

Bridge News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Robert Shore

Grand National Teams



Our GNT Coordinator, Jeff Grotenhuis, has been furiously educating himself about the process of running a GNT qualifier during a pandemic. It has been a lot of quiet, behind-the-scenes work involving a fair amount of reading and practice, as well as countless meetings with those who have been there, done that. It's the tedious but utterly necessary part of taking on a responsibility of this nature, and it deserves to be acknowledged. Thank you, Jeff, for taking the time necessary to learn how to do this right.

We intend to hold District GNT qualifiers for the (on-line) 2021 GNT national championship. I'm guessing that because it will be on-line, it will be ranked as an NABC event, rather than an NABC+ event, which means that winning the Championship flight won't count toward Grand Life Master qualification. That's how ACBL treated North American Pairs, and I have no reason to think they'll do otherwise with the corresponding team event. We have to complete qualifying by the end of June, so our District qualifier will very likely also be on-line. Further details, such as price and how many flights will run simultaneously, have not yet been decided. Watch the *Bridge News*, among other sources, for later details.

The Return of Tournaments

I don't have much to say about the return of in-person bridge to our local clubs. That's really up to the clubs. I would suggest, though, that once you get your vaccination card, you hold onto it. Clubs are private businesses, independent of ACBL and the District. My guess is that in addition to other precautions, a number of clubs will require proof of vaccination. If they choose to impose that requirement

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District Director Report

by Kevin Lane

“Bridge is a game and should be fun.”



Thanks to all

This is my final column, so I thank all those who have helped promote bridge in District 23. John Jones will be a great representative for our district; good luck to him.

Recapping my experience on the board

ACBL management has developed into a strong team capable of setting business strategy and executing it. The best hope for a prosperous ACBL future is that ACBL management be allowed to do just that.

When I started on the ACBL BoD I was 17 years younger than the median board member. More importantly, I had corporate management experience both on the board of a mid-size company and on the employee side as an officer occasionally dealing with board members. In short, I necessarily represented a new perspective.

My professional experience with boards

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(or any other requirement that's not contrary to law), it's their choice to make, and neither ACBL nor the District has anything to say about it.

Tournaments, though, are a different story. Because ACBL provides directors for tournaments, they get a say. No decisions have been made yet, but I think it's pretty likely that ACBL will impose a vaccine requirement (with a medical exemption) for tournament attendance for at least a little while. So when you get vaccinated, if you want to play in tournaments, you'll probably need that card.

I mentioned that some District Presidents have began conferring once a month for a conference call to compare notes and share ideas on how we can grow the game. It looks like our California neighbors in Districts 21 and 22 are planning to edge fairly slowly back into the tournament scene. I'm pretty confident that the Palm Springs regional will occur as scheduled and I predict that a number of Units will hold sectionals in the late summer or early fall. I'm even hoping we can hold our November STAC. But I think it's safe to say that our neighbors, at least, won't be rushing to reopen their tournaments as soon as possible, so expect more cancellations even after ACBL gives the green light. This will have sorted itself out by next July, so I think you can count on Bridge Week 2022 proceeding as scheduled.

An Important Thank You

For most of the last six years, Kevin Lane has served as our District Director. It's a lot of work and often frustrating even in normal times. That workload has surely multiplied during the pandemic. Kevin's goal when he first ran for the Board six years ago was to move decision-making at the Board level to a more sustainable model. I think Kevin feels that the recently passed reorganization has gone a long way toward achieving that goal. By the time you read this, Kevin will have stepped down from his post as District Director. Our First Alternate, John Jones, has assumed the role for the remainder of Kevin's term, which ends this year, and Kevin has accepted a spot as an at-large member on the District's Executive Committee. I'd like to thank Kevin for taking on this task and sticking with it through the last six years.

Due to the reorganization, the position of District Director for District 23 will no longer exist after this year. Instead a single regional representative will be chosen to represent the interests of Districts 22 and 23 on the new board. The current District Director

for District 22, David Lodge, is running for that position. I understand that nominations for the post will close in a month or two.

Next Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on Saturday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. I am hoping to hold this meeting in person at a shady outdoor location (probably a park) to be determined. Since vaccinations are opening to all adults by April 15, I think by then pretty much all attendees will have had the opportunity to get vaccinated. This will be our election meeting, so Unit Presidents please be sure to send your full complement of representatives to ensure we have a quorum that can legally elect new or returning officers for a two-year term.

Something you want me to know? Contact me at Bob78164@yahoo.com.

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starkly contrasted with the ACBL board I joined. Most notably, the corporate boards had strongly emphasized the current and future prosperity of the organization. Perhaps a "laser focus" is a more apt phrase – discussions revolved around critical success factors for the organization. By contrast, I was and am struck by how much of the ACBL BoD's work – and the board works very hard – is spread across any number of issues unrelated to the core issue of the ACBL's long-term prosperity.

Fortunately, the board has started the process of reducing its size from 25 to 13. I remain concerned however that the ACBL board continues to retain active involvement and authority in areas other than the critical issues facing the organization. The board has numerous experts in critical business areas, but as a body of 13 or 25, the board has less experience and expertise than ACBL management. My experience on the board is that a group of 25 (or 13) people can't effectively delve into the details of a marketing or technology plan.

In summary, I encourage ACBL members to continue advocating for the board of directors to focus on key business issues while delegating other issues to management, the Board of Governors or outside committees.

You may contact the new District Director John Jones at: district23director@acbl.org

The Director's Corner

by David White



Five minute (or less) guide to BBO Swiss Teams

Player Procedure

1. Before getting on BBO, organize your team. Decide who will partner with whom and who is which direction.
2. Everybody log into BBO. Find your event in the BBO lobby by clicking "Competitive" then "All Tournaments" and searching by whatever method is convenient for you.
3. North: invite your partner, South: accept.
4. West: invite your partner, East: accept.
5. North: wait 30 seconds and navigate back to the registration page.
6. North: click on "Select Teammates" at the top right of the window and invite the West player. West: accept.
7. Your team is now registered for the event. Stay in the BBO Lobby (It's the BBO home page) and wait for the game to start.

Player Cautions, Warnings, & Notes

You cannot change direction once registered or between rounds. You cannot have a five or six member team. It's the way the program is written.

The Victory Point score is the number of VPs you have over the total number of VPs in the entire game. So it looks very low.

The "Other Tables" screen is blocked until all tables are finished.

Any team may play another team twice, or more. (This is technically Danish Teams, not Swiss.)

Director Cautions, Warnings, & Notes

There is always an even number of teams. BBO adds a team of sitouts if odd.

Most of the items you would edit cause the scoring method to revert to matchpoints. So, everytime you edit the tournament, the last thing you should do is check that it's still set for IMPs.

The first round is not seeded. It is a random draw.

The game plays quickly. Six minutes a board is

usually more than enough for even the slowest players.

0-5 Newbie to Duplicate Player Summary 03-31-2021 by Robert Shore

Al Smith (D7) has an upcoming class for Beginners online starting April and will be launching new players June 28th. (750 people registered so far more after you advertise in your district.)

WHY? My thought is developing programs/ areas for them to play that are comfortable for beginners to catch them when they launch. Bring them into the ACBL, help them get used to playing, and then get them comfortable enough to play in the 0-99er games. We are also launching beginner players to go and play in our clubs and be trained by our teachers who mainly love working with people who have some rudimentary knowledge of the game.

Al and I invited other people to talk about the concept and Liz Smith (D17), Chris Cookson(D19), Jeff Overby(D9), and Roger Smith (D21) were able to attend and brain storm with Al Smith(D7) and Tracey Bauer (D21)

Al's beginner program will launch players June 28th so ideally we want to build a program or club to "catch" these new players and launch as many of them into duplicate as we can.

Please see the flyer on page 5 for a description of Al's lesson program.

District 23 Rank Changes February 2020

Junior Master

Yvonne Schimmel

Club Master

Stephen E. Andersen
Kirsten Blockhus
Marcy Kelly
Linda Leventhal
Maria Marvosh
Jeffrey A. Robinson
Georgia Seid
Melinda G. Wilson

Sectional Master

Rita Davis
Synne Hansen Miller
Yeu Jen K. Hsiao
Danny H. Lerner
Peggy A. Mitteldorf
Jan Van Lierop
Rita L. Van Lierop
Alissa Wayne

Regional Master

Harold E. Avent
Carole E. Lebental

NABC Master

Carole M. Hamburger
Debbie Hamilton
Brenda Rosin
Edward A. Ruttenberg
Carnell Wingfield

Advanced NABC Master

Zorina Pelant

Life Master

Tam Lachoff
Susan Shane Schwab

Bronze Life Master

Dwight M. McCormick
Susan Morse-Lebow

Bronze Life Master

Susan Shane Schwab
Ho Ming Yim

Silver Life Master

Vicki Ebin
Colleen K. Gardner
Linda Renkus

Ruby Life Master

Sharon Biederman

Gold Life Master

Donna D. Davidson
James K. Perkins
Brian Richardson
Patricia A. Schenasi

Sapphire Life Master

Theodore S. Glaessner

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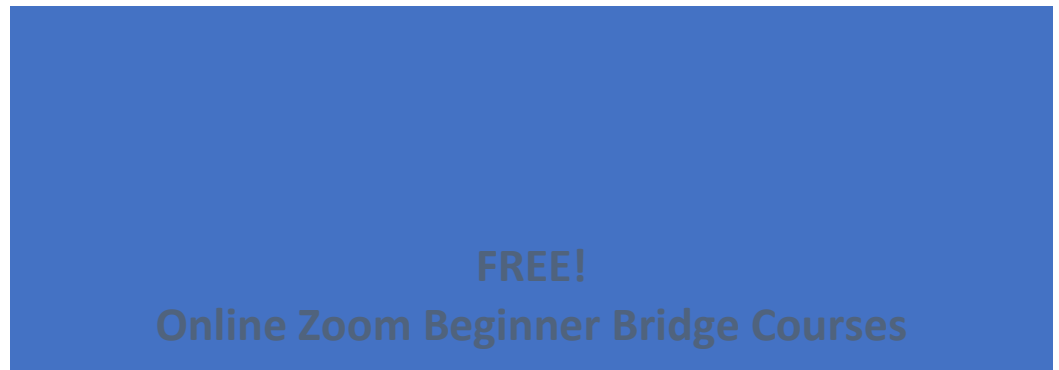
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Editor's Note

Due to a computer disaster which befell one of our main contributors – John Jones – the Puzzle Page and the Problem Solver's Panel are missing from this issue of the SCBN. We held off publication as long as we could, but we just know you are all panting for each issue to arrive on time, so ... alas, we went to press without those two items.



Al Smith



Free Beginner Class April to June

This beginner course from Al Smith is for those that want to learn to play bridge using the modern version of the Standard American bidding system, how to play online at Bridge Base Online (BBO), and info about the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

The course has 12 one-hour Zoom lessons followed by a Question-and-Answer session. Attend as many or as few as you want. Lesson handouts are emailed to participants before each lesson. Lessons in the course are:

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. General Concepts | 7. Overcalls |
| 2. Opening Bids | 8. Takeout X |
| 3. Response to 1NT Open | 9. Stayman, Jacoby & 2♠ Minor Transfers |
| 4. Responses to Suit Open | 10. Reverses and Splinters |
| 5. Rebids - Part I | 11. Strong 2♣ & Preempts |
| 6. Rebids - Part II | 12. Gerber & Blackwood |

The course is being taught on three different days at different times for 12 weeks starting the 1st week of April.

- April 6, Tuesday, afternoon at 1:30 PM EST
- April 8, Thursday evening at 7:00 PM EST
- April 10, Saturday morning at 10:00 AM EST

Choose the one that best fits your schedule. The course is being taught by Al Smith, 910-457-6674, se.carolina.bridge@gmail.com

To register, click on the following registration eForm link on the day you want to take the course. Fill out and submit. That is all it takes to register.

[Course Registration Link](http://eepurl.com/hmOj9z) <http://eepurl.com/hmOj9z>

After you register, you will receive an acknowledgment email with additional information.

Have fun - Learn to play bridge!

Around the Units
in District 23



Long Beach
by Lillian Slater

www.acblunit557.org
www.LongBeachBridge.com

Sorry, nothing from Long Beach this month.



Pomona –
Covina
by Tom Lill
www.acblunit551.org

Individual: Saturday, April 10, Upland

Yes, the Individual is back! At last. We have a new playing site this year, as you will no doubt have noticed. It is the home of Rose Roberts, 2501 Euclid Crescent Drive. Directions can be found on our Unit web site. It's a bit tricky to find – whoever laid out the roads up there was pretty much laid out himself. And used a rubber ruler, no doubt.

I've enquired as to the status of the Knights of Columbus facility, but haven't received any answer yet. Ditto the La Fetra Center.

This month, we have not one, not two, but THREE rank changes to report: Stephen Andersen and Maria Marvosh are now Club Masters. Ho Ming Yim has reached the status of Bronze Life Master.

Here's a moderately interesting hand that came up yesterday (as I write this) on RealBridge. We're playing IMP pairs. You, East, deal with none vulnerable, and pick up (so to speak) these cards:

♠ K 10 7 4 2 ♥ 8 ♦ A K Q 6 5 2 ♣ A

Another one of those semi-balanced hands. It is a 3-loser hand, but it's going to be tough to describe if you open 2♣. OK, 1♦ it is.

LHO overcalls 1♥, partner steps in with 1♠, and RHO finishes off the suit list with 2♣. Well? This hand has *enormous* playing strength! So I decided to venture a 4♥ splinter. LHO passed (first one of the auction!) and partner signed off in 4♠. Two passes, then LHO chimed in with 5♣. Partner doubled. Over to you.

This hand has way too much strength to accept what's likely only a 100 or 300 penalty, so a pull to 5♠ it is. But when it goes to RHO, he ups the ante: 6♣.

Now what? It happened to be a first-time partnership, making it tougher. What is partner's double all about? Can't possibly be trump tricks, with me holding the ♣A. Maybe she has poor spades, something like ♠QJxxx? Then partner likely has wasted honors in hearts, and we are likely off two key cards. So I doubled.

Too bad. 11 IMPs away. Here's the full deal:

<u>North</u>	
♠ none	
♥ 9	
♦ J 9 7 4 3	
♣ K Q 7 6 5 4 3	
<u>West</u>	
♠ A Q 6 5 3	<u>East</u>
♥ J 19 6 4 3 2	♠ K 10 7 4 2
♦ 10	♥ 8
♣ 1011	♦ A K Q 6 5 2
	♣ A
<u>South</u>	
♠ J 9 8	
♥ A K Q 7 5	
♦ 8	
♣ J 9 8 2	

As you can see, 6♠ is cold as the cards lie, and 6♣ is only one down. I guess it *does* help to know your partner's tendencies! Note that 5♦ is down on the rotten trump break. But then, three of the four hands are semi-balanced. Ahem. So the bad breaks are to be expected.

Quote for the month: "If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get a million miles per gallon, and would explode once a year, killing everyone inside." (Robert X. Cringely)

Downey – Whittier by Linda Eagan and Liz Burrell

[Nothing from Downey-Whittier this month.]



Santa Clarita- Antelope Valley by Beth Morrin

The Unit 556 General Membership meeting** was held on March 14, 2021. We announced the results of the Unit Board election. The following: Beth Morrin, Bob McBroom, Gay Gipson, Jan Ladd, May Ho, Paula Olivares, Rand Pinsky, Roy Ladd, Ruth Baker and Tomoko Stock were elected as board members for the next year. All officers were willing to continue serving in their present jobs.

We plan to continue operating a Virtual Club on BBO and offer online bridge lessons using Shark Bridge for the rest of this year.

The pandemic impact on face-to-face bridge play has been extensive and this year's restrictions and uncertainties led our Unit 556 Board to make the difficult decision to postpone our annual tournament, "The Magic Mountain Sectional," until 2022.

Winners in Unit 556+ Open MP games:

Mon. Feb. 22

N/S	Rae Murbach – Gerard Geremia	63.50%
E/W	Ruth Baker – Roy Ladd	64.14%

Tues. Feb. 23

N/S	Sharry Vida – Beth Morrin	57.80%
E/W	Saul Teukolsky - Roselyn Teukolsky	66.01%

Thurs. Feb. 25

N/S	Amr Elghamry – Rae Murbach	60.86%
E/W	Bill Broek – Temo Arjani	62.85%

Fri. Feb 26

N/S	Ruth Baker – Kathy Flynn	59.80%
E/W	Amr Elghamry – Gerry Belcher	63.13%

Mon. Mar. 1

N/S	Kathy Swaine – Rand Pinsky	70.86%
E/W	Carol Reukauf – Paul Reukauf	58.43%

Tues. Mar. 2

N/S	Kathy Swaine – Rand Pinsky	73.15%
E/W	Sharry Vida – Rosalee McEntyre	62.50%

Thurs. Mar 4

N/S	Anita Walker – Ruth Baker	63.23%
E/W	Kathy Flynn – Bob McBroom	65.66%

Fri. Mar. 5

N/S	Rae Murbach – Gerard Geremia	62.82%
E/W	Ruth Baker – Kathy Flynn	61.54%

Mon. Mar. 8

N/S	Rae Murbach – Gerard Geremia	61.09%
E/W	Carolyn Cohen – Gerry Belcher	61.91%

Tues. Mar. 9

N/S	Sharry Vida – Beth Morrin	65.28%
E/W	Bill Broek – Melanie Moran	61.57%

Thurs. Mar. 11

N/S	Pat Larin – David White	66.30%
E/W	Kathy Flynn – Bob McBroom	60.74%

Fri. Mar. 12

N/S	Bob McBroom – David White	63.03%
E/W	Gay Gipson – Paula Olivares	59.85%

Mon. Mar. 15

N/S	Carolyn Cohen – Dominique Moore	63.51%
E/W	Paula Olivares – Bill Brodek	58.18%

Tues. Mar. 16

N/S	Pat Larin – David White	71.30%
E/W	May Abagi – Hani Abraham	62.04%

Thurs. Mar. 18

N/S	Harry Randhawa – David Khalieque	59.22%
E/W	Kathy Flynn – Bob McBroom	63.80%

Fri. Mar 19

N/S	Roshen Hadulla – Aggi Oschin	60.28%
E/W	Ruth Baker – Kathy Flynn	60.00%

Winners of Unit 556+ Sunday Afternoon IMP Pairs

Game at 3:25:

Sunday Feb. 28	Kathy Flynn – Bob McBroom
Sunday, Mar. 7	Roshen Hadulla – Bill Brodek
Sunday, Mar. 14	Kathy Swaine – Rand Pinsky
Sunday, Mar. 21	Debra Pride – Pat Larin

Next Board meeting: In approximately 2 months, via Zoom.

** ACBL suggested we follow the guidance of Paula Goedert, a corporate governance specialist, and apply the *cy pres* doctrine which allows a court to amend a document to enforce it “as near as possible” to its original intent in situations where it is impossible, not practical, or illegal to enforce it under its original terms.

So during this pandemic, that means that Units and Districts in following their bylaws should do something reasonable in the circumstances to hold their annual meetings and their elections.

The District 23 Club by David White



All-Western club expands; again.

The D23 is one of the sponsoring organizations of the All-Western 99er Night club. Along with Districts 17, 21, and 22, this virtual club holds two games every night. A 0-20 point game at

6:20 and a 0-99 point game at 6:30. (All times are PDT.)

District 19 (Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska) has joined the All-Western club. If you are looking for an evening limited game this is the place to play. Before the addition of D19 the 0-20 game was usually seven to nine tables in size. The 0-99 game usually 30-35 tables.

This on-line club is open all players with 100 Masterpoints or less who are residents of District 17, 19, 21, 22, or 23; provided their home club has enrolled in the program. There is no guest plan for this club, each player must be a member of a club in one of those four districts.

A large portion of the entry fee is returned to the player's home club.

This club also host a zoom chat before the game and a short lesson, question, and answer session on Zoom after the game.

99er Nite Club games are held Mon-Thur at 6:20pm and 6:30pm. At this time the club has no series awards.

Finding these limited games on BBO can sometimes be a challenge.

From the BBO opening screen, click on **COMPETITIVE**. On the new Tournaments screen click on ACBL Virtual Clubs. In the upper right hand corner, Click on SEARCH, then type in the search word. *D23* for the D23 club, or *All* for the All-Western club. The game will appear in the much shorter list. Click the game and register as normal. If you are blocked or refused, message the director or 'ellis10'.

D23 Club

This online club is sponsored by Unit 556. It holds one game weekly at 3:15pm on Sundays. It is open to players with fewer than 500 masterpoints. At least one member of the partnership must be a resident of District 23.

While this game does not return any money to home clubs or the district, it charges only the minimum entry fee required by BBO, \$3.00

This game also rewards the series winners. The top six players each month, by the average of their two best games.

For March these winners were:

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| 1. Edward Pelent (tie) | 74.7% |
| 2. Zonna Pelent (tie) | 74.7% |
| 3. Paul Brunton (tie) | 68.3% |
| 4. James Gates (tie) | 68.3% |
| 5. Rosalee McEntyre tie | 61.7% |
| 6. Judith Smith (tie) | 61.7% |

Coming soon, D23 Swiss Team Club

An application has been sent to ACBL and BBO to start a club dedicated to only team games. The purpose of this club will be two fold. First to boost the interest and comfort level of all players in on-line team events. Second to provide a reasonably sized team event.

The current plan is for this club to play Sunday nights at 6:00 pm and charge the minimum \$3.00.

If you would like to sign up for the D23 limited pair game, contact Paula Olivares at:

mailto:paula@pacbell.net

and include 499ers in the subject line.

For more information about the All-Western 99ers or the D23 Swiss Team Clubs, contact David White at: mailto:davewhite50@verizon.net

Pasadena – San Gabriel

by Morris “Mojo” Jones

bridgemojo.com



It’s beginning to feel like the days are numbered for the Pasadena Pomona Downey VBC (virtual bridge club). At least two of the five clubs in our pool are holding some in-person bridge games,

though neither are back to a schedule as full as a year ago. Online table counts throughout the ACBL are beginning to show a steady decline. In person events are expected to come back at about 50% pre-pandemic attendance.

I hope to learn more about the renovation plans for the San Marino Center in the next few weeks. That is an exciting development, but it does preclude reopening the San Marino Bridge Club for quite a while.

With bridge players typically being eligible for early vaccinations (search for Boomers got the Vax from Saturday Night Live), I’m fully expecting many of my players to scatter to the four corners of the globe this summer. Jane and I are already making travel plans for most of June and July. My last online bridge classes for this season will be wrapping up before Memorial Day.

I’ll resume a beginning bridge program in the fall, but will that be online, in-person, or both? We’ll see how the world looks in September.

I’ll be looking to the ACBL for changes to the virtual club program that will support a mix of in-person bridge clubs with online bridge. The one thing that was missing from online bridge pre-2020 is a safe place for groups of bridge students to practice the game and discover duplicate bridge. The “casual” side of BBO is a horrible place for a new player to practice, unless they have a full table of friends. If the ACBL is to have sanctioned online virtual clubs after this summer, the walls of the VACB system have to come down. My bridge classes have attracted students from Hawaii to New Jersey, and Vancouver to San Diego. These students are forming friendships and want to play together. Suitable clubs for newer players need to support geographical diversity.

Online bridge classes have proven to be viable, and in many ways more effective than lessons held in person. As a bridge teacher, that leaves me with a graduating class of 2021 that has never played bridge with physical cards. Many of them may never set foot in a bridge club, but I want them to at least have the opportunity to discover the joys of sitting at a table of familiar friendly folks playing a card game.

The RealBridge platform from the UK comes closest to anything I’ve seen to live bridge. I currently have a limited run of Tuesday evening social duplicate games made up of my bridge students from the past year. My first introduction game had eight tables, and I’m expecting a full six tables for the following three Tuesday evenings. These serve as a delightful introduction to duplicate bridge, but they are not ACBL sanctioned games. This might be a workable model for moving bridge players into ACBL competition.

BBO is testing and rolling out full video and audio with the virtual club games, but I’ve not had anyone express interest in turning on the feature. Let me know how you feel about that.

Congratulations to new Junior Master Yvonne Schimmel, new Sectional Master Yeu Jen Hsaio, and new Bronze Life Master Dwight McCormick!

In a year without major tournaments, for Unit 559 this year all of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney winners were the same for every category. As a reminder, Ace of Clubs is awarded to the player who wins the most masterpoints in club games. The Mini-McKinney is for the most points overall in each category:

MP Category	2020 Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs
0-5	Julie Miller
5-20	Kim Ebner
20-50	Michael Rodrigues
50-100	Jeof Wyrick
100-200	Paulette Burkitt
200-300	Margaret Shifley
300-500	Angela Peters
500-1000	Dwight McCormick
1000-1500	Fredy Minter
1500-2500	Ernie Wong

MP Category	2020 Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs
2500-3500	Gerry Geremia
3500-5000	Rae Murbach
5000-7500	Roselyn Teukolsky
7500-10000	Lulu Minter
>10000	John Jones

Trivia Time!

It is impossible to lick your elbow. (On the other hand, why on earth would you want to?)

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. (Maybe they swallowed a lot of pennies as children – although that doesn't seem too smart!)

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace.

Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

There is, of course, an infinite number of integers. Suppose this infinite list were arranged in alphabetical order. Which number would be first in the list; which would be last?

A: "Eight" would be first; "zero" would be last.

Apple had a 3rd co-founder, Ronald Wayne. He sold his 10% share in 1976 for \$800 because he did not like Jobs. It would be worth \$94B today.

Buzz Aldrin had to file an expense report for his trip to the moon. He claimed \$33.31 in travel expenses. (Scott Carpenter, in his expense report for his Mercury flight, claimed mileage reimbursement for his three orbits around the Earth – roughly 75,000 miles or so. NASA then handed him a bill for the Atlas booster he rode on – about \$2,000,000.)



Limericks Revisited

As you may recall, the April 2020 issue of the SCBN was the first one to be really blitzed by the pandemic. Content was way down. We filled some of the void with a few limericks.

Well, one year later, we again have a content shortage (see page 4 for an explanation). So it's time for limericks again.

However, what follows is just the final line of some hoary (no, that's not what it means) old favorites. How many do you know and recognize? If you get stuck, you can probably google them. Or send an email to the Editor, maybe he will oblige with the complete limerick(s). Some are even clean! OK, here goes:

- And returned on the preceding night.
- The name, ma'am is Simpson, not Sampson.
- It was grey, had long ears, and ate grass.
- To do what, and with which, and to whom.
- I wish that I knew how the hell he can.
- Disorderly, drunk and obscene.
- And the clean ones so seldom are comical.
- To sell it, dear sir, is a felony.
- And everyone thought it was me.
- Was the same information in Braille.
- And practically useless on dates.
- And now they're interred side by side.
- And the bother of having a child.

