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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ACBL Charity Foundation Supports Local Nonprofit

by Becky Clough, ALACBU President



They say it takes “a village to raise a child.” It is also true that it takes a village to put on a Regional Bridge Tournament. The Woodland Hills Regional was a solid success with positive comments coming from players of all ilk’s and abilities. Players liked the hotel with its friendly staff, the bright, well-lit playing areas and the after the game hospitality.

We listened to both compliments and complaints. At our Long Beach tournament in July we will add a comment card that can be filled out that will receive a direct call to address complaints. This said, I want all of you to know the group of dedicated volunteers who work with me to put on our regionals. This hardworking group includes players from intermediate to advanced, all of whom are finding ways to give back to bridge.

Head of our Tournament Committee is Ellen Anten. Ellen may be small in stature but mighty in her persistence in lobbying players from all over the ACBL to attend our tournaments. She and her husband, Lewis, have been married for 46 years and have two grown sons. She is also the proud grandmother of 5-year-old twin boys who will soon surpass her in height. She began playing bridge in college but didn’t play duplicate until 1994. Today she has earned more than 18,000 master points and attends many regionals each year and is one of my favorite partners.

Peter Benjamin, our Tournament Manager, works hard all year to produce a good regional. He and I traveled many miles throughout Los Angeles County as we searched for good tournament sites. Many novice players attended our last two tournaments because Peter coaxed them to come for the Free Lessons and Light Lunch event held the first day of each tournament. Peter, who has earned 8300 masterpoints, met Sheila, his wife of 38 years, at the Wild Whist Bridge Club where she was taking lessons. They married three months later after Sheila told him “We can get married or play bridge, but we can’t do both.” Peter began playing bridge in 1960 after his brother brought home a high school buddy with whom he played Honeymoon Bridge. Fascinated with the game, Peter soon after began playing duplicate bridge in the game at a local church. One of his fondest bridge memories was being asked to record the bidding and opening leads during the 1962 Team Trials. He felt he got the best lessons available and they paid him. Among the pairs he recorded were Schenken and Leventritt,

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### Pinsky, Goldsmith, and Schreiber

by Rand Pinsky, District Director



I am pleased to report that at the Spring NABC held last month in St. Louis I was re-elected as Treasurer of the ACBL.

Jeff Goldsmith was approved by the Board to a three-year term on the Competitions & Conventions Committee and Bill Schreiber was appointed to a three-year term on the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

### Other News from the Board of Director's Meeting

**Finance:** For the year 2012 the ACBL had net revenues over expenses of \$353,511. For the year 2013 the Finance Committee and Management originally projected net revenues of \$109,000 but a reforecast was done lowering our

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Goren and Sobel, Nail and Jacoby, Roth and Shuman and Crawford and Stone.

Penny Barbieri, our Hospitality Chairman, began playing kitchen bridge 35 years ago. She began playing duplicate in 1993 and has earned 1000 master points. She became a Silver LM recently, explaining it took a while because most of the regionals she has attended are those in Southern California. Penny has been married to her husband, Gino for 26 years. Between them they have 8 children, 19 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren all of whom keep her busy. Penny won the National Service Award from ACBL 2012 President, Sha-

ron Anderson for her commitment to bridge at the local level. Penny has served terms as President and Treasurer of Unit 551 and is currently Vice President of ALACBU. Novice players have been recipients of Penny's hard work. She compiles a Newcomer Bag of goodies which typically includes a pen, a deck of cards, a convention card holder, Fred Gitelman's disc "Learn to Play Bridge I, & II," and a Baron and Barclay Bridge Catalog. After seeking donations from the ACBL, boxes and boxes of stuff arrived for Penny to use in this project.

Penny spends many hours each bridge tournament wearing her hospitality hat, a job which she loves because she gets to interact with lots of people and share her love for

the game. She has fond memories of doing this same job for Larry Cohen and his wife on two of their bridge cruises.

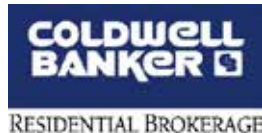
Another invaluable and hard-working member of the team is Betty Jackson, our Partnership Chairman. Not only does she spend many hours at each tournament helping players find partners, but they call her all year long. Betty is still married to her high school sweetheart with whom she has two children and 2 grandchildren. Betty has earned 2700 master points since she began to play in 1986. One day she read the scores of a recent duplicate game in the Temple City Times and thought it sounded fun. So on the way to a basketball game she stopped to get the schedule of upcoming events. She was hooked immediately and stayed to play and never got to that basketball game. Bridge gave Betty something to do while her husband was working his night job. When I asked her about her working life, Betty replied she worked for a now defunct company that made adding machines and cash registers for 13 years before she became a financial manager at Alhambra Adult school where she also taught business classes. Betty also taught bridge and ran bridge games on 35 bridge cruises which gave her the opportunity to travel all over the world.

Jan Wickersham, with 3500 master points, is in charge of our 299er novice program. With a long history of service to bridge behind her, I was extremely pleased when Jan accepted the challenge of creating and leading a week long program planned specifically for novices.

In Torrance, Jan created and developed a highly successful →

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program for 0 – 299ers that included free bridge lessons, daily speakers and multiple games daily at their levels.

Jan brought in Teri Atkinson, a well known bridge teacher from District 22, to help. This was continued in Woodland Hills to even greater success and is in the works for Long Beach. Development of new players is essential for the health and longevity of our game, and Jan is doing her part.

Jan began playing duplicate in 1990 after the death of her second husband. She has three children and six grandchildren. Since 1990 she has spent 15 years on her unit board (#559) as well as serving as Vice-President and Tournament Chairman for ALACBU. Demonstrating her sense of humor, Jan told me her favorite bridge joke. A gentleman held: ♠AKQ ♥AKQ ♦AKQ ♣AKQJ. He was in 7NT and went down. How is this possible? (Answer at end of this article).

Robert Shore is our Daily Bulletin editor. I got tired of reading daily bulletins at tournaments that were no more than a collection of scores. I loved reading the Daily Bulletins at the Nationals and though we weren't going to have a publication that detailed or sophisticated, I believed we could do better. Bob, now as the editor, receives material from Candy Scott, Mike Savage, John Jones and others. It takes him many man hours, both before the tournament and nightly during the tournament, to get the Bulletins with all the scores, a puzzle or two, and some bridge hands to think about to the tournament each morning.

Bob has nearly 1800 master points. He began playing in college and joined the ACBL in 1980. He is married to a non bridge playing wife but still finds time to serve bridge in many ways. Presently he is President of Unit 562 and Chairman of the ALACBU Disciplinary Committee. Bob's 13-year-old son, Sparky, is a caddy at our regionals. I asked Bob if he had a bridge memory he would like to share. He responded that one such memory was when he first played with Jordan Choderow. They had a 70% game in a STAC that was followed the next time by an 80% game.

There are many other volunteers who help us make our tournaments successful. We are not a closed group and welcome new members and new ideas all the time. If you are interested in being part of the Tournament Committee, send me an email at [district23becky@hotmail.com](mailto:district23becky@hotmail.com)

*Answer: He was on the Titanic*

## District 23 Rank Changes February, 2013

### Junior Master

Carole Adashek, Patricia Bessone, Cheri Bitar  
Janice Fischer, Judy Fischer, Harold Goldman  
Patricia Hammond, Dalia Hernandez, Lisa Karako  
Barbara Laier, H David Law, Mickey Lewis  
Robert Malina, Kathy Miller, Susan Miller  
Janice Olson, Ina Rogal, Bruce Schelden  
Beverly Young, Lucy Zhang

### Club Master

Richard Berger, Leslie Debeauvais, Peter Giotta  
Richard Greenberg, William Heck, Fran Lapides  
Robert Lapin, Susan Lava  
Dan Spector, Bobbi Zifkin

### Sectional Master

Geoffrey Breskal, Elizabeth Burrell, Kent Burrell  
Monica Fastovsky, Barbara Fisher-Freeman  
Gary Jubas, Ray Malki, Etta Skylan  
Sara Wetherbee

### Regional Master

Susan Bibby, Kenneth C.K. Chuk  
Bernard Davidorf, Beatrice Hershfield  
Herbert Zweig

### NABC Master

Samy Antoun, Wayne Beagle  
Eileen Miech, Rachel Simon

### Life Master

Dennis Hollingworth, Krystyna Hollingworth  
E. J. (Jim) Lechner, Marguerite Pinkers  
Sharon Wolf

### Bronze Life Master

Susan Emminger, James Gardner  
E. J. (Jim) Lechner, Sylvia Morstein  
Ronald Srenco, Sharon Wolf

### Silver Life Master

Sandra Franciscus, Janet Logan

### Gold Life Master

Robert Perlsweig, Beverly Shafer





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Tournament Manager:  
Peter Benjamin 310 720-6050

# Los Angeles Regional

at Long Beach

Looking for **Gold Points**? The entire tournament schedule is packed with **Gold Point** events including our newest game, the **Bracketed B Sunday Swiss** where the top three teams in each bracket of eight win **Gold Points**, and nobody in the bracket will have more than 2000 points. We also have four days of **Gold Rush Pairs** in which you can win **Gold Points** and nobody you play against will have more than 750 masterpoints.

## July 1 - 7, 2013



### REVISED SCHEDULE!

### Highlights

Gold Rush games, 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss, Fast Pairs, 299er games & a 4-session Marshall Miles Swiss

Bracketed 0-2000 mp Sunday Swiss--no players over 2000 masterpoints and lots of Gold Point awards

Monday morning Free Lesson for 299ers

Monday afternoon Pro-Am Game

Early 10/3 Playing times on the Fourth of July so you don't miss the Fireworks!

Stratified games: 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Flight A/B and Flight A/X: 0-2000/2000+

Gold Rush: 0-100/100-300/300-750

Bracketed B Swiss: 0-2000

Knockout events with only one bracket may be handicapped



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Long Beach, California 90802  
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### Partnerships

**Betty Jackson**  
562 594-4420 Before July 1  
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Need a Partner? Need Teammates?  
Visit our on-line partnership desk at  
**LosAngelesRegional.com**

### Entry Fees

\$13.00 per session for all events  
\$15.00 for non-paid members or non ACBL members  
Players with 0-5 MP play FREE

Sanction #R1307014  
Gary Zeiger, Director in Charge

*Long Beach has many waterfront attractions, including a new, state-of-the-art aquarium with a fabulous shark exhibit, two excellent art museums, charming shops, and lots of recreational activities along its eight-mile stretch of beach.*

#### Monday, July 1, 2013

10:15: 299er Free Lesson

1:15 PM  
Pro Am Game  
Educational Foundation Stratified Charity Pairs

7:00 PM  
Educational Foundation Stratified Charity Pairs  
299er Game  
**Mike Pudlin** Memorial KO Session 1

#### Tuesday July 2, 2013

9:00 AM  
AM Side Game Series 1 of 5  
**Mike Pudlin** Memorial KO Session 2  
Single Session Swiss  
299er Game

1:15 PM  
Midday Side Game Series 1 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 1 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 1 of 2  
**Mike Pudlin** Memorial KO Session 3  
Minute Men KO Session 1  
299er Lecture (12:15) & Game

7:00 PM  
PM Side Game Series 1 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 2 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 2 of 2  
**Mike Pudlin** Memorial KO Session 4  
Minute Men KO Session 2  
299er Game  
Single Session Stratified Swiss

#### Wednesday, July 3, 2013

9:00 AM  
AM Side Game Series 2 of 5  
Summertime AM Single Session Swiss  
299er Game

1:15 PM  
Midday Side Game Series 2 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 1 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 1 of 2  
Minute Men KO Session 3  
Paul Revere Compact KO Sessions 1 & 2  
299er Lecture (12:15) & Game

#### 7:00 PM

PM Side Game Series 2 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 2 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 2 of 2  
Minute Men KO Session 4  
Paul Revere Compact KO Sessions 3 & 4  
299er Game  
Single Session Stratified Swiss

#### Thursday, July 4, 2013

10:00 AM  
AM Side Game Series 3 of 5  
4th of July Stratified Swiss 1 of 2  
299er Game

3:00 PM  
Midday Side Game Series 3 of 5  
4th of July Stratified Swiss 2 of 2  
299er Game

10:00 AM & TBA  
**Miriam Collup** Fast Pairs

7:30 PM  
PM Side Game Series 3 of 5  
Single Session Swiss

#### Friday, July 5, 2013

9:00 AM  
AM Side Game Series 4 of 5  
**Marian Beerman** AM Swiss 1 of 2  
299er Game

1:15 PM  
Midday Side Game Series 4 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 1 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 1 of 2  
Benjamin Franklin KO Session 1  
299er Lecture (12:15) & Game

7:00 PM  
PM Side Game Series 4 of 5  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 2 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 2 of 2  
Benjamin Franklin KO Session 2  
299er Game  
**Mike Emminger** Single Session Stratified Swiss

#### Saturday, July 6, 2013

9:00 AM  
AM Side Game Series 5 of 5  
**Marian Beerman** AM Swiss 2 of 2  
299er Game

1:15 PM  
Midday Side Game Series 5 of 5  
Benjamin Franklin KO Session 3  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 1 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 1 of 2  
Samuel Adams Compact KO Sessions 1 & 2  
Marshall Miles 4-Session Swiss Qualifying  
299er Lecture (12:15) & Game

7:00 PM  
PM Side Game Series 5 of 5  
Benjamin Franklin KO Session 4  
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) 2 of 2  
GOLD RUSH PAIRS(100/300/750) 2 of 2  
**Marshall Miles** 4-Session Swiss Qualifying  
Single Session Stratified Swiss  
299er Game

#### Sunday, July 7, 2013

10:00 AM & TBA  
**Marshall Miles** 4-Session Swiss Finals  
Flight A/X Swiss (0-2000/2000+)  
Bracketed B Swiss Teams (no player over 2000)  
\$124 per team includes lunch

10:00 AM & TBA  
**Mary Jane Farrell** Stratified Fast Pairs  
\$62 per pair includes lunch

Stratified games: 0-750/750-2000/2000+  
Flight A/B and Flight A/X: 0-2000/2000+  
Gold Rush: 0-100/100-300/300-750  
Bracketed B Swiss: 0-2000

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expectations of table count for the three 2013 NABCs. It is now projected that the ACBL will have net revenues over expenses of \$32,296.

For additional information, the table count for St. Louis was lowered from 10,000 to 9,600, Atlanta was lowered from 13,000 to 12,500 and Phoenix was lowered from 12,000 to 11,500.

In motions before the Board, the one I found most interesting was a motion modifying a previous motion dealing with playing directors being barred from winning overall points in STaC games. The motion that was passed at this meeting, states:

Playing directors in STaC games and their partners are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoints (silver) awards, but are eligible to receive section awards.

At Sponsor option, the above restriction may be waived. Such waiver shall be noted on the sanction application submitted to ACBL Headquarters.

The second most interesting motion that was passed raised the age for senior events to 60. The motion as passed reads:

The minimum age for ACBL sanctioned Senior events shall be 60 years of age. Those eligible under present rules on December 31, 2013 will remain eligible in subsequent years.

One final motion that was passed was titled, "ACBL Membership Requirements ACBL Tournament Participation." This motion stated that all participants of NABC+ and NABC events must be ACBL Members whose membership dues or service fees are current. The motion also mandated that for regional entry fees will be an additional \$4 per session for non ACBL members and non-service fees paying Life Masters. For sectional entry fees the additional fee shall be \$3 per session. This additional fee is to be retained by the sponsoring organization.

The Board also had some lengthy discussions on a variety of topics. Next month I will discuss some of these issues. Until then, you can reach me at [pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net](mailto:pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net).

### Woodlawn Hills Regional Winners



Freddie Straus, John Clark, Mary Reyna and Arvin Ash won the Saturday Compact KO Brackett 2



299er David Law earned 13.15 MPs at the Woodlawn Regional



## Los Angeles Regional

at Long Beach

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## **Second Annual Los Angeles County**

### **Scholastic Bridge Tournament**

**April 6, 2013, 9AM – 11:30 AM**

**Adrienne Green - director**

**Barrington Bridge Club**

**11514 Santa Monica Bl. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**LA 90025 310-966-4144**

All players welcome. Come represent your school. Signup in one of the following categories:

Elementary School Student

Middle School Student

High School Student

College/ University Student

Staff/Employee

Fan (Parent/Alumnus/Interested Party)

Come with or without a partner. The top four scores for the entrants in any category will be added to determine the winning teams in each category. Bring anybody you would like to play with as a partner. No masterpoints will be awarded, but medals will be given.

For more info call: John Jones 562-843-8046, or Carol Frank 818-281-3531



# Around the Units in District 23

## Antelope Valley by Brad Ward

There are times when the grizzled veterans of the bridge table glow with pride when they tally excellent performances and its noteworthy to point out their appreciation for spectacular achievements by those youngsters that compete weekly against the veterans. This is one of those times. At the St. Louis Nationals, Ms. Marguerite Pinkers and Mr. Bert Stock won the 59-table Gold Rush Pairs and not only scooped up the 17 MPs that went along with the win, but also now have the life-long prize of an event **win** at an ACBL Nationals. Not too many grizzled veterans can claim such an honor. **Congratulations to Bert and Marguerite!**

Mention must be made of more honors achieved by our Unit 556 members. Barbara and Tom Jones won 6.5 MPs by winning the recent district-wide STAC. The wonderful Jones couple garnered the top honors at the STAC game at Rita's Club. Linda Young and Russ Buker were second district-wide in the "B" strata and tallied 3.27 MPs. Four different clubs participated in the March 14 District 23 STAC contest.

The monthly Unit Game featured a spectacular Saint Patty's day traditional feast supplied by Linda Young. The game was won by Mira Rowe and Kristi Kubo as they routed the Unit Game field.

The results from our local clubs show a continued support from membership in the Santa Clarita and Castaic areas and each club owner has expressed great appreciation for the players attendance. Kathy, Rand, Rita, and Paula do a great job for all the players, **Thanks!** Unfortunately, the Lancaster club support continues to wither and its viability is truly in question.

Winners last month at Paula's club were Carol Provost-Bill Brodek along with Paul Gill and Roy Ladd as well as Carol Trenda and her husband Gary and Hugh Bartlett partnered with Roshun Hadulla.

Rand and Kathy played host to the February Unit Board meeting and Carol Provost catered a delicious meal for the Board members. Carol is quite an

accomplished caterer and we are so happy to have her in our community. The monthly results at the club saw the partnerships of Gary Grey-Arif Shah, Ruth Baker-Lamonte Johnson, Paula Boland-Rand Pinsky, Brad Ward-Onorita Pallanti, Ted Maki-George MacDonald, Dave Gasper-Marlene Warren-Gasper, and Nell Schanz-Paula Oliveras all chalk up wins. It's great to see the diversity of winners.

Rita's club produced a number of close contests with Mira Rowe-Bill Brodek, Lamonte Johnson-Ted Maki, Paula Oliveras-Vibeke Gilbreath, and Tom and Barbara Jones all scooping up victories.

The Lancaster club saw Barbara Shuping-Alfred miller win **twice** last month. Lola Messhia bagged two wins as well, partnered once with Dave Gasper and once with Marlene-Warren Gasper. Marlene also won two times, once with Lola and the other time with Brad Ward as her partner. Dave Gasper won not only with Lola as his partner but he also won with Ben Sour as his partner. The partnerships of Bob Hart-Nat Dent, Ron Oest-Sandy Oest and Henry Roediger-Sharry Vida also joined the winner's circle last month.

Good luck and good health to all this coming month.

## Glendale Verdugo by Sharon Wolf

Unit Game, April 13  
Lunch at noon, game at 1:00

Please be advised that starting on April 13, the card fees for our Unit Games will be \$12, to help offset the cost of a catered luncheon. In addition to a lunch of pulled pork, rice, and coleslaw, the April Unit game will honor recipients of the 2012 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards.

Our March Unit game was a catered St. Patty's Day feast, with the following results: →

N/S

A1	Pat Abbey & Merry Besvold
A2	Herman Helber & Jake Frenkel
A3	Phil Dessert & Dominique Moore
A4 B1	Arlene Friedman & Nit Buckhout
A5	Tim Lolli & Carolyn Cohen
A6 B2	Leon Alexander & Bob Hogan

E/W

A1 B1	Temo Arjani & Robert Novell
A2	Paula Olivares & William Brodeck
A3	Ellen Anton & Steve Gross
A4 B2	Brad Beland & Amr Elghamry
A5	Shiu-Ming Huang & John Barrow
A6 B3 C1	Ann Raymond & Charles Rucker
B4 C2	Tracy Boys & Jerry Burrill

Our next unit game is on April 13. Please join us.

## Long Beach by Jon Yinger

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

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

**February 17 Unit Game:** Overall results: 1st in A: Mike Walker/Sean Lui, 2nd Jo and John Melis, 3rd John Wong/Louis Shen, 4th Wei Pei/Phil Hiestand, 5th Sherry Troeger/Fay Beckerman, 6th Susan and Keith Hafen. In the B flight overall Barbara Shortwell/Ralph Moskowitz were 4th, Hanefi Erten/Oliver Yildiz were 5th, Doreen Maes/Phyllis Greenstein were 6th. In the C flight overall Fred Willbanks/Todd Knapp were 5th. Congratulations to all!

**70+% Games** in the club Feb 16 through March 15: There were two 70+% scores in open pairs games: Feb 19 Gary King/Brandon Sheumaker had 74.32%, and March 11 Marcus and Marcie Evans had →

## TORRANCE – SOUTH BAY SECTIONAL (UNIT #568)

### MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup> SANCTION NO. S1305117

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New for 2013: Tournament will be by **reservation only** to Gerri Carlson, [gsoffa@aol.com](mailto:gsoffa@aol.com), 310-377-0316. Open games are 2 session events, with lunch provided between sessions. 299er games are single session events.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! PLAYERS MUST RSVP FOR ALL GAMES**

#### FRIDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

**7:00 PM**

- Single Session Pairs

!!! Play for \$5.00 !!!

#### Stratification

Pairs:

A = 2000+ B = 750 – 2000 C = 0 – 750  
Swiss Teams:  
A = 2000+ B = 750 – 2000 C = 0 – 750

#### SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

**10:00 AM**

- Stratified Open Pairs session 1/2\*
- 299ers Pairs

**3:00 PM**

- Stratified Open Pairs session 2/2\*
- 299ers Pairs

\* Open Pairs is a two-session event

#### SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

**10:00 AM**

- Stratified Open Pairs session 1/2\*
- 299ers Pairs

**3:00 PM**

- Stratified Open Pairs session 2/2\*
- 299ers Pairs

\* Open Pairs is a two-session event

#### MONDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

**10:00 AM**

- Swiss Team Session 1

**TBA**

- Swiss Team Session 2

Tournament Director:

Peter Knee

Tournament Manager:

Ray Mack 310-21-8008

Partnership Chairperson:

Gabby Jackson 310-831-8727

Reservations:

Gerri Carlson 310-377-0316

[gsoffa@aol.com](mailto:gsoffa@aol.com)

Card Fees:

ACBL Member - \$12.00 per open game session, lunch included; \$10 per 299er session; and \$5 Friday, May 24

Non Member - \$13 per session 18 and Under – Free



71.47%, and one close miss—Feb 24 Steve Skinner/Baum Harris had 69.84%. In the unit team game Monday evening Feb 18 Sally and Alan Gordy had 70%. In the NLM evening game March 11 Sharon Biederman/Susan Bibby had 72.50%. And in the 199er game March 13 Martin Lipman/Rick Schaeffer had 71.53%. Congratulations to all six pairs!

**Big Masterpoint Awards** Feb 16 through March 15: Feb 16 John and Bea Bralliar were 1st winning 3.50mp. In the unit game Feb 17 Sean Lui/Mike Walker were 1st winning 4.11mp, Jo and John Melis were 2nd winning 3.08mp. And, unless I missed something, those were the only big masterpoint awards for the past month. Congratulations to all three pairs!

**Condolences** to the family and friends of Irwin Bender and Beverly Souders.

*Irwin Bender: On 19, 2013 our good friend and partner Irwin Bender incurred a massive stroke. He passed away Wednesday February 20. Irwin's last bridge game was February 19. He scratched. Irwin was always available to talk with you about a myriad of things... For instance: The Lakers, the movie he saw last night. NT Splinters. Or his kids. He will be sorely missed. -- Lois Abramson*

*Beverly Souders: She was a lovely lady born in a farming family in Kansas and, as many of us at the Bridge Center, during the depression. But that is enough of ancient history. She loved her son, Jim, and life. She especially loved the game of bridge and the friends that it brought her. It became her fun time in between her home gardening. (She had the "Green Thumb").*

*She had many friends at the Bridge Center who will miss her dearly, especially her partners. I, as one of those, have already missed her charming smile and that "We'll do better next week." As Shakespeare so apply put it, "Time doth make enemies of us all." --Ed Neuroth*

**New Members** George Koehm. Transfers from other clubs: Sharon Sloan and Dennis Stevens. Welcome to you all!

**Status Changes:** New Gold Life Master: Marcus Evans. Congratulations Marcus!

**Upcoming Events at the Club:** April 1 April Fool's Day unit-rated game. April 2 through 8 Club Championship Week—extra points, regular fees. April 9 (evening) Inter-Club Championship game. April 21

through 27: Charity Week: extra points, regular fees. April 28 Unit Game--lunch 12:30, game at 1 p.m.

**Get Well Wishes** to Mary Thomas and Skip Trepinski.

## News from Leisure World

*by Joan Tschirki*

Sharon Baron President of Clubhouse 1 reports that there have been many major changes and our price for all games on Friday and Saturday has gone up to \$3.00 a game. The club continues to grow. Following Gene Yaffee's resignation the new director, Cliff Goodrich was named her replacement. Thank you Gene for all your years of service. Larry Slutsky was named the new VP. Not to leave out Aaron Jones who is doing an excellent job directing the Saturday game. Thank you, Aaron!

Winners of the Club Championship game NS Cookie Pham and Chuck Cutchshow, EW Joyce Henderson and Janet Reid Congratulations! **Great** job! Verna Burns and Joan Tschirki had a 73% + game. This is the first 70% + game in Leisure World this year Great!

Ted Weiber, president of the Clubhouse 3 games, said they are averaging 11 tables a game. The President's Day game was held on a Thursday. Cherry Pie and Ice cream were served for the free game. The club continues to draw for free games; one EW and one NS on Mondays and Thursdays. April 3 is the next Club Championship game.

Glad to see Jean Beyers is recovering nicely. Bette Willner would enjoy hearing from you! I heard Bill and Betty recently took a cruise. Club championship is on March 7th. EW Chie Wiekham and Sally Fenton. NS was Gloria Sedore and Sybil Slutsky.

Keep shuffling along. And to my dear friend Irwin missing you!

Games are held on Mondays and Thursdays at Clubhouse #3 and on Fridays and Saturdays at Clubhouse #1 at 12:30 p.m. Players are asked to be there by 12:15 to confirm their reservations. Reservations are necessary because Leisure World is a gated community and your name must be at the gate for entry--reservations may be made by calling Ruth Kaller at 562/430-0316.

Results of all Leisure World games are posted on [www.acblunit557.org](http://www.acblunit557.org)

Get the Unit 557 Newsletter via email. Send your email address to [jjyinger1@gmail.com](mailto:jjyinger1@gmail.com). →

## Pasadena San Gabriel Valley by Chuck Cordaro and Marie Nimmrich

Unit Game: Sunday 7 April at 1:00

Miriam Collup, our grande dame of bridge, just turned 100 years old on March 11, 2013. And since we were so fortunate as to have that date come on a Monday, Miriam joined us for a light repast and a birthday cake with candles and singing. Everyone was so glad to see her and celebrate such an auspicious occasion as her 100th birthday. **And**, we were also blessed to see Mary Jo Johnson and Babette Black. We sure miss all of you at the bridge games.

A big welcome to new members Nima Badizadegan, Ray Fisher, Christopher Kolner, William Renter and Elliot Simon. We are always glad to have new people joining us as members of Unit 559. Also congratulations

to new Sectional Master Stan Majcher, new NABC Master Carol Schwartz and new Bronze Life Master Connie De Rosa.

**Election Party:** Jan Wickersham orchestrated our annual Election Party and she planned a really classy event. The party was held at the Marriott Hotel in Monrovia, a new place for the unit. Our new 2013 Board of Directors will be peopled by the following new members who were duly elected at the party: Ann Raymond, Frank Grant, Clif Cates and Mike Marcucci. Continuing on the Board are Peter Szecsi, Sandra Franciscus, Miriam Harrington, Karen Arase, Amr Elghamry, Mary Falvey, Bernie Mateer and Marie Nimmrich. Our thanks to those who have retired from the Board: Jan Wickersham, Nancy Nakanishi, Roland Pineda and T J Wang.

The pairs game in the afternoon had 20 tables. Ron Moeckel and Ann Banta were the overall winners. Second were Kathy and Herman Helber; third were →

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### CARD FEES

\$12.00 Per Person/Per Session  
\$13.00 Non or unpaid ACBL Members

### STRATIFICATION LEVEL

Pair Average	
Flight A/AX	3000+/0-3000
Strat A	1500+
Strat B	750 to 1500
Strat C	0 to 750
<b>299ers</b>	
Strat A	300
Strat B	100
Strat C	50

KOs might be Handicapped

### Food Policy

Coffee will be provided before both sessions.  
LUNCH will be available for purchase Sunday only.



Sanction No. S1306077

New Location

# 2013 Balboa Sectional

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**10:30 AM**  
299er Swiss One Session  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact KOs (Rd 1 & 2)  
**3:00PM**  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Compact KOs (Rd 3 & 4)  
299er Pairs  
Single Session open  
Swiss

**Costa Mesa  
Community  
Center**  
1845 Park Ave  
Costa Mesa

### **DIRECTIONS**

Take the 55 Frwy to Costa Mesa, continue south on Newport Blvd. Turn west on 18th St. and very shortly south on Park Ave. From Harbor Blvd, turn west on 19th St. and then east on Park.

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10:30 AM**  
Stratified  
Swiss Teams  
Two single Sessions  
0-199er Swiss Teams  
**Second Session**  
Time TBA



Ellen Anten and Steve Gross; and fourth were Barbara Baeskens and Margie Gould. In the evening swiss, the team of Amr Elghamry, Dominique Moore, Bernie Mateer and Peter Szecsi was first; second was the team of Jeannette Deverian, Margie Gould, Cathy Martin and Diana Borgatti. And third were Ellen Anten, Jeff Goldsmith, Steve Gross and Robert Bass. The director for the day was Dave White and he held a barometer game in the evening for the swiss.

### **2013 Officers and Committee Chairmen**

President of Unit 559: Peter Szecsi; Vice President: Sandra Franciscus; Treasurer: Miriam Harrington; Secretary: Mary Falvey; Unit Manager: Mike Marcucci; Membership Chairman: Marie Nimmrich; Web Master: Roy Wilson; Ethics Chairman: Peter Szecsi; Hospitality Chairman: Bernie Mateer; Publicity Chairman: Marie Nimmrich; Holiday Party Chairman: Karen Arase; Sectional Chairman: Amr Elghamry and Sandra Franciscus; Eight Is Enough Chairman: Miriam Harrington and Mary Falvey; Election Party Chairman: Frank Grant and Marie Nimmrich; Supplies Chairman: Ann Raymond.

**February Unit Game:** Way back in February, the unit held its February unit game on 17 February. Shiu-Ming Huang and Robert Wang emerged as the victors. Second were Rae Murbach and Jack Futrell. Third were Harold Knowles and Zach Vedro, while fourth were Jeff Fang and Connie Kang. Thanks to Denise Morgan for directing with her usual flair.

**STAC GAMES:** 11 March began a week of sectional tournaments at clubs which awarded silver points. They were held locally at San Marino and Arcadia. Here is a list of players who placed overall in Districts 22 and 23: Monday Afternoon (San Marino): Roy Wilson and Peter Szecsi (13th), Mary Miller and Karen McCarthy (5/6th in C); Laurie Silton and Brian Butler (7th in C). Thursday Morning (Arcadia): Peter Szecsi and Herman Helber (3rd), Cathy Martin and Diana Borgatti (4th), Bernie Mateer and Kathy Helber (4th in B), Joyce Pratch and Jeanne Trefzger (5th in B and 2nd in C). Friday Evening (Long Beach): Jan Wickersham and Danielle Le Blanc (3rd Twilight Paris). Saturday Afternoon (Arcadia): Joan Mesias and Charo Holdo (3rd), John Barrow and Karen Arase (4th), Ernie Wong and Frank Shih (2nd in B).

There were many more silver point winners. If you want to see the results, please go to [ACBL.org](http://ACBL.org).

Tournaments, STACs, go to the link for STAC 22 23 March 11 to March 17, then go to Daily Results.

### **Arcadia Bridge Center**

Art will be starting a new series of Beginning Bridge Lessons. The lessons will be held on Tuesdays at 11:30 A.M. and on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. starting on Tuesday 9 April and on Thursday 11 April. There is no better bridge teacher; and this is the chance to tell your friends/relatives about learning to play bridge. Beat the House night will be on Friday 19 April at 7:15 p.m. Beat Art and Diane's score and you win a free play. Rookies, earn a 50% or better game and you, too, can win a free play.

The Winner/Loser Game will take place on Sunday 21 April at 1:00. If you won or came in last in the month of March at the Bridge Center, you can play for \$5.00.

### **San Marino Bridge Club**

There will be a charity game on Monday 8 April. More points will be awarded and hand records will be available. The Wednesday night jackpot is over \$600. All you need is a 70% game to win it (with at least 6 tables in play). If there are less than 6 tables, and you score a 70% game, you will receive a \$50 prize to split between the partnership. Not bad. However, you would be surprised to learn that it has been several years since anyone has won the elusive jackpot.

### **Next Unit Game**

Our next unit game will be Sunday 7 April at 1:00 at San Marino. Come early for food!!

### **Story by Chuck Cordaro: An Embarrassment of Riches**

Last week my partner, Helen Salandra, and I were dealt 39 of the 40 points in the deck. This is where the embarrassment comes in. Sitting north with 19 points, I was afraid I had too many of my partner's assets, so I only bid 1NT, hoping to improve my chances of getting her to respond. She bid 3NT and we passed on the biggest hand I have ever seen.

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	North	
	♠A8	
	♥K65	
	♦AJT8	
	♣AQJ5	
West		East
♠942		♠J7653
♥73		♥T84
♦964		♦752
♣98732		♣T4
	South	
	♠KQT	
	♥AQJ92	
	♦KQ3	
	♣K6	

Everyone took all 13 tricks, and about four pairs bid a small slam in this rookie game of 10 tables.

Au revoir for now and remember: vincit omnia veritas

## Pomona Covina by Tom Lill

Unit Game – Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.

Individual – Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. at La Verne

Well, fans (?), it's been a slow news month, so we'll have more filler material than usual. Until next month, then...

In the March Unit game, the top spot was captured by Kathy Helber - Genise Hasan. Following closely behind were Fredy and Lulu Minter; Vic Sartor - Hans Hehnke, who tied with Charlotte Capelle - Hanan Mogharbel; and Helen Wang - Yours Truly. We don't have separate results for all three flights because the B and C pairs were well represented in the overall standings.

The March Individual was won by Kathy Helber, followed by Charlotte Capelle, Steve Mancini, Paul Chrisney, and Margie Hall.

Other winners last month included Penny Barbieri, Clint Lew, Karen Olin, Paul Chrisney, Linda Tessier, Karen McCarthy, Cordell Goode, Joe Unis, Donald Naf, Denise Morgan, Hanan Mogharbel, Richard Patterson, Pat Radamaker, Al Lax, Bill Papa, Vic Sartor, and Fredy & Lulu Minter, who turned in the best performance at a whopping 76.85%. This was especially noteworthy

because the second place pair scored 74.31. Talk about bad timing! They were the only two pairs over average. I guess the rest of us were asleep that evening.

Planning for the "Longest Day" event is proceeding. Right now a major question is, do we hold our own event locally, or join in with District 23 for a joint venture. (No, marijuana will not be involved.)

Our long – dormant unit website should be up and running soon ... provided the webmaster can avoid any more physical calamities and indignities.

We have two hands for you this month. The first one is a tough judgment problem. At unfavorable vulnerability, you pick up ♠– ♥K75432 ♦AKJT92 ♣T. Partner deals and opens 1♦. RHO overcalls 1♠. (First rule of competitive bidding: the opponents always have the spades.) Decision #1 – what now? A negative double would be a bit strange, so you call 2♥. LHO chimes in with 4♠, of course. Pass – pass, and it's time for decision #2. (BTW, you aren't using support doubles, even if they applied at this level.) 5♦ seems indicated – after all, you have a known 9-card fit, and most likely it's 10 cards. LHO passes, partner corrects to 5♥, RHO passes, and it'd decision #3. You have four possibilities: pass, 6♦, 6♥, or 6♠. Well?

It turns out that partner has ♠AJ4 ♥AT8 ♦87653 ♣A9. So 6♥ is stone cold, and because trumps are 2-2, you have 14 tricks in either red suit and notrump. Bridge is such a simple game ... Since the hand would play just as well if partner's spades were ♠432, this is effectively a 19-point grand slam. Or, as Marty Bergen so eloquently puts it, "points, shpoints."

Our second hand is more for fun – for the opponents, that is. It falls into the category "why me?" You are playing with an unfamiliar, but reasonable, partner. At favorable vulnerability, you pick up, your usual junk, ♠K986542 ♥– ♦97654 ♣8. LHO deals and calls 1♥. Partner calls 2♥, showing 5-5 in spades and a minor, almost certainly clubs. Wow, this hand now looks better, because the opponents can probably take about 100 tricks with hearts as trumps. RHO calls 3♥, and you bid a conservative 4♠. It now goes 5♥, pass, 6♥, and over to you. What's going on here? They've stopped in a small slam, and you don't see how you can possibly lose more than 4-5 tricks even if the sky falls in, so you take the obvious sacrifice, and it goes pass – pass – double – all pass.

The opening lead is a heart (big surprise), but you are in for a shock. The sky is indeed about to fall in. Partner was out to lunch, and dummy flops with →

five hearts to the ten, ace-fourth of diamonds, two small spades ... and you've just gone for 1700. To add insult to injury, no one else bid the cold heart slam (all they lose is a trick to the ♥10). Pouring even more salt in your wounds, one pair got doubled in 4♥, and scored 1660. So had you not taken the "obvious" sacrifice, you would at least have scored 1 match point. Yes, we must love this game, or we'd be doing something sensible with our time ...

Until next month ...

Quote for the month: "Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills." (Minna Antrim)

## San Fernando Valley by Deborah Levinson

Greetings and Salutations!

### Achievements

The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for February 2013

The Bridge Academy (Open)

1. Deborah Levinson - 10.86
2. Robert Rice - 8.43
3. Tom Wylie - 7.71
4. Armand Szulc - 7.37
5. Seymour Zemlyn - 7.17
6. Gary Frans - 6.98
7. Sheila Bozin - 6.67
8. Harvey Witt - 6.22
9. Leda Danzig - 5.98
10. Marel Bates - 5.80

The Bridge Adademy (<750)

1. Deborah Levinson - 10.86
2. Jerry Goodman - 4.47
3. Sheila Singer - 1.96
4. Paul Fuson - 1.83
5. Ruth Fleisher - 1.79
6. Marilyn Gains - 1.79
7. Joan Marks - 1.30
8. Alan Marks - 1.30
9. Ron Stewart - 1.26
10. James Gardner - 1.18

No results for the 750 Bridge Club this month.

### 70 Percent Games

Ooops! Did you have one and forget to let me know?

### Tournaments

**Winners** at the Woodland Hills Regional included:

**Tuesday Afternoon Side Game:** Joyce Hart – Herbert Zweig 1<sup>st</sup> in B and C.

**Morning Side Game Series:** Gilbert Steinbaugh – Allan Palansky – 1<sup>st</sup> in A. Fara Kaufman – Deborah Levinson – 1<sup>st</sup> in B. Phillip Calloway – Gary Grey – 1<sup>st</sup> in C.

**Tuesday Eve Side Game Series:** Kevin Lane – Marel Bates 1<sup>st</sup> in B.

**Tuesday Eve 299er Pairs:** Peter Wiere – Louis Zgonc 1<sup>st</sup> in D. Shari Elias – Barbara Ann Haas 1<sup>st</sup> in E and F.

**Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams:** Gerry McCully – Rhonda Foster – Ellen Anten – Steve Gross 1<sup>st</sup> in A. Gary Jubas – Joann Jubas – Carol Levin – Barbara Haines – 1<sup>st</sup> in B and C

**Wednesday Aft 299er Pairs:** Gary Baxley – Shari Elias 1<sup>st</sup> in F

**Wednesday Aft 99 Pairs:** Judy Fischer – Louise Nash 1<sup>st</sup> in H and I

**Saturday Aft Side Game:** Carol Jurgens – Charles Jurgens 1<sup>st</sup> in A and B Janet Cooper – Diane Licht 1<sup>st</sup> in C (2<sup>nd</sup> in A!).

**John Adams KO Teams Bracket 2:** Noel Purkin – Tammy Purkin – Leila Greenfield – Michael Klemens 1<sup>st</sup>

**Wednesday Eve 299er Pairs:** Louis Zgonc – Peter Wiere 1st-2nd D 1st E Ilene Feinstein – Frona De Covnick 1st-2nd D Jack Tabbush – Frank Pinkus 1<sup>st</sup> F.

**Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams:** Peter Rank – Mitch Dunitz – Ed Davis – John Ramos – Alexander Kolesnik 1<sup>st</sup> A James Gardner – Jim Lechner – Tracy Boys – Eva Seri 1<sup>st</sup> C

**James Madison KO Teams:** Gerry McNully – Rhonda Foster – Steve Gross – Ellen Anten 1st

**Friday Morning Side Game Series:** Steve Gross – Don David Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> A.

**Capitol Swiss Teams:** Alan Palansky – Gilbert Stinebaugh – Claude LeFeuvre – Sara Wilson – 1<sup>st</sup> A Deborah Levinson – Leila Greefield – Mary Dougherty – Fara Kaufman – Sheila Bozen – 1<sup>st</sup> B.

**Friday Eve Side Game Series:** Al Spaet – Tony Scott 1<sup>st</sup> A Bobbi LeFeuvre – Carole Noreen – 1<sup>st</sup> B →

Friday Eve Swiss Teams: Marta Monheim – Ron Westwood – William Hall – Andrew Vinock 1<sup>st</sup> A

**Saturday Morn Side Game Series:** Sara Wilson – Sandra Franciscus 1<sup>st</sup> A.

**Saturday Morn 299er Pairs:** Bobbie Eckstein – Ellen Mintz 1<sup>st</sup> D, E, and F

**Saturday Compact KO Teams Bracket 1:** Gerald Bare – Robert Perlsweig – Pam Wittes – Peter Benjamin 1<sup>st</sup>

**Saturday Compact KO Teams Bracket 2:** John Clark – Freddie Strauss – Avinash Bahadur – Mary Reyna 1<sup>st</sup>

**Saturday Aft Swiss Teams:** Om Chokriwala – Michael Klemens – Dustin Stout – Nitin More – 1<sup>st</sup> C

**Evening Side Game Series:** Al Spaet – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams:** Steve Gross – Ellen Anten – Rhonda Foster – Gerry McCully 1<sup>st</sup>

Remember – if you are reading this, and you want your name to be here, and you do not see it, it is because you did not send your “news” to Deborah Levinson at [dlevinson@acesupms.com](mailto:dlevinson@acesupms.com) or leave a note in the “Bridge News” envelope at either of our clubs!

### Milestones

**First Points:** Gayle Butler – Red at Woodland Hills Regional and Deborah Wallen – Red at Woodland Hills Regional.

Remember! New ranks? Life events? Let me know!

### Upcoming Events

**Unit 561 Game** Saturday April 13th, 2013 Prince of Peace Church 5700 Rudnick Ave., Woodland Hills. Catered lunch at noon, game starts at 1 p.m.

Mini-McKenny and ACE of Clubs Winners will be recognized with Awards and Free Plays. Events will include Stratified Open and 199er pairs. Card Fees remain only \$8.

**Pro-Am Game** At the Upcoming Los Angeles Regional at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach July 1, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. Not an “expert?” Come play with an experienced partner for just the cost of a card fee! (Players 0 – 5 points play free!)

Amateurs – Contact Deborah Levinson for reservations 323-719-3190 or [dlevinson@acesupms.com](mailto:dlevinson@acesupms.com) Pros – Contact Ellen Anten to be involved 818-634-3231 [ellenanten@aol.com](mailto:ellenanten@aol.com)

### Other News

Irv Drooyan passed away during the February, he will be missed. Carol Diamant passed away after a long battle with Cancer. Members of local clubs watched her laugh, smile, and play until her next to last day with us. We applauded her courage then, and remember her now, and forever.

Mike Fierman is recovering from heart surgery, we wish him well. Dick Lum is recovering from complications from the flu, we wish him well (and are all bidding NT while he’s away and we have the chance to beat him to it!)

Column News: Make certain that your bridge news will appear in the next edition of Bridge News by sending it to Deborah Levinson ([dlevinson@acesupms.com](mailto:dlevinson@acesupms.com)) with the subject BRIDGE COLUMN.

## Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

Unit: [www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568](http://www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568)  
SBBC: [www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc](http://www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc)

### Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Saturday, April 6, 3:00 pm  
Club Championship: Wednesday, April 10, 11:30 am  
NLM Club Championship: Thurs, April 18, 10:30 am  
Club Championship: Monday, April 29, 11:30 am  
Handicapped Swiss Teams Every Tuesday Evening  
Friday Night games on April 5 and 19

### Club Championships

The Club Championship on March 4 was captured by Nancy Guenther/Judy Tomic in both Flights A and B.

### Team Winners

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

Feb 19: Gabriela Jackson, Harry Wessells,  
Mark Raggio, Robert Rothman →



Feb 26: Luis Gamio, Cecil Cook,  
Jim Dutton, Bronek Felczer

March 5: Fran Israel, Luis Gamio, Jim Dutton,  
Bronek Felczer

March 12: Fran Israel, Luis Gamio, Jim Dutton,  
Bronek Felczer

### Woodland Hills Regional Heroes

There were a few success stories for unit members at the recent District 23 Woodland Hills Regional. Most notable were Neil Kleiner and David Peim who won the Monday evening Charity game, the Tuesday morning side game and topped it off by being first overall in the 2-session Flight A/B pairs on Tuesday. Alfred Lee came in on top in both the Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon side games. Judith Tomic and Nancy Guenther led the way in Flight E of the Friday afternoon 99er pairs. Krystyna and Dennis Hollongworth were on a team which captured the Saturday Bracket Bracket 4 compact KO.

Maybe it was her desire to get the world's worst opening leader (me) to make a good lead for a change. Maybe it was her desire to duplicate a great result from another imaginative bid made earlier in the session. Whatever the case Gerri Carlson treated me to a minus 800 at a recent club game. She held ♠QJxxx ♥xxxx ♦-- ♣QJxx. Her LHO opened a 15-17 HCP NoTrump. After my pass her RHO bid a 2♦ Jacoby transfer. Gerri decided that a double was in order to get the lead and this was passed back to me holding ♠Kxx ♥xx ♦AQTxx ♣Axx. Naive that I was I tried a 3♦ bid based of course on our big diamond fit. This was passed back to opener who couldn't wait to put a red card on the table holding 6 diamonds to the KJT. Back to Gerri who should have made another imaginative bid. If we could have found our spade fit it actually had a play at the 3-level. As I explained to her later 3♦ was a guaranteed disaster and some kind of runout wouldn't be any worse and might be a lot better. The good news is I thought I played 3♦ doubled double dummy to get out for down 3.

### GUV Memorial Award

Na Zdrowie

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MONDAY - JUNE 17	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified Charity Swiss Teams					
Stratified Charity Pairs					
0-300 Charity Stratified Pairs					
Monday-Tuesday KOs (1st of 4 Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (1st of 6 Single Sessions)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs					

NOTE: ALL Monday Games are Single Sessions (EXCEPT KOs)

TUESDAY - JUNE 18	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					
Stratified AM Side Game (1st of 5 Single Sessions)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs (2 Single Sessions)					
Monday-Tuesday KOs (2nd, 3rd & Final Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)					
Tuesday-Wednesday KOs (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)					
Stratified GOLD Pairs (0-100/300/750) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (0-2500/2500+) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Afternoon Side Game (1st of 5 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (2nd of 6 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 19	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified Swiss Teams (Wed-Thurs 1st of 2 Sessions)					
Stratified AM Side Game (2nd of 5 Single Sessions)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs (2 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)					
Tuesday-Wednesday KOs (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)					
Wednesday-Thursday KOs (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)					
Stratified GOLD Pairs (0-100/300/750) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (0-2500/2500+) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Afternoon Side Game (2nd of 5 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (3rd of 6 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					

THURSDAY - JUNE 20	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified Swiss Teams (Wed-Thurs 2nd/Final Session)					
Stratified AM Side Game (3rd of 5 Single Sessions)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs (3 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)					
Wednesday-Thursday KOs (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)					
Thursday-Friday KOs (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)					

\* KO events may be handicapped

THURSDAY - JUNE 20 (CONTINUED)	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified GOLD Pairs (0-100/300/750) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (0-2500/2500+) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Afternoon Side Game (3rd of 5 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (4th of 6 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					

FRIDAY - JUNE 21	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KOs (1st Session)					
Stratified AM Side Game (4th of 5 Single Sessions)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs (3 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)					
Thursday-Friday KOs (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)					
Friday-Saturday KOs (1st & 2nd of 4 Sessions)					
Stratified GOLD Pairs (0-100/300/750) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (0-2500/2500+) (2 Sessions)					
GNT - D17 Finals-All Flights (Pre-Qualification Required)					
Stratified Afternoon Side Game (4th of 5 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (5th of 6 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					

SATURDAY - JUNE 22	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KOs-2nd/Final Session)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					
Stratified Morning Side Game (5th & Final Session)					
0-300 Stratified Pairs (3 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)					
Friday-Saturday KOs (3rd & 4th of 4 Sessions)					
Saturday Compact KOs (2 Sessions)					
Stratified GOLD Pairs (0-100/300/750) (2 Sessions)					
Stratified Pairs (0-2500/2500+) (2 Sessions)					
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## West LA by Robert Shore

### Woodland Hills and Other News from the Tables

Let's lead things off this month with results from the inaugural Woodland Hills Regional. As usual our Unit brought home more than its fair share of success from the tournament. Joyce Lelah and Farideh Sigari got things off to a fine start by winning the Monday afternoon charity game. Keith Miller and Lee Hausner made it a Monday bookend by winning the evening 299er Charity game. Alan Daniels, David Pelka, and Bill McClean were members of the winning team in the White House Swiss Teams event, and Ken Okel and Jim Brunet topped the field in the Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs. Marlene Felix won the Thursday afternoon 299er game, while Karen Byrd and Nancy Heck won their bracket of the George Washington Knockout Teams. Gerry Bare, Peter Benjamin, and Pam Wittes won the Saturday Compact Knockout, while Jill Meyers won the Saturday Open Pairs and Keith Adams won the Saturday afternoon 299er game.

Some of our members didn't content themselves with their performances at Woodland Hills. Marlene Felix also won the Monday afternoon 299er Pairs game at the Las Vegas Sectional. Roger and Becky Clough won the Friday afternoon Swiss Teams event at the San Diego Sectional, and Robert and Sandra Carroll won the Sunday Open Pairs game at the Palm Springs Sectional. Let's hope we have more success to report next month from St. Louis and other locales.

### Tickets to Atlanta

The Open Flight and Flight B of the District's Grand National Teams event will be held the weekend of April 27 and 28. At stake is the right to represent our District in Atlanta, along with a small subsidy for the expenses. This is always a fun event. Winning the District's Flight B event, which is limited to players with fewer than 2,000 points, is worth the tidy sum of 27 gold points. It's well worth your weekend.

Some unit events are also coming down the pike. On Tuesday, April 23, we will hold Unit Championships afternoon and evening. As usual, the afternoon games will be held at Beverly Hills and Barrington, while the

evening games will take place at Cyma's Game and the Marina. Early May will feature the Spring West Los Angeles Sectional, which again will be held as a STAC. The week of May 13 through 17 will feature an entire week of Unit Games. In short, lots of opportunities coming up to pick up more points.

### Card Combinations

After LHO opens a 14-17 NT, he ends up playing 2NT with me looking at the following collection:

♠Q87 ♥J76 ♦AJ84 ♣765.

Partner's opening lead is a fourth-best spade 5 and dummy comes down with:

♠J3 ♥KT3 ♦T75 ♣AJT43

Declarer ducked in dummy, of course, and I played the ♠Q, losing to declarer's ♠K. Declarer, who was dealt ♠KT2, later knocked out my diamond ace and ended up making 4, for an average.

But look at what would have happened if I'd had the courage to insert the 7-spot. Now declarer can win the 10, but when I get in later with the diamond ace, I can fire the queen of spade through declarer, pinning dummy's jack and bringing home the rest of the spade suit. It's a basic defensive principle, particularly in NT defense: honors were born to step on other honors.

In our next example, I was on lead against 3NT after LHO made a 2D Flannery opening and RHO showed the minors. I held: ♠Q9753 ♥Q3 ♦982 ♣854

I tried a fourth best spade and dummy flopped with: ♠AJT2 ♥KJT74 ♦J7 ♣A2

The opening lead went to the ♠T and ♠K and partner shifted to a club, which declarer won on the table. He then ran the ♦J, partner playing the ♦Q and declarer winning with the ♦K. This is where I fell from grace, by giving count. Declarer, whose original diamond holding was ♦KT6543, now had no choice but to play partner for ♦AQ tight by leading a small diamond from hand. If I had put the 8 or 9 of diamonds on the table, declarer would have had the losing option of playing the ♦K from hand in an effort to pin my remaining spot.

### Around the Clubs

Picking up club championships this month at Barrington were Gloria Sherwood-Pam Wittes and Jill Richmond-Paul Ryan. Cyma Aronow and Art Zail

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# Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: John Jones

Panelists: Gerry Bare, Leo Bell, David Chechelashvili,  
Paul Ivaska, Mr. Mealymouth, Jill Meyers, David Sacks

# 1

MPs  
all vul

West	North	East	South
1♥	dbl	3♥	?

You South hold:

♠932 ♥AK7 ♦QT6 ♣A983

What call do you make?

**Meyers: 3NT.** This is clear to me.

**Chechelashvili: 3NT.**

**Mealymouth: 3NT.** I'll try 3NT if playing a double at this level is "responsive," or double if not.

**Ivaska: 3NT.** I assume that double would be responsive, so I don't think I have any choice. I shall need a bit of luck to make this contract, as Terence Reese said on several occasions.

**Sacks: 3NT.** I have no tricks; I really hope partner bids. I could make a responsive double, but what then?

**Bare: 3NT.** What else? This is not a perfect hand for 3NT. Secondary stoppers and more high cards in the other suits would be better, but no other bid seems reasonable.

**Bell: 3NT.** Point-wise, this is somewhat of an underbid. *[You have 13 HCP and partner can have as few as 10 HCP, so bidding 3NT seems sufficient.]* My second choice is to pass and hope partner will lead a trump. *[You hope partner has a trump if you pass, although pass could be right even if partner is void. The ♣A may get you in to lead three rounds of trumps.]*

*My apologies - I got this problem's auction badly wrong which resulted in a problem that lacked intrigue. I think this is the first time ever that I posed a question and received a unanimous answer. The only difference of opinion was that Leo wanted to bid more, while others thought 3NT was iffy. I'll use the real problem in a future issue.*

*The remainder of the problems in this set were all published by or answered by the late Marshall Miles, the former editor of this column.*

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combined for a 70% game there. At Beverly Hills, club champs were Herb Ehrmann-Don Krauss, Elisabetta Beraldo-Peter Menotti, and Brian Rose-Don Krauss, while Lew and Rhoda Himmell won a Unit Championship. Recording 70% games were Joyce Lelah-Zalman

Perelman, Sam Namer-Les Rawitt, and Lew and Rhoda Himmell.

## Climbing the Ladder

Our unit's newest Junior Masters are Helaine Blatt, Elaine Kaufman, Mary Longo, Scott Robinson, and Karen Sterling. Furrokh Dastur, Irene Ghassemieh,

and Sue Hunter have now become Club Masters, and Jerry Goodman has reached NABC Master status.

John Thomas Kelly and Sue Ann Simon are now Silver Life Masters, and Sid Brownstein is now an Emerald Life Master. Congratulations to all.

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IMPs  
NS vul

West	North	East	South
1♥	dbl	3♥	?

You, South, hold:

♠Q52 ♥-- ♦AQT85 ♣J9643

What call do you make?

*This problem comes from the November 2004 Problem Solvers' Panel. Marshall Miles moderating.*

**Sacks: 4♥.** This round is easy. The tough part is what to do next. I'm still thinking about what to bid over partner's 4♠.

**Bare: 4♥.** I'll follow by bidding 5♦ over 4♠ and passing over 5♣. A direct 4NT should show the minors, but I'm not strong enough to bid a slam over 5♣ or 5♦, and I want to make some sort of slam try.

*The doubblers differ in their follow-ups and don't agree exactly on what double means.*

**Meyers: Dbl.** I play double here is either spades or both minors. Partner bids accordingly.

*This seems to be a strange place to have an either/or type convention since opener might bid again, and it must be tough for partner to convert the double or act decisively if I can have one of multiple hand types. Jill has played a tremendous amount of high level bridge and is widely acknowledged as one of the world's best competitive bidders, so maybe there is something to be said for this treatment.*

**Bell: Dbl.** This shows my values and still keeps spades in the picture. Over partner's 3♠, I'll bid 3NT, which should show both minors.

*That sequence might possibly be 3=3=3=4 with a single heart stopper.*

**Chechelashvili: Dbl.** I believe this is the most flexible call. It denies four spades and shows values in the minors. I don't think there is much danger of its going all pass.

**Mealy-mouth: Dbl.** I'll double if playing it as at this level as responsive (two places to play), 4♦ if not.

*The 2004 responses were 4♦ by Vic Chernoff and Ed Davis, 4♥ by John Swanson, and 4NT by Ross Gabel and Mitch Dunitz. The other two panelists were Ivaska and me.*

**Ivaska (2013): Dbl.** Responsive, of course. I plan to raise partner's minor to five. That may seem a bit aggressive, but after all, most fitting minimums produce good play for game, or even slam, e. g., ♠AJxx ♥xx ♦Kxxx ♣KQT.

*If partner holds that hand, the opponents will not be silent.*

**Ivaska (2004): 4♦.** I expect that LHO will persevere to 4♥. If partner doubles, I'll respect it, but if he doesn't, I'll try 5♣. 4♦ seems to be the best lead director and avoids the ambiguity of 4NT. I could double responsively, but this hand is too distributional for that, and there is the possibility that partner might pass.

**Jones (2004): Dbl.** A responsive double seems perfect. I can raise four of either minor to five. I can raise 3♠ to 4♠. If opener competes with 4♥, I will bid 4NT for the minors. If I was worried that partner would frequently convert the double and be wrong (if I was playing with Marshall, or if I wasn't playing responsive doubles), I would bid 4♥ and pass the response. If opener bids at a high level, a responsive double leaves me well placed.

*I still like a responsive double.*

**Miles (2004): 4NT.** I don't think a responsive double is so bad, but it risks a pass by partner, and since 4NT does not seem ambiguous to me, I prefer it.

3

IMPs  
no vul

West	North	East	South
1♦	dbl	pass	?

You, South, hold:

♠AJ73 ♥Q8752 ♦83 ♣93

What call do you make?

*One panelist cue bids, but says that he doesn't promise another bid. Most other experts play that a cue bid promises another bid.*

**Ivaska: 2♦.** Only if we have the firm understanding that I'm not required to bid again. Partner will need more than a well-fitting minimum to yield a good play for a non-vulnerable game. At IMPs, we needn't swim the proverbial river of crocodiles for white games.

*One panelist thinks he has enough to jump.*

**Bare: 2♥.** I'm not quite strong enough to bid 2♦ and raise.

*Other panelists try 1♥, with most hoping to bid 2♠ at their next turn.*

**Sacks: 1♥.** If we play it there, we don't have a game. If I get another chance to bid, I will bid 2♠, showing about these values and this shape. To cue bid is an overbid.

**Bell: 1♥.** I don't think the auction will die here, and if

it does, we probably have no game. I'll bid spades at my next opportunity, which should show this strength and distribution.

**Mealymouth: 1♥.** This is a nice maximum, almost but not quite good enough for stronger action.

**Chechelashvili: 1♥.** I don't think I have enough even for 2♥, let alone 2♦.

**Meyers: 1♥.**

*And Marshall?*

**Miles (from "Marshall Miles Teaches Logical Bridge" 1967): 1♠.** I have a fairly good hand and hope to bid twice. If I bid hearts first and opener jumps to 3♦, I wouldn't have enough to try 3♠.

*Even at all white, you wouldn't bid 3♠? You are such a wimp! Even if 4♥ gets doubled it may not be a disaster. More importantly if partner has exactly three cards in each major you'll play the wrong fit with your canapé approach.*

## 2013 District 23

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MPs  
no vul

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

You, South, hold: ♠K97 ♥J9 ♦2 ♣KQ97643  
What call do you make?

**Mealymouth: Double.** This is about as good for defense against spades as partner can expect.

*preempting style is wide ranging enough that I can accept 3♣.*

**Bare: 3NT.** 3♥ was forcing, and I have a good hand with secondary heart support.

**Meyers: 4♥.** What's the problem?

**Bell: 4♦.** What else can this be but a cue bid on my way to 4♥?

**Chechelashvili: 4♥.** I have to show support. I am not afraid of their bidding 4♠.

*Yes, 4♦ is clearly a cue bid in support of hearts. Yes, we have a maximum. Might 4♦, however, make partner think that we were even stronger in support of hearts, perhaps as if the hearts and spades were switched? Despite that, I like Leo's thoughtful bid.*

**Ivaska: 4♥.** IMHO (I've never texted and probably won't start any time soon), this hand is far too strong for a non-vulnerable preempt, especially with three spades to the king. So I'm assuming that I'm filling in for someone who has just suffered a heart attack, or more likely, was assaulted by a former partner. Pass is out, because I don't think it's absolutely forcing, so my choice is between 3NT and 4♥. I'm choosing the latter, since I can't see nine running tricks even if partner has the ♣A.

**Sacks: 4♥.** This hand is too good to open 3♣. In today's style, this is closer to a 1♣ opening bid than a 3♣ preempt, but I am too old-school to open 1♣. I would pass at these colors. Given that I have opened 3♣, I now bid 4♥. I have a monster for partner: a tap stopper in spades, a control in diamonds, a heart honor, and a decent club suit.

**Miles (from Bridge World, March 2010): 4♥.** I expect partner to be able to take 10 tricks (if 4♥ was serious), and if the opponents bid 4♠, then I can double. North will know that I don't have a rock-crusher double or I would have doubled 3♠.

*This is a 2010 Bridge World Problem. David's objection to the heavy 3♣ preempt was echoed by several of the Bridge World panelists. My personal*

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IMPs  
NS vul

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

You, South, hold: ♠AT9 ♥74 ♦K ♣AKQT742  
What call do you make?

*One panelist passes, hoping partner has enough to act again.*

**Meyers: Pass.** I'm hoping partner will reopen. If he does not, we do not have a game. ♠Jxx ♥QJxx ♦Qxx ♣xxx looks like a good game.

*One bids his long suit.*

**Ivaska: 4♣.** I hate to exclude 3NT, but there's no assurance that partner will bid again, so I don't see that I have any choice.

*Some double to try to reach 3NT.*

**Bell: Dbl.** In some partnerships I play double here is support with extra values. That would make this hand more difficult. Double just showing a good hand works well here. If partner bids 3NT, I'll pass. Over 3♥ or 3♠, I'll bid 4♣. I'm sure in the bridge spirit world, Marshall is clamoring for me to bid 3NT with my stiff ♦K.

**Chechelashvili: Dbl.**

*Other panelists look at the solid clubs and hope (pray?) that the ♦K will hold up as a stopper.*

**Sacks: 3NT.** At these colors, I bid 3NT. Even though

I don't have a stopper, I might end up with one. 3NT is a better bid against opponents who lead low from doubletons. Partner has Jx, and the leader has four small. *[He's hoping that East will duck to maintain communications holding ♦AQT9xx.]* My second choice is 4♣.

**Bare: 3NT.** In remembrance of Marshall.

**Mealymouth: 3NT.** "If not me, who? If not now, when?" Asks, I mean, prays, for a partial diamond stopper. Marshall would understand. (He'd bid it with a low singleton.)

*With apologies to Dan Patrick and Andrew "McLovin" Perloff, the "Poll Question of the Day" is "What bid did Marshall recommend on this hand?" Don't look at the next comment until you've mentally answered.*

*Now that we've heard a loud chorus of "easy, 3NT," I hope you are all seated. In my best Jim Nabors voice..."Surprise, surprise, surprise!"*

**Miles (from "Stronger Competitive Bidding" 1992): 3♠.** I am bidding a shorter suit than expected by partner, hoping he will bid 3NT. However, if he raises to 4♠, I'll bid 5♣ despite the fact that 4♠ could be the only game to make when partner has ♠KQJx ♥QJxxx ♦xxx ♣x.

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