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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ACBL Charity Foundation Supports Local Nonprofit

by Becky Clough, ALACBU President



Have you ever wondered what happens to all the funds raised at charity games in bridge clubs throughout the country and at the beginning of each NABC? The ACBL Charity Foundation supports many charities and nonprofit organizations through grants. We are fortunate that one of our own just received a \$25,000 grant to support her nonprofit organization, the Reachability Foundation. The recipient is Joclynn

Benjamin, Peter Benjamin's oldest daughter. Though Joclynn does not play bridge, she was a caddy in both local and national tournaments during her teen and college years.

A gymnast in high school, Joclynn majored in Child Development and Family Studies at Cal State Long Beach. After receiving her diploma, she went to work for a company that provided gymnastic opportunities for children with special needs. It was there that Joclynn met Eric Amundson, her business partner. They formed the Reachability Foundation to provide benevolent assistance to low income families with children with special needs through recreational programming that is therapeutic in nature, but is not traditional therapy. To accomplish this goal, Reachability provides travel opportunities for families with children with disabilities. The idea is for the entire family, parents and children, both those with special needs and those without, to participate in the travel opportunity.

One travel opportunity offered by Reachability was a January trip to Big Bear. Ninety-five people spent two nights and three days on Bear Mountain. Operating much like a travel agency, the Reachability staff and volunteers set up and support the activities, but don't provide them. The Foundation provides the housing and programming to families on a sliding scale. Each family is responsible for food and transportation.

The first day, after checking into the Northwoods Resort, the kids participated in a get to know you snowball fight. The group then visited Moonridge Animal Park which cares for animals with disabilities. The park has a one-eyed owl and a three-legged bear. Often animals are rescued and nursed back to health before being released back into the wild. Upon returning to the hotel, the staff facilitated pool and jacuzzi time before dinner at a local restaurant.

On day two, the group spent the morning tubing at the Alpine Slide and ice skating or bowling in the afternoon. The last day is Ski Day in

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Some Interesting Stats

by Rand Pinsky, District Director



I do not have the board packet of motions to be discussed at the St. Louis board meetings starting on March 11.

Therefore, as I cannot discuss them, I will just report next month as to what was passed and what was not.

I can report that for the first few days of our Woodland Hills Warner Center Regional, I am told that our table count is up over last year and that everyone attending has had only positive comments about the tournament.

I have come across some interesting statistics about masterpoints and 2012. Following are some of the highlights:

- 138,859 members won 6,021,182 points at any level of play
- 12,944 members won 522,939 points at online clubs

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Marshall Miles

December 16, 1926 - February 5, 2013

by John Jones

Marshall Miles was an attorney, but most of us knew him as one of America's most respected bridge players and bridge authors. Marshall won seven national championships and one world championship. He is a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame.



The love of Marshall's life was his wife Betty. Betty died several years ago, but no description of Marshall's life could ever leave Betty out, or fail to describe the adoring devotion they each had for the other. Betty was not a great player, but she tried hard to learn from Marshall. Marshall was very patient with Betty at bridge, and Betty was very patient when Marshall would try to explain some advanced concept. Outside of bridge, Betty was very grounded, and her common sense helped Marshall. They were possibly the most perfectly matched couple I ever met.

Marshall wrote a tremendous amount. He authored the Problem Solvers Panel in the monthly Southern California Bridge News for several years. He wrote 11 books and was in the process of writing another. "How to Win at Duplicate Bridge," written in 1957, is my personal choice for the best bridge book ever written. Until that book came out, it was not common to write about cutting-edge ideas, but the book expressed several ideas that were way ahead of their time.

Marshall won five of his seven national championships with Eddie Kantar. Marshall and Eddie were one of the world's most famous partnerships. One reason was that they tried hard to fix the bidding problems they encountered. This resulted in some good conventions, some bad conventions, and some forgotten conventions. The Bridge World magazine once reported that more interesting incidents occurred with Marshall and Eddie at the table than with any other three pairs combined. One of the most famous incidents occurred when Marshall declared 7♣ on a 3-0 fit with Marshall holding ace, king, eight opposite Eddie's void. Eddie, thinking that Marshall had solid clubs, went to the bathroom. He returned, saw Marshall beaming, and asked if he made the grand. Marshall replied that, no, he went down, but they were supposed to defeat him 6 tricks, and they only beat him 5 tricks, allowing him to score the ♣8. In another famous incident, Eddie

made a takeout double over an opening 1♦ bid holding a good hand. Marshall jumped to 2NT with ♦JT_x. Eddie raised to 3NT and left the table during the play. When he returned, he noticed that the opponents had taken 6 tricks. He asked what happened, and Marshall replied that he had misguessed a queen. Eddie asked if he played the opening bidder for it. Marshall replied no that it was the ♦Q and he had played Eddie for it.

Marshall was never afraid to back his opinions. In an unsuccessful attempt to back his opinion, Marshall once sacrificed against 7♠ by bidding 7NT. Marshall took **zero** tricks, but told the story frequently. In the 2004 World Senior Championships in Istanbul Turkey, Marshall was partnered with Leo Bell. Marshall held ♠AQJ865 ♥62 ♦7 ♣KJ53 and heard the auction go:

South	West	North	East
1♠	4♣	4♦	pass
4♠	pass	5♥	pass
5♠	pass	5NT	pass
?			

5NT was clearly intended as pick a slam, but Marshall backed his judgment and passed! 5NT made, and any slam would have gone down. This spectacular pass scared the American team captain and many other observers, but with Marshall and Leo turning out good results throughout, the American squad went on to claim the world championship.

Marshall was not only opinionated about bridge but at times a little stubborn about his methods. Don Krauss, Bob Hamman and Marshall were traveling to Miami to play the US team trials. Don asked Marshall a hypothetical question: If the event came down to the last board and he had a choice of going against his system and winning, or backing his judgment and losing, which would he choose? Marshall answered that he would back his judgment and lose.

Marshall loved playing bridge more than anyone I ever met. He would drive long distances to play bridge. He would complain bitterly if he received a bye in a match or the opponents resigned or for some reason he didn't play the full allotment of boards. He would even ask for part of his entry fee to be returned. Marshall was ecstatic when Jeff Goldsmith organized his 80th birthday party and Marshall got to play 80 boards. He was looking forward to his 90th birthday and playing 90 boards.

He had a great sense of humor. He was as kind as anybody I know. We have lost a great friend, and the bridge world has lost its greatest fan.

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conjunction with USARC, United States Adaptive Recreation Center. The staff of USARC takes the kids individually up the mountain and they ski down, sitting or standing, depending on ability.

During the entire event, the Reachability staff and volunteers are available to the families to help if a child has a meltdown, or to advise a parent needing advice on a discipline problem, or on how to deal with the inevitable feelings among siblings, some who have special needs and some who don't. The events also provide opportunities for families to find other families who face the same parenting challenges.

Other trips have featured rafting on the Kern River, a train ride to Santa Barbara, a week in Maui and a Valentine Dance. What they all have in common is that each event is based on exercise and movement.

The \$25,000 grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation will be used for a Wizard of Oz themed event hosted at the Shalom Institute Family Camp in Malibu. The entire camp will be transformed into the Land of Oz and the kids will participate in a variety of Oz activities:

- Lion Activities to earn courage



Becky Clough, Eric Amundson, Joclynn Benjamin, and Bonnie Bagley

where they challenge themselves in horseback riding, zip lining or the ropes course.

- Scarecrow Activities where they use their brains to problem solve, do puzzles, or overcome obstacles.

- Tin Man Activities where they show they care as they are caught doing something good, trying a new food, or caring for the animals in the Petting Zoo.

The kids will earn stamps as they complete the activities in order to earn their ruby slippers that will take them home. Evenings will include a screening of the film, group dancing, and a drama night where the campers will put on a

Wizard of Oz play written by a Hollywood parent. While the kids are engaged in their activities, the parents can participate in a number of workshops featuring professional speakers on dealing with children with special needs.

A photographer accompanies each trip, and parents can purchase pictures or online Snapfish books.

Joclynn is the creative genius behind all of this. She works tirelessly planning every detail and finding the right vendors and community people to support the programs. Some of the trips are annual and the families return year after year. Community vendors have watched the children as they mature from grade schoolers to teenagers and beyond. This summer Reachability ventures to Tahiti. After the families leave, Joclynn and her staff will present a workshop in French for Tahitians, sharing their successful strategies.

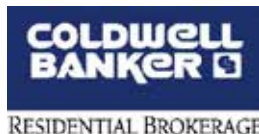
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- 134,295 members won 2,920,245 points at club games
- 63,946 members won 552,715 points at sectionals
- 54,714 members won 1,092,218 points at regionals
- 10,986 members won 123,426 points at NABC regional events
- 1,779 members won 29,579 points at NABC events (Not NABC+)
- 3,191 members won 15,355 points at NABC+ events

Also,

- 1,859 Members won points online only
- 56,775 members won points at face-to-face clubs only
- 80,225 Members won points at sectionals or higher
- 57,247 members won points at regionals or higher
- 4,267 Members won points only at NABC events

These stats can be subject to much interpretation. If you have any thoughts about what these numbers indicate, please let me know.

It's a Different View from Dummy

The junior games at the Warner Center Regional were a great success. Much of the credit goes to Jan Wickersham who gave a two hour lesson on Monday and arranged for lessons every day of the tournament. Jan had 108 people attend the Monday lesson and the tournament had 33 tables of juniors playing that afternoon. Well done, Jan!!!

Until next month, you can reach me at Pinsky4Bridge@earthlink.net.

What do you think?

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District 23 Rank Changes January, 2013

Junior Master

Helaine Blatt, Stan Corbett
Nan Karnes, Elaine Kaufman
Mary Longo, Betsy Nicassio
Mary Roberts, Scott Robinson
David Rosak, Renee Schilit
Karen Sterling

Club Master

Jack Christy, Furrokh Dastur
Irene Ghassemieh, Sue Hunter
Margaret Ota

Sectional Master

Ilene Berg
Stanley Majcher, M.D.
Maxine Rudoff
Samuel Thieme

Regional Master

Ruth Fleisher
Marilyn Gaims
Joyce Klossner

NABC Master

Jerry Goodman
Carol Schwartz

Bronze Life Master

Connie De Rosa, Alain Fleurot
Douglas Kuschner, John Langer

Silver Life Master

John Thomas Kelly
Sue Ann Simon

Gold Life Master

Marcus Evans

Emerald Life Master

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Adrienne Green - director**

Barrington Bridge Club
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LA 90025 310-966-4144

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High School Student

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

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Thursday, May 2 - Sunday, May 5, 2013

Price: \$995 per person, based on double occupancy.

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District 23 Winter Regional Revised Schedule



February 18-24, 2013

Where: Warner Center Marriott

Address: 21800 Oxnard Street

Woodland Hills CA 91367

818-887-4800

\$129 guaranteed until January 31, 2013

Parking: \$6.00 self park day/\$9.00 overnight
\$17.00 valet

Tournament Manager

Peter Benjamin

310-720-6050

Partnerships

Betty Jackson

562-594-4420 before 2/18/13

626-665-0596 after 2/18/13

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Stratified Open Events

A: 2000+

B: 750 - 2000

C: 0 - 750

Stratiflighted/Gold Rush Events

A: 3000+

X: 0 - 3000

B: 500 - 750

C: 300 - 500

D: 0 - 300

No averaging in Gold Rush Pairs

299er Events

D: 200 - 300

E: 100 - 200

F: 50 - 100

G: 0 - 50

Entry Fees

\$13 per session (all events)

\$15 unpaid or non ACBL members

Juniors and 0-5 play FREE

Juniors 22-25: \$9.00 per session

Around the Units in District 23

Antelope Valley by Brad Ward

The ACBL is in the business of selling masterpoints, there should be no doubt about that. Even though the apex of the American bridge era has come and gone, the game still endures. It is a given that the time and money spent by all players is a testament to the fact that the players embrace the credo that masterpoints are earned. If you do not play well, you don't earn them! Toward that end, the local clubs are the venue where we spend most of our time in pursuit of the masterpoint. Travel to Sectional and Regional and even National events increases the expense factor and the time factor. We are all lucky that our Unit 556 club owners do a great job in offering a consistently alluring and pleasant experience. Each of our club owners knows the issues of continued player support very well and has committed to improving your bridge experience in 2013.

As our core group of players ages, their priorities and the logistical problems embodied in the pursuit of the masterpoint also changes. "Different reasons for different folks" is the answer to the question of why anybody plays the game within the ACBL environment, rather than in the casual social environment. Thus, the rewards of achievement mean something, regardless of your individual personal priorities! Some players find it physically more and more challenging to even come to any sanctioned ACBL game. It is in this context of rewards and achievement that we must acknowledge and respect the accomplishments of our players in 2012.

The Ace of Clubs contest acknowledges the individuals that accumulate the most masterpoints won at **Unit 556 clubs** in 2012. The Mini-McKinney contest acknowledges the individuals that accumulate the most masterpoints won in **every one** of the ACBL events (club games as well as sectional, regional and national contests). The following lists the winners in each masterpoint category, and in some cases, where the player finished within **all** of the several thousand

District 23 players. Congratulations to those that top these categories. Numbers in parentheses represent ranking in the entire District 23.

	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Mini-McKinney</u>
0-5	Rosemary Frankain	Rosemary Frankain
5-20	Barbara York	Barbara York (23)
20-50	Albert Stock	Albert Stock (8)
50-100	Sharry Vida	Sharry Vida (6)
100-200	Roy Ladd	Roy Ladd (6)
200-300	Jerry Burrill	Paul Gill (12)
300-500	Elaine Moore	Elaine Moore (6)
500-1000	George MacDonald	Paula Olivares (18)
1000-2500	Brad Ward	Brad Ward
2500-5000	Hugh Bartlett	Paul Markarian
>10,000	John Swanson	JohnSwanson (12)

The new Board of Directors met in late January and elected its officers. The financial future of the ailing Lancaster Club was given a top priority as was new forms of competition.

The Senior Center in Santa Clarita hosts two successful games each week. Rand and Kathy do a splendid job Tuesday evenings and the recent results can be found below.

Arif Shah bagged three wins, one with Gary Grey and two with Tracy Boys, the partnership of Kathy Flynn-Robert McBroom garnered two wins and Betty Pevy scooped up a win with Rand Pinsky as her partner and another with Basant Shah. The partnerships of Mira Rowe-Bill Brodek, Markle Vandrevort-Lamonte Johnson and Tom Shudic-Elaine Moore also bagged wins.

Ms. Paula Olivares has a really nice game starting lunchtime on Mondays at the Senior Center. This is also a tough game and winners were Carol Provost-Bill Brodek, Russ Buker-George MacDonald, Albert Stock-Wright Hoffman, Paula Olivares-Roy Ladd, Basant Shah-Jerry Burrill and Roshun Hadulla-Carol Ashbacher.

Ms. Rita Vanatter has developed her Castaic game →

into a really wonderful activity with its lunch break and growing attendance. Rita is so grateful for the growing player support we just have to find more for her to do. The monthly results from her tough-to-win Castaic game are as follows: Hugh Bartlett-Bill Brodek won Twice and Albert Stock-Marguerite Pinkers, Basant Shah-Lamonte Johnson, George MacDonald-Russ Buker and Roshun Hadulla-Ruth Baker were able to scoop up a hard-fought win.

The Lancaster Club still has a bit of life left and Mr. Dave Gasper has staked out a big claim on wins. Dave won four times in the last month with four different partners, one win coming with Ben Sour, another with Doris Thompson, one with Brad Ward and one with Gloria Robinson. Barbara Shuping and Russ Buker won as did the amazing partnership of Bob Hart and Onarita Pallanti (a combined age of 180 years). Tim Sturtevant won twice, once with Brad Ward and once with Larry Levin.

Ms. Lola Messhia won the January Unit game in Lancaster partnered with Gloria Robinson.

Glendale Verdugo by Sharon Wolf

Board of Director's Meeting, March 9, 2013
Unit Game, March 9, 2013
Lunch at noon, game at 1:00

Congratulations to Carolyn Cohen and Bob Tayrien on a whopping 82% game this month at the Regency.

Our February Unit game was a catered affair, with pasta, meatballs, salad, and an array of desserts. Here are the results:

N/S	
A1	Herman Helber & Jake Frenkel
A2	Rae Murbach & Jack Futrell
A3	Tim Lolli & Carolyn Cohen
A4	Mike Doll & Patrick Cardullo
A5	Art Chacanas & Dick Banta
A6	Peter Szecsi & Bernie Mateer
B1	Gloria Balfour & Carol Lessin
B2	Leon Alexander & Adam Barron

E/W	
A1	Karen Arase & John Barrow

A2	High Bartlett & Nell Schanz
A3 B1	Brad Beland & Amr Elghamry
A4 B2 C1	Sharon Wolf & David Rozzell
A5	William Brodek & Paula Olivares
A6 B3	Ted Maki & Lorraine Adams
B4	Tracy Boys & Jerry Burrill
C2	Betsy Josias & Nancy Lyon

Our next Unit Game is on March 9 and will feature a traditional St Patty's Day feast. Please join us.

Long Beach by Jon Yinger

unit website: www.acblunit557.org
club website: www.LongBeachBridge.com

January 27 Unit Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Jo and John Melis, 2nd Pam and Michael Moreland, 3/4 tie: Sankar Reddy/John Petrie tied with Jo Daigle/Betty McClellan, 5th Patricia Ann Jay/Paul Pettler, 6th Bee Kinman/Dorothy Favre. In the B flight overall Amr Elghamry/Dominique Moore were 4th, Lina and Simon Chen were 5th, Kim Wang/Chien-Sun Hun were 6th. In the C flight overall Rob Preece/Kevin Lane were 3rd, Robert and Richard Bakovic were 4th and Janet Logan/Todd Knapp tied with Ralph Moskowitz/Barbara Shortwell for 5/6. Congratulations to all!

February 2 unit-rated Groundhog Day game: Overall results: 1st in A: Earl VanDerVord/Sean Lui, 2nd Bob Mault/Sherry Troeger, 3rd Betty McClellan/Steve Skinner, 4th Peggy Waite/Jon Yinger, 5th John Melis/Keith Hafen. In the B flight overall Usha Bansal/Art Linderman were 4th. In the C flight overall Fred Willbanks/Arne Lier were 2nd. Overall results in the 199er section: 1st in A: John Krafft/Dick Berger, 2nd Martin Lipman/Rick Schaeffer, 3rd Sally and Alan Gordy, 4th Bud and Audrey Linden, 5th Bill and Tom Dilks, 6th Gary Dial/Richard Dickens. In the B flight overall Carolyn Woo/Ed Bucklin were 5th. Congratulations to all!

70+% Games in the club Jan 16 through Feb 15: There were three 70+% NLM games: Pei and Paul Chen had 72.22% Jan 23, Joyce Henderson/Barbara Vann had 70.83% Feb 4 (evening) and Darlene Harrison/Bill Dilks had 71.43% Feb 11 (evening). The closest any pair came to 70% in an open game was John and →

Bea Bralliar Feb 30 (evening) with a 69.94% game. Congratulations to all four pairs!

Big Masterpoint Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd over-all big point awards Jan 16 through Feb 15: In the unit-rated MLK game Jan 21 John Petrie/Steve Sturm were 1st over-all winning 4.11mp; John and Cory Hand were 2nd winning 3.08mp. In the unit game Jan 27 Jo and John Melis won 4.53mp for 1st, Pam and NMichael Moreland won 3.40mp for 2nd. In the unit-rated Ground Hog Day Feb 2 Earl VanDerVord/Sean Lui won 3.97mp for 1st, Bob Mault/Sherry Troeger won 2.98mp for 2nd. Feb 11 Sankar Reddy/Lorrie Schramm won 3.15mp for 1st. Feb 13 Cecil Cook/Eugene White won 3.73mp for 1st. Feb 14 Marcie Evans/Steve Skinner won 3.03mp for 1st. And in the big game Feb 15 Sara Wilson/Gilbert Stinebaugh won 5.25mp for 1st, John Petrie/Gabrielle Sill won 3.94mp for 2nd and Jackie Hess/Wayne Otsuki won 2.95mp for 3rd. Congratulations to all!

WomenShelter of Long Beach: Unit 557 has long been a supporter of the WomenShelter of Long Beach. Last month new Board President Kevin Lane presented the WomenShelter with a check for \$5,000, our largest contribution to date. Congratulations guys. And gals.

New Members: Both transfers from other clubs: Cecil Cook, and Barbara Vann. Welcome to you both!

Status Changes: Sectional Master: Lynn Danielson, NABC Master: Linda Renkus, Bronze Life Masters: Carmen Gross, Rob Preece. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming events at the club March 11 through 17 D22-D23 STaC week: Hand records, overall awards, card fees \$11. March 24 Unit Game--lunch 12:30, game at 1pm.

Get Well Wishes to Mary Thomas.

No news from Leisure World this month. Results of all Leisure World games are posted on www.acblunit557.org

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Pasadena San Gabriel Valley by Jan Wickersham

Sunday is the Election Party. It is to be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Monrovia. This is such a special event for our unit. It's the time of year we elect new

officers, thank those who have served, and acknowledge those who are continuing to serve. This year's new slate of officers will be:

Currently serving

Peter Szecsi
Bernie Mateer
Miriam Harrington
Mary Falvey
Amr Elghamry
Marie Nimmrich
Karen Arase
Sandra Franciscus

Two-year terms

Frank Grant
Clif Cates

Ann Raymond and Mike Marcucci will serve for one year, replacing two members that could not complete their term. T.J. Wang and Jan Wickersham are not returning (their terms are complete), as well as Nancy Nakinishi and Roland Pinada who each served for one term.

Additionally, this is the time of year we honor members of our unit who have earned distinguished awards. Shiu-Ming Huang has earned the most masterpoints at the unit games for 2012. Jeff Goldsmith and John Jones won the John Waken Sectional. In addition to receiving special gift, they will share the perpetual trophy for one year. Our final award goes to Amr Elghamry who earned the most points combining the Holiday and last year's Election party. Congratulations to you all.

I would like to encourage all bridge players to mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Pro/Am game at our next regional. The date is July 1. It will be held at the Long Beach Westin. If you have less than 1,000 points you are considered an Am, and if you are a Silver Life Master or higher, you are considered a Pro. This is a great event.

Don't miss it this annual event—ask anyone who participated last time.

One last note: The unit received a letter from Betty Middleton's daughter asking us to send her some of the things we remember about Betty. Her daughter would like a memory or two to share with her children and grandchildren. Here's the address: Sharon Scott, 1130 Kamiaken St., Moscow, Idaho 83843 →

Pomona Covina by Tom Lill

Unit Game: Sat, March 9, 11:00 a.m.

Individual: Sat, March 2, 9:30 a.m. (La Verne location)

Following up on last month's lead item, we are very glad to report that Pat Radamader is back up to strength and playing bridge again. Welcome back, Pat.

Due to the vagaries of our Unit Game scheduling and the publishing deadlines for this missive, we have two sets of unit games to report. In the January game, Vic Sartor – Hans Hehnke took top honors, followed by Kim Horn – Georgiana Battuelo, Lary Alba – Cordell Goode, Karen Olin – Karen McCarthy, and Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter. In the February game, the top spot was claimed by Peter Szesci – Bernadine Mateer, followed by Lary Alba – Walt Otto, Roger Boyar – Richard Patterson, Vic Sartor – Hans Hehnke, and Penny Barbieri – Rosalie Roberts. Kiran Kumar – Claudia Cochran captured the flight C crown.

The February Individual was won by Charlotte Capelle. Bob Kakade took second, followed by Roger Boyar, Karen McCarthy, and Paul Chrisney.

Other winners last month included Kathy & Herman Helber, Billie Steiner, Kim Horn, Penny Barbieri, Sandy Jones, Karen Olin, Suzanne Wojcick, Dave Ruoff, Karen McCarthy, Herb Stampfl, Susan Ruoff, Gale Ginsburg, Denise Morgan, Hanan Mogharbel, Richard Patterson, Lois Snowden, Don Logsdon, and Fredy & Lulu Minter, who turn in the best performance at 66.67%.

We have some congratulations to give this month. Josephine Daniels and Judy Husted are now Junior Masters; Margie Hall got that coveted gold card (Life Master), and Penny Barbieri advanced to Silver Life Master.

Perhaps you read about the "Longest Day" event in the February ACBL Bulletin. If you didn't, it's going to be a full day of bridge, June 21, sunrise to sundown (more or less). All proceeds go to the Alzheimer Foundation. Our unit is planning to participate, and we'd like your help. We need ideas, logistic support (that means someone who can plan more than 20 minutes ahead), and so on. We are forming a committee to organize the event. If you are full of good ideas, please contact any Unit Board member. So far, we can pretty much count on the Friday morning game at La Fetra to kick things off. After that... who knows? Ideas that

have been tossed around include an Individual, a team game, perhaps a challenge against another club or unit, or... Anything goes.

Our hand of the month this time is an interesting play problem. You (declarer) hold ♠A ♥QT6 ♦QJ9 ♣AQJT86. After the opening lead of the ♥5, dummy flops with ♠KT ♥A94 ♦AK87642 ♣2. Well?

Eleven tricks are cold, twelve if the ♥K is under the ace (and you run the lead to your hand). But it's pairs; can you make them all? How about this: cash the ♥A, then cash nine more tricks (two spades and seven diamonds). Holding both the ♥K and the ♠K, what is poor LHO to do? If he holds the guarded ♣K, he has to throw all his hearts and your nine scores (you did unblock the queen, I hope ...). If he holds a high heart, then his ♣K falls under the ace and that's that. Thirteen tricks and a cold top.

Quote for the month: "The most damaging phrase in the language is: 'It's always been done that way.'" (Rear Admiral Grace Hopper)

San Fernando Valley by Deborah Levinson

Greetings and Salutations!

Achievements

The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for January 2013 are:

750 Bridge Club

1. Ron Malkin - 16.27
2. Gloria Malkin - 10.04
3. Paul Endler - 8.83
4. Mel Lerner - 8.34
5. Larry Gordon - 7.59
6. Bunnie Roth - 7.03
7. Gloria Feerst - 6.04
8. Mike Klemens - 5.81
9. Phil Jones - 5.54
10. Margie Bulmer - 5.51

The Bridge Academy (Open)

1. Deborah Levinson - 9.33
2. Marel Bates - 7.38
3. Gilbert Stinebaugh - 7.18

4. Armand Szulc - 6.77
5. Leda Danzig - 6.47
6. Gary Frans - 5.80
7. Joan Rubin - 5.74
8. Leila Greenfield - 5.62
9. Claude Le Feuvre - 5.29
10. Sara Wilson - 4.94

The Bridge Adademy (<750)

1. Deborah Levinson - 9.33
2. Sheila Singer - 4.68
3. Jerry Goodman - 4.52
4. Ron Stewart - 3.00
5. Earl Beer - 2.01
6. Eva Seri - 1.72
7. Richard Ruby - 1.41
8. Jerry Shapiro - 1.41
9. Tracy Boys - 1.38
10. Philip Berk - 1.32

70 Percent Games

73.8% Mike Klemens and Om Chokriwala at the 750 Bridge Club.

Tournaments

Please remember to send information about your great results at the Regional to me at dlevinson@acesupms.com so I will be able to include it in the next column!

North American Pairs

Fred Upton and Steve Woelfer, regulars at the 750 Bridge Club, won the Flight C North American Pairs qualifying and will be representing District 23 at the nationals in St. Louis. This is the second time they have represented us.

Milestones

Congratulations to new Life Master Estelle Baron. And welcome to the newest member of our unit, Gayle Butler. Remember! New ranks? Life events? Let me know!

Upcoming Events

March 24: A Tribute to Zenia – Lunch followed by a session of bridge, in tribute to our dear friend. Hosted by her family and held at The Bridge Academy. Hosted lunch at 12 followed by Bridge at 1. Call (818) 999-9131 for reservations.

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) with the subject BRIDGE COLUMN.

Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

Unit: www.freewebs.com/bridgeatunit568
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Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm
District 22/23 STAC: March 11 thru March 17
Club Championship: Tuesday, March 19, 11:00 am
Club Championship: Friday, March 29, 11:30 am
Handicapped Swiss Teams Every Tuesday Evening

There will be Friday Night games on March 1 and March 15.

Club Championships

The January 19 Club Championship was won by JoAnna Wallis/Booth Tarkington in both Flights A and B. On January 25 the Club Championship was won by Carol McCully/Ed Barad in Flight A and Del Horton/Beverly Narahara in Flight B. The Club championship on February 4 was captured by Gary King/Ted Gibbs in Flight A with Jim Jensen/Booth Tarkington on top in Flight B and Beverly Narahara/Carole King leading Flight C.

Team Winners

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

January 22: Fran Israel, Luis Gamio, Ernie Frank, Ron Carlson

January 29: Bea and John Brailliar, Ed →

Piken, Steve Ramos
 February 5: Gaye Herrington, Mary Ann Coyle,
 John Farr, John J. McDermott
 February 12: Bea and John Brailliar, Ed Piken,
 Steve Ramos

GUV Memorial Award

There are those that say bridge directors become bridge directors because they can't play bridge. I don't think that is actually the case especially for our esteemed director Mike Savage, but even if it is, Mike has one thing going for him. I have played with him enough times in recent years to attest to the fact that he is one of the luckiest bridge players around.

At the recent Laguna Woods Sectional Swiss Mike held King doubleton of Spades. I held ♠Jxxxx ♥Kx ♦x ♣KTxxx. Mike opened 1♣ and my RHO bid 1♦. I tried a 1♠ and LHO bid 2♥. I don't know if Mike had a couple clubs mixed in with his spades or what, but he bid 2♠ on his doubleton. With a supposed 9-card fit in spades and the potential for a big 2-suit fit, I made a game try with 3♣. LHO bid 3♦ back to me and I tried 3♠. LHO bid 4♦, perhaps hoping that I would bid once more (He had seen us in action on the previous hand) and was passed out. I led a low club and the dummy came down with ace, queen fourth of spades as our partnership breathed a sigh of relief. "Knowing" that declarer had no spades helped me defend the hand correctly as we set the contract one trick. That one trick came when declarer led the spade he didn't have and finessed. He later showed up with yet another spade and left me wondering whether I or my partner had lost it.

At the same Swiss I held a stiff spade, ♦AJ9 and not much else. LHO opened 1♥, Mike leaped to 4♠, RHO bid 5♥ passed out. Mike led the ♦Q and dummy tabled with ♦K8xxxx and ♠Ax. Declarer ducked the ♦Q and Mike then led a low spade which rode around to declarers queen giving up a trick. We still managed a 1-trick set but Mike chastised me for playing a "high" diamond at trick 1 asking for a spade switch. I pointed out that the diamond 9 was my lowest and even if I wanted a spade switch, playing the ♦J didn't look right at the time. At the end we did well in the Swiss but I was left with the feeling maybe directors really can't play bridge.

Na Zdrowie

West LA by Robert Shore

Farewell to a Friend

Most of you reading this column probably know by now that we have lost Fred Mautner. I knew Fred primarily as the Treasurer of our Unit and a long-time Board member, as well as the Treasurer of the Beverly Hills Bridge Club. Many of you probably knew Fred as a friend. Our deepest condolences to Marjie and the rest of Fred's family. I hope many of you have the opportunity to attend his memorial service the first weekend of March.

A Very Happy Birthday

Happier news finds us from Barrington. We are informed that regular player Jane Dawson has reached her one hundredth birthday and is still to be found at the table. Perhaps she'll use the occasion as an excuse to finally join the ACBL, so that she might find her way more often into this space.

The Tournament Trail

The North American Open Pairs District Final was held late last month, with financial support for a trip to St. Louis on the line. For the first time this event was held at the Beverly Hills Bridge Club, and our Unit members exploited their home field advantage in full. Viktor Anikovich participated in a three-way tie for first in Flight A, while your Humble Scribe partnered with Bruce Altshuler to win top honors in Flight B. Good luck to all of our District's qualifiers in St. Louis.

In other action, Roger and Becky Clough traveled to the Honolulu Regional and added to their victory collection with a win in the Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout Teams event. Karen Sterling also made the trip and came home with a win in the Friday morning 299er pairs game. Closer to home, Mike Savage scored up a pair of victories at the Laguna Woods Sectional, winning the Saturday Compact Knockout and the Sunday Flight A Swiss Teams.

Coming Events

Powered by the ever-fertile mind of our Publicity →

Chair, Candy Scott, the schedule of unit events is swinging into high gear over the next couple of months. We will celebrate the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birth at Barrington and Beverly Hills with a Unit Game on March 2. On St. Patrick's Day, Bubbi visits Beverly Hills to regale us with traditional Irish staples such as corned beef on rye with cole slaw, green bagels with cream cheese and lox, and some rainbow sherbet to accompany the STAC of silver points we all hope to win.

In April we will hold Unit Championships the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, April 23. This is a perfect opportunity to practice for the West Los Angeles STAC the weekend of May 3-5. And for you weekday players, from May 13-17 we will designate all games at both Barrington and Beverly Hills (as well as the Tuesday night games at Cyma's Game and Marina del Rey) as Unit Championships, making even more points available. I'm particularly looking forward to the evening of May 16, which will be a Unit Team Championship at Beverly Hills.

A Little Learning Is a Dangerous Thing

Playing at the San Marcos Sectional last month, I picked up the following collection in third chair: Ax, AJ9x, AQxx, Axx. I'm planning responses after my anticipated 2NT opening bid when I notice that partner has opened 1H. I end up playing the hand in 6NT after a Jacoby 2NT response, and catch the following dummy:

Dummy: ♠Kxx ♥KT8xx ♦KJx ♣Kx
 Declarer: ♠Ax ♥AJ9x ♦AQxx ♣Axx

The opening lead was a spade. Being a careful and reasonably proficient declarer, I realized that I had the opportunity to get a partial count on the hand before committing myself in the heart suit. So after winning the first spade, I ran my diamonds, noting that LHO started with a doubleton. I then won a club, everyone following, and it was time to play on hearts. I knew that LHO had 9 vacant spaces for the heart queen and RHO had only 7. So I played the odds and hooked LHO, losing to doubleton Qx on my right.

For my efforts, I received a richly deserved 3 matchpoints out of 25. Why do I think my play was wrong? Because I should have realized that almost the entire room would surely play the hand in 6H, not 6NT. And none of the declarers playing 6H would be able

to risk a ruff by playing around with side suits before tackling trump, so they would all simply play two top hearts. And all I had to do to ensure beating their score was take the same line as they would take, even if I knew more about the odds than they did. Bearing out this analysis, the recap shows that if I had dropped the heart queen, I would have scored up 20 out of 25 matchpoints.

Around the Clubs

Before moving on to this month's results, some old business. I recently learned that a December Unit Game winner didn't make it into this space. Congratulations to Joyce Meyer and Peter Benjamin, playing at Barrington, for winning the December 28 Unit Game.

Joyce Meyer also won a Club Championship at Barrington, playing with Michelle Haines, while the winners of Barrington's other Club Championship were Anna Benatar and Nelly Gordon. Jill Richmond and Marty Blain won the Club Championship at Cyma's Game. Hitting the 70% mark were Aram Bedros and Art Zail (twice each), as well as Jill Richmond, Marty Blain, Sally Aminoff, Rodger Harbin, Adrienne Green, Mim Spertus, Peter Benjamin, and Wayne Karson.

Club champions at Beverly Hills were Jeanette Devarian and Lynn Ryan, while Rhoda and Lew Himmell won the Unit Game. Scoring up 70% games were Valerie Aron and David Segal, Bonnie Sakamoto and John Wong, Gloria Sherwood and Viktor Anikovich, Mike Savage and Marshall Wengrow, Rhoda and Lew Himmell, Jeanette Devarian and Lynn Ryan, and Annette and Herb Wolas.

Climbing the Ladder

We welcome our unit's newest Junior Masters, Natalie Engelkirk, Rachel Gindi, Heather Ho, Gail Lenvin, and Sandra Price, to our shared addiction. Frances Durslag and Beverly Phillips have taken the step to Club Master status, and Susan Coggins and Susan Rosenson have become Sectional Masters. Ellen Carrier is now a Regional Master and Linda Camras, Michael Camras, and Eilene Gittleman have reached NABC Master status.

Sam Haveson (our Unit Game Coordinator) has become a Diamond Life Master. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments.

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

Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: Leo Bell

Panelists: Jeff Goldsmith, John Jones, David Sacks, and the *Spirit of Marshall Miles*

1

MPs
no vul

West	North	East	South
	2♦*	dbl	?

* weak

You South hold: ♠AT9852 ♥Q76 ♦9875 ♣--
What call do you make?

GOLDSMITH: 4♦. Give partner ♠xx ♥xx ♦KQJxxx ♣xxx, and 5♦ goes for 500, so 4♦ should be our limit. *[The opponents can then make 6♣].* I considered 3♣ as lead directing—in a McCabe context—but upon reflection, I don't like it because I think declarer in 5♣ or 6♣ will work out what I did and pick up partner's trumps or just play the hand double-dummy. If this means we can't beat 4♥, so it goes. Sometimes partner has a normal club lead anyway.

JONES: 5♦. There are at least two issues here: how high I'm willing to bid, and do I wish to bid a strain I'd like partner to lead. Bidding some number of hearts or clubs just to increase the opponents' difficulty is possible also. Even though I would slightly prefer a spade lead against a high level club contract, I favor eliminating the 5♣ bid from West's arsenal. I'll defend against a 6-level contract.

SofMM: 3♠. I could try for a club ruff or for partner to possibly ruff a spade. If partner has a stiff spade, this may accomplish both.

SACKS: 5♦. There are so many possibilities, I can't believe I'm taking the most direct one. 3♣ appealed to me both to eventually induce a club lead versus 5♥ (I would not sell out below that), and to make it neigh impossible for them to find clubs.

The question here is how high to preempt and the method to do so.

Marshall Miles, a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame and one of America's most respected bridge players, died February 5, 2013.

The problems in this set are the type Marshall was famous for responding with NTs without adequate stoppers. Marshall's typical answers, which are noted as the Spirit of Marshall Miles (SofMM), were written by Bell.

Marshall moderated the Problem Solver's Panel for this newspaper for 21 years. This column is dedicated to his memory.

2013 District 23 Grand National Teams Qualifying

All games at Barrington Bridge Club (310-966-4144) at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

April 27-28: Open Flight (0+ MPs)
Flight B (0-2000 MPs)

May 18-19: Flight A (0-5000MPs)
Flight C (Non Life Master < 500)

The winning teams can represent District 23 in Atlanta this summer. They receive partial refunds for trip expenses. All teams must have 4, 5, or 6 players. It is Swiss Qualifying on Saturday for Sunday KO. Players can enter more than one event (one separate weekends).

Call Howard Einberg (310-475-9784) or Bill Wickham (310-234-3238) with questions. Complete Conditions of Contest at the ALACBU website: www.acbldistrict23.org

2

IMPs
no vul

West	North	East	South
3♦	pass	pass	dbl
pass	3♠	pass	?

You, South, hold: ♠KQ ♥AKJ7 ♦854 ♣AK54
What call do you make?

GOLDSMITH: 3NT. I have a Miles stopper, extra values, and NT shape. No raise suggests partner has a diamond card since who preempts on a solid suit non-vulnerable in first seat these days? Marshall made these bids in tempo.

JONES: Pass. It's possible that partner has a little and we have a better strain and game is still marginal. Give partner ♠Axxx ♥Qxx ♦xx ♣xxxx and game in either hearts or clubs is likely going down if the opponent's diamonds don't block. We can't realistically hope for much more than that. Could we have a 4-2 spade fit with a 5-4 club fit? Sure, but how much more bidding are we going to do to try to find it. It's probable that East has some red cards in his box and isn't afraid to use them. *[Seems unlikely when we have in the range of 22-26 HCP]* Could partner have ♠AJxxx and

a round queen? Yes, but I'm not about to play partner for a perfect absolute maximum. If bidding more is right, I'll say "preempts work" and go to the next hand.

SofMM: 3NT. I had to suspect this auction would ensue after my double and the only reason I didn't bid 3NT directly was the hope partner could bid hearts.

SACKS: 3NT. I bid in tempo without fear. Might be right contract and might be the only way to get to another right contract. I like it better than wandering into the 4 level on a club suit like this one.

Seems like a big gamble at IMP's to pass 3♠. There are too many hands where game can make and 3♠ goes down.

3

MPs
no vul

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

You, South, hold: ♠T74 ♥AKT93 ♦Q8 ♣Q87
What call do you make?

GOLDSMITH: 2♠. This hand is why some play 4th Suit Forcing not game forcing. With that, this is trivial. Without it, it's impossible. So I overbid slightly to find the right strain and only go down one.

JONES: 3♣. All bids from 2♦ through 3♥ will be right some of the time. 3♥, 3♣ and 2NT are all right on values but possibly wrong on strain. 2♠, which is reasonable when vul at IMPs, is a small overbid. 2♥ and 2♦ both take the low road, but pretty much set the final contract. I don't favor either of them, though 2♥ is better. 3♣ seems the closest to the mark to me.

SofMM: 2NT. This is a perfect description of my

values and Txx is a much better stopper than my usual.

SACKS: 2♦. Partner will bid 2♥ on almost any hand with 3 hearts. We lose out when partner has around 14 HCP with something resembling two spade stoppers. At IMP's I would definitely be more aggressive (still can't decide between 3♦ and 2NT) but at matchpoints I'll be content to go for the plus score.

Playing 4th suit forcing as a game force makes many auctions easier since neither partner needs to jump to show strength. On this hand, it creates a problem in that you have no convenient bid.

4

IMPs
NS vul

West North East South

1NT*

2♠

pass

1♥

?

*15-18

You, South, hold: ♠Q52 ♥AQJ9753 ♦9 ♣K6

What call do you make?

GOLDSMITH: 3♠. We have to try for game when vulnerable at IMP's. Partner will usually have six spades. While I'd prefer not to get a club lead through the Kx, if he goes we probably don't have four quick losers.

JONES: Pass. Normally, AQJ9xxx is called trumps. Here, partner likely has six spades assuming we are playing some version of Hamilton (It's Hamilton when it works and Cappelletti when it doesn't – just ask Fred). Partner's hand is limited by his failure to double 1NT, so 4♠ seems unlikely.

SofMM: 3♥. My hand is worth some try for game.

A trump lead against a spade contract will probably defeat 4♠ and I'd like to protect my club honor.

SACKS: 4♠. Partner bid 2♠, a bid higher ranking than our hearts at this vulnerability. He must have a hand with real sound playing tricks. Sounds like NT bidder might have a quirky hand (playing tricks in diamonds with perhaps even a stiff spade, perhaps the K). Might come down to whether partner's potential side card is in clubs or diamonds.

For whatever it's worth, no game should actually make, but 3♥ will get 4♥ by partner and the NT bidder needs to lead a diamond to defeat the contract.

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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 (3 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 Sessions)					
Tuesday-Wednesday KOs (3rd & 4th 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)					
GNT - D17 Finals-All Flights (Pre-Qualification Required)					
Stratified Afternoon Side Game (5th of 5 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Evening Side Game (6th of 6 Single Sessions)					
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)					

SUNDAY - JUNE 23	9:00A	10:00A	1:15P	3:00P	7:00P
Stratified FAST Pairs (Planned Finish by 4PM)					
0-300 Swiss Teams (Single Session)					
GNT - D17 Finals-Championship & Flight A only (If Needed)					
FLIGHT A/X Swiss Teams (Play Through)					
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5

MPs
all vul

West	North	East	South
		1♦	pass
pass	dbl	pass	?

You, South, hold: ♠KJ3 ♥T84 ♦T74 ♣AK53
What call do you make?

GOLDSMITH: 3NT. Easy. Those Miles stoppers come up a lot. Are you sure the diamonds on #2 weren't T74 as on #3 and #5?

JONES: 3♣. I don't like it, but what else is there? There's no stopper for NT, no biddable major, and a cuebid goes down a likely ill-fated path. 2♣ doesn't seem like enough even against a balancing double.

SofMM: 2NT. This should show 11-12 HCP and, of course, a diamond stopper. Once again, my solid stopper will suffice.

SACKS: 2♣. Partner made a balancing double and I have only 4 clubs. Why hang him out to dry by bidding 3♣?

A balancing double at the one level is frequently made with less than opening values. I like either a hefty 1NT or the optimistic 2NT.

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2:45 P.M.

Katy Hunt 1-Session Barometer Stratified Swiss Teams

Saturday, April 6

10:00 A.M. & 2:45 P.M.

Jack Hellner Stratified Open Pairs
Al and Nancy Hall 299er Pairs
Single Sessions

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2:45 P.M.

Polly Wassell 1-Session Barometer
Stratified Swiss Teams

Sunday, April 7

10:00 A.M. & TBA

Pete Bendorf Stratified Swiss Teams
6 matches of 8 boards
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Bill Lansing 299er Stratified Swiss Teams
2 Single Sessions, each 3 matches of 7 boards
Each Session \$50/team, including lunch with
\$10 discount for teams playing both sessions

Unit 547 Sanction # S1304078

Director In Charge: Dave White
Tournament Chair: Judy Kupperman
(805-985-1978; yubridge@aol.com)
Partnerships: Gwen Wagner 805-642-9721
(and Mike Gaddis)



Host Hotel
Holiday Inn Express
805-986-5353
3.3 miles from site
Ask for ACBL BRIDGE rate!
Reference ACBL Bridge Tournament

Complimentary Continental Breakfast
FREE coffee and snacks all day

Hands for Pairs & Barometer Events Are Predealt

Events are named for individuals who made significant contributions to Unit 547.

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