

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – January 7, 2009

Present: Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Ed Feldmann, Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Mario Mory

Guests: Sandy Einberg, Sandi Haveson, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 1/6/09: \$32,938.19. The Unit's subsidization of the holiday party ran to approximately \$3,300 this year. Jeri Berger informed Howard of her inability to attend the party several weeks in advance and will receive a refund of her payment.

PARTY HEARTY – The Board thanked Candy for her hard work in organizing a second consecutive successful holiday party. A few concerns were raised by members: the dress of the catering staff could be more professional, and we may decide to book different entertainment in the future after two enjoyable years with the Mighty Echoes.

ALL THE BRIDGE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT – Bill passed around a copy of this month's Bridge News, the first Internet-only issue, which prints out on 19 pages. All members are asked to publicize the Bridge News at the clubs, with friends, etc. The District is in the process of creating an e-mail database that will simplify e-mail blasts including e-mail delivery of SCBN.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI – Barbara made a motion to contribute \$200 to the ALACBU Scholarship Fund to name the two-session final Sunday Swiss Teams at Bridge Week in honor of the West Los Angeles Unit Player of the Year, Becky Clough. The motion passed unanimously.

LITTLE OLD LADIES IN PASADENA – The Bridge Week regional will be held at the Pasadena Hilton in early July. Bill provided details of a special event that will be held on the night of July 3. The Calcutta event will be open to all and will begin with an auction of all pairs at 7:15 p.m., with game time at 8 p.m. The minimum bid will be \$50 and pairs will be required to buy themselves in the absence of other bidders. The top three finishers will cash.

WE HARDLY KNEW YE – Ed has discussed the possibility of resigning from the Board. Howard will speak with him. If a vacancy does arise, Candy and Jeri Berger have generously agreed to make themselves available. Howard will speak with them and a decision will be made by the parties involved.

ELECTION DAY – The following officers were elected and positions filled:

President: Howard
Vice President: Carolyn
Treasurer: Fred
Secretary: Jordan
Membership Chair: Roger
Disciplinary Chair: Cecil
Recorder: Gene White
Business Manager: Fred
Tournament Coordinator: Peter
Publicity Chair: Mario
Hospitality Chair: Toby
Novice Chair: Karen
Charity Chair: Barbara
Unit Education Liaison: Roger
NAP Chair: Karen
GNT Chair: Howard
ALACBU Representatives: Barbara, Carolyn, Cecil, Peter, Howard (alt.), Roger (alt.),
Toby (alt.)

DEAL ME IN – Sam reported that the Unit-Wide Championship format has changed and that the ACBL generator will produce the hand records that must be used to create the boards. Sam will speak with Barrington to make sure that boards are duplicated in the newly prescribed manner.

SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDER – Toby will send cards in honor of the recent passings of Barbara Lesser and Helen Kaswen.

AND FINALLY... – Some say that the exchange of 2 or fewer IMPs per board is the sign of a great bridge match. Draw your own inferences from the final score of the 16-board post-meeting match: RC/CC/CT/JC 58, KB/HE/TG/CS 33.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Mon., February 2, 2009, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – February 2, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Candy Scott

Absent: Cecil Cook, Sam Haveson, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Marcia Fisher

I WANT CANDY – Candy has replaced Ed Feldmann on the Board. Thanks to Ed for all of his contributions to the Unit and thanks to Candy for graciously volunteering to join the Board.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/2/09: \$31,697.04.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the Kayne Eras Center does not want us to file our application or submit our check until March 1, but that we should then be “good to go” unless he hears otherwise in the meanwhile. Peter will print flyers. E-mail blasts will be sent by Peter Knee and ACBL. Mario will submit an article for the blog to Jennifer Einberg by March 15. We will run at least one, perhaps two, ads in the Southern California Bridge News (online).

PARTY POOPERS – Candy brought her list of people who said they would pay the holiday party fee at the door but did not. We want to make sure not to extend this courtesy to violators in future years.

LITTLE OLD LADIES IN PASADENA – Bill told us about the schedule for Bridge Week (Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 12), which has been set and is in the process of being approved. It should be online within two weeks. July 3 will feature a one-session Calcutta as well as a 299'er team championship named in honor of Bill's late son. A four-session open pairs will be named for Mary Jane Farrell, a four-session Swiss teams for Marshall Miles, and the two-session final Sunday Swiss in honor of West Los Angeles Unit Player of the Year Becky Clough. ALACBU is considering reinstating an award, to be named for Eddie Kantar, in honor of the player who wins the most masterpoints at Bridge Week.

FRESH MEAT – Howard would like us to do something to attract new players. We will try to have some experienced players participate in the final (graduation) session of Candy's intermediate class at Santa Monica College. Candy also suggested the possibility of a “double potluck,” in which A players would play against each other, then compare with B/C teammates who had played against other B/C's. Howard hopes to receive additional, formal, proposals at our next meeting.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

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Unit Board Minutes – March 3, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Cecil Cook, Toby Green, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported that no checks were written during the past month and only \$23 in interest was accrued. Adding the \$23 to the cash on hand as of 2/2/09 yields cash on hand as of 3/3/09: \$31,720.04.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the spring sectional is proceeding as planned. Peter will take the contract and deposit to the Kayne Eras Center and will attend to the insurance problem that crops up each year. Caddies are in place. Flyers and e-mail blasts will be sent.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy proposed, and the Board approved, a Pro-Am Swiss Team game to be held in addition to the annual Pro-Am pair game. Subject to revision, the teams will consist of one pair of "A's" and one pair of "C's," or two pairs of "B's." We will ask Jeri Berger to continue to coordinate the pair game; June 7 was suggested as a possible date for that game. Candy will coordinate the team game, which will be held some time thereafter.

PRECIOUS MEDALS – The Board approved spending \$45 on medals for the Mini-McKenney winners in 2008. A free play for the second session of the Saturday of the spring sectional will be awarded to last year's Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners in each category.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Roxie Violin passed away. Gene Freed will be having a heart (valve) operation soon. Our own Toby Green is at St. John's recovering from a femur fracture.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

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Unit Board Minutes – April 7, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Candy Scott

Absent: Toby Green, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Jeri Berger

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 4/7/09: \$31,210.20.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that we have a signed contract for the spring sectional and the Kayne Eras Center has our deposit. Directors and caddies have been arranged. Cecil will procure tables. Email blasts will be sent. The Center did not ask for insurance this year.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Jeri Berger told the Board about her plans for the Pro-Am pair game, to be held Sunday, June 7 at 6 pm at Barrington. With Marcia Fisher's help, Jeri produced flyers and will post sign-up sheets at the clubs. There will be at least one director (Rodger Harbin) and perhaps two. Jeri, Carolyn and Sandy Einberg will handle food. Jordan will bring drinks. Prizes (including free plays) will be awarded to the winners. Discussion of Candy's Pro-Am team game was tabled until next month after Candy proposed an August date with an ice cream social theme.

PRECIOUS MEDALS – Sam will speak with Peter Knee. Letters to Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners included free plays to the first session of the Saturday of the sectional, rather than the second session as intended.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby sent notes to Marshall Wengrow, Dick Ryder and Vic Chernoff, as well as to herself! Earle Ziskin is in the hospital with a broken hip.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, May 4, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – May 4, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Sam Haveson

Guests: Phyllis Mory

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 5/4/09: \$32,104.92.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that we were down 39 tables from last year's spring sectional, representing a decrease of approximately \$1,600 in revenue. Pending expenses yet to be paid, we just about broke even on the tournament. A committee will be formed to increase attendance at the fall sectional. Peter received many complaints about the 11am and 4pm start times and we will change the start times for future sectionals to 10am and 3pm.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Preparations are well underway for the pairs pro-am game, Sunday, June 7 at 6pm at Barrington. So far, many more "am"s have signed up than "pro"s, but somehow it always works out in the end.

Candy's Swiss team pro-am will take place Sunday, August 30 at 6pm at Beverly Hills, and will feature an ice cream social theme. "A" players will partner A's and "B"s will partner B's; each team will consist of one pair of A's and one pair of B's. We will ask Sam to procure a STaC sanction for the game. Fred will confirm the availability of BHBC, plus coffee, etc.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Alan LeBendig passed away. Meril Graf had bypass surgery.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, June 1 at 6:15pm at BHBC.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – June 1, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Bill Schreiber

Guests: Sandy Einberg, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/1/09: \$32,780.30.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The Board voted to approve a 99'er game Saturday and a 299'er game Sunday, with a free entry on Sunday to those who play on Saturday. Howard and Peter will speak with area teachers and determine whether to hold the games during the morning or afternoon sessions. The main flyer will be updated to reflect the games and a separate flyer may be made for distribution to teachers and their students. Cecil will buy a 30-day ad for the fall sectional on Bridge Base Online.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Preparations are well underway for the pairs pro-am game, Sunday, June 7 at 6pm at Barrington. Final assignments were made and the event should be another big success.

Candy's Swiss team pro-am will take place Sunday, August 30 at 6pm at Beverly Hills. As no STaC is scheduled for that week, Sam will speak with ACBL to determine whether we will be able to offer increased masterpoint awards. The Board reviewed and suggested certain small changes to the flyer.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Dorothy Lipsky's husband passed away. Ed Troth is on a ventilator.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tues. June 30, 6:15 p.m., Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – June 30, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bill Schreiber

Absent: Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow (ten demerits), Carolyn Taff

Guests: None

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/30/09: \$32,407.52

PRO-AM MA'AM – Preparations are well underway for Candy's Swiss team pro-am, Sunday, August 30 at 6pm at Beverly Hills. It will be rated as a championship and extra masterpoints will be awarded.

PARTY HEARTY – The board will decide next month between the date of December 13 or a date in early January for the Unit party.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Ed Troth has been transferred to a respiratory hospital. Denny Seltzer broke his leg. Vic Chernoff is having a hip replacement.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Thurs. Aug. 6, 6:15 p.m., Beverly Hills.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – August 6, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Sam Haveson, Mario Mory, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Fred Mautner, Toby Green, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Betsy Lutz

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/6/09: \$33, 175.80

PRO-AM MA'AM – Preparations are well underway for Candy's Swiss team pro-am, Sunday, August 30 at 6pm at Beverly Hills. Silver points will be awarded. Candy and her "committee" will determine whether the card fee will be \$10 for all players, \$10 for amateurs only, or free for all players.

PARTY HEARTY – Discussion of the Unit Party was tabled. Both December 13 and an unspecified date in January remain under consideration.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter will obtain from Fred the \$500 deposit for Kayne Eras.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Condolence notes were sent upon the recent passing of Gene Freed, to Denny Seltzer on his broken leg, to Dick Ryder who is in the hospital, and to Paul Gelb upon his recent surgery.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tues. Sept. 1, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

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Unit Board Minutes – September 1, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Fred Mautner

SHOW ME THE MONEY – The treasurer's report shows cash on hand as of 9/1/09: \$33,647.17

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy reported that the Swiss Team Pro-Am was a success, with 17 teams of happy players. To participate in the WC STaC with no card fees, the event cost \$370. Several players were introduced to Swiss Teams for the first time. We hope they will come to our sectional, and will try to use this type of event to boost attendance at future sectionals. Thanks to Candy for organizing this successful event and to Karen for all of her help.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the sectional is ready to go. 70 tables will be delivered Friday. We will have the use of Bridgemates at no cost; a demonstration will be given for those who have not used them before. We will have the services of Mario and a designated caddy. Barbara and Toby will man the partnership desk. The ACBL's e-mail blast listed incorrect start times, but Cecil and Peter have sent the correct information to those who asked.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Dick Ryder passed away. Toby sent Judy Levi a card thanking her for the party she threw in Dick's honor at Twin Dragon.

PARTY HEARTY – The Board discussed two possible dates: November 22 and December 13. We also discussed whether to have a party this year and voted to do so. Carolyn will research two locations that might be available on November 22. Candy will make an entertainment proposal at the next meeting.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tues. Sept. 29, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – September 29, 2009

Present: Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow (late – 10 demerits), Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Roger Clough, Toby Green, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 9/29/09: \$34,385

PARTY HEARTY – Candy submitted a comprehensive plan for the holiday party, to be held Sunday, December 13 at the Kayne Eras Center and featuring a Black and White theme. Candy's budget calls for a total cost of \$7,000, with expected income of \$4,245 and a net loss of \$2,755, a savings of approximately 10% to 20% over the past two parties. Her schedule of events runs from 11 am to 5 pm. She presented a draft of an invitation with response form, to which the Board made suggestions for changes.

Rodger Harbin will direct with Candy likely acting as second director. Julio's daughter will caddy. The bridge game will coincide with the end of the STaC and silver points will be awarded. Sandy Einberg will bring desserts. Howard will send out the mailing. Cecil is in charge of insurance and Dischner. Mario will write an article for the Bridge News.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The fall sectional made a profit of approximately \$1,500.

THE POY POLLOI – The Player of the Year Committee, consisting of past winners, will meet and make recommendations at the next meeting. Carolyn, Mario and Jordan will again comprise the Volunteer of the Year Committee, which will present recommendations at the next meeting.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Chuck reported that Barbara Shields passed away, Sylvia Feinberg had a stroke, Fred had a broken hip, and Don Krauss had a triple bypass. Cards have been or will be sent.

NEW CLUB – Howard reported that he received an e-mail from ACBL informing him that a new club has been sanctioned: the Beverly Bridge Club at the home of Diane Taub, 1561 South Beverly Drive #202; L.A., CA 90035. It will hold an invitational game on Sundays at 5 pm with Pat Banks as director. The Board voted to submit a written waiver of the 30-day waiting period, allowing the club to commence its activities immediately.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, November 2, 6:15 pm, BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – November 2, 2009

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Sam Haveson, Mario Mory, Candy Scott, Bill Schreiber

Absent: Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 11/2/09: \$35,211.84.

THE POY POLLOI – The Player of the Year Committee presented the Board with four nominees. Two rounds of voting were held and the winner will be announced at the party. The Volunteer of the Year Committee has made its selection. Carolyn has purchased a gift and will make a certificate, both of which will be presented to the winner at the party.

PARTY HEARTY – Candy reported that preparations for the party are in full swing. Flyers have been printed and will be mailed out. Those who need checks should contact Fred directly.

ELECTION DAY – Bill has resigned from the Board. We thank Bill for his meritorious service. One person signed up to run for the Board, but it is not clear whether she in fact wishes to join the Unit Board or the Beverly Hills Bridge Club board. In either case, we do not appear to have need for an election.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The holiday party is the Unit's December meeting. The Board's next meeting will take place Monday, January 4, 2010, at a time and a location to be announced by Howard via e-mail.