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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Grand National Team Winner Results

by *Bill Schreiber*
ALACBU President

First of all, results from the Open and B Flights of the Grand National Teams. Congratulations to the winners in the Open flight, the team of **Jill Meyer, Ed Davis, Mitch Dunitz,** and **Walter Schaefer** have repeated last year's victory. The winning flight B team includes **Carol Frank, Dan Emmons, John Langer,** and **Rebecca Wernis.**

When you see this column, it will only be a month to Bridge Week, again at the Pasadena Hilton. Signature events include the 4-session **Mary Jane Farrell Open Pairs**, the 4-session **Marshall Miles Open Swiss Teams** (which was won by Marshall last year with a little help from his teammates), the **Mark Schreiber Memorial 299'er Championship**, and our money

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Grand Opening of the New ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake

by *Rand Pinsky*
District Director

Monday, June 28 is set for the grand opening of our new headquarters in Horn Lake, Mississippi. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 a.m. and we expect dignitaries from Horn Lake and even the state to attend. Also, there will be tours of the new facility with special focus on the new bridge museum. If you happen to be in the area, come join in the celebration. I will be there for the festivities representing our district.

Charity: Every year I get to award a \$1,000 donation from the National Charity Foundation. It has been my policy to rotate this grant among our units. I am asking our Uunits that have not yet received this grant to consider applying for it. The unit charity must be a registered

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ATTENTION 299ers

At our Bridge Week Tournament, held in Pasadena at the Pasadena Hilton from July 5 through July 11, District 23 will be holding a special event for 299ers on the opening day of the tournament, Monday, July 5.

The second **Mark Schreiber Memorial 299ers Championship** will be held with sessions beginning

at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The second session of the event will be scored with Barometer scoring, meaning you will know how you are doing within minutes after completing each round. This is an exciting way of scoring and seeing your names move around on the leaderboard.

Last year's winners, Robert Novell and Robert Verhoef, did not stay around to receive their trophies last year. If they are there to defend their title, they will receive them, just a little bit late.

If you are lucky enough to win this year, the winners will receive their trophies immediately after the event from Bill and Diana Schreiber, Mark's parents. Bill is also the current President of ALACBU, Inc., the sponsoring organization for bridge in the Los Angeles area.

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charity with the Internal Revenue Service with 501(c)(3) status. All I ask in return is to have the charity provide free publicity for the unit and district for its contribution. I have found from past experience that these charities go out of their way to provide newspaper publicity for bridge and their organization.

Next ACBL Board of Directors' Meeting: The next board meeting that I will attend will be in the middle of July at the Summer NABC to be held in New Orleans. The last day for agenda items is still a few weeks away so I do not have much to report on what issues we will be discussing. I expect in my July report I will much more to discuss on agenda items.

Election of First and Second Alternates to the ACBL Board of Directors: May 31 is the deadline for District 23 members to apply to run for the national positions of First and Second Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors. There have been announcements in the Bridge Bulletin for the past few months. At this time I am advised by Horn Lake that Bill Schreiber is a candidate for First Alternate and Roger Clough is a candidate for Second Alternate. I have not been notified by the ACBL election official of any additional people running for these two spots. If there are additional candidates, I will report such in my July report.

Team Game Sectional Results: I will have a report on the success of the Team Game Sectional next

month and how much money we raised to give to our four GNT teams as they travel to New Orleans to represent our district at the national competition.

Youth Bridge: I did not receive any requests from any of our youth players to be featured in my column. I know that we have many youth players. So I will repeat my request.

Anyone who knows any of our youth, please encourage them to contact me and provide me with a summary of their bridge activities and a photograph and I will feature them in this column. It would be nice if our district had some of our youth participate in the Youth Bridge Nationals which will take place during the Summer NABC in New Orleans.

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bridge game, the **Calcutta** to be held on Friday, July 9.

The schedule is out also for our Regional Tournament in October, to be held at the Marina Del Rey Hotel in Marina Del Rey from October 12-17. Come play bridge and view the beautiful scenery of boats and water while you play.

Both tournaments have the advantage of being near loads of fine restaurants and bars, for those who want to drink their bridge sorrows away.



Around the Units in District 23

Antelope Valley by Gin

**Monthly Unit Game on third Sunday at
Lancaster Bridge Club**

Winds of change are blowing again. Many new faces are a welcome sight. Among them are new players Kelly Lightner, Hal Roberts, Sonja Plahn, and Sharry Vida. Susan Muench, Lola Rigby, and Caryl Vogel have also played in recent regular games. Charles and Beth Morrin have joined the group of directors as well as embarked in the role of teachers. Charles is doing a superb job in his "Two-Over-One class" while Beth is distinguishing herself in a "beginners" class. All these changes evolved during my winter sojourn in Arizona. This is truly change I can believe in! Sid Zalk is still recovering, thus unable to join us. Dave White seems to be working at tournaments and he, too, is missed at AVBC.

All the board members attended the lively May 16 meeting where a 15-item agenda was addressed. The board is divided on hosting a sectional tournament in October. The biggest obstacle is finding a reasonable venue large enough to hold a two-day event. The club managers will continue to seek a suitable facility. Hopefully the board will reach a consensus in a timely manner.

Coming Events:

Friday, June 4 – 6:30 p.m. and

Saturday, June 5 - 1:30 p.m.

International games with analysis booklet and extended Silver points will be awarded

Card fee \$10 per session

Unit games are usually scheduled the third Sunday of the month

\$10 card fee includes lunch

Annual Holiday dinner, Election and General Meeting
Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the AVBC clubroom

Unit Games

April 18 Overall	A	B	C
Barbara Shuping/Viviane Dinehart	1	1	-
Russell Buker/George MacDonald	2	2	1
Dave White/Hal Roberts	3	-	-
Brad Ward/Janet Coussens	4	-	-
Joe Weber/Doris Thompson	5	3	-
Onorita Pallanti/May Abagi	-	-	2

May 16 Overall

Charles Morrin/Barbara Shuping	1	1	-
Rand Pinsky/Kathy Swaine	2	-	-
Marlene and Dave Gasper	3	-	-
Bill Brodek/Pat Juenemann	4	2	-
Basant Shah/Roshen Hadulla	5	-	-
Mary Stauf/Henry Roediger	6	3	-

Sunday game winners were Marlene and Dave Gasper with 59.52%. Tuesday afternoon winners were Brad Ward/Marlene Gasper with 65.74%. Tuesday night at Valencia the winners were Barbara and Thomas Jones with 62.04%. Wednesday winners were Sandi and Ron Oest with 74.18%. Thursday morning at Castaic winners were Lamonte Johnson/Roshen Hadulla with 63.75%. Friday night 99er game was won by Debbie and Robert Powell with 75%. Friday game was won by Brad Ward/Willo Phillips with 75%.

It is nice to be back in the Antelope Valley, but I do wish it would warm up a bit. Right now I yearn for the dog days of summer when I can complain of the heat. The change in format for this column was intentional so that the International Games would be easily read. These games are great to earn Silver Points and to perhaps be recognized internationally with competitive games and good results.

A parting thought... Life is like a game of bridge. By the time you learn to play, you are already lost in the shuffle.



Glendale-Verdugo

by Dorothy LaMaie

Unit Game – 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12
12:15 p.m. buffet lunch

“Cool” can be cruel,
 That’s not to say that “Hot” cannot,
 “Medium” suggests tedium
 So let’s create with “Mix, Match, and Blend”
 The End

Hmmm... Sorry folks, but at least the above used up a bit of column space and was prompted by a lull in news and views. Here’s hoping for a lack of lull soon.

Like right now, with the splendid showing of an 86% game turned in by Mike Doll/ Patrick Cardullo in a Wednesday go-round at the Regency. That’s really “blending” well, *n’est-ce pas?*

As for “mixing,” we’re changing the July Unit Game from the 10th to the 17th since the club will be closed July 5-11 during Bridge Week. We’re fast forwarding so you can plan your vacation schedules accordingly (Ho! Ho!)

Sherry Strube seems to have found a good “match” in her retirement move to Scottsdale. We enjoyed the brief encounter with her at the Club last month, and the mien and manner gave off positive vibes. However, her emotions may be “mixed” at the Suns vs Lakers playoffs - or not (we neglected to inquire re: a persuasion, if any).

Our unit received a nice note of thanks for our charitable contribution of \$250.00 to the Glendale YWCA’s Domestic Abuse facility. Every little bit does help...

Although she wasn’t able to stay and play at the May Unit Game, Merry Besvold presided over the Board meeting and then set up the lasagna luncheon buffet with salad help from Betsy and dessert help from Margaret. At Merry’s bidding (thoughtful person that she is), Calvin Smith came along for the ride. He’s been unable to direct our games for some time due to serious vocal cord problems. In spite of limited speech he still related that when the X-ray lab technician advised that he had long lungs, he borrowed from the well known soubriquet and said, “Now you can call me Daddy Long Lungs!” It’s good to see the spirit still intact, *n’est-ce pas?*

As for game time on Unit Day, some special spirit was also shown by the following:

North/South

A1		Ann Banta/Ron Moeckel
A2	B1	Susan Rhoades/Amr Elghamry
A3		Dominique Moore/Phil Dessert
A4		Bob Tayrien/Joe Hasencamp
	B2	Mike Doll/Patrick Cardullo

East/West

A1		Tim Lolli/Dan Oakes
A2		Jake Frenkel/Herman Helber
A3	B1	D. LaMaie/Arthur Chacania
A4	B2	Melvin Lerner/Wm. Taylor
	B3	E. Tapelband/Bob Hogan

Maypole ribbons to all of you! Take care everybody...

Long Beach

Unit website: www.aclubunit557.org
 Club website: www.LongBeachBridge.com
 by Jon Yinger

April 16 Unit-Rated Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Mark Teaford/Gary Paugh, 2nd Sharon and Al Appel, 3rd Michael Daley/Earl VanDerVord, 4th Aaron Jones/Phyllis Parker, 5th Rich Wasser/Jon Yinger, and 6th T S Chernuchin/Tom Ludwig. B flight overalls: 4th Mark Fraser/Randy Hamlin, 5th Andy Blaser/Marynell Solomon, 6th Suzie and John Hand. C flight: 4th Bob and Pat Adam, and 5th Ron Spain/Fred Benedetti. Overall winners in the Non-Life Master game were: 1st Lynne Finley/Colleen Gardner, 2nd Donna Kupfer/Penny O’Toole, 3rd Donna Agnew/Julie Osborne, 4th Winnie Warga/Sue Ayers, and 5/6 tie: Pat Peters/Rachel Lantz tied with Flora McDonald/Steven Alt. Congratulations to all!

April 21 John Muir Day Unit-Rated Game: Overall results: 1st in A: Baum Harris/Steve Skinner, 2nd Emma Trepinski/Mark Teaford, 3rd Steve and Charlotte Sturm, 4th John and Suzie Hand, 5th Jerry Cassidy/Bob Mault, and 6th Aaron Jones/T S Chernuchin. B flight overalls: 2nd Fred Dyle/Lee Johnson, 3rd Margo Coffman/Lillian Hilles, 4th Bob Santeen/Carol Murakoshi, 5th Sharon and Al Appel, and 6th Masae Kato/Masako Omaru. C flight: 4th Merlin Hansen/Arnie Erickson,

District 23 Rank Changes 4/1/10 - 4/31/10

Junior Master (5 MPs)

Frances Durslag
Gerry Gastelum
Ellie Lederman
Barry Segal
Russell Weis

Club Master (20 MPs)

Carmela Chiurazzi
Jacquelyn Green
Christine Hilger
Thomas Hilger
Linda Janssen
Nathan Leanse
L Maureen Lewis
Ilene Nathan
Bonny Walsh

Sectional master (50 MPs)

Rochelle Blumenfeld
Patricia Cross
Xingping Kang
Terry Morton
Casey Stiers
Mary Young

Regional Master (100 MPs)

Diane Elliott

Dan Emmons
John Langer
David Leonard
Donald Rosen
Karen Schwartz

NABC Master (200 MPs)

Frani Ridder
Lillie Tobin-Jackson
Bruce Weiner

Life Master (300 MPs)

Bettyanne Houts

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Alene Friedman
James Hoose
Carl Kellett
Sue Ann Simon

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Cory Hand
Carol McCully

Diamond Life Master (5000)

Jo Daigle
William Schreiber

Congratulations!

and 5th Dick and Linda Stein. Congratulations to all!

May 13 International Fund Game: Overall winners: 1st in A: Lillian Hilles/Karen Johnston, 2nd Steve Skinner/Aaron Jones, 3rd Rich Wasser/Walter Rothstein, 4th John Cairns/Ralph Beazley, 5th John and Suzie Hand, and 6th Charlotte and Steve Sturm. B flight overalls: 5th Audrey Ellis/Ernie Frank, and 6th Al and Sharon Appel. And in C: 2nd Dick and Linda Stein, and 3rd Sherry Troeger/Mike Ullman. Congratulations to all!

70+% games 4/16 through 5/15: April 17 Sean Lui/Earl VanDerVord had a 71.53% game, April 20 Kaye Amdon/Randy Hamlin had a 69.64% game, May 3 Doris James/Lois Abramson had a 70.83% game, and May 11 (evening) Gary Paugh/Jon Melis had a 70.34% game. In NLM games April 19 Carmela Chiurazzi/Sharon Biederman had a 69.84% game, April 30 Bob and Pat Turansick had a 70.43% game, May 11 Joyce Henderson/Jane Reid had a 72.32% game, and on May 14 George Alemshah/Tom Cotten had a 70.54% game (only two tables, but 70.54%!). Congratulations to all!

Big masterpoint awards: 1st overall big point awards April 16 through May 15: April 16 Mark Teaford/Gary Paugh won 4.44mp, April 21 Baum Harris/Steve Skinner won 4.11mp, and May 13 Lillian Hilles/Karen Johnston won 5.33mp. Big awards for 2nd and 3rd overall: April 16 Al and Sharon Appel won 3.33mp for 2nd, April 21 Emma Trepinski/Mark Teaford won 3.08mp for 2nd, and May 13 Steve Skinner/Aaron Jones won 4.00mp for 2nd and Rich Wasser/Walt Rothstein won 3.60mp for 3rd. Congratulations to all!

New members and new status: We issue a warm welcome to new members Joseph Ramos and Margaret Takemoto. Status changes: Junior Master: Sharon Biederman; Club Masters: Richard Dial, and Kiyu Nagaishi; NABC Masters: John Biggs and Fred Gurzi; Life Masters: Robert Preece and Murat Veysoglu; and new Silver Life Master: Carol Murakoshi. Congratulations to you all!!

Upcoming special events at the club: May 28 Unit-Rated Game, lunch at 12:30, game at 1 p.m. World Wide Bridge Contest Friday, June 4 at 4:15 and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13 Unit Charity Game, lunch at 12:30, game at 1 p.m.

Condolences: to the family and friends of Betty Barton who passed away last month and Tom Harris who passed away earlier this month. They will be sorely missed.

Get well wishes: to Joy Rosenthal.

Get on the email list for the newsletter: If you miss getting the newsletter by snail mail (it's been two years since the district quit mailing them out), you can have me send you a copy by email. Send me your email address and I'll put you on the list. My email is jjyinger1@gmail.com.

Pasadena San Gabriel
www.acblunit559.com
 by Jan Wickersham and Roy Wilson

Next Unit Game - June 6
San Marino Community Center

Greetings bridge friends! It's time for the June issue of the news column, and, as always, there is lots going on in Unit 559. Our May unit game was another success. Sandra Franciscus was in charge of the food and did a magnificent job. I will be following her for the month of June, so I have my work cut out for me.

Our first overall winners in A and B were Shiu-Ming Huang/Robert Wang, and the father/son team of Jack and Nolan Chang cleaned up in the C department. Ann Banta was the lucky winner of the 50/50, and she walked home with a nice chunk of change, \$49!

The Los Angeles Regional is just around the corner, July 5-11, at the Pasadena Hilton. It's a good time to start making plans and putting dates together. Our unit has purchased two games on Saturday, July 10 in the Open Pairs in remembrance of Frances Katz. So I hope to see many of your there, and especially for that very special event.

That same month, July 30-August 1 is our unit sectional. We have prided ourselves in offering the best sectional in the district as you probably agree. It comes this year on the tail end of the nationals in New Orleans, so Amr and I have adopted the theme of Mardi Gras West. If you are willing to make a homemade goodie for the event, either a dessert (cookies, brownies, etc), or an appetizer, please let me know. I will need lots of help in this department, and you can sign up for either Friday or Saturday. Also, if you are a deviled egg person, we need some volunteers for that on Sunday. I really want homemade things... they seem to be much more appealing, and I will provide a sign up sheet to enlist your help.

Our Wednesday night game is growing. We generally have seven or more tables on a regular basis. If you haven't turned out for this game, I suggest you give it a try.

Have you ever been in the situation where declarer is running a long suit and you have to decide which of two suits to guard? Perhaps in one of the suits your partner has discarded a small one, then a higher one, and then a bigger one again. Does he have another one higher and he can guard that last honor? Your partner could have made it easier for you! Here's a tip... if you see you are going to have to discard an entire suit, start at the top and discard them in order, going down. When you reach the lowest card in the suit, your partner can work out that you don't have anything smaller and you have no more. If you start with the smallest and go up, it's almost impossible for your partner to determine if you have a higher one or not.

Pomona-Covina
 by Vic Sartor

Unit Game – Saturday, June 19, 11:00 a.m.
Special 299er Section Lunch Served

We start out this month's column with hearty congratulations to the 2009 winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney awards, which were presented with appropriate hoopla and ceremony at the May unit game. "What took us so long?" I hear a voice from the peanut gallery asking. (If you don't quite get the reference, look up Howdy Doody in your Funk and Wagnels). The answer is simple: we don't believe in hurrying things-it leads to efficiency, and we wouldn't want that. Anyway, here are the top masterpoint winners in each category:

	Ace of Clubs	Mini-McKinney
0-5	Norma Appley (0-5)	Norma Appley
5-20	Charlotte Capelle (5-20)	G.Harding
20-50	Regina Strother (20-50)	Regina Strother
50-100	Madhu Sudan (50-100)	Ted Kelly
100-200	Joe Unis (100-200)	K.McCarthy
200-300	Marva Packey (200-300)	John Tyner
300-500	Clint Lew (300-500)	Clint Lew
500-1000	Genise Hasan (500-1000)	Genise Hasan
1000-2500	Eric Tan (1000-2500)	Eric Tan
2500-5000	Larry Bolls (2500-5000)	Larry Bolls

In the aforementioned unit game, Bill Papa/Tom Lill were first N/S, followed by Dave and Susan Ruoff/Roger Boyar and Richard Patterson (also 1st in B). Larry Bolls/Gabrielle Sills were first EW (also 1st OA), followed by Mike and Susie Emminger (also 2nd OA and 1st OA in B) and Ann McClelland/Ron Purkis (1st OA in B). Penny Barbieri and Rosalie Roberts were 2nd OA in B. In the 299er section, Joyce and Jack Clifton won with a nice 70% game. Lucille Glunt/Charlotte Cappelle were 2nd.

This month's individual was won by Margaret Merritt, followed by Richard Patterson, Pat Rademaker, Frank Jones, and Carolyn Moyer. In club results, top game of the month was a 68.3% by Bill Papa/Vic Sartor. Other club winners were Lary Alba, Dave Ruoff, Susan Ruoff, Herb Stampfl, Genise Hasan, Joe Unis, Roger Boyar, Richard Patterson, Penny Barbieri, Helen Wang, Walt Otto, Edwin Kelly, Donald Naf, and

Kurt Trieselmann.

Our hands of the month both involve bidding questions. The first was submitted by a player disappointed that she and her partner didn't reach slam with the following hands - Opener: ♠AQ ♥Kx ♦Qxxxx ♣Kxxx; Responder: ♠Jx ♥A1098 ♦AKJxxx ♣Q. Would you and your favorite partner get to 6 using your methods?

The second hand finds you with: ♠Ax ♥AJ10xxxx ♦x ♣K9x. Unfortunately, you are last to bid and the auction goes 3♠ by LHO, 4NT(!) by center opponent, pass to you. Your bid?

If you decide to ignore partner's obvious preference for the minors and bid your big heart suit you come up smelling like a rose. You may even get raised to 6♥, which makes. If you obediently bid 5♣, you need friendly defense to make 5. Clubs split 4-0, with opening leader void. Pard's hand? ♠-- ♥Qx ♦AKQxxx ♣QJxxx.



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Compact KO (Rounds 3&4)

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Do you agree with the 4NT bid? Would you raise 5♥ to six? It's questions like that that make bridge so fascinating. 'Til next time...

San Fernando Valley

by Fran Kern

The Top Ten Masterpoint Winners for April: 750

Bridge Club: Ron Malkin 6.98, Don Rosen 5.21, Philip Swan 4.15, Jim Lechner 3.86, Paul Endler 3.37, Gloria Malkin 3.32, Robert Glasser 3.30, Jerry Goodman 3.02, Rita Hersh 3.00, and Claude Le Feuvre 2.94.

Bridge Academy 299 Game: Marilyn Gaims 2.69, Sam Antoun 2.43, Patricia Shellogg-Seal 1.89, Joan Farrar 1.89, Myrna Kalman 1.89, Elynor Soble 1.76, Letty Odney 1.76, Ellen Carrier 1.69, Rochelle Lotto 1.69, and Wayne (Doug) Beagle 1.67.

Bridge Academy Open Game: Andrew Vinock 22.67, Marta Peltz 16.84, Gilbert Stinebaugh 14.71, Armand Szulc 13.64, Gary Frans 13.57, Seymour Zemlyn 12.68, Sheila Bozin 11.39, Tom Wylie 10.81, Mary Dougherty 10.68, and Ellen Anten 10.23.

70% Games for April: Ann Trygstad/Don Rosen 70.83 and Samy Antoun/Jim Gardner 70.32.

Column news: Make sure your bridge news will appear in the next edition of Bridge News by sending it to Fran Kern at fkern818@aol.com.

Torrance-South Bay

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by Steve Mager

Club Championship:
Tuesday, June 1, 11:30 a.m.

Club Championship:
Friday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.

Club Swiss Team Championship:
Tuesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

Club Championships: On April 14 the NLM Club Championship was led by Linda Bernard/Elaine Mannick in Flights A, B and C. The April 15 Club Championship was won by Bea and John Brailliar. The

NLM Club Championship on April 22 saw Suzanne Kuuskmaa/Shaheem Rahimtoola capturing Flights A and B with Dawn McGill/Linda Bernard leading Flight C. On April 26 Lucy Tredennick/Dean Kaloudis led Flight A with Carol Mason/Hank Sheehan ahead in Flight B and Elizabeth Voss/David Lyons winning Flight C.

Team Winners: Winners of the Tuesday night handicapped Swiss teams recently were as follows.

April 13: CVal Gamio, Bruce Horiguchi, Bea and John Brailliar
 April 20: Beth Weinstein, Sara Doktor, Patricia Westenhaver, Nancy Collinge
 April 27: Gerri Carlson, Ron Carlson, Neal Kleiner, Marty Cooper
 May 3 (STaC): Linda and Bill Lama, Karen and Mike McKittrick
 May 10: Bronck Felczer, Jim Dutton, Fran Israel, Luis Gamio

Charity Game Winners: Recent winners of the Saturday afternoon charity game were:

April 24: Flight A: MA Coyle/L. Tredennick
 Flight B: Sheryl Kohlhoff/M. Raggio
 May 1: Flights A & B: Linda and Bill Lama
 May 15: Flight A: Fran Israel/Betsy Amador,
 Flight B: J. Thomas/Joyce Nakasacki

Western Conference STaC Overall Finishers:
 The following summary lists pairs that finished in the overalls during the Western Conference STaC in games played at the South Bay Bridge Club.

Monday morning May 3

19A 6B 1C Lorna Wallace/Ed Srenco
 19/20B 6C Kiyoko Ohtomo/C.LaFranchi

Tuesday morning May 4

3A Gary King/Dean Kaloudis

Wednesday evening NLM Pairs May 5

4C Marie and James Lynch

Thursday Morning NLM Pairs May 6

3A 2B 1C Elizabeth Voss/David Lyons
 5/6A Sam Lim/Ron Prando
 5/6A 4B Dorothy and Peter Joseph
 5/6 B Neil Hudson/SandraWilson

Friday Morning May 7

17A 6B Betsy Amador/Hank Sheehan

Friday Evening

2B

Morris Lorber/Marty Cooper

Milestones: On a very sad note our unit lost three of its members this past month. Sue Myhre, Clara Beene, and Dorothy Wood all passed away in recent weeks. Sue and Clara were players who played in our Junior games. Dorothy was a club regular who made her mark in many of the District 23 Regional tournaments.

GUV Memorial Award: I was the beneficiary of a ruff/ sluff on opening lead at the recent Anaheim sectional. It was the second time I remember this happening. Over 40 years ago my old buddy Guvvy led an ace from an 11-card suit (!) giving declarer a ruff/ sluff and allowing him to make a Grand.

In Anaheim, I held ♠--♥A9xx♦QJ9xx, ♣AQ86 facing a dummy with ♠—♥JTx ♦A8xx ♣JT97xx. With bidding best left undescribed except to say the opponents bid spades several times and we wound up in 6♣. A ruff/ sluff on opening lead let me sluff a heart from dummy. What the next play should be is open to question. The winner is a diamond to the ace and a club finesse which is on. I chose the ♦Q and LHO made the mistake of covering with KTx. After picking up clubs the fifth diamond provided yet another heart pitch. Making 6♣ for a pile of IMPs.

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A very successful sectional thanks to our staff and helpers, but it's the players who really count, so the winners are.... Pairs A: Lou and Gloria Levy and Roger and Becky Clough; B: Ed Feldmann, Carolyn Taff, Rick Turner, and Alyssa Kennedy; C: Margaret Fairlie and Nicki Costanti (they left husbands Dean and David at home to prove they are more than great kibitzers); KOs: Bill Schreiber, Howard Einberg, and Bob Kent; Swiss Ax: Brian Richardson, Ed Feldmann, Sam Namer, and Rahim Israel. Leading the Jill Meyers Trophy is Howard Einberg and leading the Mary Jane Farrell Trophy are Deborah Stein and Ellen and Michael Korney. Now you know who you're aiming to beat, so come back in September and just do it!

The WLA Unit is running three special events this year to promote bridge. The first is the Pro-Am Pair

Game that Jeri Berger has successfully run for us. Jeri is like the Glinda the Good Witch of the West, who waves her magic wand and says, "you will have fun or I'm sending you back to Kansas." So unless you want to spend the summer in the midwest with a dog named Toto, I'd sign up for dinner, bridge and prizes. This will be held June 27 at the Beverly Hills Bridge Club at 5:00.

While I'm on the theme of going down that Golden Path, Tamra Smith and Rick Turner both made Life Master. New Junior Masters: Andrea McNichol and Sylvia Ziman; Club Masters: Sunny Bernstein; Sectional Masters: Michael Abeles, Bella Feniger, and Lunsford Lavery; NABC Masters: Lois Diamond and Lee Reinman; Bronze Life Master: Herma Altshule and Marshall Rose; and Silver Life Master: Ruth Shayne.

"And the lists go on," Sunny and Cher didn't make the 70% list, but these did: George Wagner/Steve Yaffe (twice), Mike Nash/Hans Kraepelien (twice), Connie Fishbach (twice) once with Sally Aminoff and once with Anita Levine, Stephen Goldstein/Michael Shaw. Fred Mautner/Victor Anikovich had theirs on the Sunday afternoon STaC winning overall.

Club Champs were Beverly Hills BC Maria Pendergast/Elianna Rupp. Elianna and Adam asked to be forgiven for not playing in the Pro-Am because they're going to be on their honeymoon. I'm intervening with Jeri so they won't have to go to Kansas. Barrington winners were A: Adrienne Green/Sylvia Ziman and Jill Richmond/Gary King; B: Sue Ann Simon/Mike Abeles (twice).

I remember Pat Pierce coming into my novice games and proudly saw her graduate to the open game and then graduate to tournament bridge. I am now saddened to write of her passing. Her partners, friends, and I will miss her. Carole Slavin died as well recently. Please think of her and remember how much we love this game and the people we meet playing it... her love of bridge was contagious.

June has its gloom, but also celebrates fathers. Unlike Mother's Day where we go out for dinner, we let Dear Old Dad set the BBQ ablaze and sacrifice lamb, hot dogs, hamburgers and anything else he wants. You don't even need to give him a card, just sign your name on the bag of his favorite charcoal.

Well I'm off to see the Wizard before anyone can throw water on me.

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2	Alfred Lee, Rncho Pls Vrd CA	178	15	John Farr Jr, Lomita CA	96
3	Samuel Wang, Monterey Park CA	140	16	Samuel Haveson, Los Angeles CA	92
4	Mark Teaford, Seal Beach CA	130	17	Chiye Horiguchi, Gardena CA	90
5	Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA	126	18	Irwin Bender, Long Beach CA	89
6	Lucy Tredennick, San Pedro CA	126	19	Betty McClellan, Long Beach CA	88
7	Jeff Strutzel, Redondo Beach CA	123	20	Cecil Cook, Long Beach CA	86
8	Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA	117	21	Gary King, Hermosa Beach CA	85
9	William Ng, Chatsworth CA	115	22	Rhoda Himmell, Beverly Hills CA	85
10	Robert Kent, Marina Del Rey CA	115	23	Lewis Himmell, Beverly Hills CA	83
11	Danny Kleinman, Los Angeles CA	108	24	Marlene Warren-Gasper, Lancaster CA	79
12	K Fung, Los Angeles CA	106	25	John Bralliar, Lomita CA	77
13	Adam Meyerson, Los Angeles CA	97			

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 Agave Bracketed KO (2-4 of 4)..... 9, 1 & 7
 199er PAIRS (single sessions)..... 10 & 3
 SENIOR PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 10 & 3
 PRIME TIME OPEN PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Barrel Compact KO (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Swiss..... 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

Side Game Series * (2 of 5)..... 9, 1 & 7
 Cholla Bracketed KO (1 of 3)..... 9 am
 199er PAIRS (single sessions)..... 10 & 3
 SENIOR PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 10 & 3
 PRIME TIME OPEN PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Ocotillo Bracketed KO (1 & 2 of 4)..... 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Swiss..... 7 pm

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

Side Game Series * (3 of 5)..... 9, 1 & 7
 Cholla Bracketed KO (2 of 3)..... 9 am
 199er PAIRS (single sessions)..... 10 & 3
 DAYLIGHT PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 10 & 3
 Ocotillo Bracketed KO (3 & 4 of 4)..... 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Swiss (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

Side Game Series * (4 of 5)..... 9, 1 & 7
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 Morning Open Swiss (1 of 2)..... 9 am
 199er PAIRS (single sessions)..... 10 & 3
 SENIOR PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 10 & 3
 PRIME TIME OPEN PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Saguaro Bracketed KO (1 & 2 of 4)..... 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Swiss..... 7 pm

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

Side Game Series * (5 of 5)..... 9, 1 & 7
 Morning Open Swiss (2 of 2)..... 9 am
 199er PAIRS (single sessions)..... 10 & 3
 SENIOR PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 10 & 3
 PRIME TIME OPEN PAIRS (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Saguaro Bracketed KO (3 & 4 of 4)..... 1 & 7
 Yucca Compact KO (1 & 2)..... 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Swiss..... 7 pm

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Problem Solvers' Panel

Moderator: John Jones

Panel: Leo Bell, Ed Davis, Mitch Dunitz, Mr. Mealy-mouth,
Jill Meyers, Adam Meyerson, and David Sacks

1

IMPs
EW vul

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♣	pass	pass
?			

You, West, hold: ♠AKJ6 ♥T6 ♦AJT74 ♣95

What call do you make?

Mealy-mouth: Pass. I have a normal minimum-range opening, and partner couldn't even raise or make a negative double. No extras, no reopening. Why go for -500 when by passing I can score -90 or +50? The duty to reopen when playing negative doubles is worse than a myth. The truth is that profitable penalty doubles of one- and two-level overcalls are very rare, which is why negative doubles are much better than the penalty doubles advocated by the heroes of my youth (S.J. Simon in *Why You Lose at Bridge* and Marshall Miles in *How to Win at Duplicate Bridge*).

Meyerson: Pass. A case can be made for double or 2♦, but given the vulnerability and form of scoring, it seems best to defend.

Sacks: Double. It's a toss-up between double, 2♦, and pass. If you double, and partner bids 2♥, what then? *[Yes, I ought to have asked that as a follow-up. I like double and will pass 2♥.]*

Dunitz: Double.

Bell: Double. The real problem comes when partner now bids 2♥.

Meyers: Double. I'll correct 2♥ to 2♣, which will show four spades and five or more diamonds and will deny hearts.

Davis: Double. I will bid 2♣ over 2♥ and pass over 3♥. I have reasonable defense and good playing strength for a 4-2-5-2 hand with 13 HCP.

This problem is based on a comment Eric Rodwell made in a Master Solver's column a few years ago. He gave this as an example of a hand on which some players would reopen with a double and some would not. Our split panel justified his estimation.

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2

IMPs
NS vul

W	N	E	S
3♦	3♠	?	

You, East, hold
 ♠QJ973 ♥-- ♦Q972 ♣8764
 What call do you make?

3

IMPs
NS vul

W	N	E	S
pass	pass	2♠*	?

*Weak Two-Bid

You, South, hold
 ♠T863 ♥AQJ9 ♦A3 ♣KQ7
 What call do you make?

North-South appear to have between 11 and 13 tricks when they find their heart fit. But they haven't yet found it, so East has a smorgasbord of choices.

Meyerson: Pass. The opponents probably have a slam in hearts. Bidding 5♦ here seems likely to push them into it, and it's easy to imagine responder's bidding 4♥ and playing there, or even raising to 4♠ on a doubleton.

Dunitz: 5♦. Let the opponents sort this out at the 5-level.

Mealy-mouth: 5♦. I'll pass South's 5♠ when it comes round to me (not a greedy bone in my body). What's the problem?

Meyers: 5♦. I suspect South will bid as many hearts as I bid diamonds. If I bid 6♦, South will bid a frustrated 6♥, whereas 5♦ will probably beget 5♥, and perhaps North won't have enough to raise. I am not a passed hand, so my values are unknown, and South was pressured to bid, which means North may cut his partner some slack, which is just what I want.

Davis: 6♦. They will have an excellent play for 6♥, and I fear that 5♦ may not create enough of a problem for them. I expected 6♦ doubled to be -500, but it could be as much as -1100.

Sacks: 3NT or 4NT or 5♦ or 4♠. How do we best keep hearts out of the picture? Let your imagination run wild.

Bell: 4♥. Isn't that obvious? *[Mr. Bell, I don't care how many masterpoints you have. I don't think you'll make 4♥.]*

My actions are reasonable. My favorite is doubling 3♠, knowing that it is making.

Sacks: Pass. Clear-cut. If partner cannot bid, we are missing at most a part score.

Meyerson: Pass. The alternative is 2NT on this "stopper." That is okay, but partner is already a passed hand (making game iffy) and will balance with a maximum and short spades.

Bell: 2NT. I don't think passing when vulnerable at IMPs is right even though I don't have great hopes for a game opposite a passed partner. Yes, my spade "stopper" is somewhat lacking.

Mealy-mouth: 2NT. I'm relying on partner to have a double spade stopper. QJ doubleton will do, and so will Q singleton when West leads the J from J7 doubleton. This is perfectly safe, as no West can double opposite today's popular "third seat, favorable vulnerability" Weak Twos.

Meyers: 2NT. RHO, not vulnerable versus vulnerable, could have 5-card suit, I like 2NT, especially because I play Lebensohl and partner, with a spade stopper, cannot bid a natural 2NT if I double.

Dunitz: Double.

Davis: Double. I definitely need a flexible bid on this hand, as I have no idea where we belong. Lebensohl responses will let me know if I should bid over partner's response.

This problem is from Justin Lall. Pass, double, 2NT, and maybe even a twisted 3♥ are all possible. I like 2NT, as does Justin.

4

IMPs
NS vul

W	N	E	S
2♠*	dbl	3♠	?
*Weak Two-Bid			

You, South, hold
 ♠A8 ♥K76 ♦Q10765 ♣974
 What call do you make?

5

W	N	E	S
1♣	2♥*	?	
*Weak Jump Overcall			

You, East, hold
 ♠985 ♥76 ♦QT863 ♣AQ6
 What call do you make at:
 (a) Board-a-Match, none vul
 (b) IMPs, EW vul

Bell: 4♦. 3NT could be right, but if partner has the perfect hand for 3NT, we might make 6♦.

Mealy-mouth: 4♦. Sorry, Marshall, I just can't get myself to bid 3NT, as I don't see eight fast tricks in the other three suits after a spade lead. If partner has a singleton ♠K or a doubleton ♠Q, I'll blame him for failing to overcall 2NT. Oh, John is directing nowadays? Apology and comment withdrawn.

Meyerson: 4♦, a normal bid. 3NT requires an awful lot from partner, and double is likely to reach a 4-3 4♥ which will rarely be a good contract.

Davis: Double. I'll correct 4♣ to 4♦.

Meyers: Double. I think this is close between a responsive double and 4♦ but with ♥Kxx, I am willing to play a Moysian fit in hearts, so I prefer double. Double denies four hearts but shows enough values to play at the four-level.

Dunitz: Double. I'll a) correct 4♣ to 4♦, and b) pass 3NT or 4♥.

Sacks: Double. I'll correct 4♣ to 4♦. I think this sequence shows heart tolerance.

This is another problem from Justin Lall. Pass, double, 3NT, 4♦, and maybe even a very aggressive 5♦ are all possible. I like the flexible double.



Mealy-mouth: (a) 3♣. Go with the frequency odds (could be disastrous, but more often successful) and compete. They say that playing in a 3-3 fit builds character. (b) Pass. Go with the payoff odds (6-IMP gain if bidding is "right," zillion-IMP loss if bidding is "wrong"). If we have a game, partner will bid again (most likely, 2NT with his balanced 19 HCP), and I'll put him in game.

Meyerson: (a) and (b) Pass. No reasonable alternative. Partner can always balance.

Davis: (a) Pass. Then 3♦ over partner's reopening double. (b) Pass, but vulnerable at IMPs, double is a close second choice.

Meyers: Double. I play this shows enough values to bid and denies four spades. I don't love it, but unless I'm playing Lebensohl after partner's reopening double, I hate to pass and then have to bid only 3♦.

Bell: (a) Pass. I'm not tempted to raise clubs with 3-card support or make a negative double with three bad spades. (b) Pass. I think the real problem will come when partner reopens with a double. (I shall bid 3♦)

Dunitz: Pass

Sacks: Pass. I don't quite have enough stuff to bid 3♣. Make the ♦Q the king, and I might venture forth. It's definitely not enough to make a negative double with three spades to no honors.

I meant to give the actual conditions, which was not vul vs. vul at BAM, not the actual problems. My apologies. I kibitzed Roger Lee on this hand. Roger doubled, which should have been the winning call. Roger's partner bid 3NT with a 1444 19 HCP hand. 3NT had 10 top tricks for +430. Roger's counterpart passed, and beat 2♥ four tricks for +400. Roger's partner pulled a wrong card and wound up with nine tricks for +400 and an unusual push.