

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – January 4, 2010

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

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough

Guests: Sandy Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Barry and Marcia Fisher, Sandi Haveson, Phyllis Mory

WELCOME ABOARD! – The Board welcomes its newest member, Brana Hall, who replaces Bill Schreiber.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 1/4/10: \$33, 062.77.

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

President – Howard
Vice President – Carolyn
Treasurer – Fred
Secretary – Jordan
Membership Chair – Roger
Disciplinary Chair – Mario
Recorder – Gene White
Business Manager – Peter
Tournament Coordinator – Peter
Publicity Chair – Mario
Hospitality Chair – Candy
Intermediate/Newcomer Chair – Karen
Charity Chair – Barbara
Education Liaison – Candy
NAP Coordinator – Karen
GNT Coordinator – Howard
Electronic Coordinator – Jordan
Web Master – Cecil
ALACBU Representatives – Barbara, Cecil, Howard, Peter
ALACBU Alternates – Roger, Toby

2010: A BRIDGE ODYSSEY – Candy prepared an informal calendar of 2010 Unit events that generated discussion. Carolyn will organize a committee to make a recommendation whether to hold the party on November 22 or December 12. The possibility of moving the Pro Am pairs to April in advance of the spring sectional will be mentioned to Jeri Berger and discussed at the next meeting.

PARTY HEARTY – The musical group, Westside Voices, will not be back next year. Carolyn reported that several people complained about the drafts at the Kayne Eras Center. Brana, Carolyn and Marcia will look into other possible venues starting early this year and will report back to the Board.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Earle Ziskin passed away. Thank you cards were sent to the Westside Voices and to the decorators for the party.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, February 1, 6:15 p.m., BHBC.

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Unit Board Minutes – February 1, 2010

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

Absent: Sam Haveson

Guests: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/1/10: \$33, 480.86.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – The Unit lost two valued members in Bernie Ravitz and Thelma Sacks. Although not a member of our Unit, many of us knew and will miss Bob Kerr. In much happier news, Howard's daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Jessica Lily. Congrats!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Candy has proposed a standing committee for special events, consisting of Candy (chair), Barbara, Karen, Sandy Einberg, Marcia, Mario (publicity), and Sam (sanctions). The committee would be authorized to purchase items for specific events or for a general inventory.

EVENT CALENDAR – Candy proposed a series of events. A consensus formed around three events: a Pro-Am pairs, likely on June 27; a Pro-Am Swiss teams, in August before our sectional; and a Halloween individual, Sunday October 31.

PARTY HEARTY – A committee of Brana, Candy, Carolyn, Mario and Marcia scouted potential alternative locations for the holiday party. Immediately eliminated from consideration were Mountaingate (we would have to finish too early) and the new meeting center in Culver City (depressing and smelly). The possibility of staying at Kayne Eras or returning to the Olympic Collection were discussed at greater length.

In the end, the Board decided to hold the holiday party at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club, likely on November 21 or possibly December 12. A buffet brunch will have a Mardi Gras theme with elaborate decorations. There will be background music and a strolling magician. Valet parking is available for \$5, but backlot and street parking are also available.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 6:15 p.m., BHBC.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – March 1, 2010

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

Absent: Sam Haveson

Guests: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/1/10: \$30,830.79.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter suggested that we do something for 99ers. The Board decided to add a 99er pair game on Sunday at 10am. The current flyer will be left as is, and Candy will create a second flyer for the 99er game. Teachers will be asked to bring students; Peter Knee will be asked to do an e-mail blast; and a director will be hired to run the sectionally rated game. Mario will write an article about the sectional by March 15 for the April SCBN, and Karen will coordinate with ACBL to have an e-mail blast sent out the first or second week of April.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy will run the Pro-Am pair game, which will be held on the evening of Sunday, June 27 at Beverly Hills.

PARTY HEARTY – Carolyn prepared and distributed a detailed package listing the costs, amenities, time line, and other details regarding the unit holiday party, Sunday, November 21 at Beverly Hills Country Club. Carolyn, Brana, and Marcia will co-chair the event, with Candy providing the Mardi Gras decorations.

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

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – April 6, 2010

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott

Guests: Marcia Fisher

COMINGS AND GOINGS – The Board warmly welcomes Bob Shore, who replaces Sam Haveson. The Board thanks Sam for his many, many years of meritorious service. Sam has graciously offered to continue to assist us as needed.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 4/6/10: \$30,161.23.

SECTIONAL HEALING – No ad will run in the May SCBN. Medallions and free plays (for Saturday's second session) will be sent to Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. We will not be using electronic scoring devices. Peter distributed flyers advertising the 99er game.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Marcia will create and post sign-up sheets for the pro-am game to be held Sunday, June 27 at Beverly Hills.

PARTY HEARTY – Carolyn reported that the contract with Beverly Hills Country Club has been signed.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – District members Bob Schwartz and Judy Rosenstiel passed away. Sam Namer's son died after a long illness. Sam, the husband of Faina (the attendant at BHBC), passed away. Toby will send a card to Sy Feshbach, who is out of the hospital recovering from an ulcer.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – May 11, 2010

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Toby Green, Mario Mory

Guest: Becky Clough

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 5/11/10: \$31,961.28.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The spring sectional was a success. Our table count was up by 30 and the tournament made a profit of between \$700 and \$800. Thanks to the tournament chair, Pete, and to Candy, who did a great job with the goodies. Pete's and Candy's efforts with the Kayne Eras Center have created a beneficial relationship with several perks for our unit. For the fall sectional, we will likely have compact knockouts on both weekend days.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy prepared a cost proposal for the June 27 Pro-Am Pairs. Barbara and Jordan will work sign-in; Becky and Howard will be responsible for pairings. Karen described a Pro-Am Swiss teams run by a unit in Florida, generating discussion of potential formats and ideas for our Pro-Am Swiss on August 22.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Tragedy hit our unit in late April when Carole Slavin's car was hit by a speeding driver while Carole waited to turn left at an intersection. To date, there is little hope that Carole will recover. Carole is a new player who showed great interest in bridge and we are all deeply saddened by this tragic situation. Condolences are also in order upon the passing of Loree Myers' son.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – June 2, 2010

Present: Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Brana Hall, Mario Mory, Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/2/10: \$31,889.28.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Howard distributed copies of the sectional flyer he prepared. It will be sent to the ACBL for inclusion on the website.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy reported on final preparations for the Pro-Am. She will ask Rodger or Denny to serve as first director; Candy will act as second director. The sanction has been obtained from ACBL. We will pay BHBC \$100. There will be some small prizes to be awarded as determined by Chuck. Jordan will bring sodas and ice. Jeri Berger will help as needed.

The Pro-Am Swiss will be held Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Barrington.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Carole Slavin passed away. Marshall Wengrow was hospitalized with gout and is now back home.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, July 12, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – July 12, 2010

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

Absent: Toby Green, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum, Bob Shore

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 7/12/10: \$32,781.16.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Flyers for the fall sectional have been distributed. An e-mail blast will be sent in August.

Larry Cohen will be holding a “regional at sea” over the first weekend in May. It is possible that Torrance may not be holding its Memorial Day weekend sectional. Cecil, Howard and Peter will work with the District to select a date for our spring 2011 sectional. Our first choice is to take over the Memorial Day weekend, which would mean four days of bridge and would clearly bookend the summer with our fall sectional over Labor Day weekend.

PRO-AM MA’AM – Candy reported on the recent Pro-Am. Overall, it went well. There was a problem with the service help. We need to start at a later time when next we return to BHBC.

The Pro-Am Swiss will be held Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Barrington. Candy showed us the flyers and sign-up sheets she has created for this event, which we hope will bring players to our fall sectional.

PLEDGE DRIVE – The Board voted to make a \$500 donation of behalf of the Unit to BHBC to help with its major renovation project. If and when Barrington, etc. undertakes a similar project, the Board will consider making a donation at that time.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – The Board sends best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Martha Orloff, who recently had cancer surgery.

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

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Unit Board Minutes – August 4, 2010

Present: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Brana Hall, Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/4/10: \$31,235.16.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Candy and Barbara will handle desserts and tables for the fall sectional. The Board decided to delay a decision on the spring sectional for a month since South Bay/Torrance has not yet decided whether we will be able to use their weekend (Memorial Day). We should know by next month whether the Kayne Eras Center will be available in the spring.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Candy discussed the need for set-up and clean-up help, nametags, and help freezing desserts for the August 22 pro-am Swiss teams. Pros will play with pros and ams with ams. Someone will be present to hear requests for different partners/teams.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS – There may be an individual tournament on October 31. The Beverly Hills board will discuss whether they wish to give up their regular Sunday game for a unit individual game. If they decide not to, we will then decide whether to run a unit game at Barrington opposite the regular Sunday game at Beverly Hills.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, August 31, 6:15 p.m., Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – August 31, 2010

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Harvey Katz

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/31/10: \$30,977.63.

SECTIONAL HEALING – We will not know until January whether the Kayne Eras Center will be in operation and available for our May sectional. We will schedule the sectional for Kayne Eras and switch in January if necessary.

ELECTION DAY – Candy will print out sign-up sheets with an October 8 cutoff for members to sign up for the Board. By September 15, Mario will write an article for the Bridge News regarding the election, the Halloween game, and the holiday party.

TRICK OR TREAT – The Halloween individual game will be held Sunday, October 31 at 1 p.m. at Beverly Hills instead of their normal Sunday game. Card fees will be free.

PRO-AM MA'AM – The Pro-Am Swiss was not a big hit. Candy recommends not scheduling such events to avoid conflicting with Beverly Hills, as few BH players attend anyway. Significant sentiment was expressed against holding another Pro-Am Swiss.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI – Barbara will chair a committee of past winners including Cecil, Howard, Peter and Roger to make nominations for the Player of the Year.

THE V.O.Y. POLLOI – Carolyn will chair a committee including Mario and Jordan to make nominations for the Volunteer of the Year.

PARTY HEARTY – Carolyn, Brana and Marcia distributed a calendar of events leading up to the Sunday, November 21 holiday party, a day-of-the-party schedule of events, and a detailed budget. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 6:15 p.m., Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – September 28, 2010

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

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 9/28/10: \$32,270.14.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The spring sectional was down eleven tables and \$500 from last year's. The Kayne Eras Center was very cold on Saturday and several people did not come back even though the temperature improved on subsequent days.

ELECTION DAY – It will not be necessary to hold an election this year.

TRICK OR TREAT – Flyers are out and decorations are ready for the Halloween individual game, Sunday, October 31 at 1 p.m. at Beverly Hills. We have extra players available if needed. There will be free plays for prizes. We are supplying the food; Beverly Hills is supplying coffee. Rodger Harbin and Don Crum will direct the shuffle-deal-and-play game.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI – Barbara presented her committee's four nominees for Player of the Year. The Board voted among the four, then in a runoff between the two leading vote-getters. A winner was determined and will be honored at the holiday party.

THE V.O.Y. POLLOI – Carolyn announced that her committee has selected a Volunteer of the Year, who will be honored at the holiday party.

PARTY HEARTY – Flyers have been printed for the holiday party. Carolyn did a great job to get them for 6 cents each plus shipping. Rodger and Elianna will direct the bridge game, which will use Bridgemates. Invitations will be mailed, copy out, between October 8th and 18th. Carolyn and her committee will look into the issue of insurance for the party.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – The Board extends its sympathy to the loved ones of the following individuals who recently passed away: Howard Deshong, Calvin Smith, Trudy Weber.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, November 1, 6:15 p.m., BHBC.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – November 1, 2010

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Mario Mory

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 11/1/10: \$32,446.74.

WHAT'S NEW, PUSSYCAT -- Roger reported that the Unit has seven new members and three transfers from other Units.

TRICK OR TREAT – The Board thanked Candy for her hard work in organizing the Halloween individual game, which drew 64 players. There were some problems with the movement and the Bridgemates; also, the sign-up sheet at Beverly Hills did not indicate that it was an individual. Some possible ideas for the future include holding a Pro-Am Individual, requiring advance registration, and the use of pre-printed guide cards.

PARTY HEARTY – Carolyn and Brana updated us on the plans for the holiday party. They will meet with Rodger Harbin to address concerns about the Bridgemates. The food selection will be extensive. Pre-duplicated boards will be used. We will not have a strolling magician. Bob and Toby will man registration. Roger and Cecil will arrive at 10 am to handle set up (tables, lighting, etc.). So far, we have received 48 sign-ups.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – The Board extends its sympathy to the loved ones of Jack Golden, who passed away last week. We also wish a speedy recovery to Mario, who fell down a staircase.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 6 p.m., BHBC.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – December 9, 2010

Present: Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 12/9/10: \$30,784.67. Additional party expenses of approximately \$1,000 will be included in the next report.

PARTY HEARTY – Howard thanked Brana, Candy, Carolyn, and Marcia for their hard work in putting together an excellent holiday party. We had ~35 tables of bridge, and received almost uniformly positive feedback. A few minor tweaks will be made next time, including a reference to the (valet) parking situation on the flyer. The Board will pay for the mentor games given out at the party.

SECTIONAL HEALING - It was reported that Kayne Eras Center recently purchased additional land for parking, suggesting the center will be in operation next year. Howard, however, raised the issue of whether we could house the sectionals at Barrington and, if necessary, BHBC.

WHAT'S ON TAP -- Candy presented some preliminary thoughts about possible events for next year, including an ice cream social, an individual, a pro-am pair game, unit-wide championships, and perhaps some special theme events such as a "lonely hearts" game before Valentine's Day.

LONG ARM OF THE (BY)LAW -- Bob and Cecil will prepare for the next meeting language for a possible amendment to the Bylaws regarding the conflict between service on our Board and involvement with (the Board of) clubs within our Unit.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Nusbaum. Barbara's address is 2200 Duxbury Circle; L.A., CA 90034 (south of Pico off of Beverly Drive). We will elect officers and fill other positions.