## ROGUE VALLEE RREGIONAL



So far this week, 343 players have earned almost 1200 masterpoints. See page 2 for the Top 50.


New Life Master Darrell Graham


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## Andrea Shapiro

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## Special Events for I/N Players

Fri Aug 8
299er Stratified Pairs at 10 and 3 (single sessions)
Luncheon between sessions: Door prices, lunch, meet the District 20 movers

Sat Aug 9

Gold Pairs at 10 and 3 (GOLD points!)
2pm: Margi Redden talk: Workshop: Doubles bring us "problem doubles"

## Friday Schedule

## 10:00 am

- Compact Bracketed KOs (1 of 2)
- Stratified Open Pairs (1 of 2)
- Ashland Side Game Series (2 of 5)
- 299er Stratified Pairs (single session)


## 3:00 pm

- Compact Bracketed KOs (2 of 2)
- Stratified Open Pairs (2 of 2)
- Ashland Side Game Series (3 of 5)
- 299er Stratified Pairs (single session)


## 7:30 pm

- Klamath Falls Side Game Series (4 of 5)
- Jacksonville Stratified Swiss Teams (1 of 2)


## Saturday Schedule

## 10:00 am

- Stratified A/B Pairs (1 of 2)
- Ashland Side Game Series (4 of 5)
- Gold Pairs (1 of 2)


## 3:00 pm

- Stratified A/B Pairs (2 of 2)
- Ashland Side Game Series (5 of 5)
- Gold Pairs (2 of 2)


## 7:30 pm

- Klamath Falls Side Game Series (5 of 5)
- Jacksonville Stratified Swiss Teams (2 of 2)


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## Knock-Outs

MEMORIAL KNOCKOUT BKT 1

| 10 Tables  <br> 34.74 1 | Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Richard Potter, Black <br> Mountain NC; John Potter, Panama City FL |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 24.32 | 2 | Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Doug Hansford - Dennis Groden, Surrey BC; Gard Hays, <br> Veradale WA |
| 13.90 | $3 / 4$ | Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA; Randall Paul, <br> Klamath Falls OR; Rich Higgins, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR |
| 13.90 | $3 / 4$ | Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Polly Dunn - <br> Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA |

## MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO 2

9 Tables
15.34 1 Steven Pessin - Ginny Stark, Eugene OR; Brian Breckenridge - Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
10.742 Joy McKenzie-Smith - Molly Harris, Portland OR; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Robert Law, Tigard OR
6.14 3/4 Vi Metter, Goodyear AZ; Shay Kinney, Klamath Falls OR; Catherine Hess, Blakely Island WA; Peter Galbraith, Blakely Is WA
6.14 3/4 Michael Pavlik, Ashland OR; Mary Lindley, Central Point OR; Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA; John Guth, Days Creek OR

MEMORIAL BRACKETED KO 3
16 Tables

| 13.80 | 1 | Janice Cook - Barbara Davis, Roseburg OR; Michael Sandahl, Oakland OR; <br> Pauline Fackrell, Winston OR |
| :---: | ---: | :--- |
| 9.66 | 2 | Mark McKechnie - Leah McKechnie, Medford OR; Louis Akerman, Tucson AZ; Linda <br> Akerman, Silverdale WA |
| 5.52 | $3 / 4$ | Angie Knight - Donald Walker, Central Point OR; Rebecca Ostrom - Andrea <br> Shapiro, Ashland OR |
| 5.52 | $3 / 4$ | Darrell Graham - Nancy Remple - Tom Chambers, Portland OR; Larry Henderson, <br> Milwaukie OR |

## Top 50 So Far

Masterpoints Won Through Thursday Afternoon

| 1 | 66.33 Jeffrey Taylor | 19 | 22.45 Connie Marfell |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 66.33 Michael Levy | 20 | 21.77 Randall Paul |
| 3 | 50.14 John Potter | 21 | 21.25 Diane Caccamise |
| 4 | 50.14 Richard Potter | 22 | 19.50 Terry Ansnes |
| 5 | 43.92 John Ashton | 23 | 18.53 Kemble Yates |
| 6 | 36.69 Merlin Vilhauer | 24 | 18.49 Bill Rosencrantz |
| 7 | 36.01 Pat Dunn | 25 | 18.48 Bill Freeman |
| 8 | 36.01 Polly Dunn | 26 | 18.48 James Lopes |
| 9 | 30.82 Dennis Groden | 27 | 17.74 Scott Foster |
| 10 | 30.82 Doug Hansford | 28 | 17.01 Brian Breckenridge |
| 11 | 29.54 Yatindra Sahae | 29 | 17.01 Irva Neyhart |
| 12 | 29.54 Crispin Barrere | 30 | 16.96 John Aslin |
| 13 | 27.18 Roger McNay | 31 | 16.96 Ronald Tracy |
| 14 | 26.90 Richard Higgins | 32 | 16.58 Louis Akerman |
| 15 | 25.99 Laurie Rowe | 33 | 16.58 Linda Akerman |
| 16 | 25.99 Gard Hays | 34 | 15.67 Molly Tinsley |

37 15.38 Wilhelmina White
38 15.38 Carole Schmitz
39 15.34 Steven Pessin
40 15.34 Ginny Stark
41 15.02 Michael Pavlik
42 14.72 Marvin Grudem
43 14.72 Marilyn Avey
44 14.34 Charles Burns
45 13.80 Michael Sandahl

46 13.80 Pauline Fackrell
47 13.80 Barbara Davis
48 13.80 Janice Cook
$49 \quad$ 13.79 Gee Gee Walker
50 13.74 Suzanne Cook

## Thursday Open Pairs

### 27.0 Tables

|  | A B | C |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12.95 | 1 |  |  | Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA |  |
| 9.71 | 2 |  |  | Jon Bartlett - John Ashton, Portland OR | $63.00 \%$ |
| 7.28 | 3 |  |  | Mary McCune - Marty McCune, Seattle WA | $62.00 \%$ |
| 8.27 | 4 | 1 |  | Joanne Merry - John Jefferson, Davis CA | $60.92 \%$ |
| 4.56 | 5 |  |  | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR | $60.19 \%$ |
| 3.70 | 6 |  |  | Laila Griffith - Carol McClure, Klamath Falls OR | $60.08 \%$ |
| 3.24 | 7 |  |  | Tom Ross - Carol Ross, Lincoln CA | $59.23 \%$ |
| 6.20 | 8 | 2 |  | Jim Solomon, San Luis Obispo CA; Gina Kirk, Sn Luis Obisp CA | $58.73 \%$ |
| 5.44 |  | 3 | 1 | James Lopes - Bill Freeman, la Quinta CA | $58.19 \%$ |
| 4.08 |  | 4 | 2 | Martha Bergstrom - Tom Bergstrom, Ashland OR | $55.00 \%$ |
| 2.76 |  | 5 |  | Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR; Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR | $54.31 \%$ |
| 2.81 |  | 6 |  | Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR; Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR | $53.77 \%$ |
| 3.06 |  |  | Marlene Engel - Mary Plush Jensen, Grass Valley CA | $53.12 \%$ |  |
| 2.30 |  |  | Sandra Brown, Arcata CA; Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA | $50.12 \%$ |  |
| 2.11 |  |  | Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Susan Haas, Cottonwood CA | $49.81 \%$ |  |
| 1.55 |  |  | Carole Schmitz - Wilhelmina White, Redding CA | $49.31 \%$ |  |

thursday open pairs morning session

|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION |  | EAS | WEST |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | B | c |  |  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Ronald Tracy, Edmonds <br> WA; John Aslin, Seattle WA | 56.15\% | 1 |  |  | Jon Bartlett - John Ashton, Portland OR | 65.31\% |
| 2 |  |  | Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Scott |  | 2 |  |  | Charlene Martindale - R Ian Martindale, Boise ID | 62.92\% |
|  |  |  | Foster, Medford OR | 51.69\% | 3 | 1 |  | Joanne Merry - John |  |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | Darrel Larcom - Sharon |  |  |  |  | Jefferson, Davis CA | 59.62\% |
|  |  |  | Larcom, North Bend OR | 51.46\% | 4 | 2 |  | Diane Caccamise, Coos |  |
| 4 |  |  | Frances Gates, Waldport |  |  |  |  | Bay OR; Chip |  |
|  |  |  | OR; Susan Carle, |  |  |  |  | Dombrowski, North Bend OR | 58.15\% |
|  |  |  | Longview WA | 50.77\% | 5 | 3 |  | Jim Solomon, San Luis |  |
| 5 |  |  | Viktor Anikovich, Los |  |  |  |  | Obispo CA; Gina Kirk, |  |
|  |  |  | Angeles CA; Nina |  |  |  |  | Sn Luis Obisp CA | 55.77\% |
|  |  |  | Glazer, Indio CA | 50.62\% | 6 | 4 |  | Martha Bergstrom - Tom |  |
| 6 |  |  | David Wilmington, |  |  |  |  | Bergstrom, Ashland OR | 55.54\% |
|  |  |  | Eureka CA; Suzanne |  |  |  |  | Sandra Brown, Arcata |  |
|  |  |  | Cook, McKinleyville CA | 47.85\% |  |  |  | CA; Phillip Frankel, |  |
|  | 2 | 2 | Marlene Lamoureaux - |  |  |  |  | McKinleyville CA | 50.77\% |
|  |  |  | Jan Joiner, Redding CA | 47.46\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 |  | Marilyn Avey - Marvin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Grudem, Redding CA | 46.31\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION | L | EAS | WEST |  |  |
| A | B | C |  |  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Jean Barry, Livermore |  | 1 |  |  | Roger McNay, Beaverton |  |
|  |  |  | CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA | 63.62\% |  |  |  | OR; Daniel Hoekstra, |  |
| 2 |  |  | Mary McCune - Marty |  |  |  |  | Portland OR | 59.62\% |
|  |  |  | McCune, Seattle WA | 61.77\% | 2 |  |  | Robert Kroning - Susan |  |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | Marlene Engel - Mary |  |  |  |  | Kroning, Seaside OR | 58.54\% |
|  |  |  | Plush Jensen, Grass |  | 3 | 1 |  | Terry Ansnes, Ashland |  |
|  |  |  | Valley CA | 59.00\% |  |  |  | OR; Harvey Bush, |  |
| 4 |  |  | Tom Ross - Carol Ross, |  |  |  |  | Klamath Falls OR | 55.54\% |
|  |  |  | Lincoln CA | 57.15\% | 4 | 2 |  | July Ratley, Redding |  |
| 5 | 2 | 2 | Carole Schmitz |  |  |  |  | CA; Bob Wierman, |  |
|  |  |  | Wilhelmina White, |  |  |  |  | Anderson CA | 51.38\% |
|  |  |  | Redding CA | 55.62\% | 5 | 3 |  | Bill Waddle - George |  |
|  | 3 |  | Sharon Fauss, Central |  |  |  |  | Kuppler, Brookings OR | 48.15\% |
|  |  |  | Point OR; Jackie |  |  | 4 |  | Gerald Clark, Anderson |  |
|  |  |  | Donnelly, Phoenix OR | 53.62\% |  |  |  | CA; Susan Haas, |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cottonwood CA | 47.23\% |


| Thursday 299er Pairs |  |  |  |  |  |
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| thursday Morn 299ER PAIRS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.5 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | D | E | F |  |  |
| 2.40 | 1 |  |  | Bob Wolcott - Jill Wolcott, Medford OR | 66.42\% |
| 1.80 | 2 | 1 |  | Gretchen King - Harley King, Ashland OR | 61.50\% |
| 1.35 | 3 | 2 |  | Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR; Sharon Warren, Merlin OR | 60.58\% |
| 1.01 | 4 | 3 |  | Barbara Wirth - Cary Wirth, Nevada City CA | 55.30\% |
| 0.76 | 5 |  |  | Priscilla Braun, Boise ID; Charneth Belanger, Mill Vly CA | 52.50\% |
| THURSDAY AFT 299ER SWISS |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 2.97 | 1 |  |  | Nancy Hitchcock - Mary Louise Hendricks, Grants Pass OR; Deanna Ritchie, Eagle Point OR; Hedy Schoonover, Ashland OR | 2.75 |
| 2.23 | 2 | 1 |  | Robert Wolcott - Jill Wolcott - Helen Mills - Marion Gribben, Medford OR | 2.25 |
| 1.29 | 3/5 |  |  | Cary Wirth - Barbara Wirth, Nevada City CA; Sandra Cook, Anderson CA; Lorraine Dumont, Redding CA | 2.00 |
| 1.52 | 3/5 | 2 | 1 | Elke Wolfe - David Wolfe, Gold Hill OR; Dennis Powers, Ashland OR; Jean Zebedee, Medford OR | 2.00 |
| 1.29 | 3/5 |  |  | Sheldon Widlan - Marilyn Widlan, Seattle WA; Karen Schoessow Donald Tull, Medford OR | 2.00 |
| 1.00 |  | 3/4 |  | John Hassen - Roger Hutchings - Jack Agresti, Medford OR; Karen Rice, Sebastopol CA | 1.25 |
| 1.00 |  | 3/4 |  | Jan Ford, Talent OR; Clara Arnold, Central Point OR; Geri Higgins, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Duane Weiss, Klamath Falls OR | 1.25 |

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|  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION K | K | EAS | WEST |  |  |
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| D | E | F |  | D | E | F |  |  |
| 1 |  | Bob Wolcott - Jill Wolcott, Medford OR | 66.42\% | 1 | 1 |  | Gretchen King - Harley King, Ashland OR | 61.50\% |
| 2 | 1 | Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR; Sharon Warren, Merlin OR | 60.58\% | 2 3 | 2 |  | Barbara Wirth - Cary Wirth, Nevada City CA Priscilla Braun, Boise | 55.30\% |
| 3 |  | Lorraine Dumont, Redding CA; Sandra Cook, Anderson CA | 51.83\% |  |  |  | ID; Charneth Belanger, Mill Vly CA | 52.50\% |
|  | 2 | Joseph Jannuzzi, <br> Portland OR; Jan <br> Thielemann, Redding CA | 46.17\% |  |  |  |  |  |



Claudia Kemper \& Kirk Roberts
Gold Rush Pairs Tuesday


Jill \& Bob Wolcott
Won Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs


Helen Mills \& Marion Gribben
Wednesday 299er Pairs


Mary Louise Hendricks, Deanna Ritchie, Nancy Hitchcock, Hedy Schoonover

## Side Games

WEDNESDAY EVENING KLAMATH FALLS SIDE SERIES (2 of 5)

### 6.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2.43 | 1 |  |  |
| 1.82 | 2 |  |  |
| 1.37 | 3 |  |  |
| 2.12 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.59 |  | 2 | 2 |
| 1.31 |  | 3 |  |


| Richard Carle, Longview WA; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA | $70.00 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA | $62.08 \%$ |
| Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA | $55.00 \%$ |
| Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Sandra Brown, Arcata CA | $54.58 \%$ |
| Frederica Aalto - Kenneth Aalto, Trinidad CA | $52.08 \%$ |
| Jim Solomon, San Luis Obispo CA; Gina Kirk, Sn Luis Obisp CA | $50.42 \%$ |

## THURSDAY MORNING GRANTS PASS SIDE SERIES (5 of 5)

5.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2.28 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1.71 | 2 | 2 |  |
| 1.28 | 3 | 3 |  |
| 0.98 | 4 |  |  |
| 0.84 |  | $4 / 5$ |  |
| 0.92 |  | $4 / 5$ |  |


| Eileen Milligan - Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR | $69.00 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Christopher Bell, Medford OR; Edward Goldman, Ashland OR | $64.00 \%$ |
| Beth McDaniel - Sue Carlson, Ontario OR | $54.50 \%$ |
| Richard Carle, Longview WA; Mary Anne Kightlinger, Grants Pass OR | $54.00 \%$ |
| Thomas Hays, Portland OR; Lou Thurston, Kingsville TX | $52.00 \%$ |
| Beatrice Bridges, Grants Pass OR; Addie Greene, Ashland OR | $52.00 \%$ |

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON ASHLAND SIDE SERIES (1 of 5)

| 9.5 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 3.03 | 1 |  |  | Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA | 66.31\% |
| 2.27 | 2 |  |  | Rich Higgins, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR; Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR | 59.97\% |
| 2.73 | 3 | 1 |  | Eileen Milligan - Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR | 58.72\% |
| 2.12 | 4 | 2 | 1 | Lawrence Crumb, Fortuna CA; Chris Copple, Eureka CA | 58.15\% |
| 1.59 | 5 | 3 | 2 | Ann Grill - George Grill, Vancouver WA | 53.74\% |
| 0.94 | 6 |  |  | Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA | 53.23\% |
| 1.15 |  | 4 |  | Vi Metter, Goodyear AZ; Shay Kinney, Klamath Falls OR | 50.47\% |
| 0.89 |  | 5 |  | Peter Galbraith, Blakely Is WA; Catherine Hess, Blakely Island WA | 50.20\% |
| 1.19 |  |  | 3 | Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR; Darrell Graham, Portland OR | 46.26\% |



THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS SECOND SESSION

|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION | L | EAS | WEST |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | B | c |  |  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Laila Griffith - Carol <br> McClure, Klamath Falls OR | 73.00\% | 1 |  |  | Viktor Anikovich, Los Angeles CA; Nina |  |
| 2 |  |  | Jean Barry, Livermore <br> CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA | 62.38\% | 2 | 1 |  | Glazer, Indio CA Joanne Merry - John | 63.54\% |
| 3 | 1 |  | Jim Solomon, San Luis Obispo CA; Gina Kirk, Sn Luis Obisp CA | 60.62\% | 3 |  |  | Jefferson, Davis CA David Wilmington, Eureka CA; Suzanne | 60.77\% |
| 4 |  |  | Tom Ross - Carol Ross, Lincoln CA | 60.31\% | 4 | 2 |  | Cook, McKinleyville CA Lillian Fesler - Carl | 60.46\% |
| 5 |  |  | Florence Hungerford, Redding CA; Judy Hotchkin, Red Bluff CA | 54.77\% | 5 |  |  | Fesler, Albuquerque NM Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Scott | 57.38\% |
| 6 | 2 |  | Sharon Fauss, Central <br> Point OR; Jackie <br> Donnelly, Phoenix OR | 52.00\% | 6 | 3 |  | Foster, Medford OR Marlene Lamoureaux Jan Joiner, Redding CA | 55.15\% 48.23\% |
|  | 3 | 1 | Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Susan Haas, Cottonwood CA | 51.38\% |  | 4 |  | Carolyn Hennig, Bend OR; Carol Orazetti, Redmond OR | 47.54\% |
|  | 4 | 2 | Lucille Sorenson Barry Sorenson, North Bend OR Wallace Marsh - Elsie Marsh, Palm Desert CA | $47.62 \%$ $45.23 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION | M | EAS | WEST |  |  |
| A | B | C |  |  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Jon Bartlett - John Ashton, Portland OR | 58.69\% | 1 | 1 |  | James Lopes - Bill <br> Freeman, la Quinta CA | 61.38\% |
| 2 |  |  | James Smith, Mapleton OR; Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR | 53.77\% | 2 |  |  | Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR | 60.54\% |
| 3/4 | 1 | 1 | Martha Bergstrom - Tom Bergstrom, Ashland OR | 53.08\% | 3 |  |  | Mary McCune - Marty McCune, Seattle WA | 60.08\% |
| 3/4 |  |  | Charlene Martindale - R Ian Martindale, Boise ID | 53.08\% | 4 |  |  | Kenneth Tatz, Highland <br> Park IL; Jack Forstadt, |  |
| 5 |  |  | Ronald Jauch - Jamie <br> Newman, Nevada City CA <br> Diane Caccamise, Coos | 52.15\% | 5 |  |  | Evanston IL <br> Demeter Manning, <br> Kingman AZ; Nelda | 56.92\% |
|  | 2 |  | Bay OR; Chip <br> Dombrowski, North Bend OR | 49.38\% |  | 2 |  | Linman, Bend OR Donna Murray - Richard | 55.15\% |
|  | 3 | 2 | Sandra Brown, Arcata CA; Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA | 48.85\% |  | 3 |  | Murray, Jr, Larkspur CO Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR; Harvey Bush, | 52.23\% |
|  | 4 |  | James Flint - Robert Serrett, Ashland OR | 48.69\% |  | 4 |  | Klamath Falls OR July Ratley, Redding CA; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA | 50.69\% 49.69\% |

## Book of the Day: Bumblepuppy Days by Julian Laderman

## Interesting: For all readers regardless of level

Julian Laderman is a math professor from New York. If you were to meet him on the street, this is exactly what you would guess his profession to be. He is kindly, chatty, a little disheveled and has an honest self-deprecating sense of humor. It turns out that he is married to a history professor. He has written a couple of award-winning bridge books on declarer play and squeezes. All of this comes together beautifully in this lovely, well-researched, fun-to-read history of the early days of Whist and Bridge.

An early version of his intro promised that you wouldn't learn any bridge by reading the book. While he had to reneg on this promise (because he decided to include several hands to illustrate differences in various games), this book is definitely about history and not about improving your game. Still, it's fascinating to learn about the various players in the development period of our game and to learn details of the foundations that bridge was originally based on. In addition, he brings in other un-related games like baseball and basketball to illustrate influences of various factors on games in general, factors such as gambling, ethics, balancing luck and skill, and so on.

Julian includes sections for each major related game: whist, bridge whist, auction bridge and contract bridge. In each, he covers rules (at a high level), history of the game, related toys and apparatus and a sense of the world of the game and what lead to its demise.

While he reneged on his promise about improving your game, he still includes a money-back guarantee, one that I'm sure he need not worry about. Drop by the book store and take a look at this very fun book!

