

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – January 4, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Colin Gordon, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphael, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Roger Clough, Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits)

Guests: Jeri Berger, Sandy Einberg, Ed Feldmann

THANK YOU -- The Board thanked Sandy and Howard for inviting us into their home and putting out such a wonderful spread.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 1/4/12: \$31,347.97.

WELCOME ABOARD -- On behalf of the Board, Howard officially welcomed Colin and David.

REGIONALS -- Peter reported that the District will have its last regionals at Marina Del Rey and Pasadena this year, with the Torrance Marriott the likely site for October. Next year, regionals will be held at Warner Center (February) and the Long Beach Westin (Summer).

SPECIAL EVENTS -- Candy passed out a proposed schedule of special events for the year. The first date is Wed. February 29, which will see a Unit-Wide Championship in the afternoon and (pending discussion with BHBC) a Sadie Hawkins Mixed Pairs event in the evening.

PARTY HEARTY -- Candy suggested the date of the Unit holiday party be moved from November so as not to conflict with the NABC in San Francisco. The Board reached consensus on a date of Sunday, December 9. Carolyn will attempt to secure the date with BHCC.

A SITE TO SEE -- Bob has placed a note in the Unit column soliciting candidates to create and maintain a Unit website, and will report on any nibbles. The Board also discussed the possibility of setting up a Unit page on Facebook or other social media sites.

ELECTIONS -- The following persons were elected (or appointed, as appropriate) to the following positions: President - Bob; Vice President - Howard; Treasurer - Fred; Secretary - Jordan; Membership - Roger; Electronic Contact - Roger; Webmaster - Cecil; Discipline - Chuck; Recorder - Gene White; Business Manager/Tournament Coordinator - Peter; Publicity - Candy; Hospitality - Barbara and Colin; Intermediate/Newcomer - Karen and Colin; Charity - Fred and David; Education Liaison - Howard; GNT - Howard; STaC - Cecil; NAP - Karen; Sunshine - Jeri and David; ALACBU Reps - Bob, Candy, Cecil, Peter; ALACBU Alternates - Barbara, Carolyn, Howard.

MENTORS -- Howard asked that those who play on Bridge Base Online and would be willing to

play with a beginner for one hour contact Carol Frank (username: h2osmom), who is organizing a mentoring program on BBO.

CHARITY -- Barbara solicited nominations for the District's \$1000/year college scholarship.

Candy suggested that the Board nominate local charities to Rand Pinsky for donation of funds received by the District from ACBL.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC.

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

Absent: Colin Gordon, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphel, Bob Shore (25 demerits - per Karen), Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/6/12: \$32,110.23.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- Candy passed out an updated proposed schedule of special events for the year, including several with multiple possibilities. Please review the schedule and provide input. The date of the St. Patrick's Day game, March 17, was approved by the Board.

PARTY HEARTY -- Carolyn - if she hasn't already - will book the Beverly Hills Country Club for the holiday party on Sunday, November 18.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Cecil passed out a draft flyer for the May 4-6 STaC weekend at Barrington and Beverly Hills. There may be a problem getting the second room at BHBC. Peter will speak with Kayne Eras regarding the Labor Day sectional.

CUT, PRINT IT -- Candy will print out hard copies of the Southern California Bridge News for the clubs. The Board agreed to reimburse Candy \$15 per month, payable quarterly.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Beverly Rosenberg passed away. Pat Banks had a pacemaker put in and is in the hospital doing fine.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC.

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Unit Board Minutes – March 5, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphael, Bob Shore, Candy Scott

Absent: Roger Clough, Brana Hall, Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 3/5/12: \$29,947.17.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- The St. Patrick's Day game, Saturday, March 17, is going forward as a Unit-Wide Championship game at 1:00 p.m. at both Barrington and BHBC. We will ask BHBC for permission to run a free individual game on Sunday, April 1st.

PARTY HEARTY -- Marcia will attend Beverly Hills Country Club on Thursday and confirm the status of our efforts to reserve Sunday, November 18 for the holiday party.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Cecil succeeded in getting the second room at BHBC for the May 4-6 STaC weekend. He distributed a revised draft that is ready to go pending any feedback from Barrington. The STaC will be a normal STaC. Peter is having trouble getting a response from Kayne Eras Center regarding the Labor Day sectional. A number of ideas were discussed for attracting teachers, students, juniors and new players to our events. A committee will spearhead this effort.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – April 10, 2012

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

Absent: Howard Einberg, Colin Gordon, Fred Mautner, David Raphel

Guest: Sam Haveson

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Chuck (for Fred) reported cash on hand as of 4/10/12: \$29,693.05.

SANCTIONS -- Sam distributed a how-to sheet on applying for ACBL sanctions. The Unit has approximately 24 available per year. We have used six so far with two more in April, including the split Unit-Wide Championships on Tuesday, April 17. Unit-Wide games are scored at each club and Sam combines them. Unit-Wide boards are generated by Rick Turner.

PARTY HEARTY -- We have reserved the date of Sunday, November 18 for the holiday party at Beverly Hills Country Club.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- The May 4-6 STaC weekend will be put up on the ACBL site; clubs should begin advertising. We have signed a contract with Kayne Eras Center (not yet countersigned) for the Labor Day Sectional September 1-3. Howard will create the flyer. Bob spoke with Candy's class to gauge students' interest in a Non-LM Day at one of our events. We will consider such a day, probably not before Fall 2013. It should be strati-flighted.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- Candy distributed a new calendar of events. The Unit Championship Weekend will be held June 8-10. The Saturday evening Barometer and Sunday evening Pro-Am will be held at BHBC if Bob receives approval from Marcia Fisher.

BE AN INDIVIDUAL, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE -- We received some feedback on the Individual Game. One woman complained that she was put off by the "meanness" of certain participants. The word "disorganized" was also mentioned. It was suggested that we find a director who is well-versed in running an individual. There were certain issues with the computer programming and the Bridgemates. We should have a way to fill dead time (Bridge Bingo?). We should bring in soda for Unit events at BHBC.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – May 8, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphael, Bob Shore, Candy Scott

Absent: Howard Einberg, Carolyn Taff

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 5/8/12: \$29,545.21.

STaC IT UP - The May 4-6 STaC saw 119.5 tables of play (56.5 at Barrington, 63 at Beverly Hills). We made a net profit of \$286.07 on income of \$836.50. Cecil's motion passed to give each of the two clubs \$50. Cecil made suggestions, summarized in a separate report, for improvements. The main theme: "It's a club thing, not a sectional."

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Karen passed around a draft flyer from Howard for the Fall Sectional, for review and comment. Motions were passed to raise the masterpoint threshold for Strat A to 2,500, and to stratify by masterpoint average.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- Candy's motion passed to name this year's Pro-Am Game in honor of the late Toby Green.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 6:15 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).

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Unit Board Minutes – May 29, 2012

Present: Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Barbara Nusbaum, Bob Shore, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, David Raphel

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Chuck (for Fred) reported cash on hand as of 5/29/12: \$29,703.88.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND -- Barrington does not want the Barometer game, so it will be held at Beverly Hills and the sanction will be moved to BHBC. We need publicity. Carolyn and Karen will coordinate the sets of boards between Barrington and BHBC.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter opined that we should charge more than \$10 per session, so the Board passed a motion to raise session fees to \$12.

PRO-AM -- The Pro-Am will be held at BHBC on Sunday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn will order pizzas. Howard will bring ice. Jordan will bring soda and man the registration desk with Barbara. Bob will adjudicate any issues that arise with partnerships.

CHARITY CASE -- Rand has asked us to designate a charity (or charities?) for a \$5,000 grant from the ACBL Charitable Foundation. Bob requested that members submit formal proposals, and a decision will be made either by e-mail or in person at the next meeting.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC.

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Unit Board Minutes – June 27, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Fred Mautner, David Raphael, Bob Shore, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/26/12: \$29,280.83.

PARTY HEARTY -- The room at BHCC may not be renovated in time for the party.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter reported that flyers are out and on the D23 website. There is a signed contract and insurance for both Barrington and Kayne Eras. Peter Knee and Dave White will direct. Caddy services have been arranged. We need a new trophy for the winner of the most masterpoints, as the previous trophy is full. In light of having only one "traditional" sectional, the trophy will be awarded to whoever wins the most points at the Fall Sectional. Fred and Peter will coordinate.

CHARITY CASE -- Bob reported that Howard has submitted a formal proposal from Friends of the Observatory. Candy and Peter will submit formal proposals from, respectively, PAWS and the autistic children's foundation established by Peter's daughter. If Board approval is required prior to the next meeting, a vote will be conducted by e-mail.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- Marcia will check the availability of BHBC for an ice cream social on Thursday, August 23. The event would be an open Swiss with \$10 card fees and a capped reimbursement to be negotiated by Bob and BHBC.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND -- The feedback on the Club Championship Weekend was that we are doing too many events and burnout is setting in. There was a particular problem with the sanction being changed and re-changed several times in light of Adrienne's repeated reversals as to whether Barrington would or would not host the barometer.

HELP IS ON THE WAY -- Jeri graciously offered to help the Board in any way we need and expressed interest in rejoining the Board when a position becomes available.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC, in advance of a North American Pairs qualifying game.

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Unit Board Minutes – August 8, 2012

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

Absent: Roger Clough, Colin Gordon

Guest: Marcia Fisher

ANY MINUTES NOW -- A motion carried to approve the minutes of the June 27 meeting without attachments.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/7/12: \$30,367.31.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- The flyer does not presently appear on the ACBL website. We will send a PDF to the appropriate person in Horn Lake. Barbara and David will man hospitality. There will be one caddy on Saturday and Sunday and two on Monday. Cecil, Howard, Peter and Roger will help with set-up. We will instruct the directors to make an announcement thanking the El Segundo carpool group for attending.

PARTY HEARTY -- There is a new catering manager at BHCC who is more difficult to deal with than her predecessor. Carolyn had reserved the date of November 18, but they have now given that date to another party. The only available date for us is December 9. A motion carried to move the party to December 9, assuming we can agree on a mutually satisfactory contract. Brana will meet with the new catering manager to go over all aspects of the party.

CHARITY CASE -- Howard submitted a formal proposal from Friends of the Observatory that is responsive to Rand's request that the District receive publicity as a result of any donation and addresses other possible benefits that may inure to us, such as holding a bridge game at the observatory. A motion carried that our recommendation to Rand for the allotted charity funds be for the Friends of the Observatory.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- The ice cream social team game will be held on Thursday evening, August 23, at BHBC. As the game occurs during a STaC, we do not need special sanctions, which will instead be used for next week's extra games. The agreement with BHBC calls for BHBC to receive all revenue from the first eight tables; as to additional tables, BHBC will get the sanction fees and the Board will receive the remaining funds.

CUT, PRINT IT! -- Peter is printing and distributing copies of the Southern California Bridge News at the local clubs. A motion carried to reimburse Peter for his costs, up to a maximum of \$50 per month. The monthly amount may be lower than \$50 depending on the number of pages.

WELL-COORDINATED -- Bob has appointed Sam Haveson as a Unit Tournament Coordinator.

ELECTION DAY -- Candy distributed election sign-up sheets that will be put up at Barrington and BHBC. The deadline to sign up is listed as September 30.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- David reported that Jeri Berger will be having serious surgery the day after this meeting. All of us on the Board send Jeri best wishes for a full and very speedy recovery.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – September 4, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphel, Bob Shore, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 9/4/12: \$29,789.62.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter reported that attendance was good until Monday, but the steep drop in tables on Monday (perhaps due to two overlapping regionals within the state) resulted in a net loss of 1-1/2 tables for the weekend. The temperature at Kayne Eras was a problem on Saturday and Monday. There was a large 49er game early in the weekend and several of the 49ers returned for additional play. One 49er has brought in 29 new players already this year.

PARTY HEARTY -- Brana reported that she and Carolyn met with the new catering manager at BHCC and signed the contract and made a \$500 deposit for the holiday party to take place on Sunday, December 9. Our price remains a low \$22.15 per person, and we will continue to charge \$40 per person. Brana presented a flyer prepared by Carolyn. The Board made certain suggestions and proposed changes to the flyer and Carolyn will finalize it forthwith. Mike Savage and Denny will direct. We will ask Rodger Harbin to bring over three sets of duplicated boards.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM -- Candy reported that the ice cream social was a success, drawing 11 tables and generating a profit.

TEACHER'S PET -- The Board discussed Bob Chen's teaching a bridge class at the Chinese School.

THE POY POLLOI -- Cecil Cook will chair the Player of the Year Committee. Other members are Barbara, Howard, Peter, Roger and Becky. They will meet and later present the Board with recommended nominees.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington.

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – October 2, 2012

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Colin Gordon, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphael, Bob Shore, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Howard Einberg

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 10/2/12: \$30,115.27.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter estimated the loss on the Fall Sectional at ~\$400. We meant to charge an additional \$1 per player, but had not advertised the increase and could not charge it.

PARTY HEARTY -- The invitation is done and will be printed and mailed with election ballots soon. Carolyn will coordinate the sanction. Marcia will inquire as to whether BHBC will kindly duplicate three sets of boards and hand records for the party. Barbara proposed that mention be made at the party of those who gave much to the bridge world and passed away this past year.

SANCTIONS -- Candy discussed the use of Unit sanctions. We have a sanction for Halloween, which we will use Tuesday night (All Saints' Eve) and Wednesday afternoon (Unit-Wide). In November, we are not going to do the Election Day party previously proposed; instead, we'll do it a week later, which should help us advertise the holiday party. All the other sanctions we have left (since we don't have to use one for the party) will be used in December. We always give Cyma one; we'll now give Barrington and BHBC one each for their holiday events. Whatever remains, we'll use on something between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

THE POY POLLOI -- Cecil reported on behalf of the Player of the Year Committee their three nominations for this year's award. No additional names were nominated. A two-part vote was held. A winner was determined and will be announced at the holiday party.

THE VOY POLLOI -- Carolyn and Jordan form the Volunteer of the Year Committee. The winner of the award will be announced at the holiday party.

ELECTION DAY -- Three people have signed up to run for the Unit Board. Jordan will canvass Board members whose terms expire this year to determine whether an election will be necessary. If so, Roger and Jordan will comprise the Election Committee. Jordan will prepare a ballot that will be reviewed, printed and mailed by Howard. Jordan will receive ballots and ensure that any holiday party RSVP's are separated and delivered promptly to Howard. Ballots will be due approximately three weeks prior to the holiday party.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Jeri has graciously offered to serve as Sunshine Coordinator.

Please make sure Jeri promptly receives news of any relevant happenings.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC.

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Unit Board Meeting – November 5, 2012

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

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Chuck Fonarow, David Raphel

Guests: Marcia Fisher

Called to Order 6:15

Treasurer's report by Fred was approved. Discussion of upcoming expenses for the holiday Party. Funds have started coming in.

Fall sectional discussion: 1) Even at a loss there should be a least one sectional a year. The plan for now is one STAC and one sectional. 2) Search committee of Peter, Carolyn and Colin will look for other possible sites. 3) The price will go up \$1. next year.

Party: We need to decide on the directors. We will ask Rodger and he will recommend a 2<sup>nd</sup> director, possible Denny or Mike Savage. The schedule was discussed and Jordan and Barbara will staff the check in desk. We hope to be able to leave supplies at the site the day before the party. Announcements should be made to try to increase the attendance. Flyers will be available at the club and should be sent to players requesting them.

Election: Only members of our unit as of the October cycle are eligible to vote. If anyone needs ballots they will be available at the clubs or by asking Jordan or Howard for them. Ballots can be turned in to Jordan or Howard as long as they are in a sealed envelope with the voters name on the outside.

Jeri would like help with news and information regarding unit members for the Sunshine committee.

Unit games will be scheduled to use up our allotment of Unit Championships going to the clubs for parties in December.

Next meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at Barrington 6:15

Adjourned 7:03

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Absent: Karen Byrd, Howard Einberg, Colin Gordon, Fred Mautner

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Chuck (for Fred) reported cash on hand as of 12/4/12: \$31,905.93.

ELECTION DAY -- Bob congratulated the returning board members and welcomed Jeri back to the Board after an extended absence. Her term will officially commence in January.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- No news yet from the Sectional Search Committee. Peter will head the Sectional and Cecil will oversee the STaC.

PARTY HEARTY -- We have approximately 120 signups to date. Last-minute preparations are underway (standbys, etc.).

UNIT GAMES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS -- Candy distributed discussion lists of proposed Unit games and championships and asked for brainstorming ideas at the next meeting. Bob's motion passed to hold MLK games on Tuesday evening January 15 and Monday afternoon January 21. There will also be a Unit-Wide Game on the afternoon of Groundhog Day.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Peter's wife Sheila has been ill recently.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the clubhouse at Le Parc. Le Parc is located at 10100 Emphyrean Way. Emphyrean Way is the one-block street between Avenue of the Stars (to the west) and Century Park East (to the east), between Galaxy (to the north) and Pico (to the south), in Century City. The entrance to Le Parc is on the south side of Emphyrean, and the clubhouse is on your left immediately upon entering Le Parc. Please tell the gate guard you are here for "Mr. Chodorow" (not Jordan), and you will be directed to convenient parking.