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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Place to Stay Forever... Penticton

by Becky Clough, ALACBU President



After returning from Penticton earlier this month I thought I'd share the experience with you. Penticton is located in the Okanagan Valley of Southern British Columbia about 90 minutes north of the United States border. Penticton, known for its wine, is a charming, sun-soaked town, nestled between two beautiful lakes: Skaha Lake to the south and Okanagan Lake stretching 100 miles to the north. Penticton is derived from the Okanagan language and is conventionally translated as "a place to stay forever." Last year, it was named one of the Top 10 Places to Visit in the world according to Facebook. The second week of June each year, Penticton is host to the largest bridge regional in Canada.

We first visited Penticton in June of 2002. We'd made some Canadian bridge friends the previous summer at the Red Deer tournament and were looking forward to playing with them again. Since then we have become honorary members of their bridge community. Housing for the Penticton tournament is unique. The town has one upscale hotel/casino and dozens of Mom and Pop style motels along a 3 or 4 block expanse on the shores of Okanagan Lake. Most Canadians actually cook in their motel kitchens most nights and invite a wide variety of friends to join them. Roger and I use our kitchen primarily for breakfast and enjoy dinner in one of Penticton's interesting restaurants. For several years we rented a motel unit with another couple with whom we cooked and entertained as well.

Another draw to Penticton is its close proximity to the Canadian wine industry. At last count, there were more than 50 wineries within a 20 minute drive or 130 wineries within an easy one-hour drive. Heading out on the wine trail is one of the best ways to get a first taste of the Valley. The scenery is magnificent and getting

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LA Regional at the Westin

by Rand Pinsky, District Director



Beginning July 1 is our Summer Bridge Week Regional. See the ad on page 3 for more detail or visit the LosAngelesRegional.com web site for more information.

Robert Hartman, CEO of the ACBL will be attending our Regional and will be present for the ALACBU board meeting on Saturday. He will be arriving Wednesday night and will be leaving on Sunday morning. I am trying to arrange a time (probably Friday before the afternoon session) for Robert to be available to meet many of our players and to answer any questions that our membership may have about the ACBL. I will also be present to answer any of the easy questions.

Some possible question areas for Robert can be taken from the latest CEO update I recently received. The highlights include:

- Over 150 ACBL teams are registered for the Longest Day program with pledges of over \$120,000.
- The 2013 Regionals at Sea still have available space for cruising.
- Membership grew by 193 members in May and total membership now stands at 167,215.
- Work continues on ACBLscore+ and we are currently in Phase 4 of the project.

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Unit 551 Comes Up Big on "The Longest Day"

The Pomona–Covina Unit, #551, came up with a championship performance in the recent ACBL "The Longest Day" charity event for the Alzheimer's Association. District 23 Director Rand Pinsky singled out the unit for its extraordinary effort. Though one of the smallest units in Southern California, this group raised more than \$3,025 in the one-day event.

Chairwoman Cordell Goode, Penny Barbieri, Gino Barbieri, Susan Emminger, Roger Boyar, Tom Lill, and Vic Sartor formed a charity committee that provided an early brunch, a variety of snacks, and appetizing box lunches that sustained the participants through three long sessions of bridge. Many players started the early morning session at 8:45 and finally staggered home after 10:00 p.m. Directors Boyar, Lill, and Denise Morgan donated their fees, and many members made generous donations of food and cash in addition to their card fees.

Local merchants Party City, Von's Grocery Company, Smart And Final, and the San Dimas Subway provided generous discounts on food and party supplies. At day's end, despite the many bleary eyes and weary bodies, the event was celebrated as a great success.

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ALABU Elections

Every two years during our July regional ALACBU holds elections for new officers. This July we are scheduled to hold our bi-yearly election. Our current officers are Becky Clough – president, Penny Barbieri – vice president, Roger Clough – treasurer and Sheila Bozin – secretary.

As chair of the Nominating Committee the bylaws state that I need a committee of 5 members of different units to serve. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please contact me immediately. So far, I have had inquires from Ellen Kent and Candy Scott.

Currently, Becky has volunteered to serve as president, Penny has volunteered to serve as vice president, Roger has volunteered to serve as treasurer, and Joan Rubin, a member of the San Fernando Valley Unit, has volunteered to serve as secretary. If anyone wishes to run for office, please let me know. Also, if you know of anyone who will make a good officer, let me know. Besides from officers, there are many committees that one can serve. Bridge is a volunteer organization and if you care for the game, please step up and get involved.

It's a Different View from Dummy

ABA/ALACBU Bridge Game Report

There were 23 tables of bridge at the June 2 ABA/ALACBU bridge game. Approximately one half of the table count were ALACBU/ACBL members. The game was divided into two sections, there were many door prizes given out, and the lunch they served was exceptional. If you missed this one, watch for details of the next one tentatively set for August.

Looking forward to seeing you in Long Beach. Until next month, you can reach me at Pinsky4Bridge@earthlink.net.



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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

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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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Around the Units in District 23

Antelope Valley by Brad Ward

This column last month stirred only a few comments and a bit of interest. The biggest interest centered around the statement that District 23 did not have a disciplinary committee. **Well, it turns out that is not true anymore.** Mr. Robert Shore has assembled a committee and will start hearings during the upcoming Long Beach Regional. **Rats** beware!

Two big Regional competitions will be completed soon... **Vegas and Long Beach.** Look for results from our unit to lead off the column next month.

The dates for our Sectional have been set (Oct.5-6), so please make your plans to come to the Magic Mountain area on the first weekend in October and bag some yummy Silver Points. A barometer pairs event will highlight Saturday's activities and the Sunday Swiss will feature a few pairs that traveled quite a long distance just to feast on Antelope Valley competition.

Kathy, Rita, and Paula have all got their respective clubs doing well. The contraction of the Lancaster Club is almost complete and a new venue location will be available soon.

The results from the Santa Clarita activities shows that Russ Buker has done quite well at Paula's Club with wins chalked up with Kristi Kubo and Carol Provost as partners. Additional pairs joining the winners circle on Mondays were Ron & Sandi Oest, Albert Stock & George MacDonald, Basant Shah & Jerry Burrill and Roy Ladd & Paul Gill.

At Rand's Club, Betty Pavey, and Basant Shah recorded two solid wins. The partnerships of Roy Ladd-Paul Gill, Nell Schantz-Paula Olivares, Phyllis Seeder-Ed Berliner, Rita Vanatter-Albert Stock, Bill Brodek-Kristi Kubo and Ted Maki-George MacDonald all notched wins in this tough, competitive game.

Rita's Club saw the partnership of Marguerite Pinkers-Albert Stock bag two victories. The partnerships of Paul Gill-Nell Schantz, Hansford & Mira Rowe,

Lamonte Johnson-Basant Shah, Paula Olivares-Vibeke Gilbreath, Ted Maki-George MacDonald, C.K.Kennedy Ross-Kathy Swaine and Basant Shah-Lamonte Johnson all tallied hard-earned victories.

The Lancaster Club saw Ron Oest dominate with three wins, two with his wife Sandi and one with Louise Levein. Marlene Warren Gasper garnered two wins, one partnered with Lola Messiha and the other with her husband Dave. The Unit game was won by the partnership of Barbara Shuping-Doris Thompson.

Good luck to all that venture out to the upcoming regionals.

Glendale Verdugo by Sharon Wolf

July 13, 2013

Board of Directors meeting at 11:30

Lunch at noon

Unit Game at 1:00

Another reminder about our annual sectional, which will once again be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Pasadena on August 9, 10, and 11. This year, we have added a stratified pairs game on Sunday to coincide with the traditional Swiss event.

The June Unit game was an old-fashioned summer BBQ, with hamburgers, hotdogs, and the works. Here are the results:

N/S

A1	Mike Doll & Patrick Cardullo
A2	Temo Arjani & William Brodek
A3	Phil Dessert & Steve Shanker
A4	Pat Abbey & Merry Besvold
B1	Karen Alpert & Rufus Rhoades

E/W

A1 B1 C1	Ann Raymond & Sandra Rucker
A2	Brad Beland & Cathy Martin

A3 B2 Ted Maki & Lorraine Adams
 A4 B3 C2 Eva Seri & Ramesh Sawhney
 B4 Tracy Boys & Jim Lechner

Our next Unit Game is on July 13. Please join us for a variety of salads (e.g., chicken, egg, macaroni, green) and a rousing game of bridge.

Long Beach by Jon Yinger

unit website: www.acblunit557.org

club website: www.LongBeachBridge.com

May 26 Unit Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Beverly Shafer/Christine Frumen, 2nd John Petrie/Orhan Gurbuz, 3rd Joyce Henderson/Jane Reid, 4th Eileen Nelson/Julie Cunningham, 5th Hanefi Erten/Oliver Yildiz, 6th Earl VanDerVord/Jon Yinger. In the B flight overall Larry and Sibyl Slutsky were 6th. In the C flight overall Rob Preece/Usha Bansal were 2nd, Sandy Lex/Nancy Karl were 3rd, Joan Kaye/Dustin Stout were 4th, Collen Gardner/Joyce Shuford were

5th. And in the NLM section, Rick Schaeffer/Bill Dilks were 1st over-all, Pam Cronn/Sylvia Kaprelyn tied with Martin Lipman/Frank Varga for 2/3. And in the B flight over-all Anne Munchow/Dale Blessing were 3rd. Congratulations to all!

70+% Games in the club May 16 through June 15: In open games---May 17 (evening) Jo and John Melis had 71.76%, May 20 Mark Teaford/Joyce Henderson had 71.15%, June 11 (evening) Sankar Reddy/Sean Lui had 72.92%. In the NLM game June 5 Martin Lipman/Rick Schaeffer had 70.83%. And in 199er games, June 8 Dalia Hernandez/Rick Schaeffer had 70.24% and June 12 Rick Schaeffer/Martin Lipman had 69.88%. Congratulations to all six pairs!!

Big Masterpoint Awards May 16 through June 15: In the Unit Game May 26 Christine Frumen/Beverly Shafer were 1st overall winning 4.53mp, John Petrie/Orhan Gurbuz were 2nd winning 3.40mp. In the Memorial Day game May 27 Rich Wasser/Steve Skinner were 1st, winning 4.39mp, Al and Sharon Appel were 2nd winning 3.29mp. June 2 Verna Baccus/Marilyn Christy were 1st winning 3.33mp. June 3 Loren Hilf/Baum Harris were 1st winning 4.67mp, Betty McClellan/Jon Yinger were 2nd winning →



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9:00 AM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
1:15 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Mon-Tues KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tues KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 AM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Mon-Tues KO Teams Rd 3 of 3
1:15 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Tues-Wed KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tues-Wed KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 AM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Tues-Wed KO Teams Rd 3 of 3
1:15 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO Teams Rd 1 of 3
7:00 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO Teams Rd 2 of 3

Thursday, September 26

9:00 AM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
Bracketed Wed-Thur KO Teams Rd 3 of 3
1:15 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams
7:00 PM Stratified Pairs
Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, September 27

9:30 AM & 1:00 PM Stratified Fast Pairs (finish by 3:45 PM)
(This is a 2 session event, but single session entries may be sold at the director's discretion.)
9:30 AM & TBD Stratified Swiss Teams (2 session) (finish by 4:45 PM)

All stratified events are stratified by the average masterpoints of the team or pair.

Strats: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
I/N: 0-20/50/100/200/300

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3.50mp. June 4 John Bralliar/John Mohan were 1st, winning 5.83mp, Steve Mager Luis Gamis-Klapic were 2nd winning 4.37mp, Chiye Horiguchi/Mark Tang were 3rd winning 3.28mp. And in the evening game Cory Hand/Bob Mault were 1st winning 3.00mp. June 6 John Petrie/Om P Chokriwala were 1st winning 4.33mp, Steve Rowe/Marcus Evans were 2nd winning 3.25mp. June 7 Kevin Lane/Mark Teaford were 1st winning 6.83mp, Steve Rose/Loren Hilf were 2nd winning 5.12mp, and John Crabtree/Toni Morford were 3rd winning 3.84mp. June 8 Sean Lui/Earl VanDerVord were 1st winning 4.83mp, Sankar Reddy/Aaron Jones were 2nd winning 3.62mp. Congratulations to all!

New Members (all transfers into our club from other clubs): Steven Alt, Pamela Cole, Ruth Roe. Welcome to you all!

Status Changes: New Sectional Master: Kathleen Pecarovich; New Regional Masters: Sue Boswell, Martin Lipman; new Life Master: Sharon Biederman; and....drum roll....new Platinum Life Master: Leo

Bell. Congratulations to you all!

Upcoming Events at the Club: During the Los Angeles Regional will be held at the Westin Long Beach this year---July 1-7. The Long Beach Bridge Center will be open during that week: regular prices, regular hours. North American Pairs Qualifying week July 8-14. Extra points, regular prizes. Districts 22-23 STaC week July 15-21. Extra points, hand records, \$11 fee. ACBL-wide International Fund Game Friday evening July 26. Hand Records, Overall Awards, and Analysis Booklets, \$11 fee. Unit Game Sunday afternoon July 28--lunch at 12:30 pm, game at 1:00 p.m.

Get Well Wishes to Phyllis Parker, Mary Thomas and Skip Genebech

Condolences to the family and friends of Maxine Montgomery who passed away earlier this month. She will be missed.

No news from Leisure World this month.

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Pasadena San Gabriel Valley by Chuck Cordaro

Several of our members have ties to John Muir High here in Pasadena. One of our newest members is Eddie Newman, who was the principal at Muir for 8 years. Mary Falvey and I graduated from there in 1959, and Janet Bennett put me in touch with a classmate named Cookie, who told me that another alum, Ruthie, is waitressing at Conrads on Lake Ave. here in Pasadena. One morning I was having a cup of coffee there and I asked the waitress, "Does Ruthie still work here?" She looked up at me and said, "I'm Ruthie." I apologized for not recognizing her, but she was understanding, considering 54 years had passed since we last saw each other.

Jeanne Dea taught math at Muir, and did it so well that one of her students was accepted at CalTech—a very selective school.

My sister Andrea had a Spanish class at Muir with Sirhan Sirhan, and also had the same school bus stop. She was living in Massachusetts when Sirhan shot Bobby Kennedy; she recognized him immediately on the newsreels, hours before they announced his name. She ironically remembered him not as the wild-eyed assassin being held down by Rosie Grier, but as a sweet and shy young man. It's a cliché that after such a tragedy someone always says, "He was such a nice, quiet young man."

Most people remember John Muir as a naturalist who persuaded Teddy Roosevelt to establish our National Parks system. And the John Muir Trail is one of the most famous in the country. Our Doug Campbell will be hiking it this summer. He will catch the trail just steps from his door in Eagle Rock and plans on meeting Mike and Maryann Newman at June Lake along his way up the Sierras, which were given that name because their jagged peaks reminded early Spanish explorers of an upturned serrated knife.

You would think a naturalist outdoorsman like Muir would get up with the birds, but he could not. He was, however, a master woodworker with a genius for invention. He could even make his own wooden →



GLENDALE-VERDUGO SECTIONAL

August 9, 10, 11, 2013

Scottish Rite Temple

150 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, California, 91101



Friday, Aug. 9

10:00 am

Stratified Pairs

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
**299er

2:30 pm

Stratified Pairs

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
**299er

*1st Session Compact KO

7:30 pm

Stratified Pairs

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
**299er

*2nd Session Compact KO

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Saturday, Aug. 10

10:00 am

Stratified Pairs

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
**299er

*1st Session Compact KO

2:30 pm

Stratified Pairs

0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
**299er

*2nd Session Compact KO
*may be handicapped

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Sunday, Aug 11

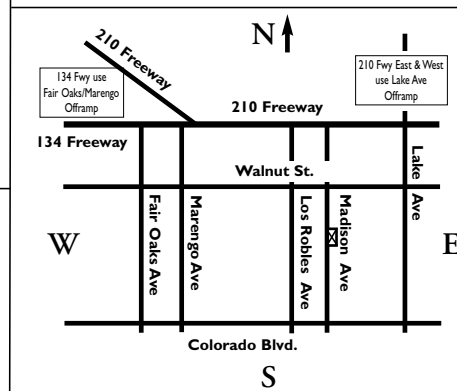
11:00 am and TBA

Stratiflighted Swiss

0-500, 500-1250,
1250-2000, 0-3000/3000+

Stratified Pairs Game

11:00 am



Entry Fee: \$10.00, Under 18: \$2.00

Non & unpaid ACBL members: \$11.00

A non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks, food available - snacks and coffee

**299er game when possible

gears, which he used to propel himself out of bed at a preset hour, much to the amazement of his wife, who gained a new understanding of Ruth's pledge, "for wither thou goest, I will go." I don't know if she ever contemplated divorce, but she made no strenuous objections when he announced he was leaving on a trip to the Sierras.

Robert Chiu

Jeanne Dea lost one of her favorite partners last month when Dr. Robert Chui passed away. When I asked how she remembered him, she said, "Put down that he was a kind and generous man."

Las Vegas Tournament

After scanning down the list of participants, I see where Joe Viola and occasional guest Roger Lee took home 4.5 gold points in the very competitive flight A-X Swiss game. Our pair of Miriam Harrington and Susan Jones earned almost 22 gold. Several others also came home with points. These were Mike Marcucci, Shu Ming Huang, Sandra Ricker, and Ann McClelland.

Dates to Remember

July 4: Closed
 July 9: North American pairs 1st round at 7:15 p.m.
 July 12: Beat the House Night at 7:15 p.m.
 July 14: Winners and Losers tourney at 1:00 p.m.
 July 18: STAC game at 11:00 a.m.
 July 19: STAC game at 7:15 p.m.
 July 23: North American pairs at 7:15

Pomona Covina by Tom Lill

Unit Game – Saturday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.
 Individual – not held in July (see below)

In the June Unit game, the top spot was captured by Ann McClelland – Susan Emminger, who edged out Cordell Goode – Bill Papa by just 1/2 match point. Next up were Roger Boyar – Richard Patterson, tied for third with Gayle Ginsburg – Hanan Mogharbel (Gayle and Hanan were first E-W); Clinton Lew – Patricia

Radamaker; and Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter.

The June Individual was captured by Richard Patterson, with Bob Kakade, Steve Mancini, Karen McCarthy, and Larry Clark close behind.

There will not be an Individual in July. The date conflicts with the Bridge Week Regional in Long Beach. This is our standard practice, by the way. It is tough getting enough players together for a game under these circumstances, especially with the regular Director goofing off at the District Board of Directors meeting at that time. No sense of perspective, I guess.

We have a small problem with our Individual. Our primary playing site no longer wishes to host the game each month, and our first alternate site has had to drop out too. That leaves us with one alternate site, which can't always host either. So, we are looking for another Good Hearted Person willing to host a game at least every other month. Your Correspondent is willing to host the game on occasion, but he lives so far from most of the players (it's not at the end of the world, but it's only a short commute) that the turnout tends to be very small. If you are willing and able to host a game now and then on the first Saturday of the month, please get in touch with anyone on the Unit Board of Directors.

The top game this month was "only" 69.3%, by Ann McClelland – Susan Emminger. Others taking a top spot were Paul Chrisney, Gino Barbieri, Larry Clark, Karen Olin, Georgiana Battuello, Paule Ford, Roger Boyar, Hanan Mogharbel, Don Naf, Richard Patterson, Bill Papa, Tim and Eileen Finlay, Kurt Trieselmann, Freddy and Lu Minter, Vic Sartor, Gayle Ginsburg, Mary Miller, and Dave Ruoff.

One promotion this month: Marty Husted is now a Junior Master.

Our hand for this month is a real rock crusher. You pick up the following collection: ♠AJ ♥A ♦AKQTx ♣AKQTx.

RHO is the dealer, and to your dismay, he opens 1♥! No matter how optimistic a bidder RHO is, he should have at least 11 HCP, leaving a Queen or two Jacks to be shared by the other two players. So you had better make some sort of loud noise (so to speak) if you don't want to play this thing at 2♦ or 2♣ with your one-loser hand. So what's your call?

At the table, it was 5NT – pick a minor suit slam. Partner jumped to 7♣ (!) which you saw no reason to disturb. Pard held: ♠xxx ♥xxx ♦xx ♣Jxxxx.

Declarer's spades losers go on the diamonds (one ruff brings down the Jack) and the contract rolls →

home. Afterward, there was some discussion of the merits of 2NT instead of 5NT – on the remote chance that RHO opened on tram tickets and pard holds the ♠K – but 5NT worked just as well.

So remember all this next time you pick up a 27-count and RHO opens. Don't hold your breath, however.

Last – sometimes, directing does have its rewards. Directing the June unit game, Your Correspondent (YC) was kibitzing at a flight C table when the following sequence occurred: 1♥ – 1♣ – ummm, insufficient bid (by the next player). As the 1♣ bidder started to correct the call, YC said, “ah, no, not with the director watching.” And proceeded to make the usual ruling. His LHO proceeded to accept the call, whereupon he bid 1♠. The 1♣ bidder said he was unaware of that rule. Later, his partner expressed an interest in obtaining a copy of the Laws! Now, if **all** advancing players would do that, how much more enjoyment they would get! No need to memorize all the obscure and hardly-ever-invoked laws, it's just a good idea to be aware of the common situations. Did you know, for example, that one of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge states that you must examine the faces of your cards before making your first call? Honestly, now! For all you Secretary Birds out there, it's Law 7.B.2. (The reason YC intervened? There's also a provision in the Laws that states “The Director's duties and powers normally include... to rectify an error or irregularity of which he becomes aware in any manner ...”)

Quote for the month: “I have yet to see any problem, however complicated, which, when you looked at it the right way, did not become still more complicated.” (Poul Anderson)

Until next month ...

San Fernando Valley by Deborah Levinson

Greetings and Salutations!

Achievements

The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for May 2013

750 Bridge Club

1. Ron Malkin - 9.00
2. Gloria Malkin - 8.45

3. Margie Bulmer - 5.36
4. Bunnie Roth - 5.15
5. Linda Silvey - 4.49
6. Paul Endler - 4.37
7. Mike Klemens - 4.36
8. Ellen Carrier - 4.30
9. Vera Mandell - 4.19
10. Lilli Kalmenson - 4.15

The Bridge Academy (Open)

1. Deborah Levinson - 13.90
2. Leda Danzig - 10.74
3. Tom Wylie - 8.99
4. Marel Bates - 8.76
5. Seymour Zemlyn - 8.72
6. Ellen Anten - 8.59
7. Gilbert Stinebaugh - 8.58
8. Armand Szulc - 7.95
9. Gary Frans - 7.70
10. Dick Lum - 7.22

The Bridge Academy (<750)

1. Deborah Levinson - 13.90
2. Ron Stewart - 4.09
3. Sheila Singer - 4.07
4. Jerry Goodman - 4.00
5. Howard Cohen - 3.56
6. James Fu - 2.78
7. Douglas Timmer - 2.42
8. Gregory Bozin - 2.10
9. Bob Williams - 1.94
10. Richard Ruby - 1.82

70 Percent Games

Samy Antoun and Mo Mansour 72.21%

No tournaments or STaC to report this month.

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 or leave a note in the “Bridge News” envelope at either of our clubs! New ranks? Life events? Let me know!

Upcoming Events

Don't miss the Los Angeles Regional at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach - <http://tournaments.> →

acbl.org/schedule.php?tourid=13461. You can find the flyer at <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2013/07/1307014.pdf>. It takes place July 1 - July 7

Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

Unit: www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568
SBBC: www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Wednesday, July 10, 11:30
NLM NAP Qualifier: Thursday, July 11, 10:30
NAP Qualifier: Thursday, July 11, 7:00
District 22/23 STAC: July 15- 20
NAP Qualifier: Monday, July 22, 11:30
NAP Qualifier: Monday, July 22, 7:00
NAP Qualifier: Tuesday, July 23, 11:30
Club Championship: Saturday, July 27, 3:00

Club Championship: Monday, July 29, 11:30
Handicapped Swiss Teams Every Tuesday Evening
Friday Night game on July 19

Club Championships

On May 17 the Club Championship was led by Gerri Carlson/John J. McDermott in Flight A and Arlene and Stanley Greengard in Flight B. The Club Championship on June 10 was won by Kim Wang/Ray Mack in Flight A and Arlene Greengard/Ernie Frank in Flight B.

Team Winners

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

May 21: Bea and John Brailiar, Ed Piken,
Steve Ramos →



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Thursday Compact KO (2 sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Friday-Saturday KO (4 sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Saturday Compact KO (2 sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.

Swiss Teams

Monday Charity Swiss (single session).....3:00 p.m. (note early start time)
Tuesday & Thursday Swiss (single sessions).....3:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Swiss (two sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Friday & Saturday Swiss (single sessions).....3:15 p.m.
Friday/Saturday Evening Swiss (two sessions).....7:30 p.m.
Sunday Flight A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ (two session playthrough).....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bracketed Swiss (0-2000) (two session playthrough).....10:30 a.m.

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Charity Pairs Monday.....3:00 p.m. (note early start time)
Morning Side Game Series Tuesday thru Saturday.....10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series Tuesday thru Saturday.....3:15 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series Monday thru Saturday.....7:30 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs (300/750) Tuesday thru Friday.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) Tuesday thru Friday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (2 sessions) Saturday.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Flighted North American Pairs D22 Finals
(prequalification required) Saturday.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Fast Pairs (2-sessions) Sunday.....10:30 a.m. & TBD

INTERMEDIATE – NEWCOMER GAMES

Free Lesson and 299er Reception on Monday

Charity 0-300 Pairs Monday.....3:00 p.m. (note early start time)
Morning 0-300 Pairs Tuesday thru Saturday.....10:30 a.m.
Afternoon 0-300 Pairs Tuesday thru Saturday.....3:15 p.m.
Evening 0-300 Pairs Monday.....7:30 p.m.

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May 28: Jeff Strutzel, Ed Piken, Steve Ramos,
Cecil Cook
June 4 : Mary Ann Coyle, John Farr, Bo Bogema,
John J. McDermott
June 11: Mary Ann Coyle, John Farr, Bo Bogema,
John J. McDermott

Sectional Winners

Unit members who won events at the recent Torrance South Bay unit sectional are listed below.

Friday Evening Pairs

Flight A Chiye and Bruce Horiguchi
Flight B Claire Hulett/Steven Dagel
Flight C Barbara Shortwell/Ralph Moscovitz, Jean
and Harold Brunner (tie)

Saturday Pairs

Flight A Gary King/Mike Savage
Flight B Masae Kato/Andy Anderson

Saturday Afternoon 299ers

Flights DEF Tajie Major/Ellen Tarlow

Sunday Morning 299ers

Flights DE Joyce Klossner/Roberta Brown
Flight F Pat Berg/Petra Green

Sunday Pairs

Flight C Carolyn Heyn/Joan Johnson

Sunday Afternoon 299ers

Flight F Tajie Major/Ellen Tarlow

Monday Swiss Teams

Flight A Jeff Strutzel, Steve Ramos, Cecil Cook,
John Petrie
Flight B Joanne and Cal Waller, Paula Olivares,
Gerri Soffa Carlson
Flight C Casey Stiers, Susan Hoose, Sandy Slotkin,
Sandra Stewart

This column and the flyer put out advertising the sectional did say that due to limited space phone reservations were required at the sectional. Due to financial considerations, a number of units are faced with this problem of late. Unfortunately the sectional listing on the ACBL website did not mention this. A

number of pairs showed up on Saturday morning without reservations and had to be turned away. A couple pairs did sacrifice their reserved positions and stepped aside to let pairs without reservations to play and we thank them. The unit apologizes to those who did not get the message about reservations. Hopefully things will be a lot better in this regard next year.

GUV Memorial Award

At the recent Torrance South Bay Sectional Swiss team event the following hand came up in one of my team's matches. My LHO held ♠AKQJTxxxxx ♥x ♦-- ♣xx. At my table, I opened 2♥ and the opponents bidding got a bit off the track and they wound up in 6♠ doubled down 2. It might be mentioned here that 5♥ can be made with my cards and some good guessing. Teammate Aaron Jones held this hand and after a 2♥ bid on his right jumped to 4♠ which was doubled by his LHO. Aaron must have won some kind of greed, insanity and chutzpah award all in one when instead of settling for a sure plus 590 he redoubled. He deserved to lose a bushel of IMPS by having the opponents smell a rat and pull to 5♥, possibly making. But the gods of Bridge were kind to Aaron and the opponents did not pull the redouble.

Na Zdrowie

West LA by Robert Shore

Sad Departures

A long-time favorite and familiar face has left us. We recently received the news that Gerson Rapfogel passed away. I knew Gerson at the table as a savvy player of invariably sunny disposition and a fearless opponent whose "swing for the fences" approach to the game handed me my share of both tops and bottoms. Some who knew Gerson away from the table describe him as a lovely man and a classical music aficionado. Our sympathies go out to Adele Katz and the rest of Gerson's friends and family.

We also received word of the death of Dr. Henry Moghtader. We pass along as well our sympathies to his friends and family.

Rooting for an Atlanta Repeat

Our defending Flight A Grand National Teams champions are at it again. Fred Zhang, Howard Einberg, and Bob Kent won the District's Grand National Teams competition, and so will head to Atlanta in an effort to defend their title. The Flight C (non-Life Master) turnout of two teams was, frankly, disappointing to me, although it resulted in the selection of a worthy team. I hope that next year sees some of our less experienced players put teams together and compete for the opportunity for a national title.

A Full Slate

The Unit's Board is again at its full complement. Please join me in welcoming Donna Castor to the Board, to take the position opened by Jeri Berger's decision to step down. Donna is a familiar face at the Beverly Hills club, and her perspective will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Show Offs

A number of our Unit's players showed off their table skills with multiple tournament wins during the past month. Bill Schreiber went to Denver to find a suitable partner (also surnamed Schreiber) and won the Maroon Peak Open Pairs and the Red Cloud Peak Open Pairs. Mike Mikyska topped Bill's double, though, with a triple of his own, heading to Sacramento to win the Tuesday Stratified Pairs, the Delta Knockout Teams, and the Saturday Open Pairs.

A little closer to home, Mike Savage won the Sunday A/X Swiss at the Temecula Sectional, the Saturday Open Pairs at the Torrance/South Bay Sectional, and the Saturday Compact Knockout at the Balboa Sectional. The latter win made Mike one of the top master point winners at the Balboa Sectional.

Returning to the Torrance/South Bay Sectional, our Unit made a concerted effort to make it our own. In addition to Mike's win, Marlene Felix and Sue Hunter won the Saturday morning 299er game, Roger and Becky Clough won the Sunday Open Pairs, and Cecil Cook won the Monday Swiss. Roger and Becky also headed the list of master point winners at that Sectional.

In Times to Come

There's still plenty of time remaining to play a North

American Open Pairs qualifying game and compete for the chance to win a nice fat check from the ACBL to help you get to the Dallas Nationals next spring. Our Unit's July qualifying games will be held on July 13 at Barrington and the evening of July 24 at Beverly Hills. August qualifiers are scheduled for August 10 and 17 at Barrington and the evenings of August 12 and 26 at Beverly Hills.

I hope all of you are planning to spend much time at the Long Beach Regional. The tournament starts July 1 with a Pro-Am game, and continues all week, ending Sunday, July 7. We are extremely fortunate to live in Los Angeles, because there are three regionals each year within our county. Demonstrate your support for Los Angeles bridge (and grab the opportunity for gold points) by making a date to play.

In July, we will hold our usual Unit Championship games on Tuesday, July 23. The afternoon game will be a Unit-wide game held at Barrington and Beverly Hills, and the evening game will be a split-site game held at Cyma's game and at the Marina.

Finally, to demonstrate that turnabout is fair play, those who attended the June ABA/ACBL game at the ABA's Inglewood club house know that the ABA set a very high hospitality bar for us to clear. But we're going to try. Barrington has agreed to host the game at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17, following a 12:00 lunch. The game is also a North American Open Pairs qualifying game.

In with the New

We welcome three new members— Margaret Kerr, James Morrow, and Paula Nataf—to our Unit. In addition, Vijay Bal, Brenda Kristensen, Sandy Schmitz, and Gail Stone have joined us as transfers from other Units. We look forward to seeing you at the table.

Around the Clubs

Winning the Unit Championship team game at the end of Unit Championship Week were Bruce Altshuler, Bud Bates, Becky Clough, and your Humble Scribe. Friday's finale saw the game claimed by Joyce Lelah and Chuck Fonarow.

Barrington saw Chuck Maltz and Paul Smith leave with a Club Championship, while Ted Glaesser, Michael Nash, Aram Bedros, Art Zail, Ken Gross, Alex

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Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: Leo Bell

Panelists: Mitch Dunitz, John Jones, Adam Meyerson, Mike Shuster,
Bill Wickham, and Jon Wittes

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IMPs
NS vul

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	2♠*	?

* Limit raise+

You South hold:

♠-- ♥KT975 ♦KQT963 ♣53

What call do you make?

DUNITZ: 3♦. I believe the opponent's limit raise. I have so many HCP on this auction that partner's overcall is likely based on a good spade suit and very little else. A spade lead could be disastrous for us, so I scream for a diamond lead.

JONES: 3♦. Normally, I am reluctant to bid in this position without tolerance for partner's suit, but the diamond suit is too good not to be mentioned. If I'm wrong, the diamond spots will make it hard for the opponents to double us. Against that, if we catch a red suit fit, we could make game.

MEYERSON: 3♦. I play that double and 3♣ are raises. With this much shape and the opponents' finding a fit, it pays to get into the auction, so I bid my best suit.

SHUSTER: 3♦. I'm pretty safe naming my best, longest suit. 3♥ aiming at game is unnecessary, since we rate to be doubled in anything at the 4-level anyway.

WICKHAM: Pass. I will pass, but will not sell out to 3♣, over which I bid 3♦. If the opponents bid 3NT, I will double to discourage a spade lead.

WITTES: 2NT. This should show the two lowest unbid suits. I know I don't have a fit for spades, but with the opponents' showing at least a 9-card fit,

partner rates to fit one of my suits, and this hand has too much offensive potential not to act.

Jon's meaning for 2NT is quite useful on the actual hand, because 4♥ is the best contract. If we haven't agreed on that convention, however, I think 3♦ is the best action.

Novice game and Problem Solver's Panel Show *by candy*

On Sunday, June 9 the WLA Unit will be running a special Stratified Intermediate/Novice Championship game (0-99, 0-49, -19) with a panel show by John Jones at the Beverly Hills Bridge Club. The panel show is the first "Master Solvers Live" and will start at 12:15 with game time at 1:00.

John has taken his wit and wisdom as moderator of the ALACBU column Problem Solver's Panel in the Bridge News and turned it into a live show. A yellow card event, the show and bridge cost just \$10.00. Join in the fun, points, and pointers.

For reservations call the Beverly Hills Bridge Club (310) 657-6933. With questions or reservations call or email Candy (310) 652-6116 or candysbridgeclub@aol.com.

What do you think? Send letters to the editor to: bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org

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IMPs
NS vul

West	North	East	South
	1♦	pass	1♥
4♠	pass	pass	?

You, South, hold: ♠AK ♥AK642 ♦Q87 ♣K98
What call do you make?

DUNITZ: 5NT. I am requesting a choice of slams and am giving up on 7. I am not willing to settle for a modest penalty in 4♠x.

JONES: 6NT. I'll bid what I think I can make. If I catch poorly and partner has an ill-fitting minimum, RHO may still fall victim to some

sort of squeeze.

MEYERSON: Dbl. This is a normal card-showing double. The vulnerability is a concern, but it's not clear where our fit is or whether we can make slam, and any other action is unilateral. Partner can see the colors, too, and needn't leave in the double if he has an unbalanced hand. What if partner has a semi-balanced hand, for example, 1-3-5-4? He'll pass the double.

SHUSTER: Dbl. With bad breaks looming and no clear way to proceed, I might as well take the money. Second choice is 6NT.

WICKHAM: Dbl. Shows convertible values, and partner will pass with a balanced minimum. If partner pulls, I will bid 5♠ and find out best slam.

WITTES: 5♠. This should be pick a slam, showing a very good hand with five hearts and three diamonds, probably with first round spade control. [*That seems like a very specific hand. How would you show 2-5-2-4 or 2-5-1-5?*]

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MPs
no vul

South	West	North	East
?		1♥	dbl

You, South, hold:
 ♠AQ64 ♥JT3 ♦J42 ♣J75
 What call do you make?

DUNITZ: 2♥. A simple raise. I like to play transfers in this sequence. If transfers were available, I would bid 2♦ to show a good single raise in hearts. I am not a fan of 1♠.

JONES: 2♦. Almost all expert pairs have some artificial method to show a constructive raise. I'll use whichever sequence shows a constructive raise in my partnership. I like to play all calls starting with redouble as transfers, so 2♦ is my constructive raise. Once I let partner know about the heart fit, I am willing to double 2♠ or anything higher, counting on partner to make an intelligent decision. If I wasn't going to double 2♠ and up, I would consider starting with 1NT.

MEYERSON: 2♥. Usually I play 2♦ here as a good heart raise (about 8-11), which describes this hand perfectly. Lacking that, I bid 2♥ (and have a max). Raising partner directly pays in competitive auctions.

SHUSTER: 2♥. A completely normal call. If partner makes a game try, I'll suggest notrump, but it is critical to start by raising partner's suit.

WICKHAM: 1NT. I will bid 1NT natural and non-forcing, or the equivalent in my system. If partner moves at all, I will bid 3♥.

WITTES: 2♦. With most of my partners, I play this is a constructive three-card raise in hearts. It is close to a limit raise, but with no distribution and most of the opponents' cards lying behind partner, this seems sufficient.

Most panelists favor using transfer responses to 1 of a major. It solves the problem of differentiating a "courtesy raise" of partner's suit from a solid 3-card raise, just short of a limit raise.

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Wiles, Marty Blain, Andy Vinock, Check Maltz, and Paul Smith all scored up 70% games. Adding to the list, Becky Clough, Jordan Chodorow, Danny Kleinman, and John Lu all hit the 70% mark at Cyma's game.

Beverly Hills Club Champions were Don Krauss and Phyllis Kantar, Mario and Phyllis Mory, Lew and Rhoda Himmell, Sally Karbelnig and Danny Kleinman, and Chuck Fonaror and Sam Namer. Picking up 70% games at Beverly Hills were Joyce Lelah and Chuck Fonarow, Constance Fishbach and Sally Aminoff, and Sam Haveson and David Segal.

Climbing the Ladder

Stepping onto the ladder as new Junior Masters are Brenda Berlund and Robert Eisenstein, while Pamela Boyer and Ian Kravitz are now Club Masters. Carolyn Bloom, Marilyn Flekman, and Homa Nasserri have reached Sectional Master status, and Carol Bell is now an NABC Master.

Mim Spertus has become a Silver Life Master. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments.

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

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MPs
NS vul

South	West	North	East
pass ?	2♠	pass 3♥	1♠ pass

You, South, hold:
 ♠9752 ♥8 ♦K843 ♣AKQ7
 What call do you make?

DUNITZ: Pass. Partner has a weak two-bid with a poor suit. I'm happy to go plus.

JONES: 4♣. This is "pass or correct." My partner passed in first chair and thereafter entered at the three-level. This shows two suits, so we must be close to making game in a minor, but I don't want to risk going minus, since partner's courage may have already allowed us to find a minor suit fit that many pairs will miss.

MEYERSON: 4♣. This is an interesting auction. Partner bid 3♥ at unfavorable vulnerability despite being unable to open or preempt in first chair. I strongly expect a two-suiter for this sequence, in which case we may well make five of a minor. I hope to hear 4♦ from partner which I shall raise.

SHUSTER: Pass. Did partner's opening pass deny long hearts? What else would I possibly do? [Holmes: "This is a case of the dog's barking during the night." Watson: "But the dog didn't bark." Holmes: "Exactly."]

WICKHAM. Pass. Should I really punish partner for a pre-balance when he is short in the enemy suit?

WITTES: Pass. This is by far the toughest problem in this set. Partner couldn't open or preempt in hearts yet was able to bid 3♥ vul vs. not. We rate to have a minor suit fit, but with partner's being a passed hand, bidding is fraught with peril. 4NT is possible if partner will read it correctly. Even if he does, we are playing to make 11 tricks with only a 4-4 fit and a passed partner. Alternatively, partner could be 0-7-3-3 with a bad heart suit, one unworthy for a 3♥ opener. If that's the case, 4♥ may make with no losers other than three trumps. If I bid anything, however, and am wrong, we could go for a number, so pass is prudent.

Partner must have weak hearts but a hand good enough to bid at the 3-level. So, envision a hand partner might have. ♠x ♥Qxxxxxx ♦AQxx ♣x? Adam raises 4♦, but the other panelists are pessimistic. I think cue bidding 3♠ should cause partner to bid 4♥ with seven hearts or his second suit if he is 6-5.

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to know each of the wine routes intimately is just as much fun as tasting the wide variety of wines produced there.

Though one can certainly play bridge morning noon and night, we've often spent mornings exploring the town. You can play a round of golf on one of 27 courses, stroll through the Saturday Farmer's Market, hike a trail or visit one of

ten public parks. We also got our daily exercise walking to and from our motel and the playing site. Each year, I visit the town's large used book store to find Canadian, Irish and English authors. One gem of a book found this year was *The Other Side of the Dale* by Gervase Phinn. He chronicles his experiences as a School Inspector in Northern England with great wit.

The best part of playing bridge in Canada is the Canadians themselves. We've found them to be friendly and welcoming. They happily include you in their celebrations and are great competitors at the bridge table. This year was especially gratifying because Roger was number one on the masterpoint list for the tournament.

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IMPs
NS vul

West	North	East	South
	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2♦	pass	2♥
pass	3♣	pass	?

You, South, hold: ♠98642 ♥AKJ643 ♦9 ♣4
What call do you make?

DUNITZ: 3♦. We have an awful misfit. I'm happy to go plus.

limited to a so-so 15. With the top of that range, most bid 2♣ - John Jones, PSP editor.]

JONES: 3♦. We'll be over the first hurdle if everyone passes. We'll be over the second hurdle if the opening leader doesn't lead a trump. We'll cross the finish line if partner can somehow get to my ♥AK.

WICKHAM: 3♦. The tough problem comes later when I have to decide what to do if the opponents bid 3♠. Partner shows a good 6-4 in context. I would bid 3♦ if I trust this to be true.

MEYERSON: 3♦. I expect partner to have 6-4 or more extreme shape with very good diamonds and short hearts. 3♥ could be better.

WITTES: 3♦. Without a fit and with my values opposite shortness, extreme caution seems in order.

SHUSTER: 3NT. Partner has a good 6-4...likely 2-1-6-4. I'm greeding it out for the game bonus. I could possibly be down a lot, even undoubled. *[Your prediction will come true!]*

I thought more panelists would view this hand optimistically, but the conservatives won out. Some pairs play a gadget where 2♥ over one of a minor shows an invitational hand with at least five hearts and four spades. That would have been very succesful on this hand, because partner held ♠KQT ♥-- ♦KQJxxx ♣QTxx.

[Partner cannot have a good 6-4 and bid 2♦. He's

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