cannot come up with a good plan. If I double again and bid 4♣, partner will assume I have at least 3 cards in each unbid suit and will insist on an alternative strain (especially spades) with a 5-card holding. So I'm out here on my island, screaming at the stars. Will anyone hear me?

**Roeder: Double.** Then bid the minimum number of clubs over a pointed suit response. 2NT is a losing bid because of the lack of a second heart spot.

**Goldsmith: Double.** It's tempting to pass at 100 a pop, but we can make a game versus a 3-1-4-5 yarrowborough. I think I'll double again and correct 2♠ to 3♣. If I bid only 3♣, partner will pass when we can make game. On my sequence, all he needs is a fit and a heart stiff to move.

**Meyers: Pass.** I don't think I have a game, I have six tricks in my own hand, the opponents are vulnerable, and I have no assurances of getting a plus score if I bid.

*I watched this hand on BBO and was surprised to see this hand pass. Declarer had a singleton diamond, so it required good defense to get a plus score. The other way to go plus on the actual hand is to double and pass 3♦ by partner.*

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directors have been preparing comparisons at our regional tournaments of masterpoint awards based upon the current formula and on the proposed formula. It will be very interesting to see how the comparisons are similar and different.

Finally, there is a motion that would bar playing

directors in STaC games and their partners from receiving overall STaC masterpoint awards.

To conclude, I want to wish good luck to all of our D23 Grand National Teams as they compete in Philadelphia. I will come looking for you in the playing area on Day 1.

Until next month, you can reach me at [Pinsky4Bridge@earthlink.net](mailto:Pinsky4Bridge@earthlink.net)



West	North	East	South
pass	pass	pass	2NT
pass	3♦	pass	4♥
pass	5♣	pass	?

You, South, hold: ♠AK7 ♥AKQ2 ♦KJ4 ♣T83

What call do you make?

If you disagree with either of your previous bids, speak up.

**Chechelasvili: 6♥.** In order to cuebid and not bid RKC, partner either has a void (which is less likely given his initial pass), or simply showing his main source of tricks in clubs. Knowing that partner has such weak trumps, and still tries for a slam, I think it is fair to assume a slam will not be such a bad proposition. I agree with 4♥ bid below. My style in IMPs (after 2NT opening) is to super-accept with any 4 card support, except maybe 4-3-3-3 and bad 19 HCP. *[Maybe it's best not to open 2NT on a bad 4-3-3-3 19 HCP to start with?]* Bridge is a bidder's game, and partner easily can have a shapely zero HCP hand that would make 4♥ a reasonable contract, while he would normally pass 3♥.

**Meyers: 6♥.** I disagree with 4♥. I like jumps in this situation to promise controls in the other three suits. Once I did bid 4♥ and partner bids 5♣, I would probably be a pig and bid a slam.

**Goldsmith: 5♦.** Technically, 2NT is an overbid, but no one downgrades 20 HCP hands, so that's fine. 4♥ is wrong. Versus a passed hand, slam is very unlikely, and sometimes when it's there, partner can try with an artificial 3♠, since he's limited by his initial pass. If he bids 3NT, I can bid 4♦, and this is roughly what he should expect. It's hard to construct a hand which he will pass 3♥ and will still make game without both the ♦Q and a stiff club (♠xx ♥xxxxx ♦Qxxx ♣xx works, but don't play partner for the perfect hand). Overall, bidding 4♥ will cause many more minus scores in 4♥ than avoid missed games. White, we don't even get extra odds.

Now, I have a subminimum, but I have to cooperate with 5♦. If partner bids 5♥, I've done plenty. If I take the high road three turns in a row, I don't feel the need to push even more.

In real life, South was a notorious overbidder and bid 6♥, which was about 45%. His luck was in. I was West. Mine was not.

**Sacks: 5♥/5♦.** If I chose to super-accept it would be where I live with 3♠. Unless 4♥ showed a minimum with 4 hearts, 333, then conditions of contest are lunacy. If 4♥ showed that minimum, then I would bid a Last Train 5♦. If not, I sign off.

**Roeder: 5♥.** Your 4♥ jump was fine but you have nothing extra and your club holding is the worst imaginable if partner has club length.

**Shuster: 5♥.** The normal responsibility of the player with strong trumps to be more aggressive in a slam auctions is mitigated by the fact I opened 2NT and super-accepted. Partner knows I have good trumps but otherwise this hand is terrible for slam. I really dislike 4♥ with sterile shape and a minimum opener. After opening 2NT, one should super accept aggressively, bidding game when it will have play opposite a decent 4-5 count. Here, the three level isn't safe opposite some of those hands, ♠Qxx ♥Jxxxx ♦xx ♣Qxx for example. Bidding four is awful.

*I held this hand in Eli Borok's Tuesday expert IMP game at the Barrington. I bid 5♦ and passed partner's 5♥ bid. Partner had ♠xx ♥T9xxx ♦Q ♣AQJ9x. Slam depended on hearts not being 4-0 and the ♣K being onside. I was surprised that the other table bid the slam because I thought I had bid aggressively at all three turns. I thought 4♥ was borderline.*



3

IMPs  
no vul

West	North	East	South
1♠	pass	pass	?

You, South, hold:  
 ♠T843 ♥A ♦AKQ4 ♣K963  
 What call do you make?

**Chechelasvili:** 1NT. ♠T8xx looks like a solid stopper to me.

**Meyers:** 1NT. This is best of evils.

**Goldsmith:** 1NT. Seems totally obvious. What am I missing other than the other half of the spade stopper that I don't promise anyway?

**Shuster:** 1NT. I'm a point heavy for this action, but double with a stiff heart or 2♦ on four are even less appealing.

**Sacks:** Pass. I'm taking the low road. Game seems unlikely or to be found. At matchpoints I would balance with either 2♦ or 1NT depending on my mood.

**Roeder:** 2♦. Yuck! This dilemma reminds me of the guy at the bar, 15 minutes before closing time, who feels compelled to choose the least flawed option. 1NT is in the running, but this hand is so prime that I prefer to lie about the fifth diamond.

*My RHO, Matt Klimesh, held this hand in a home game. He doubled and saw his partner bid an aggressive 3♥. He bid 3♠ and passed partner's 4♥ call. His partner, Roger Lee, had ♥KQxxx and skillfully found the line of play to make 4♥. The aggressive bidding paid off in this case as that was about the only way to get to a making game. 3NT would have easily been defeated.*

What do you think?  
 Send letters to the editor to:  
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4

MPs  
all vul

North	East	South	West
1♠	pass	?	

You, South, hold:  
 ♠7 ♥AJ974 ♦KQT852 ♣6  
 What call do you make?

**Chechelasvili:** 2♥. I believe it is impossible to find a 5-3 heart fit if I start with 2♦. My first choice of contracts would be 4♥ on 5-3 fit, then 5♦ on 6-3 fit (which I believe I can still find even after starting with 2♥). Lastly I would try 3NT, where it is also possible to stop after starting with 2♥.

**Meyers:** 2♦. I'm forcing to game, wrong or right.

**Shuster:** 2♦. Starting with 1NT isn't going to help me bid this hand out. If we are headed to the stratosphere in a misfit, we'll at least have some company.

**Sacks:** 2♦. At least I won't miss any 9 or 10 card fits. If partner does not bid 2♥ (or 3♣) I will follow with 3♦.

**Roeder:** 1NT (forcing). Over 2♣, I'll bid a heavy 2♦; over 2♦, a 3 heart fit bid; over 2♥, a 4♦ fit bid; over 2♠, 3♦.

**Goldsmith** 1NT. At matchpoints, I'll take the low road. With one partner, I play 1♠-1NT; 2♣-2♦; something-3♦ shows this hand. He's not North right now. When partner bids 2♣, if I have methods, [Jeff is referring to a version of the Bart convention] I'll use them, but in standard 2/1, I pretty much have to bid 2NT [jumping to 3♦ would be the choice for some players] and hope partner bids out his pattern.

*This hand occurred in an individual game. I gave the scoring as MP, but the actual game had the interesting format of being scored as both IMPs and MP. If I am going to force, I like 2♦ and then bidding hearts twice to show the 5-6 pattern. Karen Arase suggested this would be a good panel problem.*





South	West	North	East
1♦ ?	pass	1♥	pass

You, South, hold: ♠42 ♥653 ♦AQJ86 ♣AJT  
What call do you make?

**Meyers: 1NT.** I don't want to raise hearts on three little, and I don't hear the opponents bidding spades so I am not going to worry about them.

**Goldsmith: 1NT.** I don't object to 2♥, and 2♣ isn't awful either, but 1NT seems pretty down-the-middle.

**Sacks: 1NT with "eyes wide shut."** Although I could see either 2♣ or 2♦ working out better. This seems to be the wrong three card support for 2♥.

**Chechelasvili: 2♥.** In a regular partnership, using methods to find out about having three versus four card support, this should not present a problem. In a good partnership, without methods, it is still possible to find 3NT on a bad 4-3 fit.

*Many good pairs play that 2NT asks opener to further describe his hand using artificial responses that show whether opener is minimum or maximum and whether opener has three or four trumps. Washington DC expert Steve Robinson has a more natural way of getting at the same information.*

**Roeder: 2♦.** The purest IMP rebid. This problem

demonstrates why IMPs and matchpoints are so different, as I think a 2♦ is losing matchpoint strategy. If your side belongs in 3NT, a number of partner's possible spade holdings make it best for partner to declare. If John Jones looked more like Eric Kokish, *[let's not malign Mr. Kokish's good looks]* I would assume he was plumping for a stylish 2♣ rebid – which is not unreasonable.

**Shuster: 2♣.** You can't do this if you open 1♦ on (x-x-4-5) shape, or partner has to guess whether to pass or correct with 4-5-2-2 or 4-4-2-3 and similar distributions. The alternative of 2♦ is borderline-acceptable. 1NT is yuck.

*This hand was originally given to me by Jeff Goldsmith who held this hand and was considering the rebid problem. Instead of passing in front of him, his RHO bid 3♠, Jeff passed, of course It's a cute problem given that the minimum bid in four different strains is reasonable. Rick correctly predicted that I would think 2♣ is reasonable. I also think that 2♦ is reasonable. The only call I really don't like is 1NT, which may wrong-side a 3NT contract.*

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you ask? It is a two dollar Canadian coin. And a "loonie" is not that crazy bridge player who always bids too much, but a one dollar Canadian coin.

While playing bridge in Canada, you sometimes feel like you're learning a foreign language. One player said, "I couldn't bid because I was hot." I thought, "Well, why not take off your jacket?", but she meant she was vulnerable. They also looked at strangely when I spoke of a "stiff king." They call them frozen.

Another admirable thing about Canadian tournaments is the widespread courtesy and ethical behavior in evidence. There are infrequent director calls and committees are rarely called to settle disputes. People regularly smile and say hello. All in all, our northern neighbors are fine bridge players and excellent hosts.

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