

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

## New Partnership Desk For Regional Online

by Bill Schreiber  
ALACBU President

By the time you receive this issue, Diana and I hope you will have had and continue to have a joyous and safe holiday season.

As will be my practice, I will endeavor to congratulate in this column, those players from our district who finished 5th or higher in National Events (including mini's) at recently completed NABCs. The list is rather short this time: Mitch Dunitz for 3rd in the Open Board-A-Match Teams; Pam Wittes for 3rd in the Women's Board-A-Match Teams; Margie Michelin for 5th in the Women's Board-A-Match Teams; Al Blinder for 3rd in the Mini Blue Ribbon; and, Eli and Lois Borok for 4th in the Mini Blue Ribbon. Normally I wouldn't mention an 8th place finish, but it was the highest finish by District 23 player in either weekend team event (specifically, the North American Swiss), and it was yours truly.

I want to make you aware of a new partnership service that we will be providing in the not-to-distant future. Through a company that the ACBL utilizes, we have made arrangements for an online partnership desk for our upcoming regional tournaments in 2008. Some of the local clubs already use this system. More information, including the website will be available in the February and/or March issues of the Southern California Bridge News.

## Board of Directors San Francisco Meeting



by Rand Pinsky  
District Director

I will use my column this month to report on the highlights of our San Francisco board meeting. If there is any subject that any member of our district requests additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net](mailto:pinsky4bridge@earthlink.net).

The first item of note was that the board voted to create a committee of management and tournament directors to discuss a paradigm of TD's future structures. (Paradigm: a typical example, pattern, or model of something). This was induced by a need to make sure the ACBL is in compliance with all Department of Labor guidelines as it pertains to work schedule and compensation for some tournament directors.

Next the board approved the second reading of the Masterpoint Formula. The masterpoint structure is reviewed every five years by the board. The main items that effect Clubs are: 1. The replacing all Unit Games with one class of Unit Championship and increase the number of games from 16 to 24 with a fee of \$1.25 per table; 2. The replacing of all Unit or District Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games with a maximum of 4/year per unit and 4/year per District; 3. Increase the Swiss match awards to 0.015/board at club rated events and 0.02 /board at club championship events; 4. Increase the maximum allowable overall award at an open club rating point, or an internet club game to 2.5 at 0.10 per table; and 5. Add a cap to all special fund / foundation games of 6.0 masterpoints. I will discuss

knockouts next month.

As for honors for our bridge players, Peggy and John Sutherlin were appointed as the 2008 Honorary Member of the Year and District 23's good friend and supporter, Ken Monzingo was appointed as the 2007 Volunteer Member of the Year.

Finally, regarding bidding conventions, the board defeated a motion to allow any defense to a 1NT opening bid as a general chart convention and referred to the Competitions and Conventions Committee a motion to allow Wide Range No Trump Openings for Mid Chart competition.

I will report some additional actions by the Board next month.

### It Is A Different View From Dummy

I was elected as treasurer of the Educational Foundation during our San Francisco meeting. I would therefore be remiss if I did not report that the ACBL Educational Foundation now as its own game designation in ACBLScore. Special games to benefit the Educational Foundation may be held in lieu of or in addition to the current special fund games: Junior, Charity and International Fund Games. The Educational Foundation Games award masterpoints at 100% sectional black. Minimum donation is \$4.00 per table. The donation will be included with the monthly club report. An Educational Fund Game cannot be held during the months of February, April or September as those months are designated for Juniors, Charity and International. The ACBL Educational Foundation is a charitable trust fund established as a nonprofit organization in 1987. The Foundation provides grants to promote bridge

## District 23 Rank Changes 11/1/07- 11/30/07

**Junior Master (5 points)**  
 Christine Atkinson    Lee Axelrod  
 Irene Benaron        Carolyn Kaplan  
 Marilou Lieman        Morgan Macdouglass  
 Doreen Maes          Jane Rottenbacher  
 Charles Sarture        Nancy Shook  
 Doris Bos Thomsen     Miriam Tobolowsky

**Club Master (20 MPs)**  
 Janet Bennett        Feng Chian  
 Lilia Shabtay         Juanita Smith  
 Amedeo                Ursini

**Sectional Master (50 MPs)\***  
 Justin Graf          Allan Palansky  
 Madeline Schwartz

**Regional Master (100 MPs)\***  
 Seymour Alban        Fran Brant  
 Lidia Epelbaum        Norman Imberman  
 Charles Kelley

**NABC Master (200 MPs)\***  
 Ken Bishop            Tamra Boyd  
 Elliot Fearnley        Bettyanne Houts

**Life Master (300 MPs)\***  
 Herma Althshule      Susan Emminger  
 Barbara Frischkorn    Joyce Lelah

**Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)**  
 Roger Lee              Barbara Nevins

**Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)**  
 Elianna Ruppinn      Marlene Singer

**Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)**  
 Martin Blain          Margery Gould

\*certain quantities of the MPs are required to be pigmented

## Announcements

**NAOP Finals**  
**Saturday, January 5 2008**  
 11:30 am - 2 sessions  
 Arcadia Elk's Club

### 2008 Grand National Teams

<b>Open Flight</b>	<b>May 17-18</b>	<b>0-unlimited</b>
<b>Flight A</b>	<b>April 5-6</b>	<b>0-5000 masterpoints</b>
<b>Flight B</b>	<b>May 17-18</b>	<b>0-2000</b>
<b>Flight C</b>	<b>April 5-6</b>	<b>0-500 (non life master)</b>

Players can enter an event on each weekends of play as long as they are members of District 23 and meet the masterpoint restrictions based on totals as of September 2007. Complete conditions of contest are posted on [www.acbldistrict23.org](http://www.acbldistrict23.org).

### New Committee Members

Rand Pinsky, District 23 National Board of Director Representative, has designated Gene White and Sheryl Kohlhoff as District 23 2007 National Goodwill Committee members and Don Krauss and Penny Barbieri as District 23 2007 National Charity Committee members. These appointments are life-time designations and each person is entitled to attend the National Receptions held at the NABCs.

Also, each designee receives a Goodwill or Charity pin to be worn at all ACBL events.

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Kibitz With Karraine: The 199er Report

A New Year's Wish From Pollyanna

By Karraine Murray

I have something in common with Oprah (yeah, income). Every now and again I find her "O" Magazine at the doctor's office or someone gives me a copy. On the very last page she writes a column (ok, so it's not income) entitled, "What I Know For Sure" where she imparts her Oprahesque style wisdom. This month she begins, "This column is way past due...supposed to be on its way to the printer...can't wait another second or the last page of the magazine is going to be blank... and I know nothing for sure." Yeeha! Thank you, Oprah. Neither do I. She goes on, "I have at least three emails from Gayle and now the editor in chief saying my column is holding up the presses. I'm feeling a little stressed. And I know nothing. Every 'for sure' I've known in recent months I've had to abandon because life keeps getting in the way." Doesn't it though? In this moment, she is my soul sister.

I, too, know nothing. I haven't a clue why bridge can sometimes bring about a sort of Jekyll and Hyde behavior. Then again, bridge is a game played by the most generous of

people, donating fees to benefits, collecting funds for a player who is down, mentoring and sharing just for the sake of bettering an opponent, coming together over the table where age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation and politics all take a nap for three hours. Yet, in some way both extremes of the pendulum swing are connected; twisted and provoked by the same passion. It is our brains that become so beautiful in bridge, illuminated, sparking and sputtering, gasping like babies, blinking like fireflies when new pathways are opened, discoveries made, secrets revealed, knowledge stored. And then our brains again that forget or don't care to monitor the unkind messages being sent to our vocal chords, which could harm, embarrass, or offend another. Can't we all just get along? I swear I hear all my bridge friends going, "uh, no" and shaking their heads and laughing. Whatever.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi Best wishes for a fabulous 2008.

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A Christmas Tale

by Joel Hoersch editor, District 22 Forum

Here's a Christmas candy cane sort of hand for your holiday enjoyment, and I assure you that the final contract is not a misprint; your problem will be to figure out the maximum way to play this hand at 7NT as South, when it is obvious that ... if East-West were declaring ... they could take all the tricks in any denomination (except diamonds), including 7NT! What's more, they have winners to spare.

- 632 76 Q9732 J104 AKQJ7 A109 AKJ86 --- 54 5432 54 76532 1098 KQJ8 10 AKQ98

Both vulnerable; 7NT by South. Opening lead: ?? This hand is from Tom Stoddard's Contract Bridge Magazine way back in 1937. It's an amusing fantasy Tom picked up from an article by Fifth Hand in the Scottish Bridge Weekly. Here's how this fantasy came about:

The East-West pair, a rather obnoxious married couple, had bid briskly to the contract of 7A, to ensure their 100 honors, of course. While waiting for South's final pass, they exchanged hands with each other to confirm that the contract would be ice-cold, gloating about the windfall they were about to receive. Well! This unforgivable breach of etiquette was too much for the South player, who announced that under the rules all 26 cards held by the opponents were exposed, and must be placed face up on the table.

Humph! said West. That won't matter, since the hand can't be beaten. I don't intend to try to beat 7, said South. But since I still have a call to make, I intend to become the declarer by bidding 7NT! Double! snapped West. South smiled. Under the rules, neither you nor your partner will be allowed to double, since you both have exposed cards during the auction. Furthermore, I shall select to my advantage which of all of your exposed cards will be played on each trick by each of your hands. This is my right, so long as I demand a legal card each time.

Well, readers, there you have it. You must play 7NT with North-South's pitiful collection, trying to take as many tricks as possible while playing all 52 cards at your own discretion. Try your hand at it before checking the solution printed (upside down) below. And don't be too hasty: you may surprise yourself.

solution

10. 4S - AK - 6 - 4 - 8 # 9. 6A - 7 - 4 - 9 # 8. 4A - 2 - 7 - 10 # 7. 7 - 2 - AK - 4 - 3 # 6. 3 - Q - 5 - 5 # 5. 7 - AK - 4 - 8 # 4. 9 - A - 4 - 8 # 3. 10 - 8 - 3 - 4 # 2. 2 - 9 - 2 - A # 1. J - Q - 10 - 4 # 13 tricks and fulfill your contract of 7NT! So North-South goes plus 220 points rather than minus 231 points (don't forget the 100 honors!), for a swing of 4,530 points. And what did North remark after South's stellar performance? A pity you didn't waive the prohibition against doubling, partner! We could have redoubled and gained an extra 980 points!! Reprinted with permission from the Western Conference Contract Bridge Forum, December 2007.

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Estate Planning Corner by Jordan Chodorow



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Among the issues: Is there to be compensation (as there will be work and responsibility)? May independent investment advisors be engaged to whom all investment responsibility may be shifted? Will an accountant prepare an annual trust accounting for distribution to beneficiaries (the statute of limitations for a beneficiary's action against a trustee does not run until three years after discovery of the kind of information an accounting would normally disclose)? May the Trustee use trust funds to defend against claims by beneficiaries? If the trust owns a significant interest in a business, is the Trustee expected to be involved in the business other than as a "silent partner"? Etc., etc., etc.

When one becomes a trustee, one assumes a fiduciary duty to the trust beneficiaries. The law books are full of cases where well-intentioned individuals who were doing a friend or relative "a favor" by acting as trustee and thought they were acting reasonably have nonetheless spent long years and large sums in difficult litigation to prove that they met the high standard of fiduciary duty attendant to the office of trustee. In a recent case, a trustee who borrowed funds from the trust on fair terms was ordered to disgorge all profits on the investment made with those borrowed funds, even though the borrowed funds were timely repaid in accordance with the written terms of the borrowing and most of the appreciation in the investment occurred long after the repayment.

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# Problem Solver's Panel

**Moderator:  
Marshall Miles**

Our panelists are Leo Bell, Vic Chernoff, Ed Davis, John Jones, Tim Lolli and John Swanson

<b>1</b> no vul IMPs	North	East	South	West
	2♣	pass	?	

You, South, hold:  
♠74 ♥5 ♦3 ♣QJ10876532  
What call do you make?

BELL: 5♣. Partnerships rarely have agreements about bids like this, but I hope my partner would work out that I have long clubs with no slam interest unless he has virtually all of the missing key cards. I think any other bidding sequence would be too encouraging.

CHERNOFF: 2♦. Assuming "standard" bidding, I'll sort out the rest later, depending on further developments. I thought of bidding 5♣ directly but partner would carry on to 6 (or 7) depending on his/her club holding with a possible 2 (or 1) losers on the side. If this is an advertisement for the 2♥ "double negative", so be it, but I am not convinced of its efficacy. (What if opener's primary suit is hearts, with or without a side suit?)

*I don't like the 2♥ double negative either (in general), but if it denies an ace or king, 2♥ followed by 5♣ seems ideal. I would distinguish this hand from a similar hand headed by the king-jack of clubs where partner's singleton ace of clubs (plus the other aces and a king) would be enough for a good grand slam.*

DAVIS: Many pairs play over 2♣ that 2♦ is semi-automatic; a 3♣ rebid over opener's 2M is a 2nd negative and 3♣ directly over 2♣ shows better top clubs. Those pairs may have trouble with this hand. An immediate second negative bid of 2♥ like Marshall prefers will work out better because responder can bid 5♣ at his next turn (unless, of course, it is a splinter or void-showing bid). . . . [Ed must be thinking of someone else. I dislike the 2♥ bid to show a "second negative" since I think there are better uses for a 2♥ response, but this time it would work like a charm. How could 5♣ be a splinter or cue bid or exclusion Blackwood after making a second negative?] I think it makes sense to show this kind of hand by bidding 2NT over 2♣. 2NT is not needed as a natural bid so it is free to use for another purpose. I bid 2NT over 2♣ to show a seven-card suit with 0 or 1 top honor and no aces or kings outside; opener relays (and keeps relaying if interested in finding out suit quality, shortness and outside queens (once the relay is begun, a break in the relay places the contract). This came up once playing with Bill Sides where Bill improvised and bid 2NT with ♠x ♥xxx ♦Qxx ♣QJ10xxx. He caught me with ♣AK tight and enough for 12 tricks in 6♣ for a very good result. Jill and I have played this for many years but it hasn't come up yet.

JONES: 5♣. I confess, previous to seeing this problem, I have never seen a bridge book describe, nor heard any discussion of what a double jump (4♥, 4♠, 5♣, 5♦) in response to a 2♣ opener means. I've also never seen the bid come up at the table. However, this looks about right to me. A long reasonable suit, not enough HCP to make a positive, a hand worth about 7 more tricks in one's own suit than in any other suit. It's not safe to wait and temporize with 2♦. You could get an auction like 4♥ by your LHO, 4♠ by pard, and now your 5♣ bid becomes a cuebid for spades. This is a good hand to get off your chest in one bid.

LOLLI: 2♥. If we're playing that as negative; 2♦ of not playing that way. I need to know what partner's hand is about before I venture into clubs. If pard bids 2♣ or 2NT, I'll bid 3♣. If he bids 3H, I'll punt with 4♣ and see what happens. *It seems to me that the player holding this hand should attempt to describe it and let partner place the contract rather than listen to partner's bids and place the contract himself*

SWANSON: 2♦. My guess is that the right bid in theory is 5♣ but I am not willing to test partner on this at the table. [Why not? With a good hand you would have bid 3♣, not 5♣.]

<b>2</b> both vul MPs	South	West	North	East
	1♣	pass	1♦	pass
	1♠	pass	2♥	pass
	3♣	pass	3NT	pass
	?			

You, South, hold: ♠AQ87 ♥10 ♦Q6 ♣AK10643  
What call do you make?

BELL: 4♦. This hand is just too rich in controls to pass 3NT. This is somewhat risky at matchpoints since the field may well play 3NT, but I hope to find partner with something like ♠Kx ♥Axxx ♦AK10xxx ♣x and not ♠xx ♥AQJx ♦AKJxx ♣xx, though hopefully with the latter you can land in 4NT.

*I certainly agree with Leo's bid. Surely, when you make a slam try in a minor (and usually in a major) over 3NT, 4NT by either hand is a suggestion to play there. Besides, with the latter hand I think responder would have bid 3NT directly over 1♠.*

CHERNOFF: 4♣. Harder to do in matchpoints than in IMPs where this hand actually happened. North's bidding implies, but does not guarantee, a hand too strong to bid 3NT at his second turn. If partner now bids 4♦, I bid 6♦. Unfair because I know thehand. Partner might

then bid 7♦ holding (his actual hand) ♠KJ ♥AJ8x ♦AKJxx ♣xx, the only grand slam that makes barring wild splits or an unlikely squeeze. Dream on.

DAVIS: 4♦. Seems automatic to me.

JONES: 4♦. With about four extra points and good controls, I must bid again. Partner's going through fourth suit forcing before bidding 3NT suggests more general values than mega heart stoppers, so this hand is almost enough to force to slam. The biggest undisclosed features are the doubleton diamond honor and the good clubs. The ♦Q seems to be more unbid than the twice bid clubs; thus I'll try 4♦ but I'm not quitting if pard tries to sign off in 4NT. (4NT must be a signoff at matchpoints, and should be a signoff at imps).

LOLLI: Pass. Pard can have a

fairly wide range, but I don't see slam as an outstanding probability.

Does pard have a tenuous heart stopper? No. I've warned partner off notrump but he still bid it. I expect some semblance of a double stopper or, if a single stopper, enough tricks to save the day. 2♥ could have been a search to see if we were interested in supporting diamonds, hence he could have a double stopper in hearts.

SWANSON: 4♦. Partner's sequence doesn't promise more than values for game, but it does express doubt about notrump and shows a diamond suit. Because my cards offer the potential for extra tricks opposite a long diamond suit, it is worthwhile increasing the level in search of a slam. The partnership must have a firm agreement on how to get back to notrump for such bids to be used.

<b>3</b> NS vul MPs	East	South	West	North
	2♦*	?		*weak

You, South, hold:  
♠6 ♥AKQ4 ♦K9 ♣AJ9654  
What call do you make?

BELL: 3♣. A conservative approach, but it lays the foundation for a reasonable auction should partner have a decent hand. (i.e. 2♦ 3♣ p 3♠, p 3NT)

CHERNOFF: Double. Ugly, but 3♣ might be passed (and might be the last making contract) and 2NT is even uglier, as is 2♥.

DAVIS: 3♣. A 2NT overall will make it easier to get to 3NT when it is right but also easier to get to 3NT when you belong in 6♣ or in 4♠ when you belong in 3NT.

JONES: 4♣. First, I take the ♣4 out of the clubs and put it with his buddy, the ♥4. Now I have the 5-5 hand I am going to bid for. Leaping Michaels is a way to show two suiters over weak two bids. In this case I show clubs and either major (4♦ by partner asks for the major). 4♣ is right on strength and will get both my suits into the picture (important to play the major if possible at matchpoints). It's much better than guessing 2♥ or 3♣ and enormously better than doubling, which will let your partner hang you from the 4♠ tree.

LOLLI: 3♣. I bid what's in front of my face. If pard is interested in majors, he can bid 3♦. If he bids 3♠, forcing, I'll bid a happy 3NT.

SWANSON: 3♣. I'm having a good game so I am not going to make a desperate 2♥ overall.



<b>4</b> no vul IMPs	South	West	North	East
	pass	pass	1♠	3♥
	?			

You, South, hold:  
♠84 ♥85 ♦Q83 ♣AK8642  
What call do you make?

BELL: Pass. Vulnerable at IMPs, I might be more aggressive and bid 4♣, but I'll postpone the decision until partner reopens with a double and have to choose between 3♠, 4♣, 4♠ and 5♣.

CHERNOFF: Pass. If partner passes, maybe it's all for the best. If partner bids 3♠ I bid 4♠. If partner doubles I (gulp) bid 5♣. Almost impossible to get to 3NT or 4♣ and know what one is doing. Double is beneath contempt.

DAVIS: Double. It is close between pass and double. (I don't like 4♣ as it gets us past 3NT which I am hoping my partner will bid over my double. A negative double will help us teach the best game but, of course, we may have no game.

JONES: I think a negative double is probably best. This is off shape but flexible in that pard can pass, bid 3NT or rebid 3♠. I think that passing this hand at all white is really losing bridge.

LOLLI: 4♣. Too useful a hand not to get in there. Whether or not hearts are raised, pard should be able to make an intelligent decision. I'm glad I had the original opportunity to pass, so pard won't play me for the world.

SWANSON: *(I sent out the wrong problem to John (and others), but John failed to answer the corrected problem.) Don Krauss phoned Bob Hamman to see what he would bid. Bob would pass, expecting his partner with 17 or 18 points and a heart stopper to bid 3NT, playing him for his share of the missing points and/or a usable long suit..*

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<b>5</b> EW vul IMPs	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
	1♣	4♥	dbl	pass	♠KQ65	♠8432
	6♣	pass	pass	pass	♥—	♥AK6
					♦KQ8	♦1043
					♣AKJ1054	♣Q87

**Apportion the blame for getting to slam.**

**BELL:** Since I held the West hand, I will let others assign the blame. My thinking was that the double of 4♥ showed general values rather than a penalty double. If partner had the ♠A or ♦A and a jack in the other suit, then 6♣ is a reasonable spot.

**CHERNOFF:** East 100%. West is blameless although he might have bid 6♣ which also goes down. Double at this level, if not negative, shows "cards" or, perhaps, is pure penalty. East's hand at this level does not have a double fitting any of these categories, with no high cards outside of the opponent's suit and not enough length and spot cards in the opponent's suit. If East passes, West could reopen 4♠ (adventurous) or double and, in either case East could pass.

**DAVIS:** East 80%, West 20% (depending on the meaning of the double of 4♥). Most pairs play that a double of 4♥ shows values outside of trumps. Regardless of whether the double of 4♥ shows values or is takeout, East should pass as he does not have enough strength outside of hearts for a value-showing double or a negative double. It looks from West's jump to 6♣ (??) that he thought the double was negative. However, if there is any chance that the double is not negative, West should bid 5♥ and pass East's 6♣ bid.

**JONES:** 60% North, 40% East, 0% South and West. 60% is awarded to North, who was a bad boy and tread on the vulnerability and bid something he surely couldn't make. You were a very bad boy!! Now see what a predicament you put the kindly East-West pair in. Why I oughta give you more than 60%. Except, East's double looks wrong to me. Yeah, the opponents have just bid something they can't make and it's nice to make them pay. However, the most useful meaning of double over a high level preempt is transferable values. Two trump tricks and an outside queen aren't transferable values. I think West made a good value bid opposite East's double, and would make opposite most normal East hands for this auction.

**LOLLI:** No fault. West might have dogged it with 4♠, but is pard supposed to bid on with ♠AJxx ♥Axx ♦xxxx ♣Qx? Unlucky that East has 80% of his values in hearts.

**SWANSON:** One must know the partnership agreement in this situation. If East had his high cards outside of hearts, slam would be cold, so I don't find any fault with West. If East passed 4♥, as I think he should, West must reopen with a double (not 4♠). What should East do then? It is not all that difficult to create layouts such that 4♥ is down one with 4♠ on for East-West.

**February Problems**

1. both vul, IMPs

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
pass	pass	1♠	pass
?			

**What call do you, South, make with ♠AK ♥65 ♦K752 ♣J10865?**

2. no vul, IMPs

**You are the dealer but RHO bids 1♠ out of turn. You refuse to accept it so his bid is cancelled. It is your turn to call. LHO is barred for the rest of the action. What is your call with ♠62 ♥KJ1096 ♦J98754 ♣—?**

3. NS vul, MP

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♦	pass	3♦*	?
			*weak

**What call do you, South, make with ♠AK9852 ♥K10752 ♦J ♣5?**

4. NS vul, Board-a-Match

<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
1♠	pass	2♣*	dbl
pass	?		

**\*When West bids 2♣, East says, "Alert— game-forcing"**

**What call do you, South, make with ♠7632 ♥1065 ♦542 ♣Q42?**

5. EW vul, MP

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠3	♠AK107632
♥AK843	♥65
♦K8	♦63
♣AQ1062	♣96

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♥	pass	1♠	pass
2♣	pass	2♠	pass
3♠	pass	3♠	pass
pass			

**With the cards favorably located, East made six. Apportion the fault for missing game.**

**Upcoming Tournaments In The West**

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 January 11-12 Escondido Sectional  
 January 18-20 Inland Empire Sectional  
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 February 22-24 Arroyo Grande Sectional

March 2008  
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 February 28- March2 Palm Springs Sectional  
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 March 17-23 San Diego Regional  
 March 24-30 LA Regional

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 April 4-6 San Diego Sectional  
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# Around the Units in District 23

## Antelope Valley Santa Clarita

by Gin

Our move to 208 Jackman Street is now history. The new club room is in the southern end of the convention center of the former Essex House Hotel. We are now sharing space in a new senior complex which includes many amenities that will make life more pleasant for its senior residents. We still operate independently under the guidelines and sanctions of ACBL. The Arbor Court is major addition to the redevelopment of downtown Lancaster. It is a much needed residence for seniors where assistance is necessary and for the many active seniors of our generation. Lessons will be available to all who wish to learn this game called bridge. January 13 is the date for the first Unit Game of '08. A potluck lunch is planned for this game which will also include a ceremonial presentation of \$4,000 grant to The Committee for Aging. ALACBU President Bill Schreiber will be present for the ceremony. District 23 was allotted \$20,000 for grants in the communities of District 23. Our unit's share was donated to the Committee for the Aging in Lancaster.

At the annual General Meeting 12 members were elected to serve in 2008 who in turn elected Marlene Warren-Gasper president, Gloria Robinson vice president, Henry Roediger treasurer, George MacDonald secretary, Rand Pinsky ethics and conduct, Doris Thompson hospitality, Lola Messiha education, Gin Dudley publicity, recorder, Joanne Freatman telephone, Dave Gasper club manager, Joe Weber member at large, and Jan Gibson co-hospitality. The dinner party was a great success and the Unit Game following had a strong field of 14.5 tables.

On November 20 a charity game was held to assist Howard Kaufman with his escalating medical expenses as he fights valiantly to beat cancer. Our unit members were very generous and wish Howard a speedy and complete recovery.

As you well know this writer is freezing in an uncommonly cold snowbird resort in Arizona. A joyous time, but it is very difficult to write a completely accurate column. You may find omissions or errors. Be assured every effort is made to be a fair and balanced reporter, but relevant information does always reach this writer's desk in a timely fashion and sometimes spreadsheets are missing. Your input is always welcome.

### Top Five

The top five scores of November were 70% by the Gaspers. Dave teamed up with Brad Ward for 69.05% for second place. The Gasper struck again for third place with 68.2%. Fourth place went to Janet Coussens and Marlene with 65%. Donna Davidson and Howard Kaufman tied with Russ Buker and Bobbi Thompson for fifth place with 64.81%. This section of the column is intended to recognize players that place in the first five places of the day-to-day games. So often a player will have a great game but is not recognized but it was not a special that is usually reported in depth elsewhere in this column. And so begins another year.

Club Championship 11/20			
A	B	C	
Gloria Robinson & Lola Messiha	1	-	-
Harold & Carol Underwood	2	1	1
Herm & Barb Shuping	3	2	-
Ron & Sandi Oest	-	3	-
Club Championship 11/21			
Gaspers	1/2	-	-
Cucciases	1/2	-	-
Rose Coldiron & Nan Newland	3	-	-
Russ Buker & Sam Shaw	4	-	-
Club Championship 11/25			
Doris Thompson & Marlene	1	-	-
Bob & Rosalie	2	-	-
Leah Levitt & May Abagi	3	1	-
Dave White & Joanne Freatman	-	2	-
Club Championship			

Bobbi Thompson & Russ Buker	1	-	-
Dave G & Lola	2	-	-
Brad Ward & Bob C.	3	-	-
Janet & Marlene	4	-	-
Mary Stauf & George MacDonald	-	1	-

A parting thought.....May there be sunshine in your life, the wind at your back, and joy in your bridge games, as you journey through 2008.

## Downey – Whittier

by Bernice Crelia

We had a wonderful beginning for our last month of 2007. Our annual Christmas party on December 2 started with a great assortment of snacks and beverages, and lively conversation followed by a tasty dinner enjoyed by all. After our president Mary Kiechle conducted a short holiday meeting, Steve Sturm led the group in a variety of Christmas carols and then we settled down for a fun afternoon of bridge.

The lucky winners were North-South 1. Dolores Phillips and Roy Rodenberg, 2. Carol and Ron Copley, 3. Betty Boss and Barbara Horn, 4. Millie Graybill and Marlys Haraden, 5. Dick Ramage and Coleman Conrad.

East-West 1. Lena and Simon Cheng, 2. Mary and Al Kiechle, 3. Mary and Terry Williams, 4. Charlotte and Steve Sturm, 5. Renalda Rippe and Beverly Pokershing.

Our always thoughtful director Marcie Evans gave everybody a colorful Christmas assortment of Holiday nuts and sweets in handmade packages that she had sewn for each of us, so we could take home the memory of a very festive day.

Now we have big news from our Friendly Hills Thursday night game. Annette Rayman and Barbara Horn scored a 72.5% game. Congratulations, that is really great bridge.

I mustn't forget to mention that Chunky Hilton has turned 91 years old. He is one of our clubs most faithful supporters and a really good bridge player.

Look for our Silver Point game results in the next issue.

Remember we will be closed the day after Christmas but we are open for a Junior Fund game and New Years Eve party on Friday December 28.

Here are the overall results of our Club Championship game earlier this month. 1. Lucile Thompson and Gladys Dolberg, 2. Samuel Wang and William Ng, 3. Richard Ramage and Coleman Conrad, 4. Bess Kennedy and Mary Graef, 5. Dolores Phillips and Shirley Faber.

The Club Christmas Potluck was another fun party filled with loads of great food and prizes. Overall winners were 1. Bess Kennedy and Roy Rodenberg, 2. Chunky Hilton and Millie Graybill, 3. Len Beck and Larry Bolts, 4/5 Don Van Wye and Shirley Niemand, Dolores Phillips and Sherlie Faber. Be back next year.

## Glendale-Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game 1:00 pm Sat. Jan. 12

Buffet Lunch at 12:15

Board of Directors Meeting: 11 am Sat Jan. 5

Harking back, not to hear the angels sing, but to ponder some past positives, so read on and admire or bask as the case may be.

Remember September and the win that Bob Tayrien and Jack Futrell had in the Instant Matchpoint Game? Well, their 60 percenter proved to be the highest in our District 23, even if it was the lowest of national district winners. So we can offer LOCAL congratulations, and we do!

While we're citing upper percentages, Tim Lolli and Brad Beland registered a 74.8% game recently with second place 22 percentage points behind them. Now that's really leading the field, n'est-ce

pas?

As for the NABC Nationals in San Francisco, Margaret Mataga brought me four of the daily bulletins, and a lot of the SMALL PRINT(!) divulged some news while my nagging provided other grist for the mill. First off, there was printed reference to Marge Gould's attainment of the Gold Life Master Certification, having won 2,500 Master Points. She reached the goal via a Women's life master game, and then won an A2 in an Open Pairs to start the ball rolling to the next level. Congratulations Marge.

The Matagas spent Thanksgiving with Zeke's brother Yosh and family in Stockton and then the three of them checked into S.F. The brothers brought home double digit MPs, including some gold for a first place over-all win in 299er Pairs, as well as some scratches in open stratified events, while Margaret won a B2 in a side game.

Jim Looby scored an A2 and an A5 in Open Pairs events and then brought home 4.24 MPs with an A12 in Quick Tricks Open Pairs with 91 tables in play. Hal Gordon went up to the Bay Area to visit his sister who lives in El Cerrito and to play bridge for the last four days and lucked out at the Partnership Desk, winning an A1 in a single session pairs event with one partner and an A3 overall in a two session event with another one.

Susan and Rufus Rhoades won an A-6 in a side game, and Susan joined Emily Moffatt for a second place in a compact Knockout Bracket 2 event. Carol Frank's knockout bracket 2 team won a third spot, while Paul Nason joined good friends from New England for a Numero Uno in KO Bracket 5 and was awarded 21.44 goody goldies. He added to the MP total in pairs events, but not quite so gloriously. That's all I gleaned, so if your accomplishment is missing, please call (323) 662-0595, and I'll duly devise.

If one looked carefully, one could see the smiling countenance of Tim Lolli in the group picture in the December issue of The Southern California Bridge News which honored the UCLA students' victory in the nationwide collegiate bridge contest. Some of the local top-notch players joined the students for a go-round, which undoubtedly further stimulated youthful interest in our game.

Daniel Oakes, one of Tim's several partners at the Regency, already has not only avid interest, but skills to match (see below), and they extend beyond the field of bridge, as witness, he recently passed the bar examination (first try too).

Vita Press and her sister visited the latter's daughter and family in Houston for Xmas, but she'll back in time to welcome the New Year.

Winners of the December Unit Game, were:

NS			
A1	B1	C1	Edward Hsi and C. C. Fang
A2	John Villalobos and Paul Nason		
A3	Bob Tayrien and Joe Hasencamp		
A4	B2	Merry Besvold and Karen Alpert	
A5	B3	Jim Fu and Claude Patenaude	
EW			
A1	Tim Lolli and Daniel Oakes		
A2	B1	Brian Dixon and Steve Gupta	
A3	B2	Gary Belcher and Brad Beland	
A4,	B3	C1	Eva Sera and Jim Lechner
A5	B4	C2	Mike Marcucci and Harry Torossian

So there you have it, and we hope this new year proves rewarding for you in many many ways. Take care everybody.....

## Long Beach

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by Christine Frumen

### NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH - NOON

UNIT GAME – Sunday, January 13  
Lunch 12:30 pm – Game 1:00 pm NEW TIME

UNIT GAME: The January Unit Game is on Sunday, January 13. The new game time is 1 pm so don't be late. And it's not too soon to start planning what you will bring for our February Unit game on February 10. It's a potluck (everyone loves those).

NOVEMBER UNIT GAME RESULTS: Eighteen tables in two sections played in the November unit game. Overall winners were: 1st, Sandra Pickering & Stephen Lowe; 2nd, Peggy Waite & Dann

Habberfield; 3rd, Bea & John Bralliar; 4th, Bob Mault & Phyllis Parker; 5th, Baum Harris & Bee Kinman. Flight C honors went to 1st, Kay Tseng & George Norman; 2nd, Fern & Hank Dunbar; 3rd, Judy Jones & Kay Sullivan.

**NEW STATUS & NEW MEMBERS:** Jim McDonald transferred into our unit this reporting period – and a warm welcome to you!

Status changes this reporting period show Renee Hoffman and Rachael Parker are new *Junior Masters*. Judy Grieb, Paul Langerman, Bonnie O'Donnell and Bill Smith have reached *Club Master* status. Bob Ballack is a new *Sectional Master*. Sherry Troeger is our new *NABC Master*. And our own, Donna Wenberg is now a *Silver Life Master*. Congratulations!!

**70+% GAMES through 12/15:** Coleen Gardner & Joyce Shuford had an even 70% game. Doris & Dwayne James scored a 70.60%. Gary Paugh & George Thompson had a 70.69%. Harry & Zeme Christopoulos had the highest 70%er with their 74.60% game. While not the highest 70%er, Frank Bartlett & Cory Hand "earned" the most when their 71.76% game won the jackpot game and received the \$70 jackpot prize. Too bad it wasn't the maximum \$250 payout after it's built up. Congratulations for your good playing!

**THIS MONTH AT THE CLUB:** Note that *Sunday game time has changed to 1pm. No showing up late and whining about not playing, please.* There are not as many special games this month (who could keep up the pace of all those holiday games?) Not to be missed is the **New Year's Day Brunch** on the first at noon. (There will be **NO 4:15 game on New Years Day**, January 1.) The **Unit Game** is on January 13. The **Team Game** is scheduled for January 14. And we finish up the month with a week of **Championship Games** from January 20 through January 26 – regular schedule, regular prizes.

**THIS AND THAT:** Congratulations to Miranda Kwan and Tony Reddy who got married in November.

We are delighted with the turnout for the Unity Charity Game – winners will be in next month's column. We are thrilled to announce that between the proceeds of the game and your generous individual donations, the Unit raised \$1281 for the Long Beach Women's Shelter. Thank you all for your warm hearts for our Unit Charity.

The Bridge Club Holiday party was also a huge success and 23.5 tables got to enjoy the party. Donna Wenberg served a dinner (with all the fixin's of turducken (turkey stuffed with a duck, stuffed with a chicken and Cajun stuffing). It was quite the treat and players enjoyed it.

This columnist notices that some players are so painfully slow on every bid and every play. How about a New Year's Resolutions to speed up your play? And when the move is called, pass your boards that you have played. It's the polite thing to do. Let's keep some rhythm to the game. And a reminder for this season of colds and flu, don't bring your germs to the bridge club. If you are ill, remember that we have a lot of senior players who don't have resistance to germs they once did. If you are sick, stay at home! That being said, good health, good bridge to all in 2008!

*For any news items you would like in the column, my email is [golfgal@charter.net](mailto:golfgal@charter.net) and my phone number is 562-434-8993. Thanks again for all the reporters out there that give me bridge news.*

**Pasadena  
San Gabriel Valley**  
[www.darbonne.com/bridge](http://www.darbonne.com/bridge)  
by Jan Wickersham and Roy Wilson

**Unit Game January 6  
Arcadia Elks Lodge**

The Holiday Party was a success beyond anyone's imagination! We were treated to the classiest party ever. Dominique Moore single-handedly decided to cook the meal for us. At first, she limited the sales to 100 people, but, because of her generous nature, she didn't turn anyone away, and we ended up with 28 tables, 22 in the Open game and

six in the 299'ers. All I heard were oooooohs and aaaaahs around the room. She had seven different choices for entrée. The dinner was so beautifully organized that everyone was served promptly. It was a monumental task, performed with outstanding elegance, and it was a gift beyond to the members who were present. What a beautiful way to celebrate the holiday season. At this time, I don't know how much money we raised for The Elizabeth House. I will print it in the next column.

Joe Viola and Gerry Geremia were first overall winners in the A section, and then the following Sunday they won the Christmas party at the Bridge Center. Weezy got out of her sick bed and managed to claim first overall in B along with the help of Gerry Belcher. Denise Morgan and Genis Hasan were the top winners in C. Gary Swinhart and June Boyd, whom I have personally declared my ambassadors to the 299'ers pulled off a first place win in the 299'er game.

There were 23 teams for the evening Swiss event. Dan Lubesnik, Ken Walheim, Arthur and Dominique Moore took the top honors! Now, I am completely blown away. Cook for 120 people and then turn around and WIN the Swiss event. Talk about focus!!!!!! Denise Morgan, Genise Hasan, Norma Simpson and Sharon Beran were first place winners in B and C.

Edward Shi brought a wonderful article to share about his granddaughter, Daphni, who is 14 years old and the star of "The Nutcracker" in New York City. Hope you got a chance to take a look at it.

Eight is Enough is right around the corner, so if you haven't put a team together yet, get busy. It will be held January 27 at the Elks' Lodge starting at 1:00 pm. It's free. The rules are that you cannot have more than eight points on your team of four. 0 - 750 = 1, 751 - 2000 = 2, and over 2000 = 3. This is a great chance to meet and play with other members of our unit. Be bold! Ask someone today. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

I have had the privilege of serving on the board for ten years. What I'm about to report is a FIRST!!!! Everyone on the present board has decided to "re-up!". We have a fabulous board, and I am thrilled to know that everyone has chosen to re-enlist. A special thanks to; Mary Falvey, Sandra Francisus, Miriam Harrington, Shiu-Ming Huang, Mike Marcucci, and Jan Wickersham.

The Bridge Center is starting a whole new series of lessons for beginners on Tuesday, January 15 and again on Saturday the 19th. If you know someone interested in getting started this is the time to learn about the game.

Big scores are always fun, so here's three — Joe Viola and Bob Johnson scored a 73%, Herman Helber and Fred Theurkauf had a 74%, but Jimmy Rodgers and Sandra Francisus had a 75%. Isn't that good bridge?

Bob Gish put together a knockout team and won 1st place in San Francisco. Bob was playing his unique bidding system outlined in his book, "The New Awakening." If you are interested in going back to bridge school, ask Bob about his book.

And you might give some sympathy to Judie Barrow who fell and broke her wrist. That makes it very hard to snap those cards onto the table.

Here's something to talk about with your partner... Your partner opens a minor and you hold this hand:

- ♠ xx
- ♥ KJxx
- ♦ Qx
- ♣ xxxxx

That's six points, so you bid 1♥, right? Most players would. But suppose your partner had opened 1NT instead of 1D. Would you bid now? Probably not. You and everybody else would likely pass. If opener also has four hearts you've missed your best spot. A good argument can be made for not opening 1NT with both majors when you have only the minimum 15 points. You might find a better contract if you give partner some room to bid. It may be an anti-field bid to not open 1NT with a balanced 15 and you could get either a top or bottom, but opening 1NT is very likely to be an average. See you at the table...

**Pomona Covina**  
by Vic Sartow

Unit Game Sun. Jan. 13  
Lunch 12:30, game 1:00 pm

By the time this column appears, most of you will have recovered from your holiday festivities and are doggedly trying to see if you can make your New Year's resolutions last until February. If you are still forcing a sunny smile and managing to compliment your partner with an almost sincere "nice try" when he only goes down one in game in a hand cold for six, keep up the good work- it's good for your character development. (Those of us with less developed characters admire your effort.)

The unit Christmas party was a culinary and attendance success, featuring a great turkey and ham feast and enough tempting desserts to prompt a next-day run on the Weight Watchers recruiting offices. Thanks to head chef Gino Barbieri and all of you who contributed your special side dishes. Overall winners were Cordell Goode and Lary Alba, followed by Tom Lill - Genise Hasan, Gary Olson - Bill Papa, Roger Boyar - Richard Patterson, and Eileen and Tim Finlay.

Tom Lill reports that he has successfully resurrected the monthly individual game, which is being held the 1st Saturday of each month at 131 W. Monterey, Claremont at 9:30 am. If you would like to play and need more details, call Tom at (909)627-8375. Pat Rademaker took 1st place honors in November with Clint Robertson winning in December.

In promotions, congratulations to Harish Singh, who has achieved Life Master rank, and Lynne Parker, who has been promoted to Sectional Master.

Top games of the month were two 66% ers posted by Richard Patterson with partners Sue Rottner and John Tyner. Richard has been warned by the unit board to stop showing off. 60% + wins were also scored by Ron Purkis, Ned Sissel, Linda Ananea, Val Fletcher, Roger Boyar, Walt Otto, Donald Naf, Susan Ruoff, Herb Stampfl, Helen Wang, Jeanette Finn, Penny Barbieri, Denise Morgan, and Tom Lill. Other winners included Susan Emminger, Lary Alba, and Rick Whitham.

Two rock-crushers tie for Hand-of-the-Month this time. They have a common theme: self-restraint (or lack thereof). You hold: ♠AK1098 ♥AKQJx ♣-- ♦QJxx and LHO opens 3♦ in third seat. You bid 4♣ and your passed hand pard invites slam with 5♠. Your bid? A nice restrained 6♠ seems reasonable, or a sophisticated 6♦ if you think that your partner will read that as a request to bid 7 with the ace of clubs. Anyone for 7♠? That was the bid chosen by my devil-may-care pard, who was trained as a kamikaze pilot during WW II. Alas, there is no justice. I held: ♠QJxx ♥xx ♦Qxx ♣A108x and the hand rolls. The club finesse even works if you need it. Some may note I might have bid 5♣ instead of 5♠, if that would just be a q-bid, but I really didn't want to play it there, so I chose a chicken 5♠.

The second hand is an even bigger test of your self-control. You hold 28 HCP! ♠AK ♥Kxx ♦AKQ ♣AKQx. What do you do when your pard opens 2♠ and then denies holding an ace in response to Blackwood? (You, being a simple, honest soul, do not have a sophisticated asking bid for the queen of trump.) Even in this day and age of "creative" pre-emptes he must have both major queens to have anything resembling an opening 2♠, right? Wrong. His hand: ♠J1098xxx ♥x ♦x ♣9xxx. If you have the self-control to bid only 5♠, you obviously have a wire on the hand. If, after going down 1 in 6♠, you refrain from casting aspersions on your partner's ancestry and/or his IQ, you receive a nomination for next year's Nobel Peace Prize. If, however, you succumb to the temptation to lure him out into the alley and pummel him severely, I will tell the cops I didn't see a thing. Til next time...

**San Fernando Valley**  
by Jimmie Swan

One more year...no, I have not been Shanghaied...I was just thinking how time flew in 2007. "May the best of your past be the worst of your future."

I especially wish a much better 2008 for **Howard Kaufman** and **Bob Williams**, who both had a very rough 2007, as well as to the rest of you to whom this may apply. Hang in there!

It was great to see **Gloria Malkin** walking around and playing bridge the day after her knee surgery!

**Correction:** Judy Wachtel, not Jody Wachtel, brought home some points from the

# LA Fall Regional October 15-21, 2007

## Regional Results

continued from last month

			5	55.47%	C. Valerie Gamio, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach
				54.22%	
			6	2	1 Paul Fuson, Winnetka; James Gardner, Northridge 52.20%
				3	2 Jean Higginson, Tustin; Donna North, Huntington Bh
					48.50%
			4		Fred Vescial - Tony Lipsky, Laguna Woods 48.34%
			TUESDAY AFT 299ER PAIRS 5.0 Tables		
			D	E	F
			1	1	1 Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina; Ken Bloomfield, Diamond Bar
					62.00%
			2		Phillip Rutkowski - Sue McHale, Huntington Bch 57.00%
			3/4	2/3	2/3 Jo Anne Kelley - Charles Kelley, Pacific PIsades 52.50%
			3/4	2/3	2/3 Roy McLeod - Barbara McLeod, San Dimas 52.50%
			TUE AFT SIDE GAME SERIES 4.0 Tables		
			A	B	C
			1	1	1 Barbara Baisden, Wildomar; Ben Brock, Canyon Lake 63.10%
					2 Milton Kalikman, Azusa; Betty Jackson, Seal Beach 55.36%
			3	2	Erin Gove, Los Gatos; Fung Bao, Cupertino 53.57%
				3	2 Don Doolittle, Burlingame; Dan Stowell, Hillsborough 52.98%
			TUESDAY AM 299ER PRS		
			6.0 Tables		
			D	E	F
			1	1	1 Donald Naf, Chino; Edwin Kelly, Glendora 58.33%
			EARLY RISER OPEN PAIRS 11.0 Tables		
A	B	C			
1			Peter Knee, Canyon Country; Robert Schwartz, San Pedro		
			66.29%		
2			Bob Bratcher, Vista; Stephen Skinner, Huntington Bch		
			57.78%		
3			Chebli Jada, West Linn OR; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts		
			56.03%		
4	1		Maureen Peterson, Pasadena; Arlene Johnson, Arcadia		



- Top 60 District 23  
Masterpoint  
Winners From  
2007 San Francisco  
NABC**
- 136.08 Brad Moss
  - 100.60 Mitch Dunitz
  - 89.53 B Horiguchi
  - 88.20 Marjorie Michelin
  - 78.94 William Wickham
  - 77.94 Gene Freed
  - 74.23 Rebecca Clough
  - 73.62 Jeff Fang
  - 69.77 Roger Clough
  - 68.92 W.Schreiber
  - 65.18 Pam Wittes
  - 61.12 Steve Gross
  - 61.12 Ellen Anten
  - 60.89 Viktor Anikovitch
  - 54.21 Cecil Glaessner
  - 54.21 T. Glaessner
  - 49.38 Carol McCully
  - 49.18 Ed Barad
  - 48.67 Andrew Vinock
  - 47.97 Thomas Greer
  - 46.56 Al Blinder
  - 46.47 Ed Davis
  - 43.97 Josh Sher
  - 43.95 Milton Kalikman
  - 43.89 Shiu-Ming Huang
  - 43.89 Robert C.F. Wang
  - 40.14 C. Valerie Gamio
  - 39.75 Paul Nason
  - 39.26 Jordan Chodorow
  - 38.81 Joseph Viola III
  - 37.57 Sabina Lim
  - 37.42 Matt Chiwo Leung
  - 37.42 William Ng
  - 36.87 Joyce Lelah
  - 35.99 Adrienne Green
  - 35.67 Alfred Lee
  - 35.62 Jeri Berger
  - 33.96 Reese Milner
  - 33.41 Eli Borok
  - 33.41 Lois Borok
  - 33.04 Roshen Hadulla
  - 32.95 Samuel Haveson
  - 32.95 Eugene White Jr
  - 32.35 Howard Einberg
  - 31.49 Adam Meyerson
  - 30.98 Gary King
  - 30.61 Ruth Gittelman
  - 28.49 Jill Meyers
  - 28.39 Marc Glickman
  - 27.30 Leo Bell
  - 24.75 Brian Reynolds
  - 24.51 Sherie Schneider
  - 24.45 Janet Wickersham
  - 24.44 Gary Moore
  - 24.42 Yoon Kyung Kim
  - 24.21 J. Minken-Levy
  - 24.12 Carol Frank
  - 23.75 Walter Schafer Jr
  - 23.53 Arline Susswein
  - 23.51 Alan Schneider



2 Amr Elghamry, Monrovia; Charles Cordaro, Pasadena 56.7%  
 3 2 Ted Maesaki, Temple City; Nora Gee, San Gabriel 55.83%  
 4 3 Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina; Ken Bloomfield, Diamond Bar 53.33%  
 4 2 Kenneth Head, Yorba Linda; Gloria Ressler, Anaheim 52.50%

Monica; Audrey Pauly, Beverly Hills  
 2 Susan Emminger, Upland; Russell Drew, Alta Loma; Kathy Helber, La Verne; Penny Barbieri, San Dimas  
 3 Michael Horn - Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena; Georgiana Bierman, La Verne; Mark Hartzell, LA

TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRKT 1 10 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

1 Steven Love, Laguna Niguel; David Sacks, LA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta  
 2 John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks; Greg House, S San Fran; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park  
 3 Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; Carol Pincus, Las Vegas NV; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico  
 4 Steven Sulzby - Earl Van Der Vord, Long Beach; Mark Tang, Seal Beach; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino

NOT-SO-EARLY OPEN PAIRS 8.0 Tables

A B C  
 1 David Wakeman - Rita Wakeman, Irvine 62.65%  
 2 Ronald Huffaker - Mary Huffaker, Alpine 60.57%  
 3 Brian Rose, LA; Jeri Berger, Marina Del Rey 60.12%  
 4/5 Yvonne Hernandez - Lu Kohutiak, Murrieta 53.13%  
 4/5 Suzanne Lebendig - Samuel Haveson, LA 53.13%  
 1 Marel Bates, Winnetka; Dan Botoaca, Glendale 52.83%  
 2 1 James Erpenbach, Arcadia; Anne Apgar, Pomona 51.79%  
 3 Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre 48.36%  
 2 Oliver Yildiz - M Hanefi Erten, Tustin 48.07%

TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRKT 2 13 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

1 Bryan Reese, Chadds Ford PA; Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; Rick Lepscier, Las Vegas NV; Gene Katz, Carlsbad  
 2 Bob Kirkpatrick, Dana Point; Jane Hester, Mission Viejo; Ana McLean - Robert Reynolds, San Clemente  
 3 Mary Kiechle, Downey; Betty Boss - Annette Rayman, Whittier; Marie Deleo, Fullerton  
 4 Fran Malina - Ruth Shayne - Joyce Lelah, LA; Rita Graybow, Malibu

TUES EVENING SIDE GAME 7.0 Tables

A B C  
 1 Gregory Vernon, Ridgecrest; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara 65%  
 2 2 Milton Kalikman, Azusa; Robert Chen, LA 60.00%  
 3 Thomas Hanford, Surprise AZ; Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach 57.92%  
 4 Ahmed Sorathia, Chino; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach 56.67%  
 5 3 Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 52.50%  
 4 David White, Agoura; Matthew Mallory, San Diego 50.83%

TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRKT 3 14 Tables

1 Myrna Silverman, Laguna Niguel; Ronald Rudderow, Laguna Niguel; Richard Leach, Laguna Beach; Jane Dober, Dana Point  
 2 June Boyd, Pasadena; Gary Swinhart, Sunland; Helen Wang, West Covina; Richard Patterson, Glendora  
 3 Constance Abell - Herbert Ehrmann, LA; Betty Mednick - Yvonne Snyder, Santa Monica  
 4 Jimmie Swan - Philip Swan, North Hills; Ellen Sue Sarture, Sherman Oaks; Margaret Amato, Westlake Vlg

WED AFT SIDE/299ER PAIRS 7.0 Tables

A B C  
 1 Alan Le Bendig - Robert Chen, LA 70.06%  
 2 1 Barbara Bereny, LA; Merkie Rowan, Northridge 67.32%  
 3 2 David White, Agoura; Mel Fineberg, Las Vegas NV 59.70%  
 4 3 1 John Tyner, West Covina; Richard Patterson, Glendora 54.94%  
 5 4 2 Barbara Harrison - Diann Lowder, Bakersfield 51.01%  
 5 Allan Bloom, Encino; Tom Miyaoka, Los Angeles 47.20%  
 3 Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina; Albert Lax, Azusa 47.14%

TUESDAY CONSOLATION-BRKT1 4 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

1 Stephen Sturm - Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton; Bill Greenberg - Lawrence Sharp, Laguna Niguel

WED STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 20.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

A B C  
 1 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel 71.23%  
 2 Bob Bratcher, Vista; Stephen Skinner, Huntington Bch 61.17%  
 3 Brian Gilbert, Irvine; Steve Farquhar, Foothill Ranch 59.44%  
 4 1 Thompson Jin, Northridge; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 57.95%

TUESDAY CONSOLATION-BRKT2 6 Tables / Based on 8 Tables

1 Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre; Elliot Fearnley, Pacoima; Chin-Cheng Fang - Edward Hsi, Arcadia  
 2 Paul Cameron, Fallbrook; Carrie Macmillin, Newport Beach; Calvin Hecht, San Clemente; Joe FioRica, Mission Viejo  
 3 Harry O'Neil, Perris; Mary St Julien, Lake Forest; Curtis Johnson - Lynn Johnson, La Palma

TUESDAY CONSOLATION-BRKT3 7 Tables

1 Marion Tumen, Pacific Palis; Dorothy Lipsky, LA; Herma Altshule, Santa

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## Regional Results

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5		Betty Jackson, Seal Beach; Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield 56.22%
6		Larry Scissors, Santa Monica; Ed Barad, Marina del Rey 55.13%
2		Mark Tang, Seal Beach; Norman Woo, Irvine 54.59%
3	1	Ernie Scherer, Pleasanton; Ernest Scherer, Brea 54.46%
4		Shirley Cooper, San Marino; Louise Reich, Pasadena 53.55%
5		Lynn Ryan, Glendale; Maureen Peterson, Pasadena 52.47%
6	2	Jo Anne Vansandt, Costa Mesa; Sydney Stephan, Corona Del Mar 52.28%
3		Seri Zimmerman - Steven Lipson, Palm Desert 52.15%
4		Judith Marylander, Encino; Norman Bloomfield, Encino 49.42%
5		Sheryl Kohlhoff, Rncho Pls Vrd; Barbara Lasky, Fawnskin 48.83%

## WED AFT SWISS TEAMS 11 Tables

A	B	C	
1			G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Diana Marquardt, Del Mar; Jim Looby, Burbank; Chris Moll, Jefferson City TN 65.00
2	1	1	Diana Black, Newport Beach; Jerry Schneider - Al Martinez, Irvine; Jon King, Balboa Island 57.00
3	2		Bob Pilshaw - Mimi Stull, Bakersfield; Michael Halberstadt, West Hollywood; Solange Graziani, W LA 48.00
4/5	3		John Scibelli - Thomas Shulman - Barbara Dunkley - Barbara Bivins, Las Vegas NV 44.00
4/5			Arif Shah, Granada Hills; Harish Singh, Diamond Bar; Yas Takeda - Chizuko Yang, Hacienda Hgts 44.00
	2		Larry Pooler, Aliso Viejo; Helaine Feingold, Laguna Beach; Anne Rolbin, San Clemente; Vicki Macclyment, Irvine 37.00

## WED AM 299ER PAIRS 4.0 Tables

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Lynne Parker - Karen Olin, Claremont 62.50%
2	2	2	Karen McCarthy, Upland; Mary Miller, Claremont 54.17%
3	3		Amr Elghamry, Monrovia; Gary Swinhart, Sunland 53.47%

## EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1			John Villman, Yorba Linda; Gregory Vernon, Ridgecrest 66.37%
2			Arline Susswein - Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles 59.82%
3	1		Teri Atkinson, Bakersfield; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre 59.23%
4	2		Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre; Rick Lepscier, Las Vegas NV 53.87%
5			Barbara Bivins - Barbara Dunkley, Las Vegas NV 53.27%
	3	1	Robert Verhoef, Glendora; Robert Novell, Arcadia 50.60%
	4	2	Lawrence Hanna, Huntington Bh; Richard Hanna, Laguna Woods 47.32%

## SUNSET OPEN PAIRS 6.0 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1		Steven Stredler, Yorba Linda; Ron Lien, Brea 62.10%
2			Harry Sacks, Hacienda Hgts; Hayim Ninyo, Irvine 57.52%
3	2	1	Vern Vanderpol, Pasadena; Mary Belle Hoening, Lomita 56.31%
4			Frank Short - Lois Short, Bakersfield 55.60%
5	3		Gary King, Hermosa Beach; Jordan Chodorow, LA 54.79%
	4	2	George MacDonald, Agua Dulce; Russell Buker, Lancaster 48.24%

## WED-THUR SWISS TEAMS 9 Tables

A	B	
1		Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts; Harish Singh, Diamond Bar; B Horiguchi, Gardena; Daniel Williams, Denver CO 87.00
2		Greg House, S San Fran; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park; Peter Benjamin, Culver City; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks 82.00
3		Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; Carol Pincus, Las Vegas NV; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico 74.00
4		Thomas Hanford, Surprise AZ; Ahmed Sorathia, Chino; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach; Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach 72.00
	1	Mel Fineberg, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Newman, San Diego; Allan Bloom, Encino; Solange Graziani, W LA 70.00

## MID-WEEK KO BKT 1 12 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

1		John Swanson Jr, Mission Viejo; Peter Benjamin, Culver City; Greg House, S San Fran; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park; Larry Brasler, Thousand Oaks
2		Ellen Anten, Encino; Steve Gross, Westlake Vlg; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Carol Pincus, Las Vegas NV
3/4		Larry Mohr, Woodside; Gene Simpson, San Rafael; Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Boise ID
3/4		Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd; William Ng, Chatsworth; Marcus Evans, La Palma; John Villman, Yorba Linda

## MID-WEEK KO BKT 2 14 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

1		Colin Gordon - Nelly Gordon - Constance Fishbach - Anita Levine, LA
2		Bryan Reese, Chadds Ford PA; Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; Gene Katz, Carlsbad; Rick Lepscier, Las Vegas NV
3/4		George Norman, Torrance; Diane Sachs, Rossmoor; Kay Tseng, Huntington Bch; Sudershan Sood, Cerritos
3/4		Harriet Elston - Trudy Sokol - Gloria Sherwood, Los Angeles; John Campbell, Rncho Pls Vrd

## MID-WEEK KO BKT 3 10 Tables

1		Sue Rottner, Pasadena; Consuelo Ledbetter, Arcadia; Ted Nicholas -
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		Alice Nicholas, Fountain Valley
2		Mike Ullman, Seal Beach; Thomas Ludwig, Cerritos; Beverly Lyse - Sherry Troeger, Long Beach
3/4		Marilyn Smith, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Barbara Coe, Rncho Pls Vrd; Carolyn Verin, Torrance; Lea McClernan, Redondo Beach
3/4		Thomas Harris, Garden Grove; Cindy Matsuk, Lakewood; Barbara Frischkorn, Seal Beach; Jean Kato, Westminster

## SUNRISE OPEN PAIRS 25.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

A	B	C	
1			Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks; William Schreiber, Van Nuys 62.50%
2			Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts; Daniel Oakes, Burbank 60.55%
3			Mark Itabashi, Murrieta; Jon King, Balboa Island 60.14%
4			Bob Bratcher, Vista; Stephen Skinner, Huntington Bch 59.92%
5			Gabrielle Sill, Diamond Bar; Michael Galante, Anaheim 57.70%
6			Don Krauss, Beverly Hills; Herbert Ehrmann, LA 56.57%
	1		Don Doolittle, Burlingame; Dan Stowell, Hillsborough 54.12%
	2	1	Walter Otto, Diamond Bar; Kurt Trieselmann, West Covina 53.89%
	3		Thomas Shulman - John Scibelli, Las Vegas NV 53.40%
	4	2	Jim Canty, Berkeley; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont 53.08%
	5		Lynn Ryan, Glendale; Arlene Johnson, Arcadia 52.94%
	6		Jack Waller, Ridgecrest; Malou Flato, Austin TX 52.63%
	3		Jean Chappell - Sherry Hockemeyer, Palm Desert 52.13%
	4		Sheryl Kohlhoff, Rncho Pls Vrd; Barbara Lasky, Fawnskin 51.18%
	5		Marylou Farmer, Santa Ana; Marion Divola, Villa Park 51.04%
	6		Cheryl Loggins, San Gabriel; Charlotte Brackmann, South Pasadena 50.45%

## THUR AM 299ER PAIRS 6.0 Tables

D	E	F	
1			E. J. (Jim) Lechner, West Toluca Lk; Eva Seri, Burbank 75.42%
2/3			Pam Gudish, San Pedro; Kathy Rudolph, Rnch Plos Vrde 57.50%
2/3	1	1	Joan Farrar, West Hills; Esther Kain, Woodlan Hill 57.50%
	4		Marsha Winer, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Marianne David, Rncho Pls Vrd 57.08%
	2	2	Carol Hellebrand - Kathryn Luft, Yorba Linda 53.33%
	3		Kent Vining - F Ferratta, Santa Barbara 51.67%

## EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES 5.0 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Jim Canty, Berkeley; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont 59.00%
2			Robert C.F. Wang, El Monte; Shiu-Ming Huang, San Marino 58.50%
3	3	2	Carolyn Kish - Rita Sorgi, San Diego 57.00%
4	4		Matthew Mallory, San Diego; Tammy Pepper, Thousand Oaks 54.00%

## SUNSET OPEN PAIRS 9.0 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

A	B	C	
1	1		Edward Schwartz, Pasadena; Jacob Frenkel, Temple City 63.70%
2			Hugh Bartlett, Sylmar; Arline Borovay, Calabasas 60.82%
3			Edward Piken, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Steve Ramos, Seal Beach 58.77%
4			Diane Audeon, Marina Del Rey; Steven Onderwyzer, Marina del Rey 57.93%
5			John Kissinger - Susan Kissinger, San Clemente 55.20%
6			Jordan Chodorow, LA; Harvey Katz, Marina del Rey 54.61%
	2	1	Michael Trafecanty - Anthony Trafecanty, Chino Hills 50.65%
	3		Rand Pinsky, Valencia; Douglas Kuschner, Newhall 47.95%
	4		Renee Alpert, Orange; C L M Duff, Costa Mesa 46.82%

## PACIFIC PALMS KO BKT I 12 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

1		Gerald Bare, Pacific Plsds; Mike Savage, Signal Hill; William Wickham - Gene Freed, LA
2		Erin Gove, Los Gatos; Fung Bao, Cupertino; Nadia Nilsson, Santa Clara; Gregory Vernon, Ridgecrest; Dan Botoaca, Glendale
3/4		Ronald Purkis, Upland; Ann McClelland, La Canada Flt; Robert Malouf, Pasadena; Oliver Norsworthy, Burbank; James Erpenbach, Arcadia
3/4		Ahmed Sorathia, Chino; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach; Gayle Andrews, Stanton; Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach; Subba Ravipudi, Downey

## PACIFIC PALMS KO BKT II 11 Tables

1		Michael Horn - Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena; Georgiana Bierman, La Verne; Norma Simpson, Duarte
2		David Bakalar - Ada Bakalar, Buellton; Ashok Sethi - Meena Sethi, San Diego
3/4		Genise Hasan, Claremont; Linda Ananea, San Dimas; Richard Patterson, Glendora; Helen Wang, West Covina
3/4		Ben Brock - Donna Seyfried, Canyon Lake; Marsha Morris, Santa Ana; Terri Combs, Sun City

## THUR AM 299ER PAIRS 6.0 Tables

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1			E. J. (Jim) Lechner, West Toluca Lk; Eva Seri, Burbank 75.42%
2/3			Pam Gudish, San Pedro; Kathy Rudolph, Rnch Plos Vrde 57.50%
2/3	1	1	Joan Farrar, West Hills; Esther Kain, Woodlan Hill 57.50%
	4		Marsha Winer, Pls Vrds Pnsl; Marianne David, Rncho Pls Vrd

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# LA County Bridge Club Directory

## Antelope Valley-Santa Clarita #556

**AV Bridge Club**  
 661-940-8522 or 661-943-5712  
 858 W Jackman St. Lancaster, 93534  
 Tuesday noon Open  
 Wednesday 6:30 Open  
 Friday noon Open  
 Sunday 1:00 Open

**Valencia Bridge Studio**  
 Senior Center 661-253-1105  
 22900 Market St, Santa Clarita 01321  
 Manager: Kathy Swaine Dir: Rand Pinsky  
 Tuesday 6:45 Open/Stratified

## Downey-Whittier Unit #564

**Downey Women's Club** 714-322-5505  
 9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey 90240  
 Wed 10 am Open  
 Friday 10 am Open  
 1st Friday 10 am Unit Game

## Glendale-Verdugo Unit #553

**The Glendale Regency Bridge Club**  
 818-500-8669  
 303 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale 91202  
 All games are open/stratified  
 Tuesday noon dir: Calvin Smith  
 Wednesday 7:15 dir: Pat Abbey  
 Thursday noon dir: Tim Stocks  
 Saturday 1:00 dir: Calvin Smith  
 2nd Sat 1:00 Unit game-12:15 lunch

## Long Beach Unit #557

**Long Beach Bridge Center** 562-498-8113  
 4782 PCH Long Beach 90804  
 Monday 9:30 Open  
 12:30 Open & NLM  
 7:00 NLM  
 Tuesday 12:30 Open & 99er  
 4:15 OPEN  
 Wednesday 12:30 Open & NLM  
 7:00 Open & 199er  
 Thursday 12:30 Open  
 7:00 49er  
 Friday 9:30 Open  
 12:30 Open & NLM & 99er  
 4:15 Open  
 Saturday 12:30 Open/Stratified  
 Sunday 1:30 Open

## Pasadena-San Gabriel Unit #559

**Bridge Center**  
 626-445-3797 or 626-357-1590  
 333 N. Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia 91006  
 Director: Art Gulbrandsen  
 Monday noon 299er & 99er  
 7:15 0-1500 MP & 99er  
 7:30 Open  
 Tuesday 11:00 Open & 99er  
 7:15 Open  
 7:15 299er  
 7:30 Open  
 Thursday 11:00 Open  
 7:15 0-1500 MP & lessons  
 Friday 11 Open  
 7:30 Open & 299er  
 Saturday 10:30 99er & 299er  
 1:00 Open  
 Sunday 1:00 Open - except 1st Sun

Elk's Lodge of Arcadia  
 27 W Huntington Dr.  
 Arcadia, 91007  
 Dir: Marie Nimmrlich  
 Monday noon Open  
 Unit Game - 1st Sunday  
 lunch at noon, game at 1 pm

Interested in advertising  
 in The Bridge News?

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 bridgenews@acblldistrict23.org

## Pomona-Covina Unit #551

LaFetra Bridge Club - 626 335-1985  
 Two Locations  
 333 E Foothill Blvd, Glendora 91741  
 Tuesday 8:45am Open  
 Thursday 7:00pm Open  
 Friday 8:45am Open  
**Knights of Columbus Building**  
 2024 E. Route 66  
 Glendora, 91740  
 Wednesday 9:30am easybridge lesson  
 Wednesday 1 thinking bridge lesson  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm all levels lesson  
 2nd Sun 1:00 Unit Game  
 (lunch @ 12:30)

## San Fernando Valley Unit #561

**San Fernando Valley Bridge Academy**  
 818-999-9131  
 6733 Variel  
 Canoga Park, 91303  
 1/2-hour lecture before all jr & novice games  
 Monday 11:00 Open & NLM  
 7:15 stratified & novice clinic  
 Tuesday 11:00 Open & NLM  
 Wednesday 11:00 Open & NLM  
 3 clinic  
 7:15 stratified  
 Thursday 11:00 Open & NLM  
 3 conventions class  
 Friday 11:00 Open Stratified  
 7:15 open stratified sectional  
 rated, triple black points  
 Saturday 1:00 lunch & stratified

## Torrance-South Bay Unit #568

**Beach Cities Bridge Club**  
 714-526-3129  
 3007 Vail, Redondo Beach 90278  
 Director: Thelma Donovan  
 Friday 12:30 Open  
**Inglewood Beach Club** 714-526-3129  
 3007 Vail, Redondo Beach 90278  
 Director: Warren Briggs  
 Friday 7:00 Open

**South Bay Bridge Club**  
 310-325-7222  
 24100 Narbonne Ave. St 105,  
 Lomita 90717  
 Monday 11:30 Open/Stratified  
 7:00 Open/Stratified  
 Tuesday 7:00 Open/Stratified  
 2nd&4th Tuesday at 7 Handicap Swiss  
 Wednesday 11:30 Open/Stratified  
 6:30 NLM  
 Thursday 10:30 NLM (10:00 lecture)  
 7:00 Open/Stratified  
 Friday 11:30 Open/Stratified  
 1st&3rd Friday at 7 Open/Stratified  
 Saturday 10:00 Novice Game  
 3rd or 4th Sunday at 1:00-Swiss Teams

**Veterans Park Bridge Club**  
 301 Esplanade, Redondo Beach 90277  
 Director: W. Briggs  
 Monday 6:00 Open  
 Wednesday 12:30 Open

## West Los Angeles Unit #562

**Barrington Bridge Club** 310-966-4144  
 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025  
 Monday 9:30 Lesson & I/M  
 with Adrienne Green  
 Novice & Advance Beginners  
 With Pat Banks  
 Open Stratified  
 Tuesday 9:30 Lesson beginners &  
 novice Pat Banks  
 12:00 \* with George Siegel  
 Open Stratified  
 Wednesday 10:00 \* with Wayne Karson  
 12:30 Stratified 199er  
 7:15 I/M 2/1 with  
 Adrienne Green  
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Thursday 10:00 Thinking Bridge Class  
 Wayne Karson  
 12:30 Open/Stratified  
 7:15 Novice/ Int Bridge Clinic  
 With Pat Banks  
 Friday 10:00 Advance Beginners/Int.  
 Bridge Class- Pat Banks  
 12:00 \* with Sandy Rink  
 12:30 Open/Stratified  
 7:15 Open/Stratified with  
 special bracket for 199er  
 Saturday 1:00 Open/Stratified  
 Sunday 1:00 Open/Stratified  
 \*supervised play

**Marina City Club**  
 (310) 713-8647 or (323) 369-5494  
 Dir: Viktor Anikovitch  
 4333 Admiralty Way  
 3rd floor, Center Tower  
 Tuesday 7:30 open w/ free lesson

**The Palisades Game**  
 Pacific Palisades Woman's Club  
 901 Haverford (Sunset at Temescal) 90272  
 818-535-7410 (game time)  
 818-883-0690 (reservations)  
 Wednesday 7:15 Open (dinner at 6:30)

## Orange County, Southern Gold Coast, Santa Ana

**Anaheim Unit #513**  
**Anaheim Bridge Club** 714-520-9632  
 201 E. Center St., Anaheim 92805  
 www.youhold.org  
 Monday 11:00 w/lunch  
 7:00  
 Wednesday 11:00 w/lunch  
 7:00  
 Friday 11:00 w/lunch  
 7:00  
 Saturday 1:00 Team game  
 2nd Sun 1:00 Unit Championship  
 4th Sun 1:00 w/lunch at 12:30  
 all games Open Stratified

**Placentia Public Library**  
 411 E. Chapman (near Kraemer) 92870  
 Wednesday 7:00 Open

**Balboa Unit**  
 http://www.acblldistrict22.com/515/  
**Halecrest Tennis & Swim Club**  
 3107 Killybrooke Ln  
 Costa Mesa, 949-233-6655  
 1st Sun 1:15 Unit Game, Open  
 Monday\* 12:15 99er (lesson at 11)  
 Wed 12:15 Open & 299er  
 (lesson at 11)  
 \* phone # for Mon game - 949-347-1356

**Park Newport Clubhouse**  
 Jamboree & San Joaquin Hills Rd.  
 Tuesday 12:15 Open/Stratified  
 7:00 Open/Stratified  
 Thursday 12:15 Open/Stratified  
 7:00 Open/Stratified

**Huntington Beach Club** 714-842-3838  
 Huntington Beach Women's Club  
 420 10th St., Huntington Beach 92648  
 Monday 12:15 Open/Stratified  
 Friday 12:15 Open/Stratified

**Saddleback Unit #525**  
**Leisure World Clubhouse 7**  
 Moulton Ave (north of El Toro Rd)  
 2nd Sun 1:00 Unit Game

**Bob's Game** 949-586-9488  
 Monday 12:30 Murray Center  
 Thursday noon Sea Country Center

**Leisure World** - games everyday  
 home.fea.net/~lwdbc  
 949-268-2420

## Beverly Hills Bridge Center 310-657-6933

games at Beverly Hills Tennis Center  
 325 S La Cienega Blvd., BH 90211  
 FREE PARKING - all games, all the time  
 Monday 12:30 Open  
 7:15 Open  
 Tuesday 12:30 Open  
 7:15 Open  
 Wednesday 12:30 Open & Jr/Nov Clinic  
 Thursday 12:30 Open  
 7:15 Open  
 Friday 12:30 Open  
 Saturday 1:00 Open  
 7:15 Open  
 Sunday 1:00 Open

**Bridge With Cyma**  
 310-659-7978 or 310-966-4144  
 Barrington Bridge Club, D: Cyma Aronow  
 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025  
 Tuesday: 7:15 Open

**Candy's Club** 310-652-6116  
 8039 Manchester, Playa del Rey  
 Tuesday 12:30 Open  
 Wednesday 12:00 Open  
 Thursday 12:30 Open  
 Closed 2nd Tuesday of the month

## Dana Harbor Unit #538

**Dana Harbor Bridge Center**  
 www.danaharborbridgecenter.org  
 24921 Dana Harbor Dr. #B103,  
 Dana Point 92629 949-248-1268  
 Monday 12:30 Open/Stratified  
 7 pm Easy Bridge  
 Tuesday 12:30 Open/Strat & 299er  
 Wednesday 12:30 Open/Stratified &  
 non-life master game  
 6:30 Open Swiss Teams  
 Thursday 12:30 Open/Strat&299/NLM  
 Friday 7:00 Open/Stratified  
 3rd Sun 12:30 Unit Game  
 4th Sun 12:30 Swiss Teams

## Santa Ana Unit #541

**Orange County Bridge Club**  
 714-569-1960  
 13912 Ponderosa, Santa Ana, 92705  
 Monday 7:00 Open  
 Tuesday 6:00 beginner lesson  
 Wednesday 7:00 Open  
 Thursday 6:00 novice lesson  
 7:00 NLM  
 7:15 INV game  
 Friday 7:30 Open  
 Saturday 11:00 INT/ADV  
 12:30 Open (lunch at 12)

**Orange County Unit Game**  
 LW Duplicate Bridge Club  
 (Thomas Guide OC 891 D7)  
 2nd Sun 1 pm Stratified  
 Bob's Games (949)586-9488  
 Monday 12:30 Mission Viejo  
 Thursday noon Laguna Niguel

LWDBC Games Everyday  
 home.fea.net/~lwdbc

## Southern Gold Coast Unit #532

**Bridge Academy II** 805-495-0385  
 77 Rolling Oaks Dr,  
 Thousand Oaks 91361  
 Monday 10:30 Open  
 Tuesday 10:30 Handicap  
 7:00 Handicap  
 Thursday 10:30 Handicap  
 7:00 Novice, Handicap  
 Friday 10:30 Handicap  
 Saturday 10:30 Handicap

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Thousand Oaks Sectional.

First let me congratulate **Allan Bloom** on becoming a Life Master! Good job Allan!

We also had other rank changes in our Unit: Congratulations to **Eva Seri**, who became a Sectional Master, and **Jim Lechner** who became a Regional Master. And last, but not least, congratulations to **Ray Bush** on becoming a Silver Life Master. Way to go Ray!

Congratulations to the following for their bridge accomplishments too!

**70% Games**

**Letty Odney and Elynor Soble 76.16%**  
**Ellen Anten and Steve Gross 72.02%**

**November 299er masterpoint race**

**Merkie Rowan led with 5.17 points, followed by Marilyn Gains and Ruth Fleisher, who tied for second, followed by Eric Heilman, Carol Winston, Michael Klemens, Bill Taylor, Gloria Malkin, and Loretta Lowenstein. I am adding #11 this month because Chuck Sarture, who is a new player at the Bridge Academy, was very close to 10th, bringing home 2.94 points in November.**

**November Open masterpoint race**

**Gary Frans led the way with 18.08 points, followed by Gil Stinebaugh, Ellen Anten, Leda Danzig, Tom Wylie, Joan Rubin, Susan Somogyi, Armand Szulc, Sharon David, and Sy Zemlyn. And to make this report "fair and balanced," Marta Peltz was #11 in November.**

Since the **Palm Springs Regional** is still going on, I have very little to report, with a few exceptions. Congratulations to the following on their accomplishments thus far.

The knockout team of **Peggy Amato, Sue Sarture, Dick Wiggins and Dave Posley** made it to the finals and will be coming home with some gold as did the knockout team of **Larry Gordon, Bill Morton, Lonnie Leeds**, who now lives in the Palm Springs area and Carol Breard.

**Eileen and Nate Gittleman** finished first in their section of a 299er game.

I'll have more to report on this Regional next month.

**Have a happy and healthy 2008 everyone!**

**Torrance South Bay**

<http://home.netcom.com/~asmager1/sbchcp.htm>  
by Steve Mager

Club Championship: Friday, January 4, 7:00  
Handicapped Swiss Teams: Tues, January 8, 7:00  
Club Championship: Wed., January 16, 11:30  
Handicapped Swiss Teams: Tues., January 22, 7:00

Handicapped Swiss Teams: Sun., January 27, 1  
Club Championship: Monday, Jan. 28, 11:30  
Friday night games on January 4 and 18.

The South Bay Bridge Club will be closed New Years Day January 1, 2008.

**Club Championships**

The Club Championship on November 15 was won by Lucy Tredennick/John Farr in Flight A with Keith Gendler/Gary Baker taking Flight B honors. The November 20 Club Championship was captured by John and Bea Brailleur. The handicapped Swiss Teams on November 25 was won by Harry Wang, Kim Wang, Hank Sheehan and G. T. Tseng in Flight A with the quartet of Carolyn and Ruth Hannas, Tom O'Brien and Mark Sinagra on top in Flight B. The handicapped Swiss on November 27 was led by Luis Gamio, Fran Israel, Jim Dutton and Bronck Felczer in Flight A followed by Arlene and Stanley Greengard, Harry Wessells and Mark Raggio leading Flight B. At the December 2 Unit Christmas party the Flight A/X Imp pairs was won by Mary Ann Coyle/Bo Bogema. The BCD IMP pairs at this same event saw Patti Taylor/MarshaWiner taking Flights B and C with Dennis and Krystyna Hollingworth taking Flight D. The December 6 Club Championship was won by Mary Ann Coyle/John J. McDermott in Flight A

with Mark Raggio/Sheryl Kohloff leading Flight B.

**Saturday Novice Game**

The South Bay Bridge Club is starting a new weekly, Saturday Novice (0-199 Points) Game. The Kickoff game and Luncheon will be on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 AM. Reservations are needed for this special event. Contact Gerri Carlson for reservations and information, as space is limited.

If you are unable to participate in this event, please plan to join this novice game on future Saturdays. Bring a sack lunch as the game will break for lunch and socializing. We welcome new and novice players, help will be provided for those difficult Bridge decisions.

**Milestones**

We all were saddened to hear of the death of Bob Welch in early December. Our condolences go to his son Mike.

It was always a lot of fun at the table when I played against Bob, especially when he was partnered with Bernie Weinstein. Bob liked to talk politics and I have to admit I'm a little richer because of it. We made a couple bets on the outcome of the 2006 House and Senate elections and the voters came through for me.

**Thanking the West LA Unit**

My late wife Jan Nathan was a truly special person. I am finding out now that a lot of people beside myself realized this. Jan was in the Torrance South Bay Unit. Nevertheless the West LA Unit went outside its unit and gave Jan their annual award for the person who has contributed the most to bridge. It was very touching for me and I thank the West LA Unit for their considerations. This award was made at the WLA unit holiday party. Jan was a party person and would have enjoyed it very much.

**To Win A Regional**

Last month I presented the following problem to win a Regional pairs event. You hold ♠QT9765 ♥JT9x ♦x ♣Jx. The bidding proceeded 1♣ by partner, 1♠ by RHO, Pass by you, pass by LHO, Double by Pard, All Pass. You lead the CJ which holds the trick pard signaling high. Dummy was ♠J2 ♥K5432 ♦AJxxx ♣x. What next? The winning play was to lead the ♠Q. Declarer held ♠AK843 ♥— ♦Kxx ♣xxxxx. Leading the Spade Ten enables declarer to win 3 high spades, 2 Heart ruffs, a Club ruff and a diamond to make. However leading the SQ forces declarer to ruff with a spade winner and not have enough entries to ruff 3 Hearts.

**GUV Award**

I was afraid I was going to have to rename this award at the San Francisco NABC. I played in the nationally rated Life Master Pairs with none other than Norm "Guvvy" Hogarth. It was a four session event and Guvvy made it through 3 sessions and 10 rounds of the fourth against very tough competition without one bidding insanity, easily a new world record for him. But in the eleventh against a top pair he couldn't stand it any longer. Without giving details he made an incredibly bad bid to break the spell.

But GUV doesn't get the award. It's split between former unit member Ann Arndt and myself as partners in the Blue Ribbon pairs. I had agreed to play Puppet Stayman over 2nt openers and was 2 for 2. That is both times it came up I screwed it up by forgetting. Ann held ♠Q9xx ♥Txx ♦x ♣Kxx. If you are counting this is eleven cards. I opened 2♣ and over Ann's 2D response I bid 2NT. Ann tried 3♣ Puppet Stayman and I bid 3♦ showing 1 or 2 majors. Ann bid 3♥ showing 4 spades. I bid 3NT. And after the pass out told the opponents that I forgot we were playing Puppet Stayman. So my LHO led a diamond that I won in hand as the 11-card dummy hit the table. My RHO was wondering what happened to the two missing cards. They were discovered still in the tray. One was a spade and one a club. The Bridge Gods were kind to us on this hand, which usually isn't the case when you are playing in a high quality event. I only had 2 spades and just about everybody in the room rolled 11 tricks for an average in 3NT. Na Zdrowie.

**West LA**  
by candy

Here are the top ten things bridge players should remember on January 1 while watching football:

10. First down and down one are not the same thing
9. Couch potato is close, but not the same as kibitzer
8. Off-side - football: lose five yards, bridge: my double finesses
7. Onside - football: "We're losing," kick, bridge: my opponents finesses, winning
6. Hands off - In football has nothing to do with computer dealt hands
5. Referee vs. director - director doesn't get a whistle
4. T.D. In bridge: tournament director, not I made a Grand Slam, start dancing
3. Pass - same in both, your having a bad game when you do too many or too few
2. Blow a lead - what your team does
1. K.O. - Football: kick off, bridge: my favorite one session event.

The statement "No news is good news" does not work when I'm writing a bridge column and trying to get info about the nationals. Every time I called someone I ended up commiserating with them over hands. The only one telling me good news was Eli Borok, who told me that Lois played so well she brought him in 4th OA in the mini Blue Ribbons. He only wished he played as well. Way to go, Lois! Hopefully next month there will be some hidden good news.

Now for the Annual Unit Party. First I want to announce that Jan Nathan, who died earlier this year, won The Player of the Year Award. The enormous amount of work she did for her club, unit and district was impressive, but what stood out more was the way she effortlessly made people feel welcome at her table. The WLA Unit will name a game for her at the regional that will donate money to the ALACBU Scholarship fund.

Winners at the party were all those who came. Best Games - Pete Benjamin & Tom Lesser, 199er - Emily Johnson & Faustina Florida. Best Dressed Vicki Ebin & Carolyn Taff Best Dancers - Margie Michelin Dance Company with Val Gamio, Kathy Harouch, Rand Pinsky, Mike Mikyska with special guest star Beverly Cook. Joan Mason flew in from Arizona when she heard there would be Doo Wop and bridge with Barbara Nusbaum. She was volunteered to join Barbara and Tobe Green at the welcoming desk. Sandy Einberg does an endless amount of work, including ghost writing Howard's speeches. I must thank her and Betsy Lutz, Carolyn Taff, Vicki Ebin, Pete Benjamin, Nancy Heck, Cecil and Beverly Cook and my cousin Paula who provided us with the centerpieces and other helpful things. The Mighty Echoes were amazing and Burger Continental served up an unbelievable feast.

Last month's 70%ers were Don Krauss & Herb Ehrman, Sheri Rivera & Aram Bedros, Sylvia Shallon & Alan LeBendig, Aram Bedros & Art Zail. I'm sad to say that after a long illness Carmel Victor passed away. An accomplished interior designer who loved to play bridge. Thoughts are with her family and friends.

Club Champs at Barrington were "A" Jane Felixson & Alan Lebendig, Adrienne Green & Angelika Hederer, Phyliss Fireman & Alan LeBendig "B" Sandy & Bob Carroll, Betty Dranov & Joan Grossblatt, Bob Levy & George Wagner "C" Kathy Harouche & Ellen Korney, Herbert Conrad & Charles Kelly, Margot Hartman & Leila Newman. Cyma's were "A" Beverly Rosenberg & Jordan Chodorow, Sheri Rivera & Aram Bedros, "B" Diana Ayres & Phil Ehrnstein, Norma & Sy Feshbach, "C" Susan Cohen & Masha Fleissig.

I am writing this just before Christmas and while my shopping is not done soon I'll be seeing family and missing others. My father fought in WWII and was one of nine of his company to return alive. He taught my bothers and myself that no matter what you think of a war you must support the troops. I pray for peace for those around me and those families that have either lost loved ones or those still separated from their families fighting this war. Shalom, salam, paix, paz, mir, fred, heping, vrede, friede, pace, heiva, p'yonghwa, peace on earth.

