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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Nationals

by Becky Clough, ALACBU President



Roger and I just returned home from the 2014 Summer Nationals in Las Vegas. Except for the final Sunday, the weather was typically hot, hot, hot, but the playing sites were well regulated—neither too hot, nor too cold, most of the time.

The tournament ran from Wednesday, July 16, 2014 through Sunday, July 27, 2014. There were a total of 16,616 total tables in play and 237 separate events from which to choose during the week. Players attended from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and 25 other countries worldwide. 118,695 master points were awarded.

There is something exciting about playing in a National Tournament. There are always many new systems and conventions to hear about and/or learn and bridge talk is universal. "What do you do when you hold AKxxx...etc." There are events geared for players at every level from rank beginners to the world's best, and it is one of the few sports in which novices can play against the top players. To me the best part of the nationals is the opportunity to see friends who live in other states or countries.

I was interested in how District 23 fared in the tournament. This information is easily obtainable on the new ACBL website, but I'm including it here for you. Notable finishers in NABC events were our Grand

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National Board Issues

by Rand Pinsky, District Director



In reviewing the Board Journal for Las Vegas I found some items that should be of interest to our general membership and some items that will only be of interest to some of our membership. I will highlight these items in this report.

Please note, as this report is due on July 15 for the August Southern California Bridge News and our board meetings will be over on July 17, some of it may be old news.

The first item of interest is the approval of a new format for collegiate competition where the qualifying will be based on a participation basis and not on a one day online qualifying event. The scholarship will be increased to \$20,000 to be split among the four teams going to the finals. I will support this as anything ACBL can do to promote bridge at the college level can only be a good thing.

The next item is a motion initiated by the Board of Governors which wanted screens to be used for the Flight B GNT at the same time screens are used for the Championship and A Flights. This will give Flight B players experience with screens before they move up to a higher flight and will bring more prestige to the event.

Another item is a motion to increase the entry fees for NABC+ Team Events/Screens. The increase will be \$5/per player per session. This increase will cover the additional costs it takes to use screens at a table. These expenses include more directors, additional playing space, and set up and take down of the room. I support this increase only for the sessions with screens.

One matter that directly impacts me as an ACBL Board Member is a discussion item that all board members must disclose on the annual ACBL Board conflict policy all non-financial matters. Presently we must disclose all financial matters. Adding non-financial matters is appropriate and long overdue.

Finally, the Masterpoint Committee will be

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Chris Larsen 1941-2014

Chris Larsen of Laguna Woods passed away on June 23rd. He was 73. For the past number of years he had emphysema, copd, and other pulmonary disorders. which had been getting worse over the past several months, but it never affected his bridge skills.

As far as bridge performance went, Chris was a Grand Life Master with over 14,000 master points, He won the first ever Senior Team World Championship in Paris in 2001 (teammates were Grant Baze, Gene Freed, Gary Hayden, Joe Kivel and John Onstodt). He nearly repeated it the following year in Montreal losing in the finals by only 8 imps. In addition, he had 6 seconds in NABC events. The latest was the Silidor Open Pair in Reno , which he competed in after driving at high altitudes to get there, and becoming hospitalized for two weeks upon his return. In addition, he had over a dozen district 22 Grand National Teams wins, plus a number of other high overall finishes in major NABC events, several with his late wife, Kay.

Chris was a very devoted family man, but apart from that , bridge was his full-time life. Chris was selected as the ACBL's Goodwill Member of the Year in 2009. Even though he was a fierce competitor at the table, he was always the gentleman, never talking down to beginner players, and treating them with respect. He will be missed.

Chris is survived by his 3 sons, and his companion, Salle Martinis.

Announcements

**District 23 Team wins
Mini-Spingold II (0-1500)
KO Teams**

Fred Upton, Om Chokriwala, Steve Ramos and Kevin Lane won the Spingold 1500 at the Las Vegas NABC: a 33-team 5-day knockout event limited to players with less than 1500 masterpoints.

For Fred and Om this win is their 2nd national titles; they won the GNT flight C in 2013. For Steve and Kevin this Spingold 1500 victory is their first national titles.

**Agile Bridge Club
Offers Free Begining Bridge
4-Class Series**

The Agile Bridge Club (www.agilebridgeclub.com) will be hosting free beginning bridge lessons again. The four classes will be on consecutive Thursdays, September 18 - October 9 from 1-3:15 p.m. at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club, 2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. For more information call Jeff Grotenhuis at 310-600-4275 or email him at jeffgro@gmail.com.

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you think?**

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bridgenews@acbldistrict23.org

Bridge Stories

This reoccurring series in the Southern California Bridge News includes short bridge stories from District 23 players who earned a new rank last month, as collected by Rand Pinsky

I love playing bridge. I believe I learned solid fundamentals studying initially with Peter Knee in his introductory course at Beverly Hills High School a few years ago. I then took group lessons at Barrington Bridge Club with George Seigel,

who loves to take beginners to a level where they can play in competition. I have improved by playing with expert players, far superior to me, in the big room at Barrington, who punish me every time I make a mistake. I try to play against them at least twice a week. I have also augmented my meager skills by reading Eddie Kantar's books on defense.

*Phillip Rohlin
Club Master*

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presenting a report regarding possible revisions to the masterpoint award structure. It is currently a complicated mathematical formula that has been adjusted over time.

It's a Different View from Dummy

I have gotten some reports back from the clubs that supported the ACBL Longest Day event on June 21. Elaine Moore spearheaded the event for the District. She reported to me that the 750 Club raised about \$2500, Bridge on the Boulevard raised \$1,945, Beverly Hills Bridge Club raised \$502, and the Pomona-Covina Unit raised about \$1,800. Last year, only the Pomona-Covina Unit participated from our District. I liked the format Pomona-Covina used. They have three clubs in their area and rotated a morning game, afternoon game, and an evening game. among them Tom directed all three games, donating his director's fees to the Longest Day.

For Tom's continuous dedication, I have nominated him to the ACBL National Charity Committee. I have also nominated Elaine for this honor. I expect Elaine to double her efforts next year!

As always, if you want to reach me, write me at Pinsky4Bridge@earthlink.net.

District 23 Rank Changes June 2014

Junior Master

Margaret Bass
Diane Fisher
Gay Gipson
May Ho
Linda Klebs
Michael Lehrfeld
Peter McKernan
Connie Morris
Les Nakasaki
Marcia O'Connor
Ruth Pash
Angela Peters
Terry Poe
Murray Salkin
Betz Salmont
Charlotte Weinstein
Bijan Zabih
Debra Zelman
Shelly Zirkes

Club Master

Helaine Blatt
Joanne Hadley
Susan Miller
Phillip Rohlin
Richard Vendeland

Sectional Master

H David Law, Geri Maimin
Ira Thierer

Regional Master

Masha Fleissig
Doug Green
Nancy Karnes
Paul Robbie
Daniel Strauss
George Tien
Rae Yan

NABC Master

Phillip Calloway
John Tickner

Life Master

Wayne Beagle
Sherman Gao
M Jubelirer
Henry Roediger
Abby Triback

Bronze Master

Philip Jones
Henry Roediger
Abby Triback

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Around the Units in District 23

Glendale Verdugo by Sharon Wolf

Approaching fast, our annual sectional will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Pasadena on August 8, 9, and 10. In addition to our usual contests, we will again have a stratified pairs game on Sunday to coincide with the traditional Swiss event.

Results of the July Unit game were as follows:

N/S	
A1	Caroline Cohen & Tim Lolli
A2	John Barrow & Karen Arase
A3	Bill Papa & Shui-Ming Huang
A4	Phil Dessert & David Rozzell
B1	Ruth Baker & Nell Schanz
E/W	
A1 B1	Ann Raymond & Sandra Rucker
A2	Gerry Belcher & Cathy Martin
A3 B2	Adam Barron & Leon Alexander
A4	Paula Olivares & Bill Brodek

Please join us in Pasadena for our always exciting sectional.

Long Beach by Jon Yinger

Unit website: www.acblunit557.org

Club website: www.LongBeachBridge.com

June 22 Unit Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Jo Daigle/Betty McClellan, 2nd Jackie Hess/Lucy Gellner, 3rd Steve and Charlotte Sturm, 4th Bob Mault/Phyllis Parker, 5th Howard Smith/Joyce Henderson, 6th Steve Ramos/Kevin Lane. In the B flight overall: 3rd Ginnie Blitzman/Charles Messall, 4th Kiyo Nagaishi/Renee Hoffman, 5th Eva Mroz/Penny Wentworth, 6th Joan Kaye/Renee Alpert. In the C flight overall: 5th Pat

Peters/Marynell Solomon, 6th Lynn Johnson/Rosemary Ford. In the NLM section overall: 1st Ruth Roe/Linda Dillon, 2nd Michiko Sharp/Linda Nye. Congratulations to all!

70+% Games: In the evening NLM game Monday July 7 Sy and Reva Alban had 74.17%. Congratulations!

Big Masterpoint Awards June 16 through July 15: In the unit game June 22 Betty McClellan/Jo Daigle won 5.10mp for 1st, Jackie Hess/Lucy Gellner 3.83mp for 2nd. June 23 Sherman Gao/Tien (Tony) Zee won 5.17mp for 1st, Ralph Rivera/Dave Carroll 3.88mp for 2nd. In the afternoon game June 24 Lowell Andrews/Baum Harris won 6.00mp for 1st, Jo Daigle/Jon Yinger 4.50mp for 2nd, Jean Matz/Betty Witteried 3.38mp for 3rd, and in the evening game George Welsh/Earl VanDerVord won 3.17mp for 1st. June 25 Steve Skinner/Baum Harris won 5.00mp for 1st, Jo Daigle Betty McClellan 3.75mp for 2nd. June 26 Steve Ramos/Kevin Lane won 4.83mp for 1st, Marcie Evans/Steve Skinner 3.63mp for 2nd. June 27 in the afternoon game Steve Ramos/Lucy Gellner won 7.00mp for 1st (!), Cliff Goodrich/Kevin Lane 5.25mp for 2nd, Al Beebe/Verna Baccus 3.94mp for 3rd, and in the evening game Eddie Gruber/Diane Starbuck won 3.50mp for 1st. June 28 John Bralliar/Bruce Horiguchi won 4.50 for 1st, Betty McClellan/Steve Skinner 3.38mp for 2nd. June 29 Kim Wang/Louis Shen won 3.67mp for 1st. Congratulations to all!

New Member: Ahmed Khalak. Welcome to the club!

Status Changes: Junior Master: Ralph Brunson. Club Master: Jim Keese. Sectional Master: Joyce Roberts. NABC Master: Usha Bansal. New Life Master: Robert Bakovich. Bronze Life Masters: Barbara Harris and William Smith. Gold Life Master: Bill Wilson. New Diamond Life Master: Betty McClellan. Congratulations to you all!

Condolences to Lois Abramson whose husband, Sam, passed away early this month, and to Betty McClellan whose stepson, Rick, passed away late last month.

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Upcoming Events at the Club: Unit Game July 27. Lunch 12:30, game 1pm.

North American Pairs qualifying week August 4 through August 10. Yet again you have another chance to earn many extra points and qualify for next year's North American Pairs competition. No extra \$.

Western Conference STaC begins Monday, August 18, and runs through Sunday, August 24. There is an extra \$1.00 charge per session for STaC events.

Unit Game Sunday August 31. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. game starts at 1:00 p.m. Future Unit Games: September 28, October 26, November 23, and December 21 (Christmas party at the LBBC).

News from Leisure World

by Judy Carter-Johnson

Saturday June 21 was The Longest Day— clubs were invited to support the ACBL's sunrise till sunset to support Alzheimer's disease research and care. Nine tables of players enjoyed the game at Clubhouse #1.

Longest Day Results: Overall winners: Joyce Henderson/Howard Smith 1 in A, 1 in B. Christine Fruman/Ruth Kaller 2 in A. Verna Burns/Joan Tschirki 3 in A. Sharon Baren.Bee Kinman 4 in A. Bud Camden/Jeanette Estill 5 in A, 2 in B, 1 in C. Judy Carter-Johnson/Cooie Dampman 3 in B. Jack Dampman/George Koehm 4 in A, 2 in C.

Club Championship Results: July 11 (Clubhouse #1) overall winners Sue Fardette/Marilyn McClintock 1 in A. Emma Trepinski/Gary Paugh 2 in A. Sue Boswell/Syliva Kaprelyan 3 in A, 1 in B. Jane and Tom Gibbons 4 in A. Bob and Pat Adams 5 in A. Judy Carter-Johnson/Jack Miller 2 in B. Betty Scharf/Bill Robinson 3 in B. Joan and Ted Wieber 4 in B.

Congratulations to Howard Smith attaining the rank of Bronze Life Master! Also to many, many resident and non-resident players who earned master points at the recent regional in Long Beach.

Upcoming Club Championship Dates: Clubhouse #3—Mondays—Sept 15 and Oct 13. Clubhouse #1—Friday Oct 10 and Saturday Oct 18.

Upcoming Unit Rated Games: Clubhouse #3 Thursday August 14 and Monday Nov 17.

If you have any news for next month's column please email me: jcj90740@gmail.com. Results of all Leisure World games are posted on www.acblunit557.org

Get the Unit 557 Newsletter via email: Send me your email address, and I'll put you on the list. My email is jyinger1@gmail.com.

Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley **by Marty Weiss**

Unit 559 John Waken Sectional
Friday, August 1- Sunday, August 3
LaSalle High School in Pasadena.
See the unit 559 website for the schedule.

PARTNERSHIP. In 1992, about a year and a half after I came back to bridge following an absence of some 25 years, I was approached by Stan, one of the more experienced players at our club. He suggested we try playing together. I was flattered... he'd been playing at the club long before I began there, and had substantially more points than I had. Of course, I quickly agreed, and thus began my longest bridge partnership.

We had lots of good results over the next couple of years, at the club and in tournaments. I was learning fast, and my master point total soon surpassed Stan's. Truth be told, I think I was getting quite full of myself. I did not hesitate to let Stan know whenever I felt he had goofed a bid or a play.

One day, playing at a regional event in N.J., Stan messed up a hand... or a bid... whatever, and I really tore into him. Of course, besides being rotten, I was also stupid, because he was so upset that we blew the next two boards.

That evening, at home, I thought about how dreadfully I had behaved, and called Stan to apologize. He was still profoundly upset, and suggested we end our partnership or at least suspend it for a while. That would have broken my heart and I told him so. "Let's go back to the tournament tomorrow" I said, "And you will be playing with a different Marty." With some reluctance, he agreed.

The next morning, we met at the event, and sat down at our table, I placed before me my amended convention card. It was our usual card, with the addition of the letters B L A M, in bold black marker script across the top. Of course, we were asked at virtually every table, "What's BLAM?" My reply, then, and always since, "Behave Like a 'Mensch!'" Mensch, of course, is German/Yiddish. Literally it means man; Colloquially, it means "a decent human being." →

Partnership guide: when you think partner goofed, before saying anything:

A. First consider the possibility, however remote, that **you** might be wrong

B. Having discarded the above, consider that if partner has, in fact, goofed, he may already feel bad enough without you piling on.

C. Finally, remind yourself that every month, in the Bulletin, 12 acknowledged experts frequently come up with 6 or 8 answers to a problem.

Congratulations to the Unit 559 members who advanced in rank:

Junior Master: Helen Lam

Club Master: Hanna Zhuang

Sectional Master: Patricia Martin

Regional Masters: Liang Fan and Richard Halverstadt

NABC Master: Stanley Majcher

Silver Life Master: Cheryl Loggins

Los Angeles Regional at Long Beach

Many of our members scored at the regional. Listed are the ones who scored 9 points or more: Roger Lee - 25.95, Janet Wickersham - 23.74, Gerald Bare - 20.07, Peter Szecsi - 19.41, Danielle Le Blanc - 16.47, Milton Kalikman - 14.8, Joseph Viola - 13.06, Bernadine Mateer - 12.46, Hugh Bartlett - 10.16, Robert Riechmann Jr. - 10.14, Steve Shanker - 9.78, Jacob Frenkel - 9.61.

70% Games

Rae Murbach and Jack Futrell: San Marino June 30 70.35%

William Ng and Shiu-Ming Huang San Marino July 7 72.69%

Unit Game results- June 22

1. Lulu and Fredy Minter
- 2/3. Herman Helber & Peter Szecsi, Miriam Harrington & Jacob Frenkel

Unit 559 Events

The Unit 559 John Waken Sectional takes place August 1, Friday - Sunday, August 3 at LaSalle High

School in Pasadena.

Sunday, August 17 at 1:00 at San Marino Recreation Center is the **"8 is Enough"** Swiss Team event. The total number of points on a team is needs to be 8 or less where 0-750 masterpoints is 1 point, 750-2,000 is 2 points, 2,000 and up is 3 points.

The Unit Game is September 7.

San Marino Bridge Club

The San Marino Bridge Club has **'Jackpots'** at the Wednesday afternoon and evening games at San Marino. The rules differ on different nights, so check with the directors when you play. The evening jackpot is now \$400, the afternoon jackpot is at \$186.

There will be a game on Monday July 28 at the San Marino Community Center. However, the only available parking will be on the street. We cannot use the library parking lot, and the school parking lot will still be under construction

Arcadia Bridge Club

Tuesday, Aug 12 at 7:15 NAOP 1st Round Qualifiers

Friday, Aug 15 at 7:15 NAOP 1st Round Qualifiers

Friday, Aug 22 at 7:15 "Beat the House"

Sunday August 24 at 1 "Winners and Losers"

Outside Unit 559 August events

Glendale Verdugo Sectional: August 8-10

Orange County Regional: September 1-7

Please send us any information about your trips, big games, or wins at any tournaments.

Pomona Covina by Tom Lill

Unit Game – Saturday, August 16, 11:00 a.m.

Individual – Saturday, August 2, Site TBD

I see I owe you the results from the Longest Day events. The morning session was won by Teresa Thurman - Gitta Earll, with Vic Sartor - Hans Hehnke, Amr Elghamry - Shiu-Ming Huang, and Linda Ananea - Karen McCarthy right behind. The first afternoon session – our regular Unit game, Bill Papa - Vic →

Sartor tied with Roger Boyar - Richard Patterson for the top spot. Third were Teresa Thurman - Gitta Earll, followed by Ray Malki - Marie Rose Kardous and then Ann McClelland - Denise Morgan. In the second afternoon session, Vic Sartor - Bill Papa led the field, followed by Amr Elghamry - Shiu-Ming Huang, Pat Radamaker - Clint Lew, and Doug Campbell - Linda Tessier. We raised a tidy sum for the Alzheimer Association – not quite as good as last year, but a nice effort, nonetheless. The Board of Directors thanks all of you who participated.

The July Unit game was captured by Patricia Radamaker - Rosalie Roberts, finishing less than one match point in front of Georgiana Battuello - Kim Horn. Walt Otto - Larry Clark, Vic Sartor - Hans Hehnke, and Susan Emminger - Linda Ananea rounded out the top five. Close game this month – less than one top separated the top five places.

There was no Individual game last month, due to the Bridge Week Regional. Speaking of which, our Unit did rather well in the tournament. 25 players won a total of 162.48 master points. Leading the way was Sherman Gao, with 26.82. Next was Larry Bolls, 17.08; Jack Chao, 14.25; Anand and Kiran Kumar, 11.99; Claudia Cochran, 11.21; and Dale Quasny, 10.06. In top event efforts, Sherman Gao took 2nd in B in an A/B pairs event; Dale Quasny won two separate 299er events; Ray Malki and Marie Rose Kardous took first in a side game; and Penny Barbieri, Claudia Cochran, Yours Truly, and the Kumars took section tops in one or more events. Keep up the good work – Torrance isn't too far away.

The site for the August Individual is TBD because just as this article was going to press, our primary site (La Verne) had to bail. We'll check around this week at out alternate sites and send out the usual Bridge Alert.

If I missed your name in the tourney results– hey, there were a lot of names to go through. Don't be afraid to contact Your Correspondent to report results. Good ones, that is. Heck, if you managed to go for 1700 on a part-score deal and would like to share the experience with the rest of us... sure, why not?

Lots of promotions this month, and there will surely be more when the Regional results are included (next month). Peggy Diller is a Club Master; Judy Husted is a Sectional Master; Anand Kumar is a Regional Master; and Clint Lew has ascended to the dizzying heights of Silver Life Master.

The top game this month was a 69.56% effort by Bill Papa and Denise Morgan. Other first place finishers were Genise Hasan, Fred and Lu Minter, Sandy Jones, Roger Boyar, Pat Radamaker, Richard Patterson, Joe Unis, Don Naf, Hanan Mogharbel, Charlotte Capelle, Sofi Kasubhai, Clint Lew, and Evelyn Hubacker.

It's that time again... or almost. Our annual two-session championship game is coming up in October, and with it, dinner and election of next year's Board of Directors. Chinese and Italian cuisine have been discussed as likely possibilities for the October dinner. If you have any others, let one of your Boarders (so to speak) know. Also– we are always looking for fresh meat... er, that is, volunteers, to serve on the Board. The duties are not onerous, and you get the satisfaction of knowing You Made a Difference. Again, to nominate yourself– or a friend (?)– just contact any Board member.

After last month's plethora of interesting hands, this month was rather tame. Maybe it was all those boring computer-dealt hands at Bridge Week. Anyway, here goes – you judge whether it was a brilliancy or a luck idiocy. As dealer, vulnerable, playing match points, you pick up ♠Axx ♥KT8x ♦AKx ♣Axx. No problem there; playing Standard, you open 1♦. There is no opposition bidding, and partner responds 1♥. And it's your turn again.

You surely have enough to bid 4♥. If you do, you are likely to play it there. One iconoclast decided to try 2NT, risking a pass if partner responded with a real dog, but leaving room for bigger and better things. Pard comes back with 4♣, ace asking. You show your three aces, and partner signs off in 6NT. Hmmmmmm, you were planning to support the hearts some point, but too late now. Oh well.

Dummy flops with ♠Qx ♥AJxx ♦QJxx ♣Kxx. Like the contract? In 6♥, all you have to do is find the trump queen, since you can ruff your third spade in dummy. Or pitch it on your long diamond, for that matter. Now you need to find the ♠K on side and find the trump queen. Not so good, is it?

But wait: by suppressing your heart holding, you induced LHO to lead... the ♥9! Through strength and up to weakness, I guess. End of problems in the trump suit. Now if the ♠K cooperates... it does, and you score 1440, a cold top. One other pair bid the heart slam, and made it, 1430.

So... was Mr. Wise-Guy 2NT brilliant... or the →

second coming of the Rueful Rabbit? (With perhaps a little Mr. Smug mixed in...)

Quote for the month: "Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit."
(R. E. Shay)

Until next month ...

Santa Clarita-Antelope Valley by Beth Morrin

Unit 556 will hold its second Mentor Game on Tuesday, August 19 at the Valencia Bridge Studio at 6:45 p.m. (located at the Senior Center in Santa Clarita).

We will pair a beginner/intermediate player with an advanced player. Reservations are required so if you are interested in participating in this game please contact either Paula Olivares (paula@pacbell.net) or Beth Morrin (morrin@sbcglobal.net).

The Unit would like to welcome four new ACBL members. They are Susan Adkins, Gay Gipson, May Ho and Sharon Lowry

Congratulations to our unit members who had exceptional games at the Los Angeles Summer Regional in Long Beach: Kristi Kubo and Ruth Baker won the Gold Rush Pairs on Friday with 64.4%, George MacDonald and Ted Maki won the Thursday evening side game with 73%, Bert Stock and Roy Ladd were second in the Gold Rush pairs on Wednesday with 60%

Congratulations to Roy Ladd and Bert Stock who won the Sunday Daylight Gold Rush Pairs on July 20th at the Nationals in Las Vegas. They scored 66.52% and won 16.57 gold points.

The Joshua Tree Bridge Club held a District 22-23 STaC game on Friday, July 11. The results were: First: Sharry Vida and Beth Morrin with 70.37%. Second/Third: Russ Buker and George MacDonald with 51.85%. Dan Spector and Barbara York with 51.85%. Fourth: May Abagi and Mary Ellen Downs with 50.93%

Congratulations to Sharry Vida who made the district overalls and earned enough silver points to complete all of the requirements to make Life Master.

Upcoming Events

Unit Games

Tues, August 12, Valencia Bridge Studio, 6:45 p.m.

Thurs, August 14, Castaic, 10:00 a.m.

Fri, August 15, Joshua Tree Bridge Club, 12:30 p.m.

Thurs, September 4 in Castaic at 10:00 a.m.

The next NAP qualifying game in our unit will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at the Senior Center in Santa Clarita at 6:45 p.m.

Unit 556's Magic Mountain Sectional Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 at the Friendly Valley Auditorium in Santa Clarita. Game times on Saturday are at 10:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. On Sunday there will be two play through Swiss Team events, an open team game and a stratified 299er team game. For more information contact either Bill Brodek (bbrodek@yahoo.com) or Paula Olivares (paula@pacbell.net). For partnership information, contact Tracy Boys (abigquack@sbcglobal.net).

Torrance-South Bay by Steve Mager

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SBBC: www.bridgeclubs.org/index.php?id=sbbc

Upcoming Events at the South Bay Bridge Club

Club Championship: Wednesday, August 6, 7:00

Club Championship: Friday, August 8, 7:00

NAOP Qualifier: Sat, Aug 9, 2:00

Swiss Team Club Championship: Tues, Aug 12, 7:00

NLM Club Championship: Thursday, Aug 14, 10:30

NAOP Qualifier: Fri, Aug 15, 7:00

Western Conference STAC:

Monday August 18 thru Sunday August 24

Friday Night games August 1 and 15

Club Championships

The Club Championship on July 14 was won by Lucy Gellner/Jeff Strutzel in Flight A with Booth Tarkington/Jim Jensen capturing Flight B and Carole King/Nanci Schultz on top in Flight C.

The June 18 Club Championship at Veteran's Park was won by Bill McClean/Dave Cheshire in Flight A with Jeanette Betts/Anne Andres leading Flight B and Jeannette and Jack Christie on top in Flight C. The June 20 Afternoon Championship at Anderson Park →

was headed by Larry Harris/Jeff Strutzel in Flight A with Florence Niwa/Jack Malcolm taking Flight B and Ruth Ann Poppa/Robert Fieselman ahead in Flight C. The June 20 Evening Championship at Anderson Park was led by Joan Crishal/Pearl Karen in Flights A and B with Don and Les Nakasaki winning Flight C. The June 23 Championship at Veteran's Park was won by David Peim/Neal Kleiner in Flight A, Clara Trummer/Joan Chrishal in Flight B and Frankee Victor/Marilyn Daeschner in Flight C.

Team Winners

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

June 24: Gabriela Jackson, Fran Israel, Robert Rothman, Mark Raggio
 July 8 : Fran Israel, Luis Gamio, Jim Dutton, Bronek Felczer
 July 15 : Mary Ann Coyle, Gerri Carlson, Bo Bogema, John J. McDermott

Torrance South Bay Unit Bridge Week Heroes

Torrance South Bay unit members who won events at the recent Bridge Week in Long Beach are listed in the following.

Monday Evening Charity Pairs: Gerri Soffa Carlson/John J. McDermott

Tuesday AM 299er Pairs A and B: Elizabeth Biggins/Catherine King

Tuesday AM Swiss Teams: Flight B Jeanette Betts, Christine Uriu, Margaret Yeh, Bee-De Lim

Tuesday Evening Swiss: Flight A Bruce Horiguchi, Jerome Drayton

Wednesday AM 299er Pairs: 1E, 1F Kathy Miller/Madge London

Flag KO Bracket 2: Steve Ramos

Friday AM 299er Pairs: 1E 1F Chris and Dave Larsen

Friday Afternoon Swiss: 1C Kathleen Shinkle, Marlene Felix, Chris and Dave Larsen

Freedom KO Bracket 2: David Peim, Neil Kleiner

Saturday AB Pairs: 1B Jeanne Tamaki/David Cheshire

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs: 1C Chris and Dave Larsen

Pasadena San Gabriel Compact KO Bracket 1:

Gerri Soffa Carlson

Saturday Afternoon Swiss: John Brailliar

Marshall Miles BAM Swiss: Bruce Horiguchi, John J. McDermott

Sunday Afternoon Bracketed Swiss Teams 1: Lutrell Long, Nanci Schultz

District 22/23 STAC

Pairs that placed in the overalls of the recent District22/23 STAC are listed in the following.

Monday Morning, July 7, SBBC

2A	1B	Mike Welsh/Bob Rothman
	4B	Betsy Amador/Harry Wessells
	2C	Judith Tomic/Margaret Yeh
	3C	Mahin Khadivi/Arthur Rue
	4C	Diane Maye/Carol Hansen

Monday Evening, July 7, Veterans Park

1A	1B	1C	Judith and James Scott
	6B	5C	Frankee Victor/Marilyn Daeschner

Monday Evening, July 7, Special Pairs, SBBC

1A	1B	Patricia Westenhaver/Chris Freeland
2A		Mike Savage/Carol Mason
3A	2B	Trevor Coolidge/Ron Prando

Tuesday Morning, July 8, SBBC

2A	1B	Kim Wang/Chein-San Han
5A	2B	Jim Jensen/Hank Sheehan
	3B	Dolores Nawa/Shirley Goldenson
	4B	Roberta Brown/Morris Lorber

Tuesday Afternoon, July 8, 299er Pairs Agile Bridge Club

2A	2B	1C	Rob Williams/Sylvia Cristensen
3A	3B	2C	Kate Pecarovich/Marilyn Henschel
5A	4B	3C	David Serbin/Lake Kinney
	6B	5C	Marcia O'Connor/Betz Salmont
		6C	Bruce Schelden/ Deb Downs

Tuesday Afternoon, July 8, STAC Novice Pairs Agile Bridge Club

1/2AB Linda Klebs/Gary Caine
 1/2AB Kathy Brugger/Mary Beall

Wednesday Morning, July 9

6/7A Lucy Gellner/John Farr
 9A Fran Israel/Patty Taylor
 7B 5C Lorraine and Michael Kammerman

Wednesday Afternoon, July 9, Veteran,s Park

1A David Cheshire/Joyce Nakasaki
 7A Neil Kleiner/Larry Harris
 11A 5B 3C Jeff Grotenhuis/Ruth Ann Poppa

Thursday Morning, July 10, 499er Pairs, SBBC

1A 1B 1C Sandy Rathbun/Kathy Shinkle
 2A Nancy Collinge/Betsy Miller
 3A Marianne David/Beebe Morehead
 4A 2B 2C Chris and Dave Larsen
 5A 3B Neal Hudson/Greg Galleger
 6A Jeanette Betts/Ellen Davidson
 4B Laura Gastelum/Linda Dillon
 5B 3C Elizabeth Biggins/Lynn Evans
 4C Pamela Boyer/Barbara Laier

Friday Morning, July 11, SBBC

4/5A 1/2B Kim Wang/Rocky Williams
 4/5A 1/2B Setsuko Miyasaka/Mary Belle Hoenig

Friday Morning, July 11, Novice Pairs
 Agile Bridge Club

1A 1B George Kay/Norma Nicholson
 3A Deb Downs/Bruce Schelden
 5A 4B 3C Tom Fisher/Charles Strathman
 6A 5B 4C Marion Hogue/Karen Schaffer

Friday Morning, July 11, Novice STAC
 Agile Bridge Club

1A 1B 1C Debra Zelman/Louis Mucciolo
 2A 2B 2C John Stratton/Marilyn Harper

Friday Evening, July 11, Inglewood Beach Club

4A 1B Joseph Thomas/Roy Young Jr.
 5A David Cheshire/Joyce Nakasaki
 6A 2B Barbara Shortwell/Henry Crowder
 1C Jeanne Tamaki/Paul Sachs
 3C Joan Chrishal/Pearl Karon
 5C Carl Mushnick/Roberta Brown
 6C Jane Tourino/Arthur Eades

GUV Memorial Award

During the recent Bridge Week I was on a team some of whom participated in a hand worth relating. This hand was not from the event we were playing in, but was from a KO some time ago. To protect the innocent, no names will be mentioned. Now I may not have the facts completely straight but apparently one of the players on my team was dropped in a 3SSS splinter bid. It turned out his partner also had a stiff spade. Upon viewing Dummy declarer put his hand down (In disgust I imagine) and asked the opponents how many tricks he was taking. Well, declarer had two AK combos so the opponents gave him down 5 for minus 500. Amazingly enough another player from my team who was then on the other team from declarer number one was also dropped in the splinter. Rather than ask the the opponents how many tricks he should get, he played the hand seriously to minimize the damage. Unfortunately he took a couple wrong views and wound up taking only 2 tricks for minus 700. Imagine the elation on declarer number one's face when he discovered he actually had picked up 5 IMPs on the board for his premature claim. Contrary to popular opinion none of the participants in this story was named Paul Boudreau.

Na Zdrowie

West LA by Robert Shore

Bridge Week and Other Games

Our Unit's newer players dominated the winner's circle at Bridge Week in Long Beach, but with a healthy representation from our more experienced players as well. Michiko Sharp got things started by winning the Tuesday afternoon 299er Pairs Game. Val Romoff kept things going by winning the Wednesday afternoon 299er Pairs Game, while Jim Brunet and Ken Okel picked up the win in the Wednesday Gold Rush →

Pairs. Val Romoff also found an open game to her liking, as she tied for first in the Firecracker a.m. Swiss Teams event. On Thursday afternoon, Ann Turner won the 49er Pairs Game while Marlene Felix and Marsha Kerns won the 299er Pairs game.

Roger and Becky Clough joined the fun by winning the Patriotic Knockout Teams event and the Larry Alba Fast A/B Pairs Game. On Wednesday afternoon, Bill Wickham won the A/B Pairs Game. Jill Meyers warmed up for her induction into the Hall of Fame by winning the Thursday A/B Pairs Game. Alyssa Kennedy and Rick Turner teamed with Anna Benatar and Richard Gliksman to win their bracket of the Paul Revere Knockout Teams event. Cecil Cook's team won the Pasadena-San Gabriel Compact Knockout Teams, and Patricia Shellogg-Seal paired with Ellen Carrier to win their bracket of the same event. Finishing things off, Joanne Minken-Levy's team won the Sunday A/X Swiss and Jim Brunet, Lee Axelrod, Phyllis Selig-Kerns, and Evan Krantz won their bracket of the Sunday Flight B Swiss.

Believe it or not, there were other tournaments as well during the past month. Reese Milner won the Saturday Compact Knockout Teams event at the Northbrook, Illinois, Regional. Roger and Becky Clough picked up a win in the Sunday Open Swiss Teams event at the Big Bear Sectional. Aram Bedros and Paul Smith paired to win the Tuesday afternoon STAC game last month, while Peter Benjamin won the Friday afternoon game and Anna Corea and Mike Savage took top honors in the Saturday afternoon game.

Farewell to Kayne-Eras

Our tireless Tournament Manager Peter Benjamin, responding to the feedback from many of our members, gave generously of his time to find alternative sites for our Unit's Sectional. He located two potential alternatives. Unfortunately, neither alternative was available for this year's tournament, so we ask your indulgence during Kayne-Eras's farewell performance this Labor Day weekend. Next year, we plan to restore the Spring Sectional as well as holding the Fall Sectional. More news in this space as contracts are signed.

A special treat for the Labor Day Swiss. We are using the opportunity to contribute to our District's 2015 representatives in the Grand National Teams competition. In exchange for the extra dollar of card fees, the Swiss will award silver points on the regional,

rather than sectional, scale. And of course, as always we will be sure it ends in time for those who can't get enough bridge to get down to the Irvine Regional. Make your plans now.

More Upcoming Events

August, of course, is your last chance to qualify for a subsidy to New Orleans to play the North American Open Pairs at the Spring Nationals. On August 24, we are combining our annual ice cream social with a North American Open Pairs qualifying game at Beverly Hills. As an extra added incentive, the Unit will contribute the extra dollar necessary to qualify players for the next stage. And we're sure to have your favorite flavor, as long as it's vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry.

Barrington will host its annual charity game for multiple sclerosis on August 17. This event is always a sellout, so make your reservations early. And then on September 28, Barrington will again serve as the ACBL's host of our annual ABA/ACBL game. Show up to see whether the ACBL can match the ABA's hospitality.

An Opportunity for Service

Do you have an urge to put your energy and talents to work in service to our community? Keep an eye out at the clubs for the sign-up sheet to seek a position on our Unit's Board. It's the opportunity to contribute to the many events you read about in these very pages. If you're not careful, you might even find yourself writing in this space.

Welcome Mat

Joining the ACBL as new members are Peter Exline, Cathy Leow, Michael Miyagi, Edward Pelant, and Kathy Williams. Transferring into our Unit are Linda Rasmussen and Al Sheahen. As always, please give them a warm welcome when you see them at the table.

Around the Clubs

Club champions at Barrington last month were Cyma Aronow and Art Zail, Robert Perlsweig and Harvey Katz, and George Wagner and Art Zail. Scoring

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Dawson's Bridge Vacations

Lake Arrowhead
September 14-17

The Schedule:

Sunday

Hotel check-in	3:00pm
Cocktail Party	5:00 – 6:00pm
Dinner	6:00 – 7:30pm
Class	7:30 – 9:00pm

Monday, Tuesday

Breakfast	7:00 – 9:00am
Class	9:30 – Noon
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00pm
Class	1:30 – 2:30pm
Duplicate	2:45 – 5:00pm
Dinner	on your own
Duplicate	7:45 – 10:00pm

Wednesday

Breakfast	7:00 – 9:00am
Class	9:00 – 11:30am
Check-out	11:00am

The Price

	Pay to hotel	Registration fee	Total
Double occupancy per person	\$405	\$300	\$705
Single occupancy	\$590	\$300	\$890

This includes three nights lodging, three breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner, a cocktail party, and all taxes and gratuities. You must stay at the hotel unless you live in the area. (Locals please email Dennis for commuter price.) Questions about the bridge? Email dennis@bridgevacations.com.

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Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: John Jones

Panelists: Leo Bell, Eddie Kantar, Mr. Mealyemouth, Adam Meyerson, John Swanson, and Jon Wittes

1

MPs
no vul

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	?	

* 3♦ is game forcing with diamond support and denies five spades

You, South, hold: ♠Q953 ♥74 ♦AJT8 ♣Q64
What call do you make?

Mealyemouth: 4♠. How much easier this auction would be if, instead of holding a gun to my head and insisting that we play 1♣ as Stayman, my partner had agreed to play bridge, in which case I could have responded 1♦. Now I must guess whether we belong in diamonds, spades, or notrumps. I'll guess to bid 4♠, hoping partner's major suits are ♠AK6 and ♥8 rather than ♠K86 and ♥A. Dare partner have bid 3♠ with any poorer support when my suits might have been ♠5432 and ♦AJT876543? (I'm crediting partner with ♦KQxx for his reverse.)

Meyerson: 4♦.

Kantar: 4♣. After this I play 4♦ is keycard and 4NT, if not the next step, asks for specific kings. Partner should be able to work out where to land.

Wittes: 4♣. Partner could have as good as ♠AKx ♥x ♦KQxx ♣AKxxx, in which case slam is nearly a laydown. Even if partner holds something like ♠AJx

♥x ♦KQxx ♣AKJxx, slam is going to be on little more than a spade finesse.

Bell: 4♣. It was criminal not to raise clubs at my previous turn. I always suspect a 1♣ opening and a 2♦ reverse may not contain four diamonds. Now, I hope partner can recover.

Swanson: 4♣, almost good enough for 5♣. For that descriptive call I would like the spade king rather than the queen.

Does a reverse promise four cards in the reverse suit? Not in my partnerships! Too many hands are impossible to describe if you can't reverse into a three card suit (occasionally even two). A reverse should promise five cards in the opening bid suit. We raised diamonds, now it's time to show club support. Like Swanson, I think the decision is 4♣ or the more encouraging 5♣. I like 4♣.

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Climbing the Ladder

70% games were Aram Bedros, Marty Blain, Ted Glaessner, Harvey Katz, and Gil Stinebaugh.

Beverly Hills club champions were Nina Glazer and Donna Massman. Hitting 70% were Farideh Sigari and Brian Richardson as well as Edmund Wu and Doug Kuschner.

Our Unit's newest Junior Masters are Carolyn Dubow and Mary Anne Finnance. Tim Wright is now a Club Master, while Henry Ralph Abouaf, Cheri Bitar, Marilyn Blank, Christine Hilger, and Ronnie Stabler all reached Sectional Master Status. Sara Wetherbee is now a

Regional Master, and Joanie Pepper has become an NABC Master.

Berry Wilkinson is our newest Life Master. Anna Corea is now a Silver Life Master, and Art Zail is now a Diamond Life Master. Congratulations to all on your achievements.

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

2

IMPs
no vul

North	East	South	West
3♠	Pass	?	

You South hold:

♠T ♥AKT84 ♦AK ♣AKQ83

What call do you make?

Swanson: 3NT. Four losers in spades opposite many favorable vulnerability preempts is a distinct possibility.

Kantar: 5♠. Bid six if your spades can play opposite a singleton, KQxxxxx = no, KQJxxxx = yes.

Bell: 5♠. I'm not sure what partner will consider as good trump, but I want to be in slam opposite as little as KQJxxx. I would like to have more room to explore a better fit, but sometimes partner preempts you.

Wittes: 5♠. Even at this vulnerability, I would not expect partner to have a total dog in first seat. 5♠ should say I have everything else under control. Do you have a suit that rates to make a slam opposite a singleton?

Mealymouth: 4♣. At first I thought to bid 5♠, hoping that partner would take it as an invitation to 6♠ hinging on the quality of partner's suit. However, with so many players nowadays trying to shut out and steal from opponents when woefully weak instead of seeking to reach their own good games and slams, partner is too likely to read 5♠ as "continuing the preempt" (and shouldn't it be?), I must reject 5♠. To try for 6♠, therefore, I'll start with 4♣, which partner will know is forcing, and bid 5♠ over his anticipated 4♠ rebid. Now he'll surely take 5♠ as invitational, and as a bonus, we may reach 6♣ when partner has some 7=1=1=4 hand. Second choice: a timid 4♠. Not 4NT, even if playing some form of Roman Key-Card Blackwood, which would that risk confusion after a 5♣ or 5♦ reply (even players as able as Marshall Miles and Mark Bartusek might forget whether they play standard or "1430" replies.) [This is a reference to Marshall's

preference to play different Blackwood responses depending on what suit was trump, which hand had shown more values, and which hand did the asking. It amounted to a lot of rules that could occasionally get the partnership off track. Mark might have been the only one of Marshall's partners who consented to his full set of rules.] Nobody I know has adopted the "Jack Ask" published in The Bridge World several years ago, and here the difference between ♠KQ76542 and ♠KQJ6542 is crucial.

Meyerson: 4♣. If 4♣ is keycard I'll try that (bidding slam in spades opposite two, or one with queen). If not, 4NT opposite most partners (same plan). If partner is John Jones I bid 4♠ and hope spades break well enough that we can make it. [Making fun of the moderator's wide-range preempts ...grrrrr].

Mealymouth has a good point about 5♠ being a preemptive bid for many partnerships in today's aggressive world. I agree that after a natural 4♣, 5♠ asks good trumps. Meyerson is correct that 4♣ is modified Keycard for many expert partnerships, including most of mine. A Keycard 4♣ does even better on this hand than a natural 4♣. It allows stopping at 4♣ when slam is hopeless, and having a 5♠ bid available as a jack of trumps ask.

This is the only problem from this month's set that is a real table problem. The problem occurred in the Monday Caltech game and neither partnership had much in terms of agreements. One bidder went low in 4♠. His counterpart aggressively tried Keycard, getting to 6♠. Partner had ♠AQ8xxxx, so slam was under 50%, but luck was with them. It's better to be lucky than good!

3

MPs
no vul

East	South	West	North
3♣	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass			

You, South, hold:

♠A74 ♥Q98743 ♦7 ♣A74

What call do you make?

Bell: Pass. There are so many different hands partner could have and I don't have enough to bid opposite some, so I'll be content with a presumed plus score. Hearts isn't an option since partner could easily have a solid diamond suit and shortness in hearts.

Mealymouth: Pass. My partner is a genius who realized that the notrumps had to be played from his side holding ♠K108 ♥A ♦KQJT963 ♣Q2, lest a singleton club lead wreck 3NT when played from my

side.

Kantar: Pass. I refuse to torture myself any longer over this one. It seems like transfers are the best way to play over this.

Meyerson: Pass. Partner could have many unbalanced hands (long diamonds, for example) and also a wide range of values. We are also due some bad breaks (LHO will be very short in clubs) and 3NT may well outscore 4♥ even if partner has a fit.

Swanson: 4♦, transfer, to be followed by 4NT. 3NT, in any position, after an opponent's three-level preempt has a wide range. I have sufficient controls and potential winners to risk the four-level. There are some sophisticated conventions available in this situation (such as TONTO), but I am contents to use 'system on'. A transfer into the opponents is shortness. *[TONTO is Transfers Over No Trump Overcalls. It's better than system on, but more complex. TONTO would play 4♣ as a transfer to hearts. The antithesis of TONTO is natural, no transfers at all. The esteemed John Sutherlin calls playing no transfers "The Lone Ranger".]*

Wittes: 4♦. Playing with Grabel, we play slam invitational transfers over 3NT overcalls. Partner can bid 4♥ accepting or bid 4♠ (keycard) or bid 4NT if his 3NT bid was based on a long running diamond suit, a few side cards, and no heart fit.

I like transferring to hearts and then bidding 4NT quantitative. I wouldn't transfer if I didn't have enough to bid again because hearts could easily be the wrong strain. I think those aces are huge if partner has a long diamond suit.



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IMPs
NS vul

West	North	East	South
1♣	dbl	1♥	?

You, South, hold:
 ♠Q6 ♥T4 ♦JT7 ♣KQJ983
 What call do you make?

Swanson: Pass, intending to bid clubs on the next round. 1NT now is possible, but I want to emphasize clubs. I don't expect clubs to run in a notrump contract.

Bell: Pass. I'll have an opportunity to bid when the auction comes back around and I can show clubs naturally.

Meyerson: Pass. I think 2♣ is a strength-showing call here and not a suit. I can back in later with 2♣ or double if it seems right.

Kantar: Pass. Bid clubs later if possible. This problem needs a prior agreement. You don't want to throw 2♣ at partner without one.

Mealymouth: 2♣. Trusting partner to know that it

cannot be anything but natural, as the only Alphonse-Gaston ("You take it, Alphonse!"---"No, you take it Gaston!") Cue Bid is 2♥ (which cannot show hearts, as a double of 1♥ would show hearts). *[Double of a new suit response after a takeout double should be penalties. This is necessary to prevent psychs.]*

Wittes: 3♣. This should be natural and invitational.

Kantar sent me an email and said that this problem needs a partnership agreement. This is certainly correct. Meyerson stated specifically that he thinks 2♣ is artificial. The other panelists who passed are avoiding the theoretical question, because this hand is strong enough to bid 3♣ next time. I am with the club bidders here. 2♣ and 3♣ should both be natural. I prefer 3♣.

District 23 NAOP Qualifying Events

Arcadia Bridge Club
Dates TBD

Inglewood Beach Club
August 22 at 6:30 p.m.

South Bay Bridge Club
August 9 at 2 p.m.
August 15 at 7 p.m.

Barrington Bridge Club
August 14 at 12:30 p.m.

LaFetra Bridge Club, Glendora
August 5 at 8:45 a.m.
August 7 at 6 p.m.s
August 8 at 8:45 a.m.

Valencia Bridge, Santa Clarita
August 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Beach Cities Bridge Club
August 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Long Beach Bridge Center
Dates TBD

Veterans Park Bridge Club
August 25 at 6 p.m.
August 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Beverly Hills Bridge Center
August 4 at 7:15 p.m.
August 24 at 1 p.m.

Northup-Grumman Bridge Club
Dates TBD

750 Club
Dates TBD

Friendly Bridge Club
Dates TBD

San Marino Bridge Center
August 27 at 7:15 p.m.

Agile Bridge Club
August 12 at 12:15 p.m. (Flight C)

5

IMPs
NS vul

North	East	South	West
3♣	dbl	?	

You, South, hold:
 ♠AQ8 ♥J9542 ♦KQJ ♣T2
 What call do you make?

Swanson: Pass. With some partners a minor suit three-level preempt at these colors promises the world - in this case seven tricks. With others, not so much. Without discussion I keep quiet and hope the preempt has done good work for our side.

Meyerson: Pass. Not enough clubs to raise, too much defense to psych. Redouble is a possibility at MP (trying to get partner to cooperate on a penalty double) but at IMPs it's pushy to double them for a one-trick set. 3NT is possible but seven solid clubs are a 1♣ opening *[for a Gambling 3NT for pairs that play it]* so my odds don't seem great.

Kantar: Pass. I can always bid 3NT later. If I bid it later, I am showing doubt about clubs, otherwise why didn't I bid it directly?

Bell: 4♣. I have just enough to be willing to defend at the four level, so I'll try to push them there. I considered a lead-directing 3♦, but some partners can't take a joke.

Wittes: 3NT. I would take a chance and bid 3NT. It may not make, depending on partner's club suit, but with a likely spade lead, it probably will have a play. Second choice would be to pass.

Mealy-mouth: 3NT. At this vulnerability, I expect partner to have seven tricks for his three-bid. Surely I can supply two. I won't pussyfoot around with a redouble or anything else, for if the opponents have a profitable save, I want them to have to guess which suit to bid at the four-level instead of letting one bid at the three-level and the other then raise to four.

I like redouble, activating partner. If he doubles the opponents, he will be right.

If you have problems or questions, or would like to attend the Monday night Caltech game in Pasadena, please send me an email at JohnDJones44@yahoo.com

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National Teams Flight C team of Nolan Chang and Jack Chang from San Gabriel, Nima Badizadegan from Pasadena, Eric Chenteh from Cerritos and Frederick Upton from Van Nuys who placed second in the event, John Jones who won the 0 – 10,000 Life Master Pairs, the Einberg Team including Howard Einberg and Robert Shore, both from Los Angeles, who tied for third/fourth in the Mini -Spingold and the Chokriwala Team, including Om Chokriwala from Sherman Oaks, Kevin Lane from Long Beach and Frederick Upton from Van Nuys, who won the Mini-Spingold II. All together 349 players from District 23 won master points at the 2014 Summer Nationals in Las Vegas. I've included the top 100 at the end of this article.

People always ask me how Roger and I did at the Nationals. This tournament was a “not bad” tournament. We placed in the overalls of both the Senior Swiss and the Mixed Board-a-Match teams and qualified for the second day of the Life Master Pairs. Not bad, but nothing to write home about.

Top 100 District 23 Masterpoint Winners at the 2014 Summer Nationals in Las Vegas

Overall Rank	D23 Rank	Name	MPs	
27	1	Roger Lee	175.65	
44	2	John D. Jones	147.08	
168	3	Jeffrey M. Goldsmith	95.51	
194	4	Frederick S.Upton	90	
195	5	Shennan Gao	89.9	→

Overall Rank	D23 Rank	Name	MPs				
				504	22	Tien P. Zee	51.26
				505	23	Jack Chao	51.26
				547	24	Pam S. Wittes	48.88
198	6	Robert M. Shore	89.35	560	2S	Viktor Anikovich	47.99
213	7	Edward P. Piken	84.35	562	26	Mark Tang	47.89
215	8	William L. Schreiber	83.89	671	27	Steve Mager	42.86
225	9	Mitch J. Dunitz	81.71	684	28	D. Lionel O'Young	42.43
245	10	Om P. Chokriwala	76.91	691	29	Paul D. Markarian	42.25
251	11	Robert K. Kent	76.35	722	30	Rebecca L. Clough	40.8
252	12	Kevin Lane	76.22	723	31	Roger L. Clough	40.8
332	13	Ron W. Feldman	67.81	779	32	Ellen S. Anten	39.04
347	14	Ed Davis	66	780	33	Steve H. Gross	39.04
353	15	Steve L. Ramos, Jr	65.27	783	34	Paula E. Olivares	38.95
353	16	Howard Einberg	64.61	790	35	Liang Fan	38.41
4S9	17	John E. Ramos	55.57	818	36	Joseph M. Lieberman	37.64
463	18	Nolan Chang	55.28	845	37	Mark Leonard	36.86
475	19	Reese Milner	53.88	846	38	Alan L. Myerson	36.81
497	20	Leo Bell	51.7	847	39	Joseph A. Viola	36.79
503	21	Chi-Chong Yu	51.26	858	40	Robert Carroll	36.61



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Evening Kickoff KO (3-sessions) Mon-Tue-Wed.....7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Wednesday KO (4 sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
 Wednesday & Thursday KO (4 sessions).....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
 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 & Friday Swiss (single sessions).....3:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday & Saturday Swiss (single session).....3:15 p.m.
 Wed/Thursday Evening Swiss (two sessions).....7:30 p.m.
 Sunday Flight A/X Swiss 0-5000/5000+ (playthrough).....10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Bracketed Round Robin Swiss (0-2000) (playthrough).....10:30 a.m.

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Pairs Games

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 Friday.....7:30 p.m.
 Gold Rush Pairs (0-300/300-750) Tuesday thru Saturday.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
 Flight A/B Pairs (0-2000/2000+) Tuesday thru Saturday10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
 0-200 Pairs (single sessions) Tuesday thru Saturday.....10:30 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
 Fast Pairs (2-sessions) Sunday.....10:30 a.m. & TBD

Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP)

Monday, September 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. • Register by August 18

Contact Teri Atkinson, teriatak@sbcbglobal.net • 661 664-1678

Card Fees: \$12 for paid ACBL members, \$16 for others

Evening games Wednesday thru Friday cost only \$2.00 for paid members!! (\$6.00 for others)

Host Hotel: Hotel Irvine Jamboree Center

17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine CA 92614 • 888 230-4452

Bridge Rate: \$123 (mention ACBL D22 bridge)

Reserve online at: OrangeCountyRegional.com

- Bridge rate cutoff date: August 11
- Easy on/off 405 Freeway Jamboree Exit southeast of 55 Freeway
- Free Shuttle to/from John Wayne Airport



859	41	Sandra Carroll	36.61	1250	56	C. Valerie Gamio	27.31
871	42	Michael J. Mikyska	36.35	1284	57	Milton Kalikman	26.53
884	43	William C. Wickham	36.07	1299	58	Michael L. Klemens	26.4
897	44	Bruce J. Altshuler	35.72	1316	59	Claude Le Feuvre	26.06
906	45	Peter E. Benjamin	35.54	1362	60	Matt Chiwo Leung	25.2
912	46	Bruce Horiguchi	35.3	1394	61	William W. Ng	24.82
916	47	Mare] K.Bates	35.19	1403	62	Albert L. Stock	24.7
939	48	Xingping Kang	34.62	1405	63	Roy R. Ladd	24.7
977	49	Ellen Kent	33.61	1443	64	Iftikhar A. Baqai	24.24
1119	50	Nima Badizadegan	30	1465	65	J Baum Harris	23.82
1120	51	Jack Chang	30	1467	66	John W. Bralliar	23.82
1121	52	Eric Chenteh Tang	30	1476	67	Charles T. Kelley	23.73
1173	53	Shiu-Ming Huang	28.83	1477	68	Jo Anne M. Kelley	23.73
1226	54	Peter Knee	27.84	1495	69	Ed L. Barad	23.45
1245	55	John C. Swanson	27.48	1496	70	Carol McCully	23.45
				1510	71	Marcus L. Evans	23.23
				1526	72	Neal B. Kleiner	23
				1604	73	Claudia Cochran	21.85
				1605	74	Leila Greenfield	21.83
				1615	75	David Peim	21.66
				1624	76	Jill J. Meyers	21.52
				1644	77	Joel J. Sandberg	21.11
				1645	78	Judy A. Sandberg	21.11
				1680	79	Bob A. Johnson	20.78
				1756	80	Douglas A. Kuschner	19.81
				1797	81	Gilbert D. Stinebaugh	19.2
				1838	82	Yehudit Hasin-Brumshten	18.71
				1873	83	Lena Hoomani	18.35
				1935	84	Maria C. Pendergast	17.97
				1992	85	Joan Mesias	17.42
				2006	86	Jackie E. Hess	17.31
				2037	87	Renee Hoffman	17.08
				2061	88	Carol L. Frank	16.91
				2107	89	Sidney Brownstein	16.58
				2119	90	Roshen Hadulla	16.46
				2152	91	Wayne Karson	16.07
				2153	92	Harvey Katz	16.07
				2166	93	Elizabeth Burrell	15.99
				2167	94	Kent M. Burrell	15.99
				2175	95	Tracy E. Boys	15.91
				2182	96	Sophia Chang	15.8
				2183	97	Edward M. Mizrahi	15.8
				2184	98	Lucy Zhang	15.8
				2222	99	Janet E. Logan	15.53
				2258	100	Linda S. Peterson	15.21

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At the Orange County Regional For Players with 0-300 Masterpoints

♠ **FREE 90-minute Lesson** on Monday, September 1st at 1:00 p.m. New players can meet and greet each other and get lots of great information about bridge. The lesson is followed by a Charity 0-300 Pairs game, then a FREE post-game 0-300 Light Dinner Reception.

♥ **FREE "Ask an Expert" table.** Friendly experts will be available after the morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday through Saturday to answer your questions about bidding, play, and defense.

♣ **FREE "Test Your Play"** hands with Maritha at the "Ask an Expert" table Tuesday through Saturday, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Learn when to pull trump (and when not to), how to avoid being stuck in your hand (or dummy) at the wrong time, how to get the opponents to help you.

♦ **FREE classes with bridge celebrities & local teachers** at 9:45 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Lots of valuable bridge tips, examples, handouts and more.

♠ **FREE Bridge Handouts.** Maritha has a notebook of about 200 handouts on various bridge topics. You can look through them and request any you want.

Maritha's e-mail: maritha@pacbell.net

Have Questions?

How can I win Gold Points? Do I need to pre-register to play?
 How many games do I have to play in? How long does a game last?
 What is a convention card? What do I do if I don't have a partner?
 Do I have to be an expert to play in this tournament?
 How do I know which event I should play in?

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