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Louis Beauchet

Louis Beauchet is King of Bridge

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

They call him King Louis. It's almost like it was his destiny to be King of Bridge.

The winner of the annual award, Louis Beauchet, 18, is sure about one thing: It was his destiny to be-

come a bridge player.

As a shy, intellectual child growing up in France (his name is pronounced Louie), Beauchet longed to spend time with adults. Bridge looked like a good way to do that, and he started learning when he was 8. He played in a weekly club game, but never any tournaments,

until his family moved to Portland when he was 14.

Soon after, he scored a 70% his first time playing in a local regional and began to catch the attention of the area's top players, gaining opportunities to play with them. In summer 2016, as a 15-year-old, Beauchet went to Washington,

D.C., to play on District 20's GNT Flight C team. Later in the tournament he wound up on a team in the Freeman Mixed BAM, playing on Jade Barrett's team with Karen Barrett, Donna Lombardini and Dan Hoekstra. They placed third.

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D20's results in Las Vegas NABC

A few dozen District 20 players played in the Summer NABC in Las Vegas. The best showing came in the Grand National Teams, with both the Flight B and C teams reaching the semifinals (see stories, page 8).

In B were **Kevin Marnell, Amy Casanova, Justin Beck, Bruce Peterson** and **Ben Bomber**; in C, **Roger Thomas, Jon Gassaway, Mike Goffe, Bruce Backup, Dan Edelstein** and **Janet Landesberg**.

John Lusky placed fifth in the Wernher Open Pairs and **Ed Ulman** placed fifth in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams. **Jon Bartlett** placed fifth in the 10K Pairs and 15th in the Senior Swiss along with **Roger McNay** and **Joel Datloff**.

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ACBL budget is plus; Vegas up

The Summer NABC was held in Las Vegas. The tournament was well attended with 13,622 tables, continuing a new trend of good attendance at NABCs.



Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director

After having a difficult year in 2018 and losing money, ACBL is on the way to going plus in 2019. Through cost cutting at tournaments and headquarters, the budget is a plus \$689,000.

The ACBL headquarters is trying to do more with less.

Board actions

The board passed a motion to remove all titles from players if they are convicted of cheating. Many players have been actively pushing for this motion and I'm happy it was finally approved.

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Yreka Bridge Club is one of the smallest in District 20, with about 200 tables a year – averaging four per week.

No small potatoes

All bridge clubs face challenges, but they vary across the spectrum. This summer we focused on the district's large clubs. In this issue, the managers of some of the smallest clubs in District 20 weigh in on the unique challenges they face with fewer members.

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Last time, we gave you an inside look at what it takes to run some of the largest clubs in the district. Now, we're going to show you the other side of the coin. Read

up on how the smallest clubs in the district are working hard to retain members, promote games and keep their doors open, despite having fewer tables and lower member turnouts.

The Dalles Bridge Club

First up is The Dalles Bridge Club, which hosted 346 tables on Mondays in 2018 and 241 on Wednesdays. Managed by Gary Cotter for the last five years, this club plays on Mondays, Wednesdays and the first Sunday of every month. Cotter says he has no complaints about running the club.

"It's all easy, no problems," he says. And while there is no active recruitment, they

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District reps are open to ideas



Laurie Rowe
D20 President

I hope you enjoyed the Eugene Regional as much as I did. What a lovely setting and playing site.

We had a board meeting and continued to discuss what needs to happen to reverse our downward financial position. Your area reps are listening to your ideas. Should we increase fees? Should we decrease expenses? Should we decrease perks for those who

help with hosting regionals, etc., within the district? What times would you like for regionals? What is the best scheduling for intermediates and novices? We are listening. I can be reached at lrowe1976@hotmail.com.

Speaking of the board meeting, anyone is welcome to attend and we had **George Kuppler** and **Jack**

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Eugene follows trend

The Emerald Empire Regional took place last month. It was smaller than expected but not any less enjoyable. Even in context of the trend where table counts are down almost everywhere, the decline was steep: 23%, almost 200 fewer tables.

However, while smaller tournaments have usually meant fewer brackets in the knockouts, that trend reversed: there were actually three brackets in most of the knockouts, whereas there were only two most of the time in 2017. And the Swiss teams events were also popular. Pair games took the hit.

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Get ready for Seaside

I hope you have made your reservation for the **Oregon Coast Regional** in Seaside Sept. 30 through Oct. 6.

The convention center has undergone a remodel and will be a wonderful venue for D20's premier regional. With all the new space, we will no longer have to venture over to the Catholic church for any events; all games will be played on site.

As usual, there will be great directors under the leadership of Matt Koltnow, fabulous hospitality and, of course, the beach!

For more information, contact tournament manager **Jim Wheeler** at jim-pamw@yahoo.com or 503-860-0563.



Jim Wheeler
Tournament Manager

Taking the time to find a better play

At the Eugene Regional I played in a Bracket 1 KO. I was having a tough time declaring my 3NT contracts, and it didn't help that I knew the opponent sitting in my chair at the other table was a multiple national champion with more masterpoints than how old I am times a thousand.

Several times 3NT was makeable, but it seemed I was always on the wrong end of a decision. My confidence in my declarer play was at an all-time low.

Sometimes in this game we refer to "discipline." No, not punishing your partner when they do something wrong, but rather steeling yourself against poor judgment calls and plays. Making yourself count and pattern.

Have you ever been in a hopeless contract? Who hasn't? And yet, it is still important, especially at teams, to try to play it as well as you can. Perhaps at the other table they have had a similar disaster. You never know when it could be a push board or even a pickup.

So, fast forward to Sunday and I'm playing teams against another pro/client with a decent pair at the other table. After two

passes, my RHO opens 1♦. My hand:

♠10 ♥K63 ♦KJ4 ♣AQ10732

I venture 2♣, pass, 2♠ by partner, double by righty. It's your call!



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

Let's see. I could pass. I could bid 3♣. I could bid 2NT. Partner might have six spades, but if he has six spades and enough to respond to my overcall, wouldn't he have opened 2♠? My clubs aren't that great and 3♣ might suggest that's my only place to play. I decide to bid 2NT and if partner prefers clubs he can bid 3♣.

He bids 3NT.

After some deliberation my LHO leads a diamond and my partner produces this dummy:

♠AKQ95 ♥9854 ♦876 ♣6

RHO seems irritated with the lead and plays the ♦10, and I win the jack. OK. I have to take nine tricks. I have one trip to dummy with my singleton spade. I will then have to take as many spade tricks as I can and then decide whether or not to finesse in clubs or lead up to one of my red kings. But, on the spades I have to find discards. And then if they don't run, when I give up the lead, someone can cash a spade.

I decided to cash the ♣A to see what happened. I was rewarded, kind of, when the king dropped on my right. Now I know clubs aren't my source of tricks. I can go to dummy with my spade and pitch clubs on spades and take stock of my red cards after that.

Please note my stiff 10 and dummy's 9. When the jack comes down third, I have five spade tricks to go along with my two clubs and one diamond already in the bag. I lead a diamond toward my king, which holds, and exit a diamond so that RHO is endplayed into giving me a heart at the end.

Declaring this hand was the most fun I had all week. It was pretty lucky, but I still thought about it and worked past my knee-jerk reaction of "play spades, take club hook."

One takeaway from asking the experts for bridge advice for this issue's Player Roundup is that mistakes are inevitable. Getting better happens when you minimize errors, especially the dumb ones. That takes discipline. Moving on after a bad result does, too.

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Does size matter?

For several years, attendance at bridge tournaments almost everywhere has been declining. A few years ago when this trend started, we in District 20 were one of the exceptions. Our tournaments were still more often than not going up, even while they were going down most other places.

When I reconfigured the Trumpet as a quarterly in 2015, part of the basic structure was that each of the four issues in a year would follow one of our four regionals, with a lead headline reflecting the news from that regional. For the first couple years, we had a lot of good news to report, culminating with Seaside's record turnout in 2016.

Then, in 2017, the national trend caught up with us.

As a journalist, I don't see facts as something to run away from. They are what they are, and it's our job to report them. It's important to us to maintain our credibility as a news source. So when the regionals started going down, we treated them the same in our headlines as we did when they were going up. You'd see what percentage a tournament was down in a headline just like you'd expect to see the percentage increase if it was up.

But after three straight years of dropping table counts, we're rethinking things. There are a lot of things that go on during a regional, and while the one number that it adds up to in the end is the most basic fact and certainly the easiest question to answer, perhaps it doesn't need to be in the headline every time.

We do want our players to be informed. We want them to understand the context of what's going on in the district — why, for instance, they might be asked to pay higher entry fees or to accept less spending on hospitality items that are given out. So those facts — assuming table counts continue to decline — will still be spelled out in the stories recapping each regional.

But, according to a promise Amy made to the district board at the recent meeting, it won't be in the headline. And that's something that I as the chief headline writer will have to struggle with.

There are many reasons people enjoy bigger tournaments. There are more events to choose from. There are more brackets in the knockouts, allowing people to cluster into smaller, more comparable masterpoint ranges. There are more

levels of pair games. And there's a general sense of the more, the merrier.

But as smaller tournaments become the new normal, I have some news for you: They're fun too.

I spent the entire week at the Eugene Regional. Because I had to fly across the country and rent a car, and because I stayed a few extra days before and after to visit, it was quite an expensive trip. With the exception of the clients who brought big-time pros, I think it cost me more than anyone to attend. Almost \$100 per masterpoint — and I finished in the top 40!

And I had a good time there. It was worth it.



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

This was a tournament where the drop in attendance was steeper than any we've seen in District 20 since the penultimate Reno Regional in 2013. But it didn't feel that way, at least not to me.

Due to my busy schedule in the months before the trip — especially because of the Las Vegas NABC — I failed to line up partners in advance. I scrambled to fill a few of my days at the last minute and relied on the partnership desk to fill some other days. I was worried poor planning would negatively impact my experience. It didn't.

When I started playing tournament bridge 10 years ago, I went to one or maybe two regionals a year. Then when I became Trumpet editor I started going to all four of District 20's regionals each year. Then when I left the area to work for the ACBL, I went back down to one trip a year to a D20 regional. I would still go to all of them if I could.

From where I used to live in North Bend, Eugene was the closest regional site — two hours away. Eugene has the geographical advantage of being within three hours or less from all the major population centers in Oregon. It's easy to get to for all but those in the far corners of the district. It was an obvious choice for me when I started out — when I had less vacation time and wasn't yet sold on devoting all of it to bridge — and it still is. I haven't missed a regional there since I started going.

There were several people I normally see there who weren't there this time. Some of them told me they had scheduling conflicts and other plans. If you're one of those people, those of us who were there missed you, but we had a good time

without you. Hopefully you can make it next time.

When you love the game, it doesn't matter who you play it with. Or how many of them there are, as long as it's enough to hold a game. You can have as much fun playing in a small club as in a big one, and the same is true of tournaments.

So, to answer my question: In fan fiction, yes. At a bridge tournament, not so much.

A fun hand

Time for a quick hand before I go? This is from the Sunday Swiss in Eugene.

♠53 ♥4 ♦AKJ10652 ♣1062

Second seat, nobody vulnerable, I open 3♦. After my partner, **Ben Bomber**, bids 3NT, my passed-hand RHO comes in with 4♦, asking his partner to choose a major for an apparent sacrifice.

Because we play Flannery and I don't have a weak 2♦ available, and because I'm not vulnerable, I might have bid 3♦ with a lot less — a six-card suit and/or a weaker holding. In the context of this auction, I like my hand a lot. I think partner has stoppers in the other three suits and probably the ♦Q. If he has real stoppers and three tricks in his hand, I think I can promise him seven. So I bid 4NT, which I think describes the quality of my suit.

Ben hesitated and bid 5♦, admitting one of his stoppers was less than firm. The opponents doubled and led the ♥A.

♠AJ4 ♥J93 ♦Q7 ♣AK875

After studying the dummy, LHO shifted to the ♠K. I've already lost a trick and have an unavoidable spade loser, so making this depends on either getting rid of my club loser or not having one. If I thought LHO had the ♠Q, I could try leading toward the jack and establishing it for a club discard, but that would leave RHO, the person who came into the auction at the four level, without any high cards in one of the suits he wanted to play in.

I pull trump, finding RHO void. If he's 6-5 in the majors, that would leave room for two clubs in his hand. And if he has all the outstanding points, those two clubs will be the ♣QJ. After pulling four rounds of trump, I played a club to the ace and an honor fell. Cashed the king and down came the other, making five.

Our teammates played in 4♥ doubled, also making, for a 15-IMP gain.

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Election notice



Merlin Vilhauer



Laurie Rowe

District director

Voting is under way in the election for district director. Two candidates filed for election: three-term incumbent Merlin Vilhauer, who has held the position since 2010, and Laurie Rowe, current district president.

The district director represents District 20 on the national ACBL board and also serves on the D20 board. Duties include attending board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year and at two D20 regionals each year.

The three-year term begins Jan. 1, 2020, and ends Dec. 31, 2022.

Candidates are voted on by the boards of the district's 23 units. Election materials were sent to members of those boards in August. They have until Sept. 15 to submit their votes to the ACBL's director of elections, Kelley Trejo.

Deaths

Bernard Gorter — 73, of Portland OR died June 8, 2019.

Jim Gross — 82, of Keizer OR died May 7, 2019.

Glenn Hossner — 87, of Salem OR died June 5, 2019.

Therese Johnsen — 90, of Redding CA died in May 2019.

Richard Miller — 89, of The Dalles OR died June 14, 2019.



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NAP AND GNT

B/C players: North American events are for you

Two GNT teams reach semifinals; a faster NAP

I was disappointed in the turnout of our Flight C Grand National Teams. Districtwide, we only had six teams playing in the finals. If we had two more teams, we could have sent a second C team to the nationals.

The North American Events, our GNT and the North American Pairs, are much more for the B and C players, the emerging players, than for any other group.

There are not enough opportunities for B and C players to play against players of their own skill level and win red and gold points. In D20 we play online, making it very easy for players from all over the district to compete without having to travel great distances.

When our teams got to Las Vegas they did well. Our C team and one of our B teams made the national semifinals, finishing third/fourth. Our open team finished in the 9th/16th segment. Read the reports in detail on page 8.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

When our teams got to the quarterfinals, they played behind screens. This is a new experience for most B and C players. You can't see your partner and you have to alert and explain your and your partner's bids to your opponent. This is the how bridge is played at the highest level.

We have made some changes in the finals of both the NAP and GNT. In an effort to speed up play, we have shortened the time allotted in the NAP to seven minutes per board. The director in charge can still add hospitality breaks as needed. In the GNT for flight C only, we have eliminated

the need to qualify at a club. I hope this increases the number of teams in our finals. I would like to see us send two teams in B and C every year.

In the Portland area, most of the players play the finals at one of our three clubs. In Boise, the club also hosts the finals. Though I like to promote bridge parties at player's homes for these events, our district would have a hard time without the support of the clubs. I think everybody should thank club owners and managers for their efforts in support of our district finals. When we compete in our NAP finals Oct. 12-13, let's remember how much support our clubs provide. Let's make play as easy as possible when we are in their establishments.

See page 4 for details of next month's NAP finals.

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District board

Input sought on regional schedules, site rotation, costs, more

By Marie Ashton
D20 Business Manager

The board met for a breakfast meeting in Eugene. President Laurie Rowe welcomed the members, department heads and guests. All district members are welcome to attend these meetings as observers.

Our reserves were smaller for the first six months this year than last year. The financial statements show a six-month loss of more than \$13,000. While this is slightly smaller than expected, it reflects a trend for the district. One bright spot was the Oregon Trail Regional, where the new schedule and good weather resulted in a 5% increase in tables. The Gold Rush events in the morning were very popular. The Medford regional exceeded table estimates.

The district invested almost \$6,000 in 50 Bridgemates, which will be carried to our tournaments by David Taylor, our equipment (and Daily Bulletin, bookstore, pre-dupes) provider. After many years of service, John Gram got out of the business, perhaps sooner than he intended, when many of his Bridgemates were stolen.

Our education coordinator announced that Barbara Seagram will come to the Boise tournament next year. She and I/N chair Margie Redden both reported that the players who are no longer eligible for the Gold events are still leery of open events and would like events with a limit of 2000-3000.

The board spent much of the session discussing the trend in our tournaments of lower attendance and increased expenses, resulting in losses and reduced reserves. Although we are a nonprofit, it is imperative that we maintain reserves. Not only are they important for contingencies, but the venues require a decent financial statement before they commit.

To this end, committees were set up to evaluate numerous issues. Our new venue for the Boise tournament is a convention center in Nampa, with a new Best Western. Two committees will solicit ideas for the event schedule and for promoting this tourney.

Another committee will look at tournaments in general. Do we hold too many? Are the locations the best? Are the rotations of the four biennial tournaments the best? Should starting times at the Oregon Trail Regional be daylight, as many players desire? Please help your district and the game by participating. You can get information about who to contact on the website, in the chart at left, or contact me at marieashton@comcast.net.

The next meeting will be at the Oregon Trail Regional in February.

Marie Ashton can be reached at marieashton@comcast.net.

Teachers' Corner

Director, please!

When I first started playing duplicate bridge, I was told the director is your friend. They want to make sure that all the players are treated fairly.

Bridge is a competitive and honorable game. The rules ensure that the game is fair for everyone. Before you bid, make sure that the prior bid by your right-hand opponent is legal. Once you bid, that prior bid is considered accepted and legal, but you may still call the director.

During play the declarer or defenders can call the director. Dummy can call only at the best of other players during the play. Dummy can call the director at the end of play to request a review of an irregularity noticed during play. When you notice an irregularity in bidding or play of the hand, you should ask the director for guidance and resolution.

The director is a well-schooled individual, an expert on the Laws of Duplicate

Bridge. The 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge are available in paperback or can be downloaded from the ACBL website.



Nancy Jonske
D20 Education Liaison

Duplicate bridge is a sport, and sports have rules. In contrast to other mind sports like chess and go, bridge is a comparatively new game and as such is continually evolving. The first Laws of Duplicate Bridge were published in 1928. They are reviewed every decade by the WBF and ACBL.

You're not expected to memorize the entire Laws, but don't hesitate to politely call the director to your table if you think there has been an irregularity. Never be intimidated when the

director is called because of something you might have done. A good director will assess the situation and present a solution in a manner that doesn't embarrass or offend anyone. Accept rulings with grace.

The directors like to be asked for their

expertise. When players try to make their own rulings, they may be incorrect, penalized, or restricted from further redress.

When calling the director, remember the following:

- ◆ Say "director, please," in a loud but pleasant tone of voice.
- ◆ When the director arrives, let her lead the discussion.
- ◆ Do not speak over each other; everyone will get a chance to speak.
- ◆ Do not argue with the director at the table.
- ◆ If you think the ruling is incorrect, speak to the director privately at a later time to politely explain your concerns, to ask for further research, or to ask her to consult a colleague for confirmation.

See you at the Seaside and Eugene teachers' breakfasts. And plan ahead for Boise. Barbara Seagram returns for a series of classes.

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THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Upcoming sectionals

Nevada City

The Gold Country Sectional will be held Oct. 18-20 at the St. Canice Center in Nevada City CA. See ad this page for details.

Vancouver NLM

The Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional will be held Oct. 19-20 at Vancouver Bridge Club in Vancouver WA. See ad page 16 for details.

Newport

The Central Oregon Coast Sectional will be held Oct. 24-27 at the Shilo Inn in Newport OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Nampa

The Nampa-Caldwell Sectional will be held Nov. 1-3 at the Hispanic Cultural Center in Nampa ID. See ad page 5 for details.

Redding

The Redding Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 1-3 at Win-River Hotel & Casino in Redding CA. See ad page 6 for details.

Battle of the Willamette

The East and West Willamette Sectional will be held Nov. 2-3 at the Portland Bridge Club and the Ace of Clubs. See ad page 6 for details.

Corvallis 299er

The Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional will be held Nov. 2-3 at the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center in Corvallis OR. See ad page 7 for details.

Phoenix 99er

The Rogue Valley 99er Sectional will be held Nov. 9 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge

Pacific States STaC (952 tables)

1	24.69	John Cissel, Boise ID
2	23.48	Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI
3	21.96	Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR
4	21.23	Judy Hotchkin, Redding CA
5	20.40	Alden Edwards, Kelowna BC
6	20.19	Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI
7	19.54	July Ratley, Redding CA
8	19.43	Craig Jones, Boise ID
9	17.73	Diana Knowles, Kelowna BC
10	17.37	G Gard Hays, Veradale WA
11	16.38	Janie Percy, Vancouver WA
12	16.34	Chester Youngblood, Ontario OR
13	16.21	Thomas McGuire, Salem OR
14	16.06	George Kuppler, Brookings OR
15	16.06	Albert Wilson, Brookings OR
16	16.00	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
17	15.92	Rick Prouser, Portland OR
18	15.27	Sinaida Galaka, Hillsboro OR
19	14.19	Eileen Boal, Albany OR
20	14.02	Sarah Rogers, Kapaa HI
21	13.57	Don Lust, Osoyoos BC
22	13.51	Bonnie Kruse, Spokane WA
23	13.31	Mary Bell, Canyonville OR
24	13.05	Donald Tofte, Portland OR
25	12.95	Shelly Hershberger, Kailua Kona HI
26	12.38	Dorothy Eastman, Grass Valley CA
27	12.38	Barry Eastman, Grass Valley CA
28	12.34	John Ashton, Portland OR

Honolulu May (91 tables)

1	20.98	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
2	18.57	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
3	18.02	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
4	17.13	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
5	15.49	Penny Kallaus, Holualoa HI

Center in Phoenix OR. See ad page 7 for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 9-10 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 7 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

6	12.83	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
7	12.82	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
8	12.57	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
9	9.72	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
10	9.69	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI

Eugene (140 tables)

1	28.96	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
2	20.48	Michael Levy, Keizer OR
3	17.75	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
4	17.75	Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
5	15.80	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
6	15.52	Cecil TC Chan, Portland OR
7	15.52	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
8	14.05	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
9	13.59	Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR
10	12.42	J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
11	11.93	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
12	11.93	Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
13	11.85	Paul Craviotto, Eugene OR
14	11.85	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR

Portland (166 tables)

1	23.48	Jeff McKee, Banks OR
2	23.48	David Brower, Portland OR
3	19.92	Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
4	19.92	Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
5	16.52	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
6	15.90	Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
7	15.70	John Sather, Ridgefield WA
8	15.37	Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA
9	14.90	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
10	14.90	Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
11	12.15	Ed Ulman, Portland OR
12	11.83	Robert Johnson, Beaverton OR

11.83	Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR	
11.83	Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR	
11.83	Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA	
16	11.34	Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
11.34	Airell Clark, Corvallis OR	

Salem (134 tables)

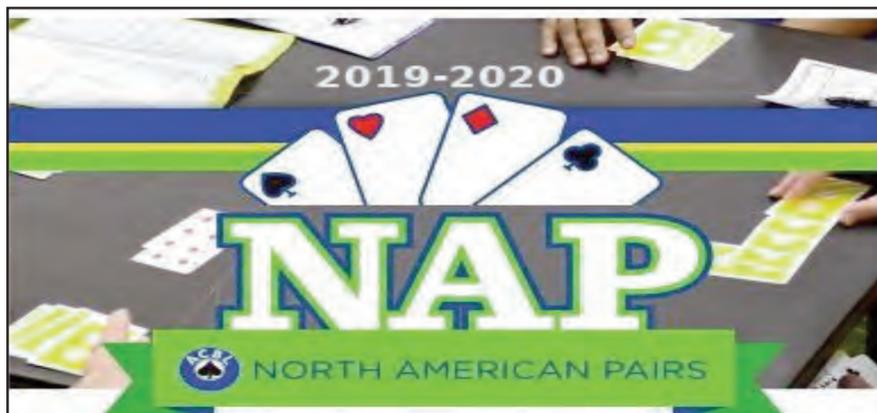
1	27.89	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
2	26.92	Michael Levy, Keizer OR
3	17.69	Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
4	15.64	Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
5	12.18	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
6	12.00	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
7	12.00	Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
8	10.49	Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
9	10.44	Brian Breckenridge, Tigard OR
10	10.31	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
11	9.95	Sinaida Galaka, Keizer OR
12	9.87	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
13	9.33	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR

Honolulu July (106 tables)

1	22.39	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
2	19.77	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
3	19.44	Anna Sung, Honolulu HI
4	16.44	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
5	15.48	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
6	14.90	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
7	13.92	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
8	12.57	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
9	12.49	Warren Fukushima, Pearl City HI
10	12.44	Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI
11	12.37	Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
12	12.16	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
13	12.10	Howard Co, Honolulu HI

Deadline notice for Sectional Tournament organizers

Please submit tournament flyers to the ACBL website at least **six months** in advance of **all** tournaments to ensure timely inclusion in the Trumpet. Flyers for sectionals held in January, February and March are due in October; those held in April, May and June are due in January.



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Pre-registration: Pre-registration is required by Oct. 6, 2019, for Flights **A** and **C** and by Oct. 5, 2019, for Flight **B** to assure participation in the finals.

D20 Finals: *D20 Finals flights compete online via BBO*



Flight A: Open, unlimited - Oct. 12, 2019
Flight B: Less than 2500 MPs - Oct. 13, 2019
Flight C: NLM with <500 MPs - Oct. 12, 2019
Start times: 8 a.m./1 p.m. in Hawaii, 11 a.m./4 p.m. PDT in Oregon, noon/5 p.m. MDT in Boise.
Venues: At least two pairs and a monitor are required at each playing site. Contact your club, NAP Coordinator or D20 Area representative for details.

Fees: \$60 per pair

National Finals: March 18-19, 2020 (Flight A),
 March 28-29, 2020 (Flights B & C)
 Hyatt/Hilton/CC, Columbus, Ohio.



For details, visit the D20 website:
https://web2.acblid20.org/NA_Events/NAP/2019/NAP_info.pdf,
 or contact North American Events Coordinator Hal Montgomery, (503) 583-3717,
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Gold Country Sectional October 18-20, 2019

Unit 461
St. Canice Center
 236 Reward St.
 Nevada City, CA 95959



Friday, Oct. 18 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 10 a.m. 299er pairs - single session
- 10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions
- 3 p.m. NLM Pairs <500 MP - single session

Saturday, Oct. 19 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 10 a.m. 299er pairs - single session
- 10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions
- 3 p.m. NLM Pairs <500 MP - single session

Pairs stratifications based on pair average:

A: 2000+; B: 750-2000;
 C: 0-750 (NLM)

Sunday, Oct. 20 10 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.

- Sunday Swiss Teams
 - 20 Victory point scale - afternoon session; short lunch on your own, sandwiches available for purchase
 - A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500 based on average MP per team
 - Single session teams allowed
- Strats for all events may be adjusted by the director based on the masterpoints of players in the event*

Card fees per session

- \$10 ACBL members
- \$14 for lapsed ACBL members
- \$2 under 18

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Directions

Note: for locals, Reward St. is off Zion St. and within 1 block of SPD in Nevada City.

From Grass Valley, take Hwy CA 20 E/49 N toward Nevada City. Exit at Ridge Rd./Gold Flat Rd. Exit 185A. Turn left.

Drive .2 miles to roundabout. Turn right onto Zion St.

Drive 0.5 miles on Zion St. to Reward St. Turn left on Reward St.

Drive 0.2 miles on Reward St. to St. Canice Center parking lot at end of Reward St.

Snacks, coffee and tea will be available throughout the tournament.

Sanction #19100017

Play of the Hand

Who is that, tap-tap-tapping at my trump suit?

Partner has preempted vulnerable in your only weak spot, a three-card diamond holding. You have a really nice hand with a beautiful six-card heart suit. You bid a heart game and get doubled. What's to worry about? Plenty. If you think about it. But I'm getting ahead of myself. Here's the hand, played in a recent club game:

Dir: East ♠K
 Vul: N/S ♥A K Q 10 9 7
 Lead: ♠5 ♦J 8 2
 ♣A K 8

♠A J 9 8 6 4	♠Q 10 7 5 2
♥—	♥J 6 5 4 3 2
♦Q 10 6	♦—
♣J 6 5 4	♣Q 7

♠3
 ♥6
 ♦A K 9 7 5 4 3
 ♣10 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
3♠	4♥	Pass	3♦
		Dbl	All Pass

This is one of those deals that make people grumble about crazy distribution that often accompanies computer-dealt hands. East, unable to open the bidding, passed, thinking that if partner bids one of his majors, he will come alive. South, with two singletons in the majors, wanted to jam the bidding to prevent the opponents from finding a likely major

fit. So, he preempted at the three level. West, an aggressive player, with a void and believing, with his diamond holding, his partner likely to be short in that suit, entered the fray with a bid of 3♠. North had a really nice hand, with some diamonds to go with partner's, making it likely there would be no communication problem between the two hands. But with a solid heart suit, the top two clubs, and only one loser in spades, a bid of 4♥ seemed reasonable at matchpoints. East, ready to bid game when he heard his partner bid spades, reconsidered. If they could tap declarer with spade leads, East/West could probably beat 4♥. East doubled, rather than bid 4♠, and that was the end of the bidding. After the spade opening lead, West returned a club, North winning with the ace. Laying down the ♥A revealed the bad news of a 6-0 split. North next led a diamond toward dummy and it was downhill from there. East ruffed and led another spade. Every time East got in with a ruff, out came another spade, tapping North's trump holding relentlessly. North can't continue to draw trumps because after the first spade tap, East will always have one more heart than North. Down three for 800. North can keep it to down one by not drawing trumps. Looking at top honors on their side in clubs, diamonds, and hearts, North should realize that East's double is based solely on long trumps, probably holding all six outstanding hearts. Therefore, a heart needs to be left in dummy to protect against another spade lead. North can play on the side suits and never lose control of trumps, because a spade shift can be trumped in dummy the

first time, preserving North's trump length. If North senses danger after the double, a bid of 5♦ is an escape route. Surprise, it makes! But if North corrects to diamonds, East will sacrifice with a bid of 5♣. And, surprise, it makes! So, in this case, being matchpoints greedy and bidding a major game, going down one, is better than tempting the opponents into a sacrifice they can make. The same down one is also available in a 6♦ sacrifice, but are you going to bid it? Grumble, grumble, grumble. You can reach Jim Flint at pubathome@yahoo.com.

Rowe

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Grasham from Brookings attend the Eugene meeting. They took over a dying bridge club in Brookings and started teaching the game. They are now getting about eight tables. I believe the life blood of bridge is what happens at the local club and would like the district to support the clubs. I think we all do our part by welcoming newcomers to our games, inviting friends to play, and mentoring newer players. I appreciate those efforts. What else can the district do to support your local club? I hope you are all looking forward to Seaside and the newly remodeled convention center. District president Laurie Rowe can be reached at district20pres@gmail.com.

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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EVENT	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Stratified Pairs (Single sessions)	7 pm	10 am 3 pm	10 am 3 pm	
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	7 pm	10 am 3 pm	10 am 3 pm	
Bracketed KNOCKOUTS		3 pm (Round 1)	10 am (Round 2) 3 pm (Round 3)	
Stratified Swiss Teams (Two sessions)				10 am & TBA Victory Points
299er Swiss Teams (Single Session)				10 am Win/Loss

Non-smoking sectional (breaks provided)
 Fees: \$10 per session
 \$14 for lapsed ACBL members

STRATIFICATIONS

Open Events: 0-500, 500-1250, 1250+
 299er Events: 0-50, 50-150, 150-300
 KOs with only one bracket may be handicapped



Tournament Chair: Mike Rickus
 Email: mjrickus@gmail.com
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Sanction No. 1910008

On the road by 5 p.m.



Nampa-Caldwell Harvest Sectional

Nov. 1-3, 2019

Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho

315 Stampede Dr., Nampa, ID
 208-442-0823

Exit 36 to Garrity and Stampede, directly across from the Nampa Park

Friday, Nov. 1

- Stratified Open Pairs – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (single sessions)
- Single Session 199ers – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (if attendance allows)

Saturday, Nov. 2

- Stratified Open Pairs – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (single sessions)
- Single Session 199ers – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (if attendance allows)

Sunday, Nov. 3

- Stratified Swiss Teams – 10 a.m. (2 session play-through) (Seven 7-board matches, Victory Points)

Masterpoint ranges: A – 1500+ B – 500 to 1500 C – 0 to 500

Stratification: By average masterpoints, pairs & team games

Entry Fees:

- Friday and Saturday:
 - \$10 per person (ACBL Members)
 - \$14 per person (Non- or lapsed ACBL Members; temporary memberships available)
- Sunday - \$120 per team – **Includes lunch!**

Information:
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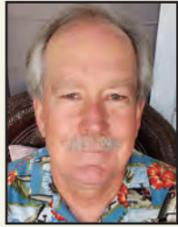
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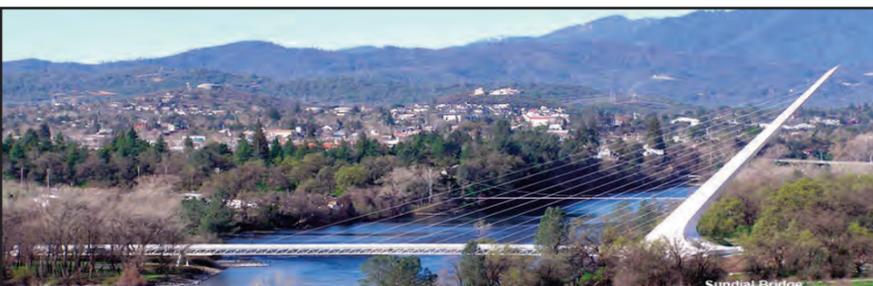
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Redding Unit 464 Presents

The Sundial Bridge Sectional

Nov. 1-3, 2019

Win-River Resort & Casino • 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd. • Redding, Calif.

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530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; www.winriver.com

\$5 free slot play added to NEW Win-River Players Club cards

Friday, Nov. 1

299er Pairs (3 tables minimum) 10 a.m. 3 p.m.
 Open Pairs (single sessions) 10 a.m. 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2

299er Pairs (3 tables minimum) 10 a.m. 3 p.m.
 Open Pairs (two-session event) 10 a.m. 3 p.m.
 (Single session pairs welcome)

Sunday, Nov. 3

Stratified Swiss Team (20 Victory Point scale) 10 a.m.
 Two sessions play through

(Lunch will be available between sessions)

Per-session fee of \$10 per player • \$5 extra for lapsed ACBL members
 This is a Z-T policy event

Stratifications

A: 2000+
 B: 750-2000
 C: 0-750 (NLM)
 299ers: 0-299.99

Director:

Steve Kaessner

Chairperson:

Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694

Partnerships:

Gerri Wolfe, 530-527-2095;

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Sanction No. 1911113

Nov. 2-3, 2019

UNIT 487 SPONSORS

Sanction No. 1911114

The West
 Willamette Sectional

West Location:
 Ace of Clubs
 Mountain Park Plaza
 11830 SW Kerr Parkway,
 Lake Oswego, OR 97035
 (503) 646-8252

Schedule:
Sat. Nov. 2
 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

- Open Pairs stratified, single sessions (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)

Sun. Nov. 3
 1 p.m.

- Swiss Teams 2 sessions, stratified, VPs

The East
 Willamette Sectional

East Location:
 Portland Bridge Center
 2010 Lloyd Center
 Portland, OR 97232
 (503) 252-1318

Schedule:
Sat. Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.

- Non-LM Pairs Pairs, Stratified

This is the Non-LM "Battle of the Willamette" (single sessions)

- 0-100 pairs (play separately if # of tables permit)

Sat. Nov. 2, 3:30 p.m.

- Non-LM Pairs Pairs (0-500), Stratified

Sun. Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.

- Non-LM Swiss Teams (0-500) single session, stratified, win/loss

Both tournaments

Tournament Chair:
 Alan Johnson, 971-998-4261, apeace01@comcast.net
Partnerships: Jon Gassaway, 503-505-8583
jonpgassaway@yahoo.com

- \$10 per session (\$15 for lapsed ACBL members; temp memberships available)
- \$5 students under age 26 with student ID (\$10 if nonmember)



THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Sherry tries playing a more disciplined preempt style

Sherry Squirrel loves to play with Patrick Possum. He is clever and thoughtful and says nothing at the table. He has definite opinions and is not afraid to share them away from the table. You know that you will never get a compliment on a well-played hand. Nor will you be harangued.

They arrive plenty early to go over their partnership agreements. Patrick likes a 5 to 11 HCP weak two not vulnerable and 8 to 11 vulnerable. He says that his rules are



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

for first and second seat. I must never make a weak bid in fourth seat. And in third seat he will trust my judgment because he has already passed.

He prefers that my suit be leadable and likes two of the top four honors. He says that just because you do not open that particular weak two does-

n't mean that you never get to bid, just that you know more about where the points are. And is it not more fun to play a hand when you know where the points are? He really hates having three cards or more in a major. He likes his 5-3 major fits. And if the opponents get to bidding, you may lose your 5-3 major fit.

He likes to play RONF - raise only non-forcing - to game. He says that it is not popular, but so many of his partners have passed him below game with a fit, so I will try it. He says that if you play a new suit is non-forcing that you need to alert it.

He says responses are as important as the opening preempt. What does 2NT response ask for? What is a feature? Can it be a singleton or void? What about having three hearts or spades, if you are opening a weak minor?

Is this hand good enough to open a weak two? If you open and partner asks, would the ♦Q be a feature?

♠K 7 5 4 2 ♥J ♦Q 10 6 ♣9 8 5

Patrick says that he has no problems if it is third seat and he never tells me a feature with a minimum weak two.

How about this hand?

♠Q 9 ♥A J 10 6 4 3 ♦10 2 ♣J 9 7

Patrick was vulnerable and first seat, he passed and Sherry opened 1♣, third seat, West doubled, and Patrick had the perfect bid, 2♥. He made two with a spade lead and was a happy camper. Here's the deal.

Dlr: North ♠Q 9
Vul: Both ♥A J 10 6 4 3
♦10 2
♣J 9 7

♠K 8 7	♥J 10 4 2
♥7 5	♥2
♦A Q 9 7	♦J 8 6 5 4
♣A K Q 6	♣10 5 2
♠A 6 5 3	
♥K Q 9 8	
♦K 3	
♣8 4 3	

Sherry fell from grace when she opened 2♠ on this hand in the next round.

♠K Q 9 7 6 2 ♥9 7 4 ♦10 8 ♣A 9

Everyone was not vulnerable and she

was in first seat again. The auction went 2♠, pass, pass, long hesitation - double, all pass.

Here is the hand, Patrick said nothing as he scored down three for minus 500.

Dlr: South ♠4
Vul: None ♥K Q J 8 3
♦6 5 4
♣K 8 7 6

♠A J 10 8 5	♠3
♥10	♥A 6 5 2
♦A K Q 7 3	♦J 9 2
♣J 5	♣Q 10 4 3 2
	♠K Q 9 7 6 2
	♥9 7 4
	♦10 8
	♣A 9

Although Sherry's hand is a classic textbook weak two by most people's standards, it didn't meet her agreement with Patrick because she had three cards in the other major.

Unfortunately, there was one more egregious error that Sherry made. Patrick passed and 3♣ was opened to her right. She held:

♠A J 9 6 3 ♥6 5 ♦K 6 4 3 ♣9 6

Sherry passed and heard 3♥ on her left, pass, pass back to her. What should she do? And why?

She did not ask are you playing RONF and there was no alert. The partner who passed had a void in hearts and Patrick was salivating, but passed in tempo. She thought Patrick might have spades, forgot he was a passed hand, and she bid 3♠. The next bid she heard on her left was

Wise Owl advice

Weak twos are trickier than you think. They also preempt your partner. There are no weak two bids in fourth seat.

Partnership agreements are very important regarding first and second seat openings - when partner is not a passed hand. If partner is a passed hand, anything goes if you are not vulnerable.

If you are *not* playing RONF, that is an alert. RONF is standard.

Wise Owl told us a story about the partner holding AKJ 10 of his partner's opening weak two suit, and 27 HCP. Their partnership agreement was two of the top five cards. Wise Owl said, partner lied.

Are you and your partner playing RONF?

How many honors are promised in first and second seat?

If you follow your partnership rules, your partner may play with you again.

Think about your opponents' bidding and maybe think about what it means.

If they pass a forcing bid, it is likely that you should not help them and give them a chance to fix it.

5♣, scored minus 620. And she could have passed 3♥, a forcing bid!

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299er tournament
ACBL Limited Sectional
November 2-3, 2019

Open to all players with less than 300 masterpoints.
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Director: Dick Jarvinen

Saturday Nov. 2, 2019
10 a.m. Stratified Pairs
3 p.m. Stratified Pairs
Two separate sessions, not play-through

Sunday Nov. 3, 2019
11 a.m. 1-session stratified Swiss Teams
Try a team game! Just one session!

Strat A: 100 - 300 MPs Strat B: 50 - 100 MPs Strat C: 0 - 50 MPs

Check our website in October for directions and information on food and lodging: www.acbridgeclub.org

ACBL Sanction No. 1911010

Second-annual Rogue Valley
I/N Sectional
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Nov. 9, 2019

Phoenix Bridge Center
4149 Pacific Highway S. (99),
South of Medford
Take exit 24 off I-5

Director:
Jerry Kenefick

Chair:
Gee Gee Walker
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ggwalker@gmail.com

Schedule
Saturday, Nov. 9
10 a.m. Pairs game, single session
Lunch break mid-session, compliments of Unit 484

Up your game with valuable tournament experience playing against your peers and earn Sectional masterpoints!

Come prospecting for some silver!
Player Fee: \$8 per session
\$12 for non- or lapsed members of ACBL. Temporary memberships available at venue.

Sanction No. 1911103

www.unit484.org

Vancouver USA
Fall Sectional
November 9-10, 2019

Join us at the
Washington School for the Deaf,
611 Grand Blvd. (entrance on Evergreen Blvd.)
Vancouver, Wash.

Saturday, Nov. 9 - Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)..... 10 a.m.
Novice Pairs (0-100 stratified, # of tables permitting)..... 10 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs..... 3 p.m.
NLM Pairs (0-500 stratified)..... 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10 - Teams
Stratified Swiss Teams..... 10 a.m. & TBA
Flight A = 5000+; X = 3000-5000; Y = 0-3000
Flight BCD: B = 750-2000 C = 300-750; D = 0-300
*Stratified Fast Pairs (single session)..... 10 a.m.
*Field stratified by director based on entries
Schedule is subject to change

OPEN STRATS	NLM STRATS	STRATIFIED PAIRS	
A = 2000+	A = 300 - 500	A = 4000+	B = 750 - 1500
B = 1000 - 2000	B = 100 - 300	X = 2000 - 4000	C = 300 - 750
C = 0 - 1000	C = 0 - 100	Y = 0 - 2000	D = 0 - 300

Note: A team with any player over 1500 masterpoints, plays in Flight A/X/Y
All brackets determined by average masterpoints of team

Fees: \$10/session; \$14/session for lapsed ACBL members; non-ACBL members will be required to join. Temporary memberships available.
Players with 0-5 masterpoints play free!

Head Director: Chris Wiegand
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Partnership Desk: Joy Fletcher, 360-721-2578, joy53640@comcast.net

Sanction #: 1911056

LAS VEGAS SUMMER NABC

Flight B team reaches GNT semifinal

By Kevin Marnell
For The Trumpet

Our team of Ben Bomber, Justin Beck, Bruce Peterson, and I, won second place in D20's Flight B this year, and thanks to a new ACBL rule, we qualified to represent the district in the GNT in Las Vegas. We added Amy Casanova, bringing our team to five, and we all headed to the NABC.

On the first day we played against 41 teams in a Swiss to seed a bracket of 16 in the knockouts. Because of our team of five, we each had two partners we could play with. This added an interesting dynamic as Amy and I would play a strong club with Bruce, and play 2/1 with Ben and Justin. Our team finished 11th for the day, and we ended up as the ninth seed.

On our first day of head-to-head matches we played a tight game against the eighth seed from the Bay Area. We were down by 30 going into the second half before we turned it around, pulling ahead by 4 in the third quarter and extending our lead to 19 by the end.

On this hand, Bruce and I bid to 6♥ at favorable vulnerability after a strong club auction. At the other table, Ben and Amy recognized that the opponents likely had a slam in hearts, and preemptively bid 4♠ red against white. They were doubled, but minus 500 was still a good score when Bruce and I brought back +980.

Dlr: East ♠Q 6 5
Vul: E/W ♥KJ 6 3 2
♦A 9
♣Q 10 6
♠J 10 9 3 2 ♠A K 7 4
♥— ♥10 9 5 4
♦Q 7 6 ♦10 8 2
♣9 7 5 3 2 ♣J 4
♠8
♥A Q 8 7
♦KJ 5 4 3
♣A K 8

At Ben and Amy's table, South opened a strong club, Ben passed and North bid 1♠, showing either both red suits or a balanced hand with 12+ HCP. Amy risked a lead-directing double and almost had a heart attack when it went pass, 4♠ by Ben, red against white.

The next day we played behind screens, this time against the first seed, which in-



Justin Beck, Kevin Marnell, Bruce Peterson, Amy Casanova and Ben Bomber

cluded a few members of last year's winning team. They were a six-person team and every pair played a strong club system. We kept losing a little in each quarter, until we were down by 27 going into the fourth quarter.

In the final quarter both our pairs felt like they had a good round, and when we went to compare the atmosphere was exciting. We had a lot of good scores, and Amy and Ben quickly added up the IMPs. We found we had beaten the top seed by 8 IMPs! There was a lot of hugging, high-fiving, and jumping up and down, and afterwards, Ben and I gathered ourselves to confirm the score with our opponents. The mood at their table was somber, but they congratulated us and wished us good luck on the next day.

Here is a board that went our way, as Bruce and I best remember it. Bruce opened 1NT, and I bid 2♠ (not a transfer) to sign off. Our notrump range was 12-15, so Bruce decided to show a maximum by raising to 3♠, and I went to four. The other table opened a weak notrump as well, but they did not make a super-accept, and instead played in 2♠. We both made four for a vulnerable game swing our way.

W: ♠A x x ♥A x x x ♦K 10 9 x ♣A x
E: ♠Q J 10 x x x ♥K x x ♦Q x ♣J x

In the semifinals, we played against a

team from Southern California. It was a swingy match. We finished the first quarter up 3, the second quarter down 21.

In the third quarter, we had a phenomenal round, scoring 47 to 0. We had a bad fourth quarter to lose by 14. I was disappointed to come so close to the finals and not make it, but I was also glad we made it as far as we did. I had a lot of fun with everyone.

Justin Beck noted, "The last time I played in the GNT B was in 2014 when our team finished second. The Texas team that won this year also won in 2014. The biggest differences in five years that I noticed were a lot more Precision partnerships and a generally stronger field."

"I am thrilled we did so well and made it to the semis," said Amy. "My only regret is perhaps not benching myself after the 47-0 comeback. I played the last quarter conservatively and missed a cold game that might have helped us play another day. It's interesting to note the difference between playing behind and having a lead. Maybe there shouldn't be a difference. Maybe I should have looked at my strong hand and thought, the other guy isn't passing, and kept bidding.

"In the epic third quarter, Ben and I had a great auction to reach a grand slam that I was pretty sure would be bid at the other table but was not. It was a great experience. I encourage players at all levels to participate in these events," she said.

Sleep. Sleep well. Perhaps endure

By Bruce Peterson
For The Trumpet

The most important thing I learned from my Las Vegas experience was to get enough sleep!

Kevin and I left after work Tuesday and arrived in LV late that evening. Our Airbnb host was from Brazil and had written his ad in Portuguese, so instead of booking what I thought was a three-room apartment was a single-room king. We're young, so no worries. That evening he taught us a Brazilian card game called Truco.

That night was a different experience. The mattress was so firm I had trouble getting to sleep. I woke at dawn, way too early, and Kevin sternly said to lie back down. I pretended to snooze but I was excited about the bridge.

Wednesday was the qualifying Swiss. The level of play was reminiscent of words from one of my professors: "You were all near the top of your class in high school, but this is college."

As the day progressed, we had one interesting set against the eventual winners. All eight boards had exactly the same score at both tables for a push.

I was scheduled to sit the last 16 boards, and that was a good thing. I lost my adrenaline on my last board of play and went into autopilot. Luckily, it was an easy defense for a push, but I vowed to get more sleep that night.

Back at the rental, we flipped the bed and discovered that 1) we'd slept on the board side of the mattress sans padding and 2) the pillow top had become folded, leaving the mattress very lumpy. We elected for lumpy but padded. I was able to go back to sleep after waking at dawn. I'm usually an early riser, and a night owl, but too many early mornings and late evenings result in losing bridge. Kevin and I checked out that morning and found a motel just off the strip. Good sleep really makes a difference.

Flight C team repeats as GNT semifinalists

By Roger Thomas
For The Trumpet

My bridge partner, Jon Gassaway, and I, along with teammates Bruce Backup, Dan Edelstein, Mike Goffe and Janet Landesberg (sitting in for Andrew Nuxoll, who was unable to attend), had the honor of representing District 20 in this year's Flight C Grand National Teams held in Las Vegas. For some of the team, it was the first opportunity to represent the district in such a prestigious national event as well as to experience the strong camaraderie that can develop under these circumstances.

Since many of each year's Flight C players from around the nation participate in their first national championship, with a six-person team and a considerable amount of experience, we headed to Las Vegas with the tools necessary to make a deep run into the national finals.

We started slowly in the day one Swiss event used to determine the 16 teams that would begin knockout elimination play on day two. We were able to work our way up to fourth in the qualifying round, but then we started fading, ultimately finishing 15th



Roger Thomas, Bruce Backup, Mike Goffe, Jon Gassaway, Dan Edelstein and Janet Landesberg. Thomas, Gassaway and Edelstein played on last year's team.

out of the 16 who made the cut.

But, it is Las Vegas and as the saying goes, "all you need is a chip and chair," and that certainly was to hold true for our team as we proceeded to win our day two and day three knockout matches, placing us into the semifinals against a strong team of globally accomplished 20-something youths. While our run ended there, we left Las Vegas proud of our accomplishment and looking forward to what 2020 might have in store for us.

This was the first year ACBL permitted

districts to send two teams each in Flights B and C if the district fielded at least eight teams in the flight's district finals. Unfortunately, only six teams participated in the Flight C District 20 finals. Flight B had enough participation to send a second team and that team also made it to the national semifinals. Interestingly, this year's Flight C national finals pitted District 21's two teams against each other. We were the only non-California team that made it to the semifinals.

My teammates and I would like to en-

courage Flight C eligible players to give strong consideration to participating in the 2020 GNT qualifying process (top finishers earn gold and red points) and to take advantage of all of the team opportunities that are available at sectionals and regionals. You can learn more about the fine points of team competition through conversations with friends, club directors, owners, national events coordinator Hal Montgomery, or those who have represented D20 before. Let's send two Flight C teams to Montreal in 2020.

The Oregon Coast Regional

at Seaside

SCHEDULE

Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 2019

Seaside Convention Center
415 1st Ave., Seaside, OR

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

- ◆ Saturday prize games.
- ◆ Between sessions party.
- ◆ Tips for Tops: Daily speakers 6:15 pm.
- ◆ Mini-Classes: Wed - Sat. 12 - 12:30 pm.
- ◆ Morning 299er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ◆ Afternoon 299er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ◆ Evening 299er Pairs Mon - Sat.
- ◆ Afternoon 99er Pairs Tues - Sat.
- ◆ Gold Rush Pairs daily Tues - Sat.
- ◆ Gold point opportunity on Sunday in the lower brackets of the 2-session Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams.
- ◆ Prize beads.

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STRATIFICATIONS

Stratified Open Events
Open/2000/750

Three Strat Open Pairs
Open/3000/1500

Two Strat Open Pairs
Open/3000

Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)
3000/1500

◆ **Gold Rush Pairs (Under 750)**
750/300/200

◆ **299er Events (Under 300)**
300/200/100

◆ **99er Events (Under 100)**
100/50/20

Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams
Open/4000/2500 (plays alone; 20 VP)

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
0-2000 (no player over 2000); teams play in groups of 7-9 by MP average; gold points in each bracket; (20 VP).

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

- ◆ Indicates I/N events. (Intermediate/Newcomer).

TABLE FEES

ACBL members \$13
Lapsed ACBL members \$17
Under age 26, \$6

MONDAY, September 30
7 p.m. Seaside Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 9, 1 & 7 on Tues.)
7 p.m. Stratified Charity Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Stratified Open Charity Pairs (part of Evening Side Game Series) (1 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs

TUESDAY, October 1
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
9 a.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Gearhart Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wed.)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ◆ **Razor Clam Gold Rush Pairs**
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. ◆ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs

WEDNESDAY, October 2
9 a.m. Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (continues at 9 on Thur.)
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
9 a.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Astoria Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Thur.)
1 & 7 p.m. Two Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)
1 & 7 p.m. ◆ **Coho Gold Rush Pairs**
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
1 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. ◆ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs

THURSDAY, October 3
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Lewis and Clark Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Fri.)
1 & 7 p.m. Two Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. Mid-Flight Pairs (Under 3000)
1 & 7 p.m. ◆ **Chinook Gold Rush Pairs** (Thursday continues - see next column)

THURSDAY, October 3 (continued)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. ◆ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs

FRIDAY, October 4
9 a.m. Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (continues at 9 on Sat.)
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
9 a.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Sand Dollar Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Sat.)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ◆ **Oyster Gold Rush Pairs**
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
1 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. ◆ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs

SATURDAY, October 5
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
9 a.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. Jellyfish Compact KOs (winners continue at 7)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ◆ **Steelhead Gold Rush Pairs**
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
1 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs
1 p.m. ◆ 99er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)
7 p.m. ◆ 299er Stratified Pairs

SUNDAY, October 6
10 a.m. & TBA.... Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & TBA.... *Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs

*Lowest brackets will include 299er and 0-750 teams. Gold points in every bracket! (Single session 299er teams accommodated.)

Small clubs: Managers at the district's smallest clubs focus on keeping the lights on and the games going

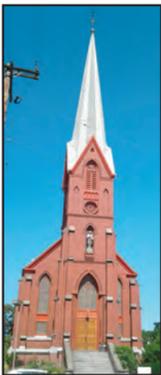
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do participate in The Longest Day, hosting a special event each year for Alzheimer's research. "We order a meal to be delivered to the club for lunch, paid for by the club," Cotter says. "And we have a jar for donations, which goes to Alzheimer's research."



Gary Cotter
The Dalles Bridge Club

When asked about his favorite part of running the club, Cotter says, "I enjoy all of it." But he's quick to note that he has help in ensuring The Dalles Bridge Club runs smoothly.



The Dalles Bridge Club meets at St. Peter's Landmark Church.

"We have a great director and someone on the computer for scoring," Cotter explains. "So, I just keep everything clean, organized and ready to play."

Cotter's main hope is that they can maintain their current size. At the end of the day, Cotter is there to enjoy the people who come in to play. "I just enjoy the fellowship of the players."



At The Dalles Bridge Club, players hope to maintain their current size — four to seven tables twice a week — without any active recruitment.



At Tillamook Bridge Club, an email goes out every week to see if enough players will come to hold a game.



Teri Bruneau
Tillamook Bridge Club

Nevada County Bridge Club

The Nevada County Bridge Club is in Grass Valley, Calif., and welcomed 319 tables last year. Marge Roe has run the club the last 10 years. Like many small-town clubs, it is nonprofit.

"We have a council made up of members to take care of all items related to running a bridge club," Roe says. "The manager is not part of the council."

Her job, as a volunteer, is to make sure there is a director, a scorer, and that supplies are in good order.

Her biggest challenge is the decreasing number of players, which she attributes to attrition.

"Younger people don't seem to have the desire to become duplicate players," Roe says.

She regards the nonprofit status as a benefit.

"As a nonprofit, we are able to play the first Monday of the month for half price, which we advertise," she explains.

Other efforts to draw in new members include leveraging the unit's monthly newsletter to help players find partners. The unit has put information in the local paper and classes have been made available to potential duplicate players, Roe says.

Roe said her favorite part of running a club is collaborating with her member council.

"We all work together. The joy is the many volunteers who are so willing to help in any way to keep us going. And, of course, playing bridge."



Marge Roe
Nevada County Bridge Club



Nevada County Bridge Club games are held at the Golden Empire Grange.



There's plenty of room to be found at Nevada County Bridge Club, which averages six tables per week.



The Bandon Bridge Club hosts an average of five tables a week at The Barn/Bandon Senior Center.

Tillamook Bridge Club

The Tillamook Bridge Club had 298.5 tables in 2018. Teri Bruneau started playing at the club back in 2004, but took over as the manager/director in January 2017. She attributes the club's smaller size to relocation issues and the fact that many people aren't around during the winter months.

"We have several snowbirds, which makes

our attendance in the winter pretty sparse," she says.

Another challenge is having to cancel a game at the last minute due to lack of attendance. "We have a member who sends an email out to see how many players we will have," Bruneau says. "If not enough plan to come, players are notified that the game has been canceled. This is frustrating."

One of Bruneau's duties as manager in-

cludes ensuring there will be an even number of players for each game, which makes any last-minute changes another frustration.

The club runs a unit game every Tuesday evening, but no special events. Several travel far to play at the Tillamook Bridge Club. "We have four players who drive an hour to play on Tuesday," says Bruneau. "Most of the members find out about the club in the local paper or on the ACBL website."

Another tricky aspect for Bruneau is running a club of mostly seniors, some of whom are on a limited income. Because of this, Bruneau obtained an exemption from holding tournaments. "For several years, we worked with Pacific City to have a sectional, but that ended when we found we were losing money for the club."

While the job can be challenging, Bruneau still loves coming to the club, which is why she teaches lessons, in addition to managing.

Bandon Bridge Club

The Bandon Bridge Club hosted 265 tables last year. Mike Claassen has been managing the club for about six years.

He takes the job seriously, noting the challenge is "keeping the club an important part of members' lives."

When it comes to promoting and retaining members, Claassen has made it his mission is to show appreciation for every player. He also helps members find partners, and recently started lessons for new players. "We'll follow up with the next level of lessons and encourage beginners to continue toward higher levels."

The biggest frustration for Claassen is the ACBL software, making changes and corrections.

The Bandon Bridge Club hosts a few special events throughout the year, the



Mike Claassen
Bandon Bridge Club

most noteworthy being their STAC games and The Longest Day fundraiser.

"We encourage attending out-of-town unit games and sectionals and regionals," Claassen says. "We also encourage after-game socializing at different members' homes with libations and food."

Claassen's reward is seeing the players become a community. "I love to see members socialize outside of bridge and really watch out for one another," he says. But his very favorite part of running the club is "seeing the positive impact of our games on our members' lives."



Yreka players also support the Mount Shasta Club.

Yreka Bridge Club & Mount Shasta Bridge Club

The Yreka Bridge Club, which tallied 208 tables last year, and the Mount Shasta Bridge Club, which clocked in 143, are managed by Ted Marconi.

"We are located in one of the largest and most sparsely populated counties in California, and most of our members have to drive 10 to 20 miles, if not more, to get to a game," Marconi says.

Marconi boils his biggest challenge down to one word: membership.

"Both of our clubs are dwindling and the Mount Shasta Club could be on the verge of folding," Marconi says. "When I started playing in Mount Shasta's sister club 30 some years ago, I was the youngest member. Today I am still the youngest member of the Mount Shasta Club, although I'm now well over 70."

Marconi credits the club's attrition to mortality, relocations, and lack of active recruitment.

"We lost five members in just the last 18 months," Marconi says. "Without the support of members from the Yreka Club, we could no longer hold a game. And many times we have to hold a two-table individual game."

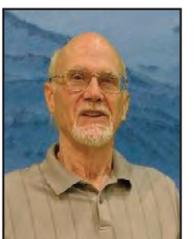
Marconi wishes he could convince younger people to try the game and experience the joys of playing bridge. "Mount Shasta has maintained one of the rare evening games in the hopes of providing a venue for those still working," he said. But that may have been a fatal mistake, as that cost us some older people who are reluctant to drive at night."

The Mount Shasta Club is testing ways to retain and attract members. "Thanks to the gracious efforts of a remarkable lady, Rosemarie Bemis, who is willing to drive over 50 miles to provide lessons, Mount Shasta is attempting to remain viable," he says.

These lessons offer the potential of five new members, but Marconi says it would only replace those the club has recently lost.

"I think we have belatedly come to realize that recruitment needs to be an active and ongoing process for clubs to continually offset the attrition associated with our core demographic," says Marconi. He believes word of mouth is one of the best forms of recruitment, but even that is becoming more difficult as the membership dwindles.

"My favorite thing is seeing people enjoy this fascinating game," he says.



Ted Marconi
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Yreka Bridge Club & Mount Shasta Bridge Club

The Yreka Bridge Club, which tallied 208 tables last year, and the Mount Shasta Bridge Club, which clocked in 143, are managed by Ted Marconi

"We are located in one of the largest and most sparsely populated counties in California, and most of our members have to drive 10 to 20 miles, if not more, to get to a game," Marconi says.

Marconi boils his biggest challenge down to one word: membership.

"Both of our clubs are dwindling and the Mount Shasta Club could be on the verge of folding" Marconi says. "When I started playing in Mount Shasta's sister club 30 some years ago, I was the youngest member. Today I am still the youngest member of the Mount Shasta Club, although I'm now well over 70."

Marconi credits the club's attrition to mortality, relocations, and lack of active recruitment.

"We lost five members in just the last 18 months," Marconi says. "Without the support of members from the Yreka Club, we could no longer hold a game. And many times we have to hold a two-table individual game."

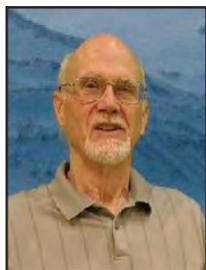
Marconi wishes he could convince younger people to try the game and experience the joys of playing bridge. "Mount Shasta has maintained one of the rare evening games in the hopes of providing a venue for those still working," he said. But that may have been a fatal mistake, as that cost us some older people who are reluctant to drive at night."

The Mount Shasta Club is testing ways to retain and attract members. "Thanks to the gracious efforts of a remarkable lady, Rosemarie Bemis, who is willing to drive over 50 miles to provide lessons, Mount Shasta is attempting to remain viable," he says.

These lessons offer the potential of five new members, but Marconi says it would only replace those the club has recently lost.

"I think we have belatedly come to realize that recruitment needs to be an active and ongoing process for clubs to continually offset the attrition associated with our core demographic," says Marconi. He believes word of mouth is one of the best forms of recruitment, but even that is becoming more difficult as the membership dwindles.

"My favorite thing is seeing people enjoy this fascinating game," he says.



Ted Marconi
Yreka Bridge Club,
Mount Shasta Bridge Club

The Longest Day District 20 raises \$25,000

District 20 clubs and units raised about \$25,000 for the Alzheimer's Association in their events for The Longest Day in June. Sixteen clubs and units participated, helping the ACBL raise more than \$1.2 million. Contributions in District 20 and ACBL-wide were about the same as last year.

Boise Unit 394 again led the district, increasing 30% to \$7550. The club served breakfast, lunch and dinner in between three bridge games, bridge bingo, deuce ball, a silent auction and a raffle (see story, page 14). Unit 461 in Grass Valley CA placed second again with \$3555.

The Longview (WA) Bridge Club more than tripled its contribution to \$3117 by teaming with the Kelso Senior Center for a day of events that included line dancing, a trivia contest and karaoke, with testimonials to caregivers offered in between.

In the Portland area, the three major clubs took advantage of the option to hold games on the day of their choice the week of June 16-23, each holding its events on different days, allowing players to attend all three. Collectively they raised slightly more than Boise, led by \$2835 from Vancouver Bridge Club.

Top 10 fundraisers in D20

Boise Unit 394	\$7550
Unit 461 Grass Valley CA	\$3555
Longview (WA) Bridge Club	\$3117
Vancouver (WA) Bridge Club	\$2835
Ace of Clubs, Lake Oswego OR	\$2726
Cascade DBC, Bend OR	\$2620
Portland Bridge Club	\$1994
Albany/Corvallis	\$1539
Unit 492, The Dalles OR	\$704
Ace of Hearts, Bend OR	\$577

The largest increase was by Cascade DBC in Bend, which almost quadrupled to \$2620.



Chuck Burns and Janie Pearcy peruse the silent auction table at the Vancouver Bridge Club.

King Louis: Portland teen wins bridge scholarship

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A year later in San Diego, he placed 20th in the Blue Ribbon Pairs playing with Portland expert Jon Bartlett after starting the third day in second place. Beauchet also lists among his accomplishments having never gotten angry with a partner.

One thing not on his resume: any involvement with the junior program.

"I've never enjoyed being with people my age," Beauchet says. "Young people who play bridge have something in common with me," but not enough for his tastes. "I've been asked to join junior teams and programs. I always say I'm not interested."

Instead Beauchet has formed many friendships with people three or four times his age through bridge. He feels more comfortable in their company. "I've always been very shy," he says. "Older people are more open-minded about shy people."

He also sees advantages to having them as bridge partners. "I think older people are a lot more steady, calmer, smarter, have more experience," he says. "I feel like I'm like them."

One of the players Beauchet admires most for exemplifying those qualities is Bill Hardy of Beaverton. "He knows everything about the game," Beauchet says. "I've never seen him get mad at anybody at a bridge table."

Beauchet graduated from high school



Louis Beauchet plays bridge professionally.

early a year ago and took a gap year. He's thinking about starting college this year, probably online – the King of Bridge award is a scholarship – but doesn't have any specific plans. He's interested in economics, sociology and philosophy. He's already playing bridge professionally and plans to continue that. Someday he'd like to start a business, but he doesn't have anything particular in mind. He also golfs at least once a week.

For two years Beauchet wrote a quarterly column on bridge strategy for The Trumpet (it ended last issue). Late last year, he took over directing the Saturday

game at The Ace of Clubs and boosted attendance. He sometimes makes crepes for his players and is also the club's webmaster. Recently he started mentoring and playing with students.

Beauchet hasn't noticed much of a difference between American and French bridge players after playing about the same amount of time in each country. He says bridge players are nice, smart and interesting everywhere. "This is why I love bridge," Beauchet says. "You get to meet some of the smartest people ever."

Among his favorite experiences was playing with Bartlett in the Blue Ribbon Pairs. "We had never played together before. We didn't have a single bidding misunderstanding the whole event."

Beauchet said it was a great surprise and a huge honor to be chosen for the award by the ACBL Educational Foundation. The last King of Bridge from District 20 was Nick Flores in 2009.

It may seem ironic that someone who doesn't like to play with his fellow young people has been selected as the face of youth bridge. But the job of King of Bridge is to promote the game, and Beauchet does that. Bridge is his passion. And the social aspect of bridge is helping him overcome his shyness, he says.

"It's always been my destiny," Beauchet said of bridge. "Right now I don't have much else in my life. Bridge gives me everything I need to be happy."

Vilhauer: Governance plan comes closer to approval

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The Governance Committee has held many meetings via conference calls. We thought we had a plan that would appeal to most of the board but we need to do some more tweaking. I think we are very close to coming up with a solution to downsizing the board. Here is a rough outline of the motion:

A motion was proposed to form a new executive committee made up of nine members. Members would be voted on by the board divided into three geographic areas — West, Midwest and East. Three members from each area would be selected. This committee would meet more often and do the strategic planning and critical issues. Keeping the districts as they are would give some representation by all

districts. The first vote on this needed a two-thirds majority and failed by one vote. I think most of the board members voting against this did not feel it was well planned and needed to be better thought out. This is a very difficult task and the governance committee is still working on it.

Age changes

The age for seniors has been changed from 60 to 65. Those players who have just turned 60 will be eligible to continue to play. Super Seniors age will be raised from 70 to 75 starting in 2020.

Unit recorders, disciplinary chairs abolished

The positions of unit recorder and unit disciplinary chair have been eliminated. All disciplinary matters previously managed by units will be managed by districts. For disciplinary matters in a

district, the district president shall be the charging party unless otherwise specified in the district's bylaws. District recorders will appoint assistant recorders. If a unit requests that one of its members be an assistant recorder, such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

ACBL President Russ Jones is coming to Seaside for four days. Russ will be playing in the pair games and also will give a talk one evening before the session. Check the Daily Bulletin in Seaside for further information.

If I can answer any questions or you just want to pass along any news or suggestions you can contact me at district20director@acbl.org.

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Las Vegas

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In the 10K Pairs, **Arun Savara – Jean Choi and John Ashton – Dennis Metcalf** also made overalls. **Ray Robert – Rick Prouser and Lynda Hirst – Margi Redden** made overalls in the Young 0-2500 Pairs, and **Laurie Carr** placed in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs.

Regional event winners include **Rich Carle, Merlin Vilhauer, Doug Jansen, Joe Habeich, Justin Beck, Sheri Jerand, Clyde Coon and Brian King**. On the day of the GNT finals, two-thirds of the C team won the Gold Rush Swiss Teams. **Kay Alspaugh and Lindy Hamilton** won the Monday afternoon 299er Pairs.

San Francisco

The Fall NABC will also be close by for District 20 when it comes to San Francisco Nov. 28-Dec. 8. See nabc.acbl.org for information.



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7 p.m. ♦ Mon-Tues Evening Gold Rush Pairs

Single session entries welcome for all evening Gold Rush Pairs

Tuesday, Feb. 18

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
9 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. ♦ Honeysuckle Gold Rush Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ABC Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. AXY Swiss Teams
1 & 7 p.m. Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-2500)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. ♦ Mon-Tues Evening Gold Rush Pairs
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)

Wednesday, Feb. 19

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
9 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. ♦ Rose Gold Rush Pairs
1 p.m. Vancouver Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 Thursday)
1 & 7 p.m. ABC Pairs
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Open Single Session Swiss Teams
7 p.m. 0-2500 Single Session Swiss Teams
7 p.m. ♦ Wed-Thur Evening Gold Rush Pairs
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)

Thursday, Feb. 20

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. ♦ Rhododendron Gold Rush Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ABC Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. AXY Swiss Teams
1 & 7 p.m. Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-2500)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs

Thursday, Feb. 20 (continued)

7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. ♦ Wed-Thur Evening Gold Rush Pairs
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)

Friday, Feb. 21

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
9 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. ♦ Azalea Gold Rush Pairs
1 p.m. Jim Elliott Memorial Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 Saturday)
1 & 7 p.m. ABC Pairs
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Open Single Session Swiss Teams
7 p.m. 0-2500 Single Session Swiss Teams
7 p.m. ♦ Fri-Sat Evening Gold Rush Pairs
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)

Saturday, Feb. 22

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
9 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. ♦ Tulip Gold Rush Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. ABC Pairs
1 & 7 p.m. AXY Swiss Teams
1 & 7 p.m. Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-2500)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
7 p.m. ♦ Fri-Sat Evening Gold Rush Pairs
1 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)

Sunday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. & TBA AXY Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & TBA .. Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-2500)
10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs
10 a.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Swiss Teams

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0-2500 Single Session Swiss Teams: 2500/1250/500
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Laws of the Game

Psych bids: Love 'em or hate 'em, they're here to stay!

It's a rite of passage; you've persevered through the 99er game and the 299er game and are finally playing with the sharks in the open game. You struggle for six months or a year and are just getting comfortable when wham! — someone interferes with your road to a game contract by bidding a three-card major or overcalls with 4 HCP and a suit headed by the 10! What's up with that?!

Welcome to the bigs: Those were psych bids and were done deliberately to keep you from finding your game or slam. You're not happy, are you? But it might just be a compliment (no need to do that if you aren't going to find that slam anyway), and like it or not, it's often perfectly legal and part of the game. Here's what you need to know.

What's a psych bid?

The ACBL defines it as follows: "A call that intentionally and grossly misstates the strength and/or suit length of one's hand."

As an example, the new Convention Chart document further states:

"Psych: Generally, two cards fewer or an ace weaker than the minimum expected for a bid would meet the definition of a psych, as would an ace stronger than the maximum expected."

Legality

"A player may deviate from his side's announced understandings, provided that his partner has no more reason than the opponents to be aware of the deviation." (Law 40C1)

"A player may appropriately attempt to deceive an opponent through a call or play (so long as the deception is not emphasized by unwonted haste or hesitancy,

nor protected by concealed partnership understanding or experience)." (Law 73E)

What's a psych look like?

Example 1: Misrepresenting your suit length:

♠8 ♥7 6 5 ♦J 10 9 2 ♣Q 10 6 5 4

White against red, partner opens 2♥ (weak) and RHO doubles. You have only 3 HCP and a singleton spade, the suit where opponents likely have a game. To prevent them from finding their game, however, you smoothly bid 2♠, grossly misrepresenting your length in spades. Whether forcing or not, it may well do the trick. Even doubled and down 3, it's better than having opponents ring the bell for 620.

Example 2: Misrepresenting your strength:

♠6 ♥5 3 ♦A 8 5 4 3 2 ♣Q 10 6 5

Equal vulnerability, Partner passes and RHO bids 1♠. With only 6 HCP, you nonetheless bid 1NT (15–18 HCP, balanced, with a spade stopper) to keep them out of their sure game in spades.

Tactical bids

Some bids that may appear at first to be psych bids, might more accurately be described as tactical bids. Such bids, though aggressive, have a basis in truth and are intended to make it difficult for the opponents to find their best fit.

Example 3: Continuing the preempt. Partner deals and opens 2♠ (weak). RHO doubles, and with 0 HCP but three spades, you bid 3♠. (This comes from Larry Cohen, who has no use at all for pure psych bids; see *infra*.)

Example 4: Overcalling weak. After partner passes and RHO opens 1♦, you over-

call 1♥ with the following 7 HCP hand:

♠8 3 ♥J 10 9 8 7 ♦A 5 4 2 ♣Q 7

You suspect that opponents may be cold for 3NT, so you bid your plentiful but miserable hearts to scare them off. You know, it works. You're less than an ace short of a proper overcall, and you have five hearts, so it's not a psych.

Ambiguous bids

As you might imagine, the line between psychs and tactical bids is not always clear. Consider example 1 above, but after partner opens 2♥ (weak), RHO now passes instead of doubling, and you now bid 2NT, with the same lousy 3 HCP and three little hearts. Your motive: You sense that your LHO has a monster and you want to mislead them into passing. You plan to retreat to 3♥ regardless of what partner answers.

Is this a psych? Opponents say, of course, you're grossly misstating the strength of your hand. Not at all, say defenders. You're merely asking for more information about partner's hand. What do you think?

True psych bids can be corrosive

True psych bids that grossly misstate the strength and/or suit length of one's hand, have long been part of the game of bridge. Although seen most often in higher level competitive play, they are in fact allowed in even the most basic of the ACBL's four convention charts. For every enthusiast of the bids, however, there are probably multiple detractors, who consider them inimical to the spirit of bridge.

Pro player Gavin Wolpert sees a place for them:

"I think psyching when you are down in a match is akin to pulling your goalie for an extra attacker in hockey. Very high risk, but worthwhile when you need a goal near the end of the game."

Larry Cohen, on the other hand, is particularly critical:

"Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. I don't condone this type of action for several reasons:

1. Your partner can never trust you.
2. It makes it hard to bid constructively when you haven't shown your hand.
3. In my opinion, this shouldn't be the way bridge is played (not all will agree).
4. Even when it works (by confusing the opposition), they will be annoyed — and this creates ill-will and awkward situations."

Psych bids also aren't good for the field as they spread random results around. And while they are fun for the psycher, they aren't fun for the victim(s). Bridge is supposed to be fun for everybody, including your opponents.

Club level options

Some clubs have thought of banning psych bids altogether, but found that their sanction agreement with the ACBL commits them to following the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as promulgated by the ACBL, which expressly authorizes them.

Although the ACBL allows psych bids at all levels, club owners may choose to adopt policies that will penalize them when they are excessive, frivolous or unsportsmanlike. I recommend that clubs adopt — and post on their or the Unit's website — a statement of policy re psych bidding which will:

- ♦ Define psych bids.
- ♦ Distinguish them from tactical bids.
- ♦ Distinguish them from authorized opening bids.
- ♦ Encourage players to report psyching.
- ♦ Describe the penalties for violating the policy.

An example of a formal club policy can be found at bridgewebs.com/letsplay/Policy%20on%20Psychs.pdf.



Dennis Kendig
Trumpet Contributor

To rescue or not?

A matter of trust, tempered with analysis

By Jim Flint
The Trumpet

It comes up now and then. Partner's bid gets doubled for penalty and you wonder if you should rescue or not.

The mantra most often heard is don't rescue your partner, even if you think he is on thin ice. It usually results in a disaster.

However, there are occasions when it makes sense to rescue. You want to preserve your partner's confidence, but it's also important to temper the decision with sound analysis. Review the bidding. Ask yourself questions, such as: Could partner have a trump stack? Are your hands best suited for defense or offense?

We'll take a look at examples of both situations.

You hold the following hand:

♠QJ 10 9 8 6 5 ♥— ♦9 5 3 ♣QJ 10

LHO opens 1♣, partner bids a preemptive 2♥, it's passed around to the opener who balances with a double which RHO passes, converting it to a penalty double.

Do you pass and say, "I trust you, partner," laying down a dummy with a void in your partner's hearts? You do if you don't respect partner, or you can't think clearly, or you want to be able to blame partner for any bad result.

An honest, clear-minded partner will ask himself these questions: Does partner have a solid seven-card suit like my spades? If I redouble, will partner take it as support ("We can make it, partner") or as a rescue plea? If he takes it as a rescue plea, will a

contract in diamonds be the best contract? He is highly unlikely to bid spades.

The answers to those questions will prompt you to do the right thing: bid 2♣ and hope for the best, knowing that it surely will be better than letting your partner play in hearts.

Let's look at another hand. You hold:

♠K 8 4 2 ♥— ♦10 9 7 ♣K 10 8 7 5 4

The bidding has progressed and when your partner bids 3♥ he gets doubled for penalty by the opponents. You suspect hearts are badly split, you have few points, and your hand is not likely to be a source of tricks in hearts. With a void in hearts, maybe a little voice whispers in your ear that partner may have some clubs and that would be a better place to play. Do you bid 4♣ to rescue partner?

The answer seems clear in this case as well. Your clubs aren't solid in any respect. Your partner may be void in clubs, holding so many hearts. The opponents may double again, and now you're a level higher. A save might work out better, but it is just as likely to be a worse place to play, if not more.

Odds are that it pays *not* to rescue partner the higher you are in the bidding. Old sayings about frying pans and fires should come to mind. If you do try to save partner, it should be with a suit that is substantial.

Generally speaking, when partner has doubled a higher-level contract, it is usually based on a calculation that competing will take you to a contract you can't make

or that the penalty is worth more than the gain, even if you could make your own higher-level contract.

If you have misled your partner during the bidding about your trick taking strength, it might warrant bidding over his double. Or if you have a void in the opponents' suit and a singleton in an unbid suit, you might overrule partner and bid on, even to slam. But if your hand contains no information not already known to partner, it's generally wiser to leave the double in.

Now let's talk about the rare occasion when partner's double is redoubled. Your decision of what to do is fraught with risk. Trust partner's double? Or run?

Consider this deal:

Dir: West ♠A 6 5
 Vul: Both ♥—
 Lead: ♠7 ♦10 9 8 6 5 4
 ♣10 9 8 3
 ♠K Q 10 9 8 ♠7
 ♥8 7 5 2 ♥K J 6 4 3
 ♦— ♦A K Q J 3
 ♣K Q J 2 ♣6 5
 ♠J 4 3 2
 ♥A Q 10 9
 ♦7 2
 ♣A 7 4

West	North	East	South
1♣	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♣ ⁽²⁾	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

1. Minors.
 2. A good hand with hearts.

This hand was played in a knockout team match.

At this table, North decided to obstruct

the bidding by inserting an unusual notrump bid, showing the minors. Yes, it was risky, considering the vulnerability. The suits were worse than cheesy and the 6-4 distribution was less than ideal. But in a team game, players tend to make sure they bid their vulnerable games, so North was hoping the interference would make communication difficult for East/West and maybe hinder their finding the right contract, or a slam if there is one.

Well, when South doubled the 4♥ contract, sure of at least three heart tricks, maybe four, and probably the ♠A, North mustered a pass, nervously. When East redoubled, North panicked, thinking that South might be counting on more tricks from North, and bid 5♦, doubled, down six, for minus 1700.

East confessed later that he noticed North's hesitancy before passing South's double. So, believing he had stepped into a bad situation, he redoubled, hoping to scare North into bailing.

North should realize that South isn't doubling on tricks from a partner who made what is essentially a weak bid. North's void in hearts also should be a clue as to the soundness of South's double, and the fact that North has the ♠A is a bonus. Leave the redouble in and chalk up a nice plus.

Again, it's worth repeating: it's rarely wise to rescue partner from his action at a high level. And if you enter the bidding with a crap hand, be prepared to bite your tongue and grin and bear it. (Can you do both of those things at once?)

Sometimes a rescue is not a lifesaver. Sometimes it's like throwing your partner an anvil.

AROUND THE UNITS



Boise players celebrate their unit's fundraising success for The Longest Day.

Boise raises \$7550 for Longest Day



Boise



By Nancy Feldman

boisebridge.club

On July 7, Boise Unit 394 presented to the Alzheimer's Association a check for \$7550, the total raised on The Longest Day promotion this year. Once again, this bridge unit raised the greatest amount of money in Idaho for Alzheimer's. Held on June 22 at the Bridge Cooperative of Boise, the day was full of bridge games and laughter, all for a good cause.

Team Sunshine, the organizers for the Longest Day, began planning in March. As in previous years, we had a silent auction, sold raffle tickets for free plays at the club, and had a donation jar. Our day started at 8:30 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast by baker and bridge player **Janet Evans**. Players from the Ontario, Ore., bridge club were the first to show up for the event.

During our morning game we added Bridge Bingo to the play. Each player at the 14 tables was given four bingo cards with different bids on the cards. As players made a bid noted on their cards, they could mark it off their side's cards. And if declarer was set, the opponents could mark off the contract from their cards! It wasn't long before "Bingo!" was shouted across room. Winners could choose from the prize basket full of cookies, lotion, bomber beers and more. **Jill Wood**, Bingo

Queen, moderated the game.

After the morning game we served lunch for \$5, raising additional money. Sated and ready to go, we filled 14 tables again for the afternoon game. While people milled around the silent auction table, hors d'oeuvres were passed while **Craig Jones** gave a short lesson on when to open notrump with a five-card major and when to use new minor forcing. Dinner of pizza and salad was offered for \$5.

The final evening game filled eight tables and included the game Deuce Ball. Any time someone took a trick with a 2, they were to shout "deuce ball" and a stuffed ogre was tossed to him or her. The last person holding the ogre won a Naked Sunbather Nut Brown Ale produced by a local brewery.

This year's effort brings Boise's Longest Day five-year total to \$20,550. The saying "never underestimate what a small group of people can accomplish" holds true. The dedication of Team Sunshine to make sure this event is a success is amazing. Every aspect came off without a hitch. Time and money were donated to make sure expenses were kept to zero. It was a team effort.

Thanks to **Nancy Feldman** who chaired the event, **Kay Alsbaugh**, **Linda Anderson**, **Karen Boss**, **Maryon Evans**, **Gene Gerard**, **Kathy Luft** (who asked for donations to the Alzheimer's Association from family and friends for a milestone birthday), **Cheryl Maderazo**, **Ian Martindale**, **Janet Matthews**, **Judy Staufer** and **Jill Wood**.

Four new players in Ontario

Our club membership is enjoying the beautiful summer weather; however, it has not caused a lack of enthusiasm for playing.

Several of our members traveled to Boise to participate in its annual Longest Day Alzheimer's charity game.

Four new players have joined our club and we are very happy to welcome them to the club. They are **Bob** and **Barbara Barber**, **Mark Counidos** and **Dorothy Luck**.

The board is working on a new member class for absolute novices and hopes to have it up and running in the very near



Ontario



By Billie Willis

future. We continue to offer twice monthly classes for our newer players.

In your travels this summer, we would welcome you if you want to stop in for a game on Monday afternoon or Wednesday evening.

New volunteer revives growth

Sequoia Bridge Club in Eureka is a small club which rests on the efforts of a few people to keep it going. Many of the players are quite expert, but it has been hard to recruit new players to replace attrition.

Five or six tables are about all that we can muster, and during holiday times or if there is a popular tournament within driving distance, it is not unusual to have games canceled due to lack of players.

That was before **Aleen Arbaugh** joined the club.

Aleen learned to play bridge only two and a half years ago at a local education for seniors institution (OLLI), and it was old-fashioned rubber bridge at that. Wanting to play more, Aleen explored playing duplicate at our club: an ambitious step up.

She took lessons from our director and waded right in. When she found out how much fun it was, she took it upon herself to introduce other rubber and party bridge players to duplicate. She contacted the senior center, fellow OLLI graduates and outlying bridge clubs. She distributed flyers, posted a poster, wheedled and cajoled.



Aleen Arbaugh



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

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She compiled a list of over 100 bridge players in our area and soon had five or six tables meeting at our club for a novice game on the first Wednesday of the month. Most of these players had never played in a sanctioned game, and now they began to win some points in their section.

They also receive a follow-up newsletter with results, encouraging them to come again. Before the game, there is an optional lesson. For the time being, this newcomer game is completely separate from the regular game, but they are having fun, so perhaps they will eventually graduate into our regular game. We are bribing them with excellent refreshments.

We old-timers had run out of ideas on how to attract new players to our club. It took someone new, with a bubbly personality and a can-do attitude, to show us the way. Aleen says that she likes bridge "even if I'm not very good, because it takes my mind off of everything else." So, our hats are off to Aleen Arbaugh, the Queen of the Novices! She certainly is very good — for our club!

Longtime players leave bridge

Along with the many other recent changes in our unit (the closing of the Yuba/Sutter club, the cancellation of their sectional, etc.), we also had our Trumpet reporter, **Rick Shipley**, retire. Thanks to Rick for his reporting. His articles were always written in a colorful style. I'll take back the reins and see if I can remember how to do this.

End of an era

Longtime Chico bridge icon **Carol Myers** has played her last club game. A club and tournament fixture for over 50 years (she played her first duplicate game in 1959), Carol was a force in the bridge world, winning everything there was to win, usually many times over. She was a fearless player, known especially for her jumps to game or slam. As she'd say afterward, "I had a feeling!" And her feeling was usually right. Carol's game remained strong up to the end a month ago. She is missed at the club.



Carol Myers

End of an era, part 2

Director, teacher and player **Mel Marble** has been moved to an assisted living facility in Murphys, in Amador County, after suffering a stroke a couple of months ago. Mel was a solid B player in the club game, ran the Friday morning



Mel Marble



Chico



By Mark Bloom

Easybridge class/game for years, and directed and managed the Women's Club game for a decade. Mel had health issues in her last few years in Chico, but kept playing in almost every game at the club and running her Thursday WC game for the ladies. It's not the same at the club without her sitting at table 1 in the games.

New blood!

On a brighter note, the Chico club is happy to welcome two new A players who have moved here from South Carolina, **Ann Rickard** and **Michael Oechsler**. It's great to have new blood, especially experienced players who can compete with the best in the area. It doesn't hurt that they're also nice people! Welcome to Chico!

Summer Bash

The annual Mohamed Shagrun Summer Bash at the country club was well-attended. After an enjoyable lunch some cutthroat bridge was played, with **Steve Kaessner** and **Chuck Hodel** coming from behind to win. See additional results below.

Results

Summer Bash — 1A: Steve Kaessner — Chuck Hodel, 2A: Carol Huston — Mark Bloom, 3A: Garth Gregory — July Ratley, 1B: Alan Ludwig — Sherri Faroky, 2B: Gloria Shagrun — Jo Anne Murdock, 1C: Doug Jones — Gale Alvistur, 2C: Aggie O'Neill — Sher Emre.

Milestones

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BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Deanna Birch, Portland OR
Susan Brown, Ocean View HI
Heather Dolan, Beaverton OR
Don Gile, Boise ID
Charles Hulse, Vancouver WA
Donna Jackson, Bend OR
Toni McLeod, Longview WA

Paul Penland, Eagle ID
Joan Shafer, Pahoa HI
David Smith, Corvallis OR

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID
Ann Grill, Vancouver WA
Carol Holmes, Meridian ID
Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA

RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Bud Hamilton, Redding CA
Kenneth Murray, Redding CA

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Diane Schaub, Portland OR

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Wallace Young, Honolulu HI

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA



PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI

Mid-Columbia: New LMs, new VP

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More news

Reported by **Jim Heitkemper**

The Mid-Columbia Unit was well represented at the Portland sectional in June. Congratulations to **Norma Clark** and **Janet Meader** who both earned enough silver points to achieve Life Master.

Unit 492 welcomes **Carolyn Choate** to the club.

The Longest Day fundraiser contributed \$704 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Anne Bialous, longtime member and unit vice president, has moved northeast of Seattle. We will miss her. Our new vice president is **Darlene Kemper**.

AROUND THE UNITS

Sectional soon; website offers score analysis

There's bridge for every level at the Southern Oregon Fall Sectional Sept. 13-15 at the Phoenix Bridge Center.

Open games are scheduled all three days, with two sessions of stratified pairs on Friday and Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday, stratified by average masterpoints.

In addition, there are 299er games on Friday and Saturday and a special 99ers session Saturday morning.

Game times are 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, to speed things up, lunch will be available on-site.

Unit 484 pulls out all the stops when it comes to hospitality. Members bring a big spread of snacks, both savory and sweet. The unit also purchases food for the snack table and provides the coffee. **Leah** and **Mark McKechnie**, who operate the Voorhies Bridge Center, invite players to join them for refreshments after Friday's second session.

With the earlier playing times, many players may wish to attend a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in nearby Ashland. Eleven plays will be running in three theaters. Go to osfashland.org for information and tickets.

Tourney officials are **Steve Kaessner**, director in charge; **Joanne Flammang**, chair; and **Gee Gee Walker**, partnerships. You can reach her at 541-292-3474 or at ggwalker@gmail.com for last minute partnerships or team members.

The center is located just south of Medford. Take exit 24 off I-5, go west on Fern



Jackson County
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By Jim Flint
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Valley Road, and turn right at S. Pacific Highway. It's the first building on the right.

Locals shine in D20 races

Many Unit 484 members find themselves in the top 25 of the D20 Mini-McKenney races at mid-year. As of July 6, the following players were among the leaders in their masterpoint groups:

Mini-McKenney — (5-20) Cheryl Cullen, 11.35; (20-50) Sandy Davie, 31.78; (50-100) Ken Korth, 30.18; (100-200) Kay Bain, 35.62; (200-300) Lawrence Diamant, 39.61; (500-1000) Dennis Kendig, 69.01; (1500-2500) Jim Flint, 118.60; (2500-3500) Gee Gee Walker, 122.18; (3500-5000) Molly Tinsley, 127.86.

In the **Ace of Clubs** competition for points won at the club level, Unit 484 leaders among the NLM players were **Sandy Davie**, 24.63; Lawrence Diamant, 18.10; Kay Bain, 17.91; Marsha Larson, 16.83; and Jody Larson, 15.41. Among the advanced players, leaders at mid-year were **Bob Scott**, 50.11; Jim Flint, 44.16; David McKee, 36.33; Gee Gee Walker, 32.43; and John Cowles, 29.28.

Unit top game competitions

An interesting feature of the unit's new website keeps track of players' percentage performances.

Players can see their own averages for each game — as declarer, as dummy, as

opening leader and as defender. For instance, it might show you were 57% as declarer, 62% as dummy, 65% on lead, and 71% as defender.

The software also shows the current leaders for all games played to date (both individuals and pairs), separated into two groups, Life Masters and NLMs.

For the period from Jan. 1 to July 1, leaders among the NLM players were **Bill Ligon**, 57.8%; Janet Ligon, 57.4%; Sandy Davie, 56.6%; and Hedy Schoonover, 55.5%.

Christine Vitalis and **Kathleen Moore** led the NLM pairs with an average of 60.2%.

From May 3 to July 5, leading the advanced players were **Becca Ostrom**, 55.4%; Kemble Yates, 57.2%; David McKee, 56.3%; and Bill Reeves, 56.0%. The pair leaders in this group were **David McKee** and **Jim Flint**, 60.1%; **Bob Scott** and **Bill Reeves**, 60.1%; Gee Gee Walker and Bob Scott, 58.5%; Jim Flint and Becca Ostrom, 58.4%; and John Cowles and Becca Ostrom, 58.3%.

Everybody welcome to December party

Bridge players from neighboring units are welcome to attend Unit 484's annual holiday party and unit game Saturday, Dec. 7.

A complimentary lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by a brief unit business meeting at which new board members will be elected. The stratified unit game will begin at about noon.

Come enjoy good food, a friendly crowd, and earn extra points. There is usually an extra large turnout for this event.



Klamath Falls
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By Bobby Thompson
www.unit482.com

Resisting doom in shrinking club

It was a back-to-back run of NABC tournaments for D20, beginning with the Summer NABC in Las Vegas and hitting the finish line with the Fall NABC in San Francisco. When was the last time you saw that in the western USA?

Sandwiched between those two North American biggies were a pair of District 20 regionals and 15 sectionals (not counting Hawaii). In December you can rest up, devote all your time to your families and get ready for Christmas as there are zero D20 tournaments.

While on the subject of the NABC, a big shout out to Oregon native **McKenzie Myers** who served as the director in charge of the Las Vegas NABC tournament.

Locally the second quarter point parade leaders were: **Bobby Thompson**, **Laila Griffith** and **Doug Higgs** while the NLM trio of men included **Dale Taylor**, **Reid Sherwin** and **Jim Myers**. Unfortunately for us, Myers in moving to Roseburg to be near family and he will be missed at our games. Good travels, James.

Carol McClure and Griffith fired a 72.9% game while **Ed McClure** and Thompson recorded a 70.8% effort.

It was sad to read about the club closure of Yuba City/Marysville in the summer issue of The Trumpet. Our K.F. group is closing in on everything that was mentioned in that article. Our numbers are dwindling. We have only 23 players out of 34 ACBL members who play, and of those four or five head to warmer climate for the winter.

The handwriting is on the wall. The question is how much longer do we have before we close the shop. The Rogue Valley is 70 miles each way and on occasion, a car load goes over the hill to play.

It has been 26 years ago that North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano passed away from cancer. His famous words, "Don't give up, don't ever give up," still ring true, and in the Klamath basin, we won't give up!

Results

Club Championship, April 23 — 1/2A: Jo Ann Koenig — Linda Lilly; 1/2A: Jim Myers — Bud Wakefield; 3A: Reid Sherwin — Doug Higgs.

Unit Game, May 12 — 1A: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp; 2A: Rosella Wilde — Reid Sherwin.

Unit Game, June 9 — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Harvey Bush — Ed McClure; 3A: Randall Paul — Doug Higgs. 1B: Jo Ann Koenig — Duane Weiss.

Open Pairs Championship, June 23 — 1A/C: Patti Collom — Jo Ann Siebecke; 2A: Bobby Thompson — Doug Higgs; 3A/2B: Gordon & Cathy Graves; 3B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp.

Cascade Club celebrates 50th

Here in Unit 476 we have an occasion to celebrate. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club. Duplicate bridge started in Bend in 1950, and in 1967 a local dentist bought the club. When he moved to Salem two

years later, he gave the club to the members and the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club was formed.

We still have two of the original members still playing. **Chip Cleveland** and **Aloha Kendall** play regularly, and Chip also directs our games.

On a sad note, director **Pat Douglas** announced that the Redmond game on Thursdays will not be held after October. Thank you, Pat, for all you have contributed to Unit 476.

As mentioned in last month's article, Cascade Bridge Club has formed an ad hoc committee to look at different ways to promote interest in bridge in Bend. One suggestion that is already in place is an introduction to bridge for students.

Candy Baungard, our newest director, has been holding classes in her home for students 11 to 13 years of age. All the kids are planning to be back next school year with friends!

Candy was also approached by the Newcomers Club of Bend to teach a class to new players in the area, which she undertook. And at the end of the summer,



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By Susan Hoffinger
www.bendbridge.org

Candy is going to host a sanctioned beginners' game as a combined duplicate event. And did I mention she is also a wife and mother of two teenage boys (who are also learning bridge)? Candy, you are an inspiration.

Mentoring was another suggestion that generated a lot of interest. **Dee Cockfield** is in charge and posted a signup list for those willing to participate. What a great way for the experienced players to give back.

Judy Rosen set up the Summer School of Bridge. This program is free to all ACBL members. We offered sessions of instruction June 11 through Aug. 27. The first class had 42 attendees! After a review, a winter class may be offered.

On May 19, Unit 476 had its annual meeting at Bend Golf & Country Club. The unit hosts a free prime rib dinner for all members. Thanks to **Chip** and **Berta Cleveland** for again handling all the arrangements. The 2019 unit picnic will be held Sept. 9.

Initially the Bend area was in the Eugene Unit 479, but that was too far to travel for meetings, etc. After petitioning the ACBL, a new unit was established in Bend. We are now one of the largest units by geographical area in the ACBL. It includes all of Deschutes, Crook and Wheeler counties. Our first sectional was held in 1969.

Big game: We have another spectacular game to report. On May 13 in Redmond, **Patty Massler** and **Roger Nootenbaum** scored 71.1%.



Aloha Kendall and Chip Cleveland are original members of the club.



Redding
♣♦♥♠
By Joan Sullens
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Club celebrates player's 100th

Redding in the summer finds more of us flocking to the bridge tables. Duplicate bridge is a very good way to take our minds off the outdoor heat.

As you read this, we are all wishing a very happy birthday to **Jeanne Carpenter** who turns 100 mid-September. This lady continues to be in the win column game after game! Congratulations!



Jeanne Carpenter

The Longest Day Alzheimer's charity game was celebrated by the Redding Club and Bridge Werks. Many thanks for the generous donations.

One of our longtime players passed away this quarter. **Therese Johnsen** was a joy to be around and a good bridge player.

Big games: This quarter we had several partnerships meet the challenge of 70% plus games: **Marlene Lamoreaux** and **Jerry Clark** chalked up 76%, **Bud Hamilton** and **P.J. Gans** 71%, **Michael Hollins** and **Susan Haas** 71%, **Bruce Dwiggin** and **Doug Jacobs** 72%, and **Carolyn Chandler** and **Sharon Dent** 72%.



Nampa/Caldwell
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By Marilyn Tripple



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
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By Debbie Grasham



Seaside/Astoria/Ilwaco
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By David Wigutoff
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The Brookings, Nampa/Caldwell and Seaside reports will return in the winter.

AROUND THE UNITS



Vancouver/ Longview



By Ginny Griffiths

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Unit spotlight: Rich Carle

Rich Carle and his wife **Sue** live in Longview, Wash., where they have been for almost 40 years. They have two sons and two daughters with four grandchildren, all living close by. We're not telling Rich's age but you can guess knowing that the youngest daughter just turned 47 and that three of the grandchildren are high school graduates!

Rich was born in Provo, Utah, but moved around frequently due to his father's employment demands. His brother and sister were several years



Rich Carle

older so they didn't move with the family when it moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1957. Rich graduated from Mark Morris high school in Longview in 1962. He had no idea

what he wanted to do after graduation except furthering his education. He started out in a liberal arts college, then transferred to and graduated from the University of Washington in 1966 with a degree in electrical engineering.

He went to work immediately at Weyerhaeuser's facility in Longview, then the largest forest products operation in the world. His first job was in the pulp mill plant engineering department, where he practiced his craft and learned to manage small projects. After a few years of experience, Rich took and passed the test to become a professional engineer. Later he worked on and managed bigger projects including several as part of the corporate engineering staff.

Rich retired on the last day of 1999. He then worked on-and-off in consulting roles until 2010 when he finally stopped active employment (except for bridge directing). His plan for retirement was to read extensively, play lots of golf and to play bridge. Only the last of these has come to fruition. He developed a passion for die-cast cars, of which he now has a massive collection. He used to attend the annual Hot Wheels conventions, the "nationals" of die-cast car collecting.

Although he played party bridge with his mother's group to fill-in for an absent person, he didn't really get serious until his senior year in college where he discovered duplicate. He joined the ACBL in the mid-1960s. His love for the game has not waned, and he is now an Emerald Life Master.

Rich and Sue like to travel and much of their journeys have been with bridge in mind, including bridge play/directing on cruise ships and at tournaments. Rich has been an integral part of the Longview Bridge Club since 1967 except for a few years when he was working elsewhere. And he has been active in the Vancouver Bridge Club since 2004. He is currently club manager for both organizations and has served on the Unit 452 board of directors. He also serves on the District 20 board of directors as secretary/webmaster and was its president in 2015-16.

Unit recognizes Alan Johnson

The Unit 487 Board recently chose to recognize **Alan Johnson** at the June Sectional with a restaurant gift certificate and an enormous thank you for his continued volunteer efforts as tournament chair.

Alan joined the unit board and served two three-year terms, starting in the mid-1980s. During his board service, Alan began assisting the then-tournament chair and was smitten. He found his calling. When his board service was up, Alan continued in an adjunct volunteer role as tournament chair and is now in his 27th year.



Alan Johnson

Alan loves bridge. No one doubts that. However, he finds that by being tournament chair, he always has his hands in and is involved in the game in a way beyond just showing up and playing. He says it is a way to continue to stay involved and give back and "doesn't take up too much time." Except when our lease is getting terminated and we must research and negotiate with new venues. Except when he has to personally haul all the tables out of his garage to the venue and set them all up the day before the tournament starts. Plus, all of the board meetings he attends.

In his role, Alan regularly applies for all of the sanctions needed to put on the games, recommends the events we will play at each sectional, prepares all of the flyers, helps set up and break down the venues, among many other things.

Alan moved to Portland in 1968 after graduating from Washington State with a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked with various companies in a range of industries, from making heavy mining equipment to industrial cleaning equipment to manufacturing tiny parts.



Portland



By Kristin Steinmetz

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He started playing bridge in approximately 1973 when he attended noon games and was convinced to try duplicate. We all know where that led. He even met his wife, **Diane**, at the bridge table as she was his favorite partner.

Alan is an avid Blazers fan, going to all of the games and keeping up on everything Blazers. He even sports the colors on game days so he can head to the stadium after he has fulfilled his bridge passion. He also enjoys theater, particularly Portland Center Stage and the Artist Repertory.

Ace of Clubs

The Ace of Clubs hosted two important events this summer. The first was its 42nd anniversary party held in June.

There were two sections, with 24 pairs in the open game and 14 pairs in the limited game. **Rick Prouser** and **Ray Robert** won. See more results below.

Club owner **Staci Christian** thanked the staff of directors and teachers who help to make the Ace a successful bridge club.

In August we celebrated the life of **Barney Gorter** with a memorial game. Several people spoke about his friendship, his bridge prowess, his dedication to helping others, and his unstoppable cheerfulness.

Gorter, who had muscular dystrophy, was an inspiration to many. In February, he and long-time partner Ray Robert won a two-session regional open pairs event. Despite his disability, he was optimistic and determined. He will be missed.



Barney Gorter

Twins help each other reach LM

By Janet Landesberg

For the Trumpet

I grew up in a bridge-playing family. My parents taught the three oldest children to play Goren-style bridge to pass the time while we drove the I-95 corridor from Philadelphia to Miami Beach.

In the age of bench seating and no seat belts, one parent drove while the other played bridge with the three of us. Two players sat in the front seat, two in the back seat and we used a piece of lumber with rubber bands to hold the cards.

Over the years, I played occasional Goren-style bridge at family gatherings and with a college friend. I was too intimidated to play duplicate bridge until 2010 when I took a series of duplicate bridge lessons. My brothers took a different path towards duplicate bridge, which started in college.

In 2015 my twin brother and I were both chasing gold points to reach Life Master status. Paul was in the 300-point group while I needed 500 points. We played in the NABC tournament in Atlanta in 2017 and then again in Memphis in 2018. In Memphis we placed third overall in a gold rush event to claim our final 8 gold points. We were so excited.

At the time Paul still needed silver points so he traveled west to play in the Vancouver spring sectional in April. Our Swiss team took first place, which completed Paul's quest for his Life Master. While I had tried to gain Life Master status at the same time, it took me another month to earn the remaining few points.

Twins helping each other achieve Life Master within a month of each other was pretty special.



Paul Rubin and Janet Landesberg

Results

Ace of Clubs Anniversary (open) — 1A: Rick Prouser — Ray Robert, 2A: Staci Christian — Greg Fowler. **(limited)** 1B: George & Nancy Crawford, 2B: Margi Redden — Virginia Sinclair-Brooks.

How war affected four players in The Dalles

When you sit down to play a session of duplicate bridge, how much do you actually know about the lives of those you are playing against?

Bridge is the central event; however, it has been my pleasure to learn something about four members of our organization, members who are a part of the greatest and silent generations: Ray Sjoblom, Ann Dollarhide, Dick Miller and Gary Cotter.

Ray Sjoblom presents a modest, unassuming demeanor, but that is on the façade. He is a fierce competitor with card smarts and a razor-sharp intellect. Born Dec. 9, 1923, in Monroe, Wash., Ray enlisted in the Navy in November 1942. He served in California, Texas and Florida. As a Navy pilot, he flew PMBs (he referred to them as "flying boats") on anti-sub patrol in the Atlantic and the Caribbean. Honorably discharged in 1946, Ray was awarded the Victory Medal and the American Theater Medal.



Ray Sjoblom

Ann Dollarhide is our Rosie the Riveter. She is another of our group with a ready smile and sharp card sense. She finds pleasure in using her mind to make her contract and one or two over! She was born June 1, 1930, in El Paso, Texas, in an unwed mother's home. Her mother nurtured her for two years, and then was unable to continue. A friend of her mother



Ann Dollarhide



Mid-Columbia



By Marilyn Urness

took Ann and raised her. When she was 10, the family moved to California. While in high school, she took a summer job as a shipyard welder. The shipyard was in Oakland, and Ann remembers the good pay. When asked about the red bandana worn by Rosie the Riveter in the famous World War II poster, Ann said, "Oh, yes, I covered my hair with a red bandana." She is one of the many women who worked to help produce the much-needed military supplies. She married at 17 and had four sons. Her husband worked for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dick Miller was born in Delta, Colo., May 29, 1930, at home with a midwife attending. It is with heartfelt sorrow to write that Dick died June 14, 2019. Dick joined the Navy as the lowest rank seaman and served in French Morocco. He served in the Navy Air Force as air transport support. The Navy offered Dick an educational opportunity if he would return to the States and attend advance academic classes. He accepted the offer; however, a car accident altered his career plans. He spent a year and a half on the East Coast recovering. Dick was one of those experi-



Dick Miller

enced bridge players we all wish to emulate. He is missed.

Gary Cotter's adventuresome exploits in the Maritime Service are the stuff of novels. He joined on July 4, 1944, two weeks before his 17th birthday. Some of those volunteers were boys as young as 12. His training was on Catalina Island off the California coast. That training consisted of how to row a lifeboat and how to abandon ship in oil-burning waters. He sailed out of San Francisco on a freighter as an oiler. The ship was a Liberty class vessel, loaded with 9,000 tons of ammunition.



Gary Cotter

They were 10 days out when a Japanese sub surfaced. The engine room gave all the speed the ship could make in order to outrun the sub. The sub chased them and could just keep up. They had to tie down the safety valves on the boilers to gain extra speed. The ship sailed into the first port of call, Oro Bay, New Guinea, and then joined in the invasion at Leyte in the Philippines.

As the ship headed back to Leyte, they were attacked by two Japanese planes, which were shot down by Navy and Merchantmen. The only reason Gary survived his ship being blown up was because the engineer had told him, "Kid, go on up to the deck; if we get hit, you might have a chance." After several weeks he was released from the hospital and sent to the Admiralty Islands, where he joined another ship.

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AROUND THE UNITS

Scientist, author gain recognition in Corvallis

It is exciting to learn that Heart of the Valley Bridge Club now has two prominent academics in its midst! Oregon State professor **Virginia Weis** and budding author **Rich Turnbull** have both accomplished great things this year and we are happy to recognize their individual achievements.

Virginia has been named distinguished professor at Oregon State University for her work on corals. This is a high honor, given to only two or three professors every year. Virginia has spent the past 35 years, 23 of them at OSU, studying the devastating effects of climate change on coral reefs. She has gained international renown for her studies and lectures on the decline of these important sea creatures and has made great strides in bringing awareness to this issue.



Rich Turnbull and Virginia Weis

At the same time, Rich had been enduring a different kind of decline. This year he authored a book, "Fade to Black: An Alzheimer's Love Story," based on a jour-



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nal he kept while watching his wife, Linda, succumb to the ravages of Alzheimer's.

"During my wife's illness, I kept a log in order to provide information to Linda's doctors about the progression of the disease and to provide an outlet for my own emotional response."

His hope is that this book may provide caregivers with insight into the familial challenges presented by Alzheimer's and possibly inform their work.

Rich retired from OSU six years ago to take care of Linda. When he could no longer provide the 24-hour care she needed, Linda moved to a memory facility and Rich turned to bridge to occupy his mind.

He hadn't played bridge since college, when he had been attracted by the mental challenge and the location of the games. According to Rich, "Since the seniors were of drinking age, it was my ticket into bars as an underaged sophomore. We would

head to the local tavern after class, play bridge and pretty soon there was a schooner of beer in front of me."

In 2015, the sandwich board in front of the HoV Bridge Center drew him in and he was snared by director **Jan Boger** to join the novice bridge class.

Coincidentally, Virginia had been taking bridge lessons there herself for several years after she was widowed and her children had "fledged."

They met over the bridge table. And then, as Virginia recalls, "I screwed up the nerve to ask Rich to drive up to the Vancouver tournament and play with me in early 2017."

While Virginia continues working at OSU (and playing bridge), Rich has become more involved with the bridge club where they met. He was asked to chair the 299er tournament for Unit 477 and subsequently was elected to the unit board. Next year he will be serving as president.

The HoV Bridge Club is lucky to have two such members who have made – and continue to make – a difference. Congratulations to both Virginia and Rich for their accomplishments, and for finding each other.



Eugene/Springfield
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With work, night game persists

The Eugene Sectional, held the first weekend in June, was another resounding success. Lots of folks helped. **Denise Cox** did an outstanding job coordinating the food and **Sharron Lyons** did more than her share in that area. Of course, **Judy Nevell** is the one who made it all happen. She had an able assist or two from numerous folks, not the least of which was Dr. **Ellen McCumsey**.

Speaking of Dr. McCumsey, she is doing her best to keep the Wednesday night game afloat and is doing quite a remarkable job. Ellen has poked and prodded and sometimes pummeled folks into attending and five plus tables are now the expectation. The first Wednesday of each month features a dinner at 6. Thanks, Ellen, for all the time and energy you have put into keeping this game going. We know once we lose the night game that we will not get it back.



Ellen McCumsey

We are most happy to welcome the newlyweds Mac and Caitlin back from their honeymoon in Japan and Thailand.

Speaking of Mac being back. We never tire of singing the praises of local boy makes good. The latest addition to the growing lore that is **McKenzie Myers** is that Mac was the DIC for the Summer NABC in Las Vegas and will repeat next summer in Montreal.

There have been some schedule changes at the Emerald Bridge Club. The Friday game is no more and the Wednesday morning 299er game has been moved to Monday morning. EBC is very committed to making sure that we keep the 299er game available.

We are all looking forward to another fun time at **Mary Eggers'** place for the annual picnic. Thanks, Mary, for hosting this event. The setting you provide makes this very special indeed. Thanks also to **Terry Nagel** for coordinating this lovely affair.

Club manager departs area; player hits streak

Bridge rule #1 for me is very simple: "Bridge is a game. We play it to have fun." The bridge table is a great place to come to escape from the outside world for a time, interact with people who have the same hobby, and lose yourself in the playing of the cards.

What does not belong at the bridge table is drama. Drama belongs at the theater and not at our clubs. Let's do what we can to keep our bridge clubs drama-free and simply share in the love of our common pastime.

Comings and goings

The unit lost several players during the middle part of the year who will be missed. One of those was **Jean McKinney** who has moved to the Spokane area. Jean served as a board member for Salem Bridge Club before leaving that post to assume the vacant club manager position. In that role, Jean worked to improve the quality of bridge in Salem, including the organization of training for our new batch of game directors as well as the adoption of a new web structure for the posting of game results. Jean worked to connect with club membership, listening to their concerns, and trying to make improvements where possible. Thanks for all of your efforts, Jean. You will be missed. **Joyce Judy**



Salem
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By Kevin Kacmarynski
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has taken over as club manager for Salem Bridge Club.

Other transfers to locales near and far include **Dorothy** and **Mark Bechel** (Denver) and **Lisa Holloway** (Bend). Best wishes!

It is with sadness that we also note the deaths of two of our more experienced players, **Jim Gross** and **Glenn Hossner**. Jim, a Sapphire Life Master, passed away in early May and Glenn, with over 1400 masterpoints, died in early June.

In happier news, Unit 490 welcomes new ACBL member **Ray Teng** of Salem.

Tournament tales

Recent tournament wins for unit members include **Bill** and **JoAnne Georgi** (Seaside Gold Rush Pairs), **Jerry Gordon** (Rogue Valley Regional KO2), **Ross** and **Jeanne Hibler** (Eugene Sectional 199er), **Karen Crooch** and **Doug Reed** (Salem Sectional 299er), and **Mike Levy** (Salem Sectional Open Pairs and A/X Swiss Teams).

We also had numerous strat wins at the district's sectional and regional tourna-

ments this past quarter.

The unit did have one outstanding performance to note at the Rogue Valley Regional. **Jerry Gordon** of Salem, playing with partner Alan Bostrom from San Francisco, had a three-game streak across four days of play. Gordon and Bostrom placed 1B in the Tuesday Open Pairs, 1C in the Wednesday Open Pairs, and won bracket 2 of the Thursday-Friday KO. This was our best individual performance at the regional.

A little closer to home, Salem hosted its annual sectional tournament during the last weekend of June. In a change from previous years, the unit provided lunch between sessions on each day of the tournament, leading to several positive comments. Thanks to all involved in with the hospitality and snacks for making sure all of the players were well-fed.

Kevin Kacmarynski's annual reception for NLMs between sessions on Saturday was also well attended, with many hands discussed and much ice cream eaten.

Congratulations to **Jeff Taylor** of Eugene who collected 27.89 masterpoints to top the event. **Mike Levy** was Unit 490's highest finisher with 26.92 points.

Promotions

Congratulations to **Bill** and **JoAnne Georgi**, Unit 490's newest Life Masters! The Georgis picked up the last of their needed gold points at the Seaside NLM Regional in April.

Other rank changes include: Junior Masters: Anita Caviglia, Sandra Emmons, Floyd Howsden, Susan Howsden; Club Masters: Allison Drew, Carolyn Orr; Sectional Masters: Mike Fagan, Wing Yung; NABC Master: Jeanne Hibler, Ruby Life Masters: Miriam Brand, Sinaida Galaka.

Unit games

Kevin Kacmarynski still leads the race for the Lewis Award with 18.74 masterpoints won in unit games through June.

Results

Unit Game, May 5 — 1A/B: Kevin Kacmarynski – Jerry Gordon, 2A/B/1C Bill & JoAnne Georgi, 3A: Shain Oleson – Jan Suggs.
Unit Game, May 22 — 1A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, 2A/1B: Don Pitt – Terry Hart, 3A/2B: Jeanne & Ross Hibler.
Unit Game, June 2 — 1A: Shain Oleson – Jan Suggs, 2A: Jackie Mishler – Claudine Lake, 3A/1B: Don Pitt – Wing Yung.
Unit Game, June 19 — 1A: Tom McGuire – Randy Jordan, 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski – Henri Jansen, 3A/1B/C: Terry Hart – Don Pitt.

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The Central Oregon Coast unit still has not fallen into the ocean, as far as we know. Confirmation of this oft-reported fact can be obtained at the unit's sectional Oct. 24–27 at the Shilo Inn in Newport. Treats of all kinds can be found in the legendary hospitality suite.

Eugene

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In light of the declining revenue associated with smaller tournaments, the district is examining many facets of operations for ways to increase attendance or decrease costs, as noted in other articles in this issue. Players are encouraged to give feedback to their area reps on the district board. See page 3 for contact information.

Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

Non-Life Master Sectional Oct. 19-20, 2019

Saturday, 10 a.m.: Morning pairs (single session, stratified)
Saturday, 3 p.m.: Afternoon pairs (single session, stratified)
Sunday, 10 a.m. & TBD: Sunday Swiss Teams (two sessions, stratified, 20-point victory scale)

Stratifications:

0-500 NLM: A=200-500; B=50-200; C=0-50

Strats are based on the average masterpoint holding of the pair or team.



FEES: \$9 per player per session; \$13 lapsed ACBL members (temporary memberships available)
Sunday lunch: \$5 includes pizza and salad



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WINNERS AT THE EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL

Blue Heron Mon-Tues Knockout

Bracket 1



Sally Lair, Mark Lair, Nancy Abrams, Hal Montgomery, Marc Zwerling

Bracket 2



Eileen Boal, Stan Blaschow, Becky McKenzie, Sandy Syrett

Bracket 3



Jim Kassebaum, Giff Kassebaum, Phyllis Sutter, Joan Borberg

McKenzie River Wed-Thurs Knockout

Bracket 1



Mark Itabashi, Chris Compton, Ronnie McMurdie, Howard Parker, Dick Jones

Bracket 3



Terry Nagel, Harriett Kessinger, Judy Nevell, Ellen McCumsey

Weekend Fri-Sat Knockout

Bracket 2



David Taylor, Amy Casanova, Mike Eyer, Ray Robert

Bracket 3



David Partridge, John Wolf, Mike Green, Randy Naef

Thursday Open Swiss Teams

1A



Ken Scholes, Sandy Scholes, Flo Savage, Tony Glynne

1C



Karen Jachetta, Linda Hann, Cheryl Berens, Brenda Biermann
Also won Willamette Valley Saturday Compact Knockout

Thursday Gold Rush Swiss Teams

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Karen Boss, Jayne James, Jeanne Schmidt, Connie Green

Monday, Aug. 5

Monday Eve Charity Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 2A Ian Kirk – Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3A Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
- 1B Will Matthews, Junction City OR; Sharron Lyons, Springfield OR
- 2B Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Brian Thomas, Portland OR
- 3-4B/1-2C Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 3-4B/1-2C Betty Metzner, Washougal WA; Carol Goodrich, Vancouver WA
- 3C Vern Katz – Deb Dotters, Eugene OR

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Blue Heron Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 1 (7 teams)

- 1 Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Marc Zwerling – Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY
- 2 Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; John Ashton, Portland OR
- 3 Molly Harris, Port OR; Nancy Jonske – Edward Lee, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR

Blue Heron Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 2 (8 teams)

- 1 Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR; Stan Blaschow, Philomath OR
- 2 Carla Wenzlaff – John Thomas – Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR
- 3 Michael Green, Newberg OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; David Partridge – John Wolf, Eugene OR

Blue Heron Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 3 (6 teams)

- 1 Joan Borberg – Phyllis Sutter, Portland OR; Giff Kassebaum – James Kassebaum, Sonoita AZ
- 2 Mary Alice Seville – Clifford Fairchild – Susan Fairchild, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

Tuesday Open Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1A Dick Jones, Sacramento CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX
- 2A Phyllis Rakevich, Tumwater WA; Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 3A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 1B Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA; Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS
- 2B/1C Cynthia Palman – Richard Silverstone, Eugene OR
- 3B/2C Eileen Milligan – Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR
- 3C Karen Jachetta, Trabuco Canyon CA; Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1C Jeanne Schmidt – Connie Green, Eugene OR
- 2C/1D/E Martin Nice – Ali Nice, Eugene OR
- 3C/2D Ross Hibler – Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR
- 3D Karen Jean Boss – Jayne James, Boise ID
- 2E Karen Crooch – Hayward Reed, Salem OR
- 3E Valerie Schlesinger, Jackson WY; Dorothy McElwee, Chapel Hill NC

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1A Jim Leary – Pat Leary, Livermore CA
- 2A/1B/C Denise Cox – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3A/2B Georgette Silber – Margaret Jackson, Eugene OR
- 2C Kathleen Quinn, Sunnyvale CA; Janice Flowers-Sonne, Eugene OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A/B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 2A/B/1C Beverly Walker – Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA
- 3A Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; James Lindemann, Spokane WA
- 3B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 2C John Lean, Eugene OR; James Fitzgibbons, Springfield OR

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1D Janice Flowers-Sonne, Eugene OR; Kathleen Quinn, Sunnyvale CA
- 2D/1E Kathy Lees – Margaret Bartell, Eugene OR
- 3D Peter Heroy, Eugene OR; Robert Cato, Springfield OR
- 2E/1F George Burgott – Susan Burgott, Eugene OR
- 3-4E Susan Smith – Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR
- 3-4E/2F Stephen Jackson – Susan Jackson, Salem OR

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1A/B Paul Harding, New Westminster BC; Nancy Jonske, Portland OR
- 2A Theresa Barthels – Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 3A/2B/1C Sandra Emmons – Anita Caviglia, Newberg OR
- 3B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 2C Beverly Walker – Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Wednesday Open Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A/B Ian Kirk, Portland OR; David Taylor, Seattle WA
- 2A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 3A John Ashton, Portland OR; Inva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 2B Karen Epley, Kent WA; Anne LaCour, Georgetown TX
- 3B/1C Judy Slemmons – George Slemmons, Bellevue WA
- 2C Dean Altschuler, Bellingham WA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1C Kim Larson, Springfield OR; Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR
- 2C Wallace Marsh – Elsie Marsh, Bend OR
- 3C Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 1D Lee Soreng – Cornelia Leser, Eugene OR
- 2D Reid Sherwin – Dale Taylor, Klamath Falls OR
- 3D Deb Dotters – Vern Katz, Eugene OR
- 1E Bette Hirsch – Joseph Hirsch, Palo Alto CA
- 2E Judy Francis – Marna Knoer, Eugene OR

Tuesday-Wednesday Morning Swiss Teams . (4 teams)

- 1A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 1B Libby Glenn – David Partridge – Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs (17 pairs)

- 1A/C Barbara Nelson – Michael Fagan, McMinnville OR
- 2A/B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 3A/B Barbara Simon – Wayne Kaneko, Petaluma CA
- 2C Susie Leo, Eugene OR; Ed Mout, Springfield OR
- 3C Phillip Frankel – Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A/B Barbara Simon – Wayne Kaneko, Petaluma CA
- 2-3A/B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 2-3A/B Susan Nurock – Robert Alfandary, Lafayette CA
- 1C Benjamin Levy – Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA
- 2C Michael Claassen – Lorna Logan, Bandon OR

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D/E Karen Crooch – Hayward Reed, Salem OR
- 2D/E Sharron Cosby – Susan Smith, Eugene OR
- 3D Roy Lisi – Kay Mattison, Eugene OR
- 3E/1F Sandra Emmons – Anita Caviglia, Newberg OR
- 2F Susan Suz Copenhaver – Carol Schaaftsma, Eugene OR

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs (7 pairs)

- 1A Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA
- 2A/1B Leighton Wells, Springfield OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3A Theresa Barthels – Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2-3B Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA
- 2-3B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR

Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams (9 teams)

- 1A/B Paul Harding – Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA; James Lindemann, Spokane WA
- 2A Lisa Fishman – Robert Johnson, Beaverton OR; Connie Coquillette – Sherwin Moscow, Vancouver WA
- 3A Flo Savage, Portland OR; Tony Glynne, Gilroy CA; Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 2B/1C Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR; Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID
- 3B/2C Susan Fairchild – Clifford Fairchild – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

Thursday, Aug. 8

McKenzie River Wed.-Thurs. KO Bkt 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Veronica McMurdie – Dick Jones, Sacramento CA; Howard Parker III, Clemons CA
- 2 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA; David Brower, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
- 3-4 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 3-4 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III – Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR

McKenzie River Wed.-Thurs. KO Bkt 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Pete Grice, Boise ID; Richard Gettmann, Bend OR; Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
- 2 Carol Harms – Dennis Harms – Allison Evans – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Rosemary Segall – Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR; James Hurlbut – Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 3-4 Michael Green, Newberg OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR

McKenzie River Wed.-Thurs. KO Bkt 3 (10 teams)

- 1 Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – Judy Nevell, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 2 Linda Smith – David Smith – Robert Peterkort, Corvallis OR; William Grady, Albany OR
- 3-4 Mariam Saner – Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA; Judy Shelton – Patricia Collom, Klamath Falls OR
- 3-4 Linda Shannon – Frank Shannon – Thomas Coverdale – Peter Mastic, Mesquite NV

Thursday Open Swiss Teams (22 teams)

- 1A Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Tony Glynne, Gilroy CA; Flo Savage, Portland OR
- 2-3A Nancy Jonske – Edward Lee, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR
- 2-3A/1B Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Ray Robert, Portland OR; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 2B Ian Kirk – Margi Redden, Portland OR; Veronica Reeves – Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
- 3B Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Brian Thomas – Donald Weber – Elinor Hood, Portland OR
- 1C Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Karen Jachetta, Trabuco Canyon CA; Brenda Biermann – Linda Hann, Roseburg OR
- 2-3C George Kuppler, Brookings OR; Walter Thies, Corvallis OR; Sylvia Markham – Roy Markham, Montesano WA
- 2-3C Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR

Thursday Gold Rush Swiss (5 teams)

- 1C Jeanne Schmidt – Connie Green, Eugene OR; Karen Jean Boss – Jayne James, Boise ID
- 2C/1D Bette Hirsch – Joseph Hirsch, Palo Alto CA; Debbie Grasham – Jack Grasham, Brookings OR

Thursday Open Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY
- 2A Judy Slemmons – George Slemmons, Bellevue WA
- 3A Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
- 1B/C Phillip Frankel – Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 2B Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR; Mary Egger, Springfield OR
- 3B/2C John Dove Sr. – Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA

Thursday Morning Side Pairs (21 pairs)

- 1A Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA
- 2A Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 3A/1B David Partridge – John Wolf, Eugene OR
- 2B Don Hale, Eugene OR; Brenda Olsen, Creswell OR
- 3B/1C Benjamin Levy – Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA
- 2C Phillip Frankel – Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 3C Janice Flowers-Sonne, Eugene OR; Kathleen Quinn, Sunnyvale CA

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A Phyllis Rakevich, Tumwater WA; Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 2A Jenni Carmichael, Marysville WA; McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR
- 3A Theresa Barthels – Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 1B/C John Lean, Eugene OR; James Fitzgibbons, Springfield OR
- 2B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 3B Beth Aronoff, Corvallis OR; Roger Barker, Albany OR
- 2C Benjamin Levy – Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA
- 3C Janice Ward – Maurelle Foster, Eugene OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1D Joan Young – Will Pearson, Redmond OR
- 2D/1E/F David Johnson, Springfield OR; Ronald Cox, Tallahassee FL
- 3D Jean-Pierre Perchellet – Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR
- 2E Martin Nice – Ali Nice, Eugene OR
- 2F Stephen Jackson – Susan Jackson, Salem OR

Thursday Evening Side Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A Amy Casanova – Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 2-3A/1B Martin Nice – Ali Nice, Eugene OR
- 2-3A Barbara Gustafson – Jon Gustafson, Manzanita OR
- 2B Dee Cockfield, Bend OR; Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR
- 3B Judy Shelton – Patricia Collom, Klamath Falls OR

Friday, Aug. 9

Friday Open Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1A Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY
- 2A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 3A Jeff Roman, Bend OR; July Ratley, Redding CA
- 1B Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR; Gerald Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 2B/1C Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA
- 3B Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS; Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA
- 2C Leighton Wells, Springfield OR; Toni Brown, Eugene OR

Friday Gold Rush Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1C/E Ross Hibler – Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR
- 2C John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 3C Kim Larson, Springfield OR; Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR
- 2D/E Betsy Ovitt – Joyce Spence, Eugene OR
- 3D Karen Crooch – Hayward Reed, Salem OR

Friday Morning Side Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1A Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 2A Kay Moran – Donna Compton, Dallas TX
- 3A/1B/C George Quinn, Springfield OR; Janice Ward, Eugene OR
- 2B Toni Brown, Eugene OR; Brenda Olsen, Creswell OR
- 3B/2C Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1A Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 2-3A/1B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 2-3A Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; James Lindemann, Spokane WA
- 2B Carolyn Campbell – Susan Belding, Houston TX
- 3B Gary Bliss, Drain OR; Joan Spence, Eugene OR

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1D Jean-Pierre Perchellet – Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR
- 2D/1E/F George Burgott – Susan Burgott, Eugene OR
- 3D Robert Cato, Springfield OR; Denise Gudger, Eugene OR
- 2E/F Betty Soreng – Virginia Anderson, Eugene OR
- 3E Carl Scheffler – Ali Amory, Eugene OR

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (13 teams)

- 1A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Portland OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 2A Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA; Jim Leary – Pat Leary, Livermore CA
- 3-4A Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR; Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
- 3-4A/1B Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA; Cornelia Leser – Lee Soreng, Eugene OR
- 2B Paul Harding, New Westminster BC; Joan Spence – Laurie Hunter, Eugene OR; Mary Egger, Springfield OR
- 3B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR; Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 1C Joan Borberg – Phyllis Sutter, Portland OR; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID



Players fix up their hot dogs at the buffet Friday night at the Eugene Regional.

Expert roundup

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

In honor of the Pacific Northwest's newest Grand Life Master, Barbara Nist, a Seattle native and perennial contender at all D20 regionals, we asked high-level players this question: *What pearl of wisdom can you share with us?* Here are their answers.



Steve Gross

"Even if you think you are down, don't take fliers in team games. Trust your teammates, they may have covered you."

Steve Gross
Agoura Hills CA



Chris Compton

"On to the next, forget the last hand."

Chris Compton
Dallas TX



Mike Levy

"The two most important things are focus and counting. Remember the bidding when playing the hand or defending and form a picture of the hands that are not visible as to distribution and point count, and let each card played by partner or the opponents either reinforce that picture or change it."

Mike Levy
Keizer OR



Eric Stoltz

"Study and learn card combinations; it's worth tricks every session. On most hands try to take the normal action."

Eric Stoltz
Portland OR



John Lusky

"If you decide to play a convention, make sure you discuss follow-ups and what, if anything, changes when the opponents are in the auction."

John Lusky
Portland OR



Barbara Nist

"I would like to be known as the friendliest Grand Life Master in the game. I think our responsibility to the game is to be goodwill ambassadors, to encourage others to explore and enjoy our great game. I always try to bring my best to the bridge table, but I most want to be remembered as that lady who always had a smile on her face."

Barbara Nist
Seattle WA

Saturday, Aug. 10

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 John Ashton – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 2 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III – Raj Garg, Portland OR; Tony Glynne, Gilroy CA; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Veronica McMurdie – Dick Jones, Sacramento CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA
- 3-4 Laurie Rowe – Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 2 (9 teams)

- 1 Amy Casanova – Ray Robert, Portland OR; David Taylor, Seattle WA; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Richard Silverstone – John Thomas – Cynthia Palman – Don Marsh, Eugene OR
- 3-4 Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie – Eileen Milligan – Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Phillip Frankel – Alden Sprowles – Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Dean Altschuler, Bellingham WA

Friday-Saturday KOs Bracket 3 (9 teams)

- 1 Michael Green, Newberg OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR
- 2 Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – Chris Poulos, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 3-4 Carole Schmitz – Helen Esfandiari – Sherri Morgan – Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR
- 3-4 Karla Stewart – Meredith Baughman – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

Saturday Open Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A Jeff McKee, Banks OR; David Brower, Portland OR
- 2A Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY
- 3A Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR; Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 1B/C Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS; Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA
- 2-3B/C Airell Clark – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
- 2-3B/C Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1C/D Dottie Haxton, Eugene OR; Jerrold Hughes, Springfield OR
- 2C/D/IE Barbara Nelson – Joanne Benkstein, McMinnville OR
- 3C Elsie Marsh – Wallace Marsh, Bend OR
- 3D Lee Soreng – Cornelia Leser, Eugene OR
- 2E Jean-Pierre Perchellet – Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR
- 3E Debbie Grasham – Jack Grasham, Brookings OR

Willamette Valley Saturday Compact KO (11 teams)

- 1 Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann – Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR; Karen Jachetta, Trabuco Canyon CA
- 2 George Kuppler, Brookings OR; Walter Thies, Corvallis OR; Sylvia Markham – Roy Markham, Montesano WA
- 3 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR; Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1A Peter Barthels – Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2A/1B Rita Schaulat – Miriam Kaegi, Novato CA
- 2B Bing Kibbey – Denise Cox, Eugene OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (8 pairs)

- 1A Robert Borge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 2A/1B/C Robert Cato, Springfield OR; Peter Heroy, Eugene OR
- 3A/2B Carolyn Campbell – Susan Belding, Houston TX
- 2C Janice Ward – Roy Lisi, Eugene OR

Saturday Evening Side Swiss Teams (10 teams)

- 1A Laurie Rowe – Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
- 2A Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Henri Jansen – Carol Harms – Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
- 3A Nelda Linman, Redmond OR; Robert Pfeffer, Bend OR; Susan Belding – Carolyn Campbell, Houston TX
- 1B Dean Altschuler, Bellingham WA; Suzanne Cook – Phillip Frankel – Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 2B Carole Schmitz – Sherri Morgan – Marcia Daneman – Helen Esfandiari, Eugene OR
- 1C Laurie Hunter – Jeanne Schmidt – Connie Green – Judy Nevell, Eugene OR

Sunday, Aug. 11

Sunday A/X/Y Swiss Teams (17 teams)

- 1A Dick Jones – Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA
- 2A Laurie Rowe – Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
- 3-4A Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA
- 3-4A John Ashton – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 1X Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA; David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 2X Isolde Knaap, Woodburn OR; Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA; Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 3X/1Y Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Ned Forman – Beverly Roy – Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR
- 2Y Randy Jean Hiltbrand – Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR; Susan Belding – Carolyn Campbell, Houston TX

Sunday BCD Swiss Teams (13 teams)

- 1B Carole Schmitz – Sherri Morgan – Richard Silverstone – Don Marsh, Eugene OR
- 2B/1C/D James Fitzgibbons, Springfield OR; Wendy Saville, Portland OR; Vicky Fine – John Lean, Eugene OR
- 3B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Airell Clark – Becky McKenzie – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR
- 2C Michael Green, Newberg OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR
- 3C/2D Betsy Ovitt – Joyce Spence – Judy Francis – Marna Knoer, Eugene OR

Side Series

Morning Side Series (76 players)

- 1-2 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
- 1-2 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 3-4 Donna Compton, Dallas TX
- 3-4 Kay Moran, Dallas TX

Afternoon Side Series (75 players)

- 1-2 Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 1-2 Robert Borge, Bellingham WA
- 3-4 Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 3-4 Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR

Evening Side Series (105 players)

- 1 Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 2-3 Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2-3 Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA



Mark Lair, Nancy Abrams
Thursday Open Pairs
Friday Open Pairs



Dave Brower, Jeff McKee
Saturday Open Pairs



Lynne Schaefer, Alan Johnson
Monday Charity Pairs
2nd Wednesday & Friday Open Pairs



Chris Compton, Dick Jones
Tuesday Open Pairs



Ian Kirk, David Taylor
Wednesday Open Pairs



Nina Lubick, Robert Borge
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs
Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs



Connie Green, Jeanne Schmidt
Tuesday Gold Pairs



Dawn Guenther, Kim Larson
Wednesday Gold Pairs



Wayne Kaneko, Barbara Simon
Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs



Ali Nice, Martin Nice
1D/E Tuesday Gold Pairs
1B Thursday Evening Side Pairs



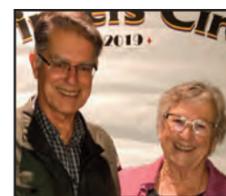
Cornelia Lester, Lee Soreng
1D Wednesday Gold Pairs



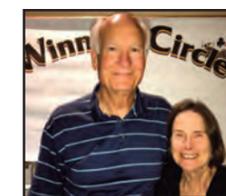
John Lean, Jim Fitzgibbons
1B/C Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs



Bing Kibbey, Denise Cox
1B Tuesday Morning Side Pairs



Hayward Reed, Karen Crooch
Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs



George & Sue Burgott
1E/F Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs
1F Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs

Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 4799.33 earned by 354 players. Total attendance: 659 tables.

1 98.89 Chris Compton, Dallas TX	29 32.75 Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR	63 22.61 Nancy Jonske, Portland OR	99 14.82 George Kuppler, Brookings OR	179 7.07 Airell Clark, Corvallis OR
2 92.50 Dick Jones, Sacramento CA	30 32.21 Ray Robert, Portland OR	66 21.87 Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR	100 14.81 Lorraine Rodich, Redmond OR	181 6.95 Nancy Wetherson, Keizer OR
3 83.93 Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY	30 32.21 Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR	67 21.84 Pete Grice, Boise ID	100 14.81 Dee Cockfield, Bend OR	182 6.95 Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
3 83.93 Mark Lair, Canyon TX	32 31.54 Marc Zwerling, Portland OR	67 21.84 Richard Gettmann, Bend OR	105 13.55 Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR	183 6.91 Mary Egger, Springfield OR
5 81.08 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	33 31.24 Karen Epley, Kent WA	69 21.57 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	106 13.43 Jim Windus, Vancouver WA	184 6.88 Janice Flowers-Sonne, Eugene OR
6 80.94 John Ashton, Portland OR	34 30.64 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	70 21.41 Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR	107 10.07 Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA	186 6.80 Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
7 80.58 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR	35 29.99 Raj Garg, Portland OR	70 21.41 Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR	107 10.07 Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA	187 6.78 Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
8 75.21 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	37 29.96 Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	72 21.20 Jeff McKee, Banks OR	108 13.42 Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR	188 6.73 Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
9 71.89 Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA	37 29.96 Ian Kirk, Portland OR	73 20.30 Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR	108 13.42 Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR	189 6.73 Frank Nemeth, Portland OR
10 71.15 Howard Parker III, Clements CA	38 28.97 Steve Gross, Agoura Hills CA	74 20.27 Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR	110 13.31 Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR	190 6.68 Nancy Seme, Bend OR
11 70.23 Michael Levy, Keizer OR	38 28.97 Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA	75 20.09 Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR	111 12.86 Paul Craviotto, Eugene OR	191 6.68 Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR
13 68.71 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR	40 28.66 Chip Dombrowski, Southaven MS	76 19.72 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA	114 12.86 Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR	194 6.59 Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA
14 59.28 Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR	41 28.43 Paula Nataf, Beverly Hills CA	77 19.58 Molly Harris, Portland OR	116 12.82 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR	195 6.59 Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA
15 57.39 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR	41 28.43 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	78 18.81 July Ratley, Redding CA	116 12.82 Chris Poulos, Eugene OR	196 6.50 Janice Ward, Eugene OR
16 50.99 Tony Glynne, Gilroy CA	43 28.40 John Wolf, Eugene OR	78 18.81 Jeff Roman, Bend OR	158 7.99 Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR	197 6.45 Kim Larson, Springfield OR
17 49.79 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	44 28.32 Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA	80 18.13 Don Marsh, Eugene OR	159 7.81 Robert Peterkort, Corvallis OR	198 6.45 Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR
18 48.91 David Brower, Portland OR	44 28.32 Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA	81 18.10 Linda Hann, Roseburg OR	164 7.79 Ross Hibler, Salem OR	201 6.42 Helen Esfandiari, Eugene OR
19 48.25 Eric Stoltz, Portland OR	46 27.71 Richard Carle, Longview WA	81 18.10 Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR	164 7.79 Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA	202 6.32 David Willmington, Eureka CA
19 48.25 Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	47 27.55 Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA	84 17.59 Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR	164 7.79 Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR	203 6.30 Jerrold Hughes, Springfield OR
21 46.88 Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	48 27.31 Terry Nagel, Eugene OR	85 17.59 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR	167 7.77 Lee Soreng, Eugene OR	204 6.30 Dottie Haxton, Eugene OR
22 39.48 Amy Casanova, Portland OR	48 27.31 Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR	86 17.03 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR	170 7.59 Veronica Reeves, Tigard OR	205 6.23 Joyce Spence, Eugene OR
23 37.99 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	50 26.81 Howard Epley, Kent WA	87 16.74 Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR	170 7.59 Paul Reeves, Tigard OR	206 6.23 Betsy Ovitt, Eugene OR
23 37.99 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	51 26.06 Eileen Boal, Albany OR	87 16.74 Carole Schmitz, Eugene OR	172 7.51 Laurie Hunter, Eugene OR	209 6.15 Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID
25 37.01 David Green, Sherwood OR	52 26.02 Richard Silverstone, Eugene OR	89 16.68 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA	175 7.50 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukee OR	211 6.11 Karen Crooch, Salem OR
26 36.26 Edward Lee, Portland OR	53 25.57 Margi Redden, Portland OR	91 16.14 Allison Evans, Corvallis OR	176 7.37 Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR	212 6.11 Hayward Reed, Salem OR
27 34.62 David Taylor, Seattle WA	54 25.18 Michael Green, Newberg OR	92 16.11 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	177 7.19 Wallace Marsh, Bend OR	213 6.08 Nelda Linman, Redmond OR
28 32.95 David Partridge, Eugene OR	56 24.96 Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR	95 15.64 Judy Nevell, Eugene OR	177 7.19 Elsie Marsh, Bend OR	214 6.06 Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR
	57 24.67 Brenda Biermann, Roseburg OR	96 14.82 Walter Thies, Corvallis OR		



Chris's Corner

ACBL tournament director
Chris Wiegand answers your
questions on rulings.

Is vaporizing an ace equity?

Q: In the June 2019 Ruling the Game column in the Bridge Bulletin, a revoke ruling was given that “vaporized” the trump ace when it was used to overruff in a revoke situation. In fact, it was noted that if the trump king (or any additional trick) had been won by the offenders subsequently, it would have been “vaporized” too. If the laws are meant to rectify rather than punish, isn't this consequence too harsh? Should a director use Law 64.C to “restore equity” and protect the field?

As the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (2017) indicates on page iii, you are quite correct that most of our laws are designed to restore equity to the non-offenders without punishing irregularities. I would argue that the one exception to this rule may in fact be Law 64.A. Law 64.A very specifically lays out an automatic trick adjustment for the case where an established revoke occurs. It is the only such automatic rectification that is given in the law book. And that is because revoking is violating the number one rule of bridge: you must follow suit if you can do so. As the fundamental rule, it would not be bridge if you cannot trust that everyone is following suit if they have a card in the suit.

If the only rectification for revoking were a restoration of equity, nefarious players might be tempted to revoke more frequently. That is, scare declarer into thinking he has a 5-0 trump break by showing out at trick one, even though they break 3-2. Now he takes a losing finesse or plays for a miracle layout and goes down. He might just concede some tricks without even looking at the cards. Whoops! Turns out trumps were 3-2 the whole time! Let's get the director over to sort out what would have happened if the revoke had not occurred, potentially on every hand. What would be the downside to the offenders? Well, they either get away with it, and no one calls them on it, so they gain tricks. Or, at worst, the director restores equity with doubtful points going to the other side. Not much of a downside really, and yet it would truly tear a rip in the fabric of this game.

And this is why there is clear, automatic trick adjustment as described in 64.A. In the rare instances that this is not enough to make the non-offenders whole, then we do restore equity to the non-offenders via 64.C, but we do not give the non-offenders the benefit of the automatic trick adjustment and equity, just the better of the two for their side. And 64.C only benefits the non-offenders; there is no sense of protecting the field described in the laws.

And yes, sometimes this means that there are silly results. But it is just a flat, non-discriminating rule with a proscribed adjustment that we directors are duty-bound to uphold as part of Law 82. It is simply part of the game and helps keep the integrity of the game intact. As I like to say, if you can't get a good board, get a good story — and the fact that your ace and king of trump did not take any tricks is a great story!

Ruling questions for Chris? Email chris.wiegand@acbl.org.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

SEPTEMBER 2019

6 – 8 Eureka Sectional
7 – 8 Portland Summer Sectional
13 – 15 Boise Sectional
13 – 15 Honolulu Sectional
13 – 15 Rogue Valley Fall Sectional

Humboldt Area Foundation, Eureka CA
Montgomery Park, Portland OR
Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, Boise ID
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

OCTOBER 2019

Sept 30 – Oct 6

12 – 13 **OREGON COAST REGIONAL North American Pairs**
18 – 20 Gold Country Sectional
19 – 20 Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional
24 – 27 Central Oregon Coast Sectional

Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

Online at various locations
St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
Shilo Inn, Newport OR

NOVEMBER 2019

1 – 3 Nampa-Caldwell Sectional
1 – 3 Redding Fall Sectional
2 – 3 East & West Willamette Sectional
2 – 3 Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional
9 Rogue Valley I/N Sectional
9 – 10 Vancouver Fall Sectional
15 – 17 Honolulu Sectional

Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa ID
Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
Portland Bridge Club and Ace of Clubs
Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

DECEMBER 2019

No events scheduled

JANUARY 2020

11 – 12 Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional
17 – 19 Garden Island Sectional

Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
Sun Village Condominium Recreation Center, Lihue HI
Prince Waikiki, Honolulu HI

Jan 20 – 26

HAWAII REGIONAL

FEBRUARY 2020

7 – 9 Maui Sectional
7 – 9 Boise Sectional
15 – 17 Big Island Sectional

Maui Bridge Club, Kihei HI
Red Lion Hotel Downtowner, Boise ID
Makua Lani Christian Academy, Kailua Kona HI
Vancouver Wash. Hilton, Vancouver WA

Feb 17 – 23

OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

MARCH 2020

6 – 8 Honolulu Sectional
13 – 15 Heart of the Valley Sectional
13 – 15 Chico Almond Blossom Sectional
27 – 29 Rogue Valley Spring Sectional

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany OR
Chico Women's Club, Chico CA
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

APRIL 2020

10 – 11 Eugene 299er Sectional
11 – 12 Vancouver Spring Sectional
17 – 19 Ontario Sectional
17 – 19 Redding Spring Sectional
17 – 19 Seaside Sectional
17 – 19 **Golden Clam I/N Regional**

Emerald Bridge Club, Springfield OR
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario OR
Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

MAY 2020

May 11 – 17

ORE. HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

Honolulu Sectional

Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

Sept. 20–22 Seattle Sectional & **I/N Regional**, Bothell WA
Sept. 26–28 Grandview Sectional WA
Oct. 21–27 **Pasco Regional WA**
Oct. 28–Nov. 3 **Whistler Regional BC**
Dec. 13–15 Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
Feb. 14–16 Seattle Sectional, Bellevue WA
March 13–15 Seattle Sectional, Everett WA
April 6–12 **Vancouver Regional**, Burnaby BC

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

Sept. 19–22 Carson City Sectional NV
Sept. 21–22 Santa Rosa Sectional CA
Sept. 27–29 Sacramento I/N Sectional CA
Oct. 4–6 Fresno Sectional CA
Oct. 7–13 **Reno Regional**, Sparks NV
Nov. 16–17 Oakland Sectional CA
Dec. 6–8 Sacramento Sectional CA
Jan. 6–12 **Monterey Regional CA**
Jan. 25–26 Livermore Sectional CA
March 7–8 Santa Rosa Sectional CA
March 14–15 **Mountain View I/N Regional CA**

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

Sept. 16–22 **Butte Regional MT**
Sept. 27–29 Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Oct. 9–11 World Senior Games, St. George UT
Oct. 14–20 **Regina Regional SK**
Jan. 17–19 Salt Lake City Sectional UT
April 13–19 **Lethbridge Regional AB**

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

Sept. 23–29 **Taos Regional NM**
Oct. 18–20 Scottsdale Sectional AZ
Oct. 21–25 Las Vegas Sectional NV
Nov. 14–17 Tucson Sectional & **I/N Regional AZ**
Jan. 20–26 **Albuquerque Regional NM**
March 2–8 **Tucson Regional AZ**

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Oct. 25–27 Palm Springs Sectional CA
Oct. 28–Nov. 3 **Ventura Regional CA**
Dec. 9–15 **Palm Springs Regional**, Rancho Mirage CA
Jan. 27–Feb. 2 **Costa Mesa Regional CA**
April 6–12 **San Diego Regional CA**

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov. 28 – Dec. 8

March 19–29

July 16–26

Nov. 26 – Dec. 6

Fall 2019

Spring 2020

Summer 2020

Fall 2020

Marriott Marquis, San Francisco CA

Hyatt & Hilton, Columbus OH

Palais des Congrès, Montreal QC

Convention Center, Tampa FL