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District honors education liaison

In Larry Cohen, Seville lands prominent speaker at regional for third time

By Molly Harris
D20 President

Congratulations to Mary Alice Seville, our hardworking Educational Liaison, who received a special award from the District 20 board for her accomplishments. Mary Alice pioneered a popular feature for the biennial Education Festival: classes taught by a nationally known bridge author.

Larry Cohen will give a workshop at the 2015 Eugene Regional.

In 2011 she brought Barbara Seagram to Seaside, and in 2013 Jerry Helms. Now she has Larry Cohen committed for the 2015 Education Festival in Eugene. Arranging for these personalities is not an easy task, and has required many hours of negotiations, but having them gives our regionals a special appeal to I/N players, as well as to bridge educators.

Mary Alice has also done an outstanding job in supporting our bridge teachers, including promoting the Learn Bridge in a Day program, facilitating ACBL Education Foundation grants, and arranging for ACBL-certified teacher training at our biennial Education Festivals.

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Mary Alice Seville, right, seen here with Barbara Seagram in 2011, received a special award from the District 20 board for her accomplishments as education liaison, including bringing speakers such as Seagram and Cohen to D20 regionals.

A burst of platinum

District 20 has experienced a sudden abundance of platinum.

In a span of three months, the number of Platinum Life Masters has more than doubled from four to nine.

The first member of this bumper crop to go over 10,000 masterpoints was Ed Ulman, as reported in January.

Hendrik Sharples

Jeff Roman, who moved from Alexandria VA to Bend OR earlier last year, eventually officially transferred into the district, bringing more than 16,000 points with him.

Tom Lum

Lucky number seven was Hendrik Sharples of Brush Prairie WA, who crossed the line in December.

The first of 2014 was Tom Lum of Honolulu HI.

Jeff Taylor

Then, on Jan. 23, former district president Jeff Taylor got his 10,000th point playing at a club game in Eugene, bringing the total to nine.

A little over a year ago, there were only three: Ross Rainwater, Godfrey Chang of Hawaii and Betty Rossmann, Ulman's mother-in-law. In 2012, Dutch pro Huub Bertens moved to Bend.

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Building the Winners' Circle helped **Sylvia Riewerts** earn a spot on the ACBL Goodwill Committee.

Building goodwill

Four win spots on national Goodwill Committee

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

The time has once again come for a new set of standout bridge players to receive the ultimate reward for giving back to the bridge community — a national Goodwill Committee membership. Meet the 2014 appointees from District 20 — **Sandra Baker**, **Sue Uranga**, **Sylvia Riewerts** and **Sue Carle** — and see

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Seaside unit ex-president and Goodwill appointee **Sandra Baker** has a tradition of giving outgoing board officers handmade birdhouses at the unit's annual Christmas party.

When 'hand of the century' arrives, are you ready?

It was the Saturday afternoon session of the Portland sectional. I arrived at table 3, where John Ashton and Eric Stoltz were.

"Maybe you'll pick up the hand of the century and have something to write about," Stoltz suggested.

I hoped nothing so momentous would occur at that table. And proceeded to go down in a makeable 3♠.

I normally just like to write about things that amuse me, but challenge accepted: the quest to find the hand of the century in time for this column was on.

A month later, at the Oregon Trail Regional, the first plausible candidate surfaced in a hand Stoltz held:

♠— ♥A6 ♦AK3 ♣AKQJ9643

You can make 5♣ without seeing the dummy.

In the hypothetical auction, altered to cater to devices by used by those present for the after-game discussion in the hotel bar, you open 2♣, LHO overcalls 2♠, and partner doubles to show a bad hand.

Chip Dombrowski
Editor

Though the ♦Q or a useful doubleton is all that's needed for slam, no one would admit to trying for 6♣, as our hero did. Take the sure 5♣, our company all agreed.

"If I wanted to get to 6♣, I'd bid 5♠," said Dan Hoekstra.

Isn't 5♠ natural? — suggesting the overcaller has psyched — someone asked.

Hoekstra replied he'd let the opponents play in 2♠ doubled if he held eight of their suit. "I think I have some defense against it," he joked.

Hypothetical bids placed, the dummy was revealed:

♠Q8632 ♥94 ♦864 ♣1072

With the wrong red doubleton, 6♣ is a goner. Alas, the search went on.

A few days later, I was in the last round of an evening side game when Don Lowry came and told me to find him in the bar when I was finished. He'd found it — the hand of the century. First, his hand:

♠— ♥75 ♦KQ975 ♣A87642

Vulnerable as dealer, Lowry opened an offbeat weak 2♦, LHO bid 2♠, doubled by partner Hoekstra, and everybody passed.

Hoekstra led the ♦A and dummy hit:

♠— ♥Q982 ♦J8643 ♣QJ53

Hoekstra continued with the ♣K and then the ♠K to declarer's ♠A. Declarer played a low club (Hoekstra discarding a heart) to Lowry's ♣A. Lowry cashed his ♦K, Hoekstra pitching another heart, and then led a heart to Hoekstra's ♥A.

So what was the hand of the century? Defending 2♠ doubled, Hoekstra held:

♠KQ1097642 ♥A64 ♦A ♣K.

Looks like he had some defense against it! Declarer got only three tricks: the ♠AJ8.

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The Choices: *How do I respond with 6-6?*

At a recent club game, pard picked up the following hand:

♠KQ9542 ♥Q108632 ♦7 ♣—

Pard then heard me open 2NT! Can you imagine? Oh but what to bid?

Have you discussed such distributional hands with your partners? The trend a few years ago over 1NT openers was to bid 3-level for 5-5 in majors; 3♥ being weak, and 3♠ being strong. But have you ever discussed 6-6 hands either in the majors or the minors? And how to bid them over 2NT?

Mona Hubble
Trumpet Contributor

After asking several players how they would bid this, the most popular was to transfer to spades and then RKC, settling on the 6♠ contract. But what if hearts is the better contract? Our auction was:

Mona	*LHO*	*Partner*	*RHO*
2NT	Pass	3♣[1]	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

1. Puppet Stayman

Yes, it was an interesting auction. My pass after 4♠ was to play. Partner has some kind of major-suited hand 5-4, 5-5, or possibly 6-5. If the opponents hadn't been so helpful, we would have played 4♠ like most of the field. The question that went through my mind after the 5♥ call, was "What is partner doing?" I decided he had a good 6-6 hand and bid slam.

My personal feeling for the bidding would be: (opponents passing) 2NT – 4♥ (Texas transfer) – 4♠ – 6♥ (pick a slam).

Isn't bridge fun? BTW my hand was:

♠A103 ♥AK ♦AKQ43 ♣1073

But what would you bid if those suits above were the minors? Most play 3 of minor over 1NT is invitational? Over 2NT, 4♣ is Gerber, 4♦ is transfer. So how do you show that hand? You could use 3♠ as Minor-Suit Stayman similar to the above. Over the expected 3NT response, would you bid the best minor at the 5-level? Would partner pass? Or bid 6♣ as a "pick a slam" bid.

Any ideas for the 6-6 minor hand would be appreciated. Will discuss in next column. Send to *monahubble@yahoo.com.*

Harris: Visits Australia, New Zealand before Reno, Hawaii

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Last fall I was out of the country for a month, on a tour called Bridge Down Under, traveling to New Zealand and Australia with a group of 47, all but three of whom play bridge. We played at nine different bridge clubs in the two countries, and enjoyed meeting many wonderful people. The hosts were incredibly welcoming, and I was impressed by the size of the club facilities, all but one of which were dedicated to bridge.

Molly Harris
D20 President

The game is the same as in the USA, although some of our opponents played the Acol system (4-card majors, etc.) The principal difference at the table is that instead of using bidding boxes, they record the bids for each hand on a preprinted form, approximately 6" square. When the bidding is complete, the form stays on the table during the first trick, then is turned over, to be discarded.

After returning home, I played in regionals in Rancho Mirage CA (close to our winter home in Palm Springs) and Reno in December, and in Honolulu in January.

In Reno, there were 16 tables of middle and high school students from Reno Youth Bridge. RYB is a charitable organization chaired by bridge teacher Kathy Lane that provides after-school lessons to 14 schools in the Washoe County School District, as well as organized inter-school competition.

High-performing students can win gift certificates at local department stores, and the first prize is a $1,000 college scholarship. Prizes and the costs of running this program (at $1900 per school) are underwritten by generous donations from the community. Youth bridge among middle school students is also a growing interest in Portland, and I would welcome the opportunity to learn about any similar programs elsewhere in our district.

First time at Hawaii Regional

This year was my first time at the Hawaii Regional, and we are already making plans to return. I said "we" because my husband Chip, who doesn't play bridge, offered to accompany me to Hawaii. The host hotel is very comfortable, and conveniently located close to the Ala Moana shopping center. Waikiki has endless opportunities for shopping and restaurants, and if you don't want to walk back to the hotel, the city bus is only a dollar for seniors with a Medicare card. Chip has also volunteered to go to Sunriver with me, which should tell you something about the quality of that resort.

May is a perfect time for the Sunriver tournament because it is late enough for the mountain passes to be clear of snow and the weather to be sunny but not hot, while still out-of-season. If you haven't already made reservations, now is the time to find them. The resort has many condominiums and houses available — with living rooms and full kitchens! — as well as the lodge rooms that are advertised in our tournament flyer. This is an ideal opportunity to bring your family — even if you are the only bridge player.

Much to do in Sunriver

The Sunriver resort includes championship golf courses, tennis, fishing, and untold miles of relatively level bike paths, in addition to six restaurants and a fully-stocked grocery store. Also included (for resort guests) is use of the fitness center, and a $25 discount on spa treatments. Besides all this, there is an airstrip that will accommodate most private planes, including jets. Mount Bachelor is close to Sunriver, and offers mountain biking and hiking, with skiing a possibility in May, depending on snow levels.

The locals tell me that it is possible to confuse "Bend" with "North Bend," a town on the Oregon coast. So if you know anyone who is flying in from out of town, please confirm that they are headed to the Redmond airport — or to the Sunriver airstrip.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Oregon Trail Regional, and especially to Marie Ashton for running a great tournament that seemed more like a party at times. Margi Redden, our wonderful I/N coordinator, spent most of the week playing with newer players — including one partner who had played bridge less than a month, and who earned his first red points with her. Another highlight was attending the annual Thursday night Thai no-host dinner that Mary Alice Seville organizes for all the Corvallis club members — from the familiar faces to the newbies.

That's all until we meet again — hopefully in Sunriver in May.

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Deaths

Phil Anselone — 87, of Depoe Bay OR died Dec. 13, 2013.

Gene Barrett — 81, of Redding CA died Dec. 21, 2013.

Dixie Haring — age unknown, of Klamath Falls OR, died Dec. 16, 2013.

Viriginia Mawdsley — 89, of Lake Oswego OR died Jan. 16, 2014.

First times

It was unusual for sure

By Mary Alice Cole

I learned how to play bridge before college, and played a bit in college and a few years after. I thought I was pretty good! In the summer of 1969, two friends and I decided to take a weekend trip and ride the Alaska State Ferry from Anchorage to Kodiak back. The first evening I saw a foursome playing bridge in the dining room and decided that if they needed someone to fill in, I'd do it. The next morning there was a public address announcement looking for a bridge player. I was the first and only one to show up.

We played for several hours including a rough crossing of the Shelikoff straits. We were oblivious to the rocking. At the end of the trip, I found out they were all novice duplicate players. They suggested I should give duplicate a try. "No way," I thought, not even sure what "duplicate" meant.

Six months passed, and I had quit my job when I saw two of them in the Safeway. They brought up duplicate again and having nothing to do with my time except job search, I gave the club owner, "Mary O," a call. She set me up with Tony for a Wednesday night novice game. Tony was a nice man willing to play with me even though I knew only Stayman and Blackwood. He did, however, want to play Unusual Notrump. Being young, I said: "Sure! Just tell me what that means."

He explained that if he overcalled one of a major with 2NT, he was 5-5 in the minors and I should bid my best minor. Who thought that it would ever come up? Just a few boards into the game, I was getting used to "duplicate logistics" when my left hand opponent opened 1♠; Tony overcalled 2NT; pass; pass by me. Oops, not a good board.

Tony took it well and again explained what 2NT meant. I was sure it wouldn't happen again that night, but several boards later, LHO opened 1♥; Tony overcalled 2NT; pass; and you guessed it, I passed again! Tony agreed to play with me the next week even before the scoring was done. Even with those two blunders we placed second out of eight and earned 0.22 masterpoints. I had no idea what masterpoints were, but I was hooked.

Have a story about your first time? Contact Sue Kroning at skroning@seasurf.com.

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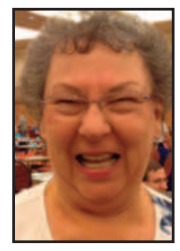
Don Robinson

Eileen Milligan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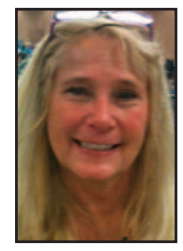
Connie Marfell

Dan Hoekstra

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3. Lee Holstein, Vancouver WA 47
4. Teri Bratt, Kelso WA 45
5. Ralph Billerbeck, Nevada City CA 41
6. Janet Burk, Chico CA 36
7. Manny Suarez, Astoria OR 36
8. Kim Larson, Eugene OR 32
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10. Delores Clark, Albany OR 27
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12. Gerald Henggeler, Fruitland ID 23

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8. Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR 39
9. Owen Dawson, Roseburg OR 37
10. John Archer, Nevada City CA 37
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4. Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR 82
5. Mike Claassen, Bandon OR 65
6. Nancy Remple, Portland OR 61
7. Dale Taylor, Klamath Falls OR 60
8. Jill Wolcott, Medford OR 55
9. Robert Wolcott, Medford OR 55
10. Tom Neilsen, Portland OR 54
11. Chris Neilsen, Portland OR 52
12. Larry Jones, Portland OR 50

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4. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR 151
5. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 143
6. Larry Chase, Boise ID 127
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9. Jim Carr, Ridgefield WA 92
10. Michael Green, Yamhill OR 82
11. Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR 72
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5. Martin Leftik, Honolulu HI 132
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10. Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA 121
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4. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 218
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Roger McNay

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3. Richard Carle, Longview WA 514
4. Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR 408
5. Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR 399
6. John Lusky, Portland OR 300
7. Eric Stoltz, Portland OR 249
8. Garth Gregory, Chico CA 247

Jeff Taylor

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2. Ed Ulman, Portland OR 406
3. Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI 265
4. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 255
5. Marc Zwerling, Portland OR 205

Over 10,000

1. **Huub Bertens**, Bend OR 1541
2. Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI 339

Huub Bertens

Ian Milligan

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9. Barbara Langdon, Nevada City CA 26
10. Lisa Derock, Princeville HI 26

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3. Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR 64
4. Mike Claassen, Bandon OR 52
5. Jill Wolcott, Medford OR 40
6. Robert Wolcott, Medford OR 40
7. Dale Taylor, Klamath Falls OR 39
8. Larry Marshall, Cannon Beach OR 38
9. Karen Wright, Grass Valley CA 37
10. Diane Johnson, Hilo HI 36

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5. Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR 71
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7. Larry Chase, Boise ID 59
8. JoAn Hill, Kealakekua HI 59
9. Judith Stewart, Vancouver WA 53
10. Joann Brown, Grass Valley CA 52

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2. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 104
3. Ronald Mathis, Grass Valley CA 74
4. Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA 70
5. Wanda Knight, Albany OR 70
6. Gloria Anderson, Newport OR 66
7. Larry Simmonds, Nevada City CA 64
8. David Partridge, Eugene OR 60
9. Susan Crawford, Portland OR 55
10. Rick Loewen, Longview WA 54

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6. Donna Espeseth, Eugene OR 65
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8. Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR 59
9. Guy Woods, Portland OR 56
10. Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR 54

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3. Linda Hann, Roseburg OR 100
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5. Pauline Fackrell, Winston OR 90
6. Carole Schmitz, Redding CA 89
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9. Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR 73
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2. Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA 113
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5. Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI 96
6. Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR 86
7. Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR 83
8. Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR 75

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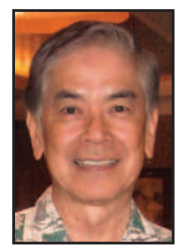
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Mark Bennett

Online

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3. Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR 317
4. Doug Thayer, Lebanon OR 232
5. David Fulton, Rhododendron OR 218

The Sectional Section

Medford, Lihue, Redding, Vancouver, Seaside, Portland

Medford welcomes novice pairs

Although there will be plenty of open pairs and Swiss team competition for the intermediate to expert players at the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional March 21-23, novice pairs will find special events for them as well.

"In our unit, we have a couple of club games catering to the novice player," said sectional chair David McKee. "So we started making sure we had games designed for them in our sectionals. They've been popular."

Newer players have enjoyed the opportunity to earn masterpoints in games catering to their stratification.

Novice Pairs games (0-200) are scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, with single sessions each day at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs games are also planned for both days, with single sessions on Friday and play-through sessions on Saturday, all at the 10 and 3 starting times.

On Sunday, March 23, Swiss Teams will be played in two sessions, the first beginning at 10 a.m. and the second immediately after a lunch break. The Swiss event is stratified by averaging masterpoints for members of the team.

"We'll have a Subway sandwich lunch available Sunday for $5," McKee said. "That helps us get the second session started earlier and helps people get on their way home earlier."

Director is Steve Kaessner. Contact Gee Gee Walker for a partner: 541-772-3285 or at *ggwalker@gmail.com*.

Player fees per session are $8 for those with fewer than 50 MPs, $9 for others, and $12 for non- and unpaid ACBL members.

Stratifications for open games: A=1500+; B=500-1500; and C=0-500.

Special motel rates are available at America's Best Inns & Suites in Phoenix ($60/king; $65/two queen). Call 541-535-4445 and ask for bridge rates.

Directions to the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR, at 4149 South Pacific Highway: From north or south, take exit 24 off I-5 near Medford, go southwest on Fern Valley Road, turn right onto South Pacific Highway, go one block to the bridge center.

Garden Isle

The Garden Isle Sectional will be held April 4-6 at the Sun Village Recreation Center in Lihue HI. For more information, see the ad on this page.

Redding

Circle your calendars for Redding's Sundial Spring Sectional coming up April 11-13. Always a fun time for all! This tournament is held in neighboring Anderson. Check our flyer on page 5 for all the pertinent info.

We're known for our great snacks and wonderful lunch on Sunday. Many never leave the hall for lunches with the many snacks! However, there are many nearby restaurants should you want a break. The outlet stores are also close for all you shoppers. Lots of places to walk, too.

Redding's Sundial Bridge is just 10 minutes away. Many walking trails are there as well as the Arboretum. Come enjoy our area!

Vancouver Senior

A Senior Sectional will be held at the Vancouver Bridge Club April 12-13. See ad this page for more information.

Seaside

Seaside Unit 491 hopes to see all of you come to our celebrated sectional held April 25-27 at the Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Ave. in Seaside. There is so much to do here that bringing your non-playing spouses or significant others will give them lots of opportunities to shop, walk the beautiful beach, eat in any number of good quality restaurants, and generally soak up the ambiance here on the Oregon Coast — some of which you bridge players can also indulge in. We provide delicious on-site snacks so that you won't get hungry while going about the serious business of bridge.

Table fees are $9 for ACBL members and $12 for non-members. We will have a 99er game on Saturday just perfect for those newer players to get their tournament feet wet. Sunday get your favorite team together to play in the strati-flighted Swiss Team events — both for experienced players and novices alike. And, maybe best of all for some of you, you'll be done and on your way home by 6 p.m. Nevertheless, we hope that maybe you'll spend an extra day or two to enjoy the Coast. (We have club games every day.)

We are looking forward to all of you attending one of the best sectionals in our district. See ad page 5 for further details.

Portland

Make some bridge memories during Memorial Day weekend! The dates are May 23-25. Saturday features our new Saturday start times of 10:30 and 3:30, and play-thru sessions. At Kliever Armory, with our usual free coffee and treats, still only $8 for ACBL members. See ad page 7 for more information.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Vancouver NLM (51 tables)

1	5.18	Layne Benben, Portland OR
	5.18	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR
3	4.69	Aaron Cohen, Portland OR
4	4.57	Mark Huth, Tualatin OR
5	4.49	Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR
6	4.24	Matt McCloud, Portland OR
7	3.61	Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA
	3.61	Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA

Portland Winter KO (264 tables)

1	23.64	Christopher Gibson, Beaverton OR
	23.64	Chris Wiegand, Portland OR
3	17.86	John Ashton, Portland OR
4	17.79	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
5	14.71	Ray Robert, Portland OR
6	13.32	Ron Senn, Beaverton OR
	13.32	Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR
8	12.79	David Rosenstein, Portland OR
9	12.72	Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
	12.72	Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR
11	12.62	Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA
12	12.11	Richard Carle, Longview WA
	12.11	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
	12.11	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA
	12.11	David Brower, Portland OR
16	10.13	Weiming Hu, Portland OR
	10.13	Justin Beck, Sherwood OR
	10.13	Daniel Neill, Portland OR
	10.13	Atul Khare, Portland OR
20	9.93	Krista Garver, Montreal QC
	9.93	Katherine Leonard, Montreal QC

Rogue Valley Spring Sectional

March 21-23, 2013
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center
http://www.unit484.org

4149 S. Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon (just south of Medford)

Friday, March 21 (Single Sessions)
Novice Pairs (0 - 200)* — 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs — 10 am & 3 pm

Saturday, March 22
Novice Pairs (0 - 200)* — 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs *Play Through* — 10 am & 3 pm
(Single session entries will be sold)

Sunday, March 23
Swiss Teams — Stratified by avg. MPs — 10 a.m.
Subway sandwich lunch Available
Afternooon Session — TBA

** Novice games depend on player availability*

The most beautiful season of the Rogue Valley!

Tournament Director: Steve Kaessner
Tournament Chair: David McKee,
Partnerships: Gee Gee Walker, 541-72-3285, *ggwalker@gmail.com*
Information: Jim Flint, 541-482-2165, *pubathome@yahoo.com*

Player Fees:
$8 per player with fewer than 50 MPs
$9 per player per session
$12 non- & unpaid ACBL member

Stratifications
A = 1500+ B = 500 - 1500 C = 0 - 500

Sanction #S1403105

LODGING
Special bridge rates at America's Best Inns & Suites, 300 Pear Tree Lane, Phoenix, OR (go east off of exit 24). $60 king bed, $65 two queens (plus tax). RV parking and hook-ups available behind hotel. Call 541-535-4445, ask for bridge rates.

DIRECTIONS
From north or south, take exit 24 off I-5 south of Medford, turn south on Fern Valley Road, turn right at Main Street (S. Pacific Highway), go one block to bridge center.

Garden Isle Sectional

April 4-6, 2014
Sun Village Recreation Center
3-3400 Kuhio Hwy.
Lihue, Kauai
(in back of Wilcox Hospital)

Head Director: Patric Kallus
Tournament Director: Robert C. Smith, *smith8@hawaii.rr.com*

Friday, April 4
1 p.m. .....Stratified Open Pairs, $18/pair

Saturday, April 5
9 a.m. .....Stratified Morning Open Pairs, $18/pair
1 p.m. .....Stratified Afternoon Open Pairs, $18/pair

Sunday, April 6
9 a.m. .....1st session Stratified Swiss Teams (20 Victory Point Scale; $72/team, includes both sessions)
1 p.m. .....2nd session Stratified Swiss Teams

Complimentary catered lunch provided between morning and afternoon sessions

• Stratified Open Pairs/ Stratified Swiss Teams – A:1000+; B: 200-1000; C: 0-200

#S1404099 • Sponsored by ACBL Unit 470

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

Senior Sectional

For players 55 years and older

April 12 and 13, 2014

Vancouver Bridge Club • 6503 E. Mill Plain Blvd. • Vancouver WA 98661
360-737-3772 • www.acbld20.org/vbc/index.html

Saturday: Morning Pairs — 10 a.m., Single Session
Afternoon Pairs — 3 p.m., Single Session

Sunday: Swiss Teams — 10 a.m. & 3 p.m., Two Sessions

Lunch available between sessions on Sunday

Player Fee: $8 ACBL; $9 unpaid and non-ACBL members; 0-5 masterpoints play **FREE**
Flight A: 2000+; Flight B: 750-2000; Flight C: 0-750
(Average masterpoints of pair)

Director: Jeffery Jacob • **Tournament and Partnerships Chair:** Kathleen Mather, *mather.kath@gmail.com*

The Bidding Toolbox

Roman Jumps: An alternative two-suited overcall that specifies both suits

Most players use **Unusual NoTrump** or a version of **Michaels** to overcall with a two-suited hand. In this column, we'll examine an alternative two-suited overcall called **Roman Jumps**.

But first, a review of the more popular methods.

Both Unusual NT and Michaels allow a partnership to achieve a contract through length, not strength. Use of the convention also helps prevent the opponents from finding a fit because of the consumed bidding space.

Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolbox

UNT usually describes a hand with the two lower unbid suits.

For example, if the opening bid is 1♥ or 1♠, then a jump to 2NT shows the minors. And if the opening bid is 1♣ (natural) or 1♦, 2NT shows the lower two of the three unbid suits.

A Michaels bid (cuebidding the opener's suit) also shows a two-suiter. Typically, if the opening bid is 1 of a minor, cuebidding that minor shows the majors; and if the opening bid is 1 of a major, cuebidding that major shows the other major and an unnamed minor. If advancer can't support the other major, she bids 2NT, asking overcaller to name his minor.

With either Unusual NT or Michaels, the overcaller usually shows 5-11 points with favorable vulnerability and slightly higher and stronger in honors at unfavorable vulnerability. With a full opening strength, the overcaller can bid his suits separately.

Still others prefer a mini-maxi approach, using the conventions with either 5-11 HCP or 16+. With the middle range, 12-15, the overcaller bids the suits separately.

There are other, modified versions of Michaels out there, but let's not digress. (*Email me if you want to know.*)

What does advancer do after partner uses Unusual No Trump or Michaels? With 0-9 points, advancer bids minimally. With 10 or more, advancer jumps in a known fit, inviting game.

When there is no known fit (partner overcalls 1♥ with a Michaels 2♥, showing spades and a minor, and advancer does not have a spade fit), advancer must proceed more cautiously. If the advancer asks for the minor suit (2NT), and discovers an excellent fit, advancer can press forward with extra values, taking vulnerability into consideration.

Roman Jumps

Roman Jump Overcalls is another way of showing a two-suited hand over 1-level opening bids. When they're used, the single jump shows the suit bid and the next higher ranking unbid suit. For example, if the opening bid is 1♦, then:

- 2♥ shows hearts and spades.
- 2♠ shows spades and clubs.
- 3♣ shows clubs and hearts.

The various iterations of Unusual No Trump and Michaels give most partnerships enough options to show a two-suited hand over an opening 1-bid. So Roman Jumps is rarely used at that level.

However, Roman Jumps can be a very useful tool when the opponents open a weak two bid.

How many times have you held a good balanced hand when your RHO opened a weak two and thought you could make 3NT if partner had the weak two suit stopped? Do you make a direct cuebid (Western Cue) to ask if partner has the opener's suit stopped?

Then there are the times you hold a good two-suit hand when RHO opens a weak two. Do you make a direct cuebid as a Michaels two-suit overcall?

There's the rub. A direct cuebid can't have two meanings. It can't be a Western Cue bid as well as a Michaels bid.

This is where Roman Jumps comes in.

If you play Roman Jumps over weak two bids, a direct cuebid always is **Western Cue**. It says, "Partner, if you have the opener's suit stopped, bid 3NT." Typically you'd have balanced values with perhaps a very good 5-card minor. With unbalanced hands you can either double or bid your suit, depending on your strength or distribution.

Thus, since the direct cuebid at the 3-level is always Western Cue, you need another tool for a two-suited hand. Roman Jumps fits the bill perfectly. Some prefer it to **Leaping Michaels**, because you can get out at the 3-level over an opening 2♦ bid if you have the majors.

So, if the opening bid is 2♦, then:

- 3♥ is hearts and spades (the suit bid and the next higher unbid suit).
- 3♠ is spades and clubs.
- 4♣ is clubs and hearts.

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Pamela Brady, Boise ID
Betty Braun, Vancouver WA
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Barbara Chattin, Boise ID
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Stuart Director, Portland OR
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Ruth Tokumaru, Kula HI
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Mildred Yee, Honolulu HI

Welcome!

Redding Unit 464 Presents

The Sundial Bridge Sectional

April 11-13, 2013

Anderson City Hall • 1887 Howard Street • Anderson, California

Friday, April 11

199er Pairs	10:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

199er Pairs	10:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Open Pairs (two session event)	10:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

(Single session pairs welcome; if 3 or more tables sign up for single session, a separate side game will be held)

Sunday, April 13

Stratified Swiss Team (20 Victory Point Scale) 10:30 a.m.
Two sessions play through

(Lunch will be available between sessions)

STRATIFICATIONS
A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500
199ers: 0-200

Director**: Steve Kaessner**
Chairperson**: Jerry Clark, 530-357-2694**
Partnerships**: Wilhelmina White, 530-246-1036**
This is a Z-T policy event

Per-session fee of $9 per player • $3 extra for non- and unpaid ACBL Members
Players with 0-50 points: $5 per session • Sanction # 1404008

Unit 491 67th Annual

Seaside Sectional

April 24-27, 2014

Seaside Convention Center
415 First Avenue, Seaside OR 97138

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER BRIDGE PLAYERS!
- A big 299er game every session
- 99er game on Saturday
- Special prizes
- Saturday, 6 p.m.: Tips for Tops

GOODIES & PRIZES GALORE!

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
Crab 'n Shrimp Open Pairs (single session)..... 12:30 p.m.
299er Starfish Stratified Pairs (single session)..... 12:30 p.m.
Sand Dollar Stratified Open Pairs (single session)..... 6:30 p.m.
299er Clam Chowder Stratified Pairs (single session) ..... 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
Pacific Ocean Stratified Open Pairs .....12:30 & 6:30 p.m.
(two-session play-through but single session entries welcome)
99er Promenade Stratified Pairs (single session) ..... 12:30 p.m.
299er Indian Beach Stratified Pairs (singles session) .... 12:30 p.m.
299er Haystack Rock Stratified Pairs (single session)..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
Gearhart Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams.....10 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.
A/X Teams (A plays separately) – A: 3000+; X: 0-3000
BCD Teams (play together) – B: 1500-2000; C:750-1500; D: 0-750
A team with any player over 2000 plays in A/X; thereafter all strats determined by team average.
299er Salmon Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) ..... 10 a.m.
299er Puffin Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)..... 3:15 p.m.
On the road by 6 p.m.

Open Pairs Events – A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750
299er Events – A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
99er Events – A: 50-100; B: 20-50; C: 0-20
All pairs strats determined by pair average.

Director in Charge: John Gram
Tournament Chairs: Gil and Ann Marie Gramson (503) 861-1133, *gilandanngramson@charter.net*
Partnership Chair: Sue Kroning (503) 738-7817, *skroning@seasurf.com*
Hospitality: Irene Harrowitz • **Caddies**: Sandra Baker
I/N Coordinator: Geri Malcolm
Table fees: ACBL members $9 per session, non- and unpaid members $12.
Sanction #S1404004

Education

Education events at Sunriver Regional

- **Teacher Training Seminar** presented by **Karol Monroe** on May 12, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The seminar will present Audrey Grant's Better Bridge methods. Karol taught bridge in Newport for years and now teaches on cruises with her husband, Guy. She has presented this seminar many times. This is the place to learn teaching techniques from a master. The seminar will be in the Sunriver Resort, 17600 Center Drive, room to be announced. Cost will be no more than $75 for D20 members and $125 for others. These numbers could decrease pending a grant that D20 has applied for, but we won't know if we get the grant until mid-April. Express interest in attending by emailing *Seville@comcast.net*. You will be notified of the exact cost as soon as possible.

- **A Demonstration Class** is a bonus of the Teacher Seminar for I/N players. Karol will teach a class suitable for I/N players from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on May 12. This class is free and open to all. It will be held in the resort – room to be announced.

- **Director Course** taught by **Bob Peery**, May 14-16, 8 a.m. to noon. Bob has been directing at Albany and Corvallis for more than 10 years. The first two days of this course prepares you for the Director's Test which will be administered on Friday, May 16. The course will by in the Sunriver Resort – room to be announced. The $100 cost includes materials and the fee for taking the test. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by emailing *Seville@comcast.net* and following up with a check payable to ACBL District 20 mailed to Mary Alice Seville, 2715 NW Hayes, Corvallis, OR.

- **Mini-Lessons** at noon and **Speakers** at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, May 13-17. These are open to all. Look for the topics, schedule and location in the Daily Bulletin.

Toolbox

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Similarly, if the opening bid is 2♥, then:

- 3♠ is spades and clubs.
- 4♣ is clubs and diamonds.
- 4♦ is diamonds and spades.

Roman Jumps is easy to remember and gives you a two-suit tool, reserving the direct cuebid for 3NT aspirations.

As with Leaping Michaels, Roman Jumps is used only when you can afford to be at the 3- or 4-level. And it's always a single jump.

If partner is an unpassed hand, you can assume 6-8 points from partner's hand to combine with yours in determining your course of action.

If partner is a passed hand and you have a minimum opening bid (12-15) with two suits, it might be more prudent to bid one suit and then the other if the opportunity arises.

Note: You can use Western Cue and Roman Jumps in the balancing seat as well, after LHO opens a weak 2 followed by two passes.

Coming next: Defensive strategies over two-suit overcalls after your partner opens 1 of a suit or 1NT.

Columnist Jim Flint can be reached at pubathome@yahoo.com.

THE IN! CROWD *For Intermediate/Newcomer Players*

Margi's three steps to improving your game

Come to regionals, listen to speakers, avoid zeroes

It was a pleasure to see so many newcomers at the **Oregon Trail Regional**. And the Wednesday party was so much better attended. I am always seeking feedback. How can we improve?

I cannot wait to see you all at the next three regionals this year. I have been surveying novices and am pleasantly surprised to find that no one seems to want events limited to 99ers. People tell me that they want to play against more experienced players. (So I want to encourage you to find me at events around town and please let me know if this is wrong.)

Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

When someone reaches a lovely slam against you and you get a zero, don't feel bad. Matter of fact, act graciously, congratulate your opponents. Listen to the auction, learn from them, note if any lead could have beat it. (And then truth be known, hope you get to reciprocate the next time.)

In spite of self-inflicted zeroes, we keep coming back to this frustrating, wonderful game. We organize lessons in the form of speakers to help newcomers and improving players avoid those pesky zeroes. Playing against many different opponents and absorbing the speakers are imparting are the best ways to improve your skills.

In May I hope to see many of you at Sunriver, Ore., for the inaugural **High Desert Regional**.

August brings us the amazing **Rogue Valley Regional** in Medford. We hope to expose you to many local wineries and breweries from the Medford area. Maybe you could extend your stay and head south to a Shakespearean play before or after the tournament. It is such an incredible area. I am planning on bringing my bike to Bend and Medford so maybe I will see you all in the bike paths as well. And it makes me truly happy to live in Oregon.

Completing this years' cadre of tournaments is the always wonderful **Oregon Coast Regional** in Seaside where the waves are cold and the bridge is hot.

Each of these tournaments will have speakers at 12:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday to help us get to that No Zero Zone. I am planning to have some talks covering improving play of the hand, defense and systems. Let me know if there are some topics you missed previously or want to see in the future.

I am also curious to know what your favorite bridge books are this year. Come visit with me at all of the regionals, especially if it is to get your picture taken in the winners' circle!

I/N Coordinator Margi Redden can be reached at d20incoord@yahoo.com.

Upcoming D20 Regionals

Oregon High Desert Regional	Sunriver OR	
May 12-18	Sunriver Resort	
Rogue Valley Regional	Medford OR	
Aug. 4-10	Inn at the Commons	
Oregon Coast Regional	Seaside OR	
Sept. 22-28	Seaside Convention Center	

DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

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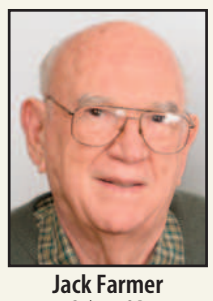

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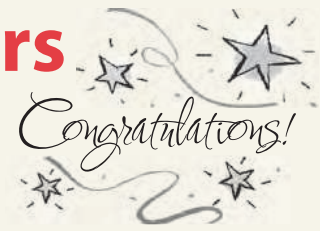

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Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
Margi Redden, Portland OR
Richard Wong, Honolulu HI
Jerry Woodman, Woodland WA

GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Jim Cheney, Hilo HI
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Richard Morris, Portland OR
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Building a Better Bridge Player

Defense against Precision: The 1♣ opening bid

Last time out we talked about the weakest bid in Precision, the 1♦ bid. This time we are going to focus on the 1♣ bid. If you remember, Precision players open all big hands 1♣. This includes hands you would normally open 2♣ with, as well as some of the stronger hands you would open at the 1-level with. Generally 1♣ promises 16+ HCP, but some pairs play it weaker, and some stronger.

Chris Gibson
Columnist

Because the 1♣ bid shows such a big hand, it is less important to have constructive overcalls. By this, I mean that you will usually not be in game after they have opened 1♣ unless there is some wild distribution going around. With finding game a lesser priority, you can focus your efforts on something kind of fun: Messing up the opponent's bidding.

There are a whole bunch of conventions out there meant to disrupt a Precision Club auction. One of the oldest conventions out there is Mathe, where you use double to show a hand with both majors, and 1NT to show a hand with both minors, all other bids being natural. Personally, I don't have a strong preference what I play, other than it has to allow us to raise the level of the auction quickly, before they can start getting their bids in cheaply.

The weaknesses of a Precision Club are that it is easy to enter the auction at fairly low levels, and that the Precision Club opener (and sometimes responder) doesn't start naming suits until the second round of the auction. This makes the bidding very vulnerable to preemption, especially at favorable vulnerability.

My recommendation for defending the Precision 1♣ opener is the same as my recommendation for defending against a Precision 1♦ opener: If you have a close decision as to whether or not to get in their auction, then always decide to get into their auction.

This is true even at the 1-level; just because you cannot jump to the 3-level eating up all of their room does not mean that partner can't in response.

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Boards for sale

For Sale: Set of 36 aluminum boards with case, donated to nonprofit club after owner's death. Asking $250. Contact Kirk Roberts at *kroberts1260@charter.net* or 707-464-1506.

HAWAII REGIONAL RESULTS

Total masterpoints: 7274.15 earned by 573 players. Total attendance: 1217 tables.

1	133.95	Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA
	133.95	Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV
	133.95	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
	133.95	Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ
5	110.73	Ron Smith, Las Vegas NV
	110.73	Roger Lee, Arcadia CA
	110.73	Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV
8	102.33	Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL
9	78.37	Valentin Kovachev, Glencoe IL
	78.37	Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL
11	75.98	Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
12	72.11	Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA
13	65.97	Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL
14	55.99	Shirley Fitterman, Vancouver BC
15	53.73	John Ashton, Portland OR
16	52.21	Jack Patnode, Kula HI
17	50.73	Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID
	50.73	Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA
19	49.91	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
20	49.16	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
21	45.53	Judy Rimer, Kihei HI
22	45.00	Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI
23	44.52	Susan Peters, Vancouver BC
	44.52	Julie Smith, Vancouver BC
25	42.86	Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC
26	41.64	Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI
27	40.37	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
28	38.49	Marion McLaren, Honolulu HI
29	38.24	Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA
	38.24	John McMurdie, Sacramento CA
31	36.53	Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan
32	36.21	Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC
33	36.10	Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI
34	36.00	Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR
	36.00	William Whitesel, Sandpoint ID
36	35.49	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
	35.49	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
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39	33.51	Wallace Young, Honolulu HI
40	32.56	Patsy Lum, Honolulu HI
41	32.16	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
42	31.93	Howard Co, Honolulu HI
43	31.06	Ernest Inada, Honolulu HI
44	30.38	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
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47	29.63	Maurice Fujimoto, Honolulu HI
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49	29.00	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
50	28.66	Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI
51	28.57	Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
52	28.46	Barbara Linn, Honolulu HI
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59	27.47	Anna Sung, Honolulu HI
60	27.46	Jim Cheney, Hilo HI
...		
73	23.17	Martin Leftik, Honolulu HI
...		
75	21.86	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
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81	21.18	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
82	21.12	Joseph Habeich, Portland OR
83	20.57	A Acey, Honolulu HI
84	20.43	Norton Rimer, Kihei HI
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90	19.50	Gary Rosenthal, Honolulu HI
...		
93	19.31	Rick Wall, Honolulu HI
	19.31	Leo Williams, Honolulu HI
95	19.23	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
96	18.99	Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI
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103	17.74	Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
...		
106	17.48	Mary Cornelius, Portland OR
	17.48	Ken Cornelius, Portland OR
...		
110	17.26	Bob Fontana, Kihei HI
111	17.22	Molly Harris, Portland OR
...		
119	16.70	Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI
120	16.70	James Keefe, Honolulu HI
121	16.69	Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
...		
127	16.37	Steve Pessin, Eugene OR
	16.37	Ginny Stark, Eugene OR
129	16.19	Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR
...		
135	15.87	Robert Smith, Anahola HI
	15.87	Judith Smith, Anahola HI
...		
140	15.57	Joseph Bussen, Kailua HI
141	15.55	Bob Frank, Eugene OR
...		
145	15.25	Bob Hope, Honolulu HI
146	15.17	David Wong, Honolulu HI
147	15.11	Oded Stitt, Honolulu HI
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169	13.17	Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
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193	11.83	Joy McKenzie-Smith, Portland OR
...		
201	11.58	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
202	11.54	Sue Carle, Longview WA
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209	11.18	Bob Law, Tigard OR

Boise

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Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Alice Kohtz, 21.36; (5-20) Darrel Mooney, 31.11; (20-50) Robert Hartley, 26.69; (50-100) Larry Chase, 126.85; (100-200) Don Robinson, 197.47, (200-300) Pete Grice, 190.25; (300-500) Bob Dutton, 119.28; (500-1000) Gary Crupper, 115.57; (1000-2500) Kathy Dowen, 155.18; (2500-5000) Charlotte Miller, 203.66; (5000-7500) Ian Martindale, 201.03.

Ace of Clubs (Same unless otherwise listed) — (5-20) Bruce Aitken, 14.79; (20-50) Barbara Mossman, 17.70; (100-200) Burt Echtenkamp, 38.62; (300-500) Dan Neely, 81.14.

Results

GNT qualifier, (Caldwell) Dec. 30 — 1: Kathy Dowen, Darryl Sallaz, Clyde Coon and Bev Fransen.

GNT qualifier, Jan. 18 — Session 1: Ian & Charlene Martindale, Gary Crupper, Sandy Watson. Session 2: Craig Jones, John Cissel, Doug Bullock and Dema Myedvyedyev.

Redding

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E/W 1A/1B: Ken Murray – Bud Hamilton, 1C: Diane Norton – Cindy Huntington.

STAC Friday (River City), Dec. 20 — N/S 1A/B: Phil Lonnberg – Diane Norton, 1C: Shorty Armstrong – Jan Joiner. E/W 1A/B: Dolores Mackey – George Clarke, 2A/1C: Jeanne Maloon – Wilda Hawes.

River City Club Championship — 1A: Jeanne Carpenter – Phil Lonnberg, 2A: Jan Thieleman – George Clarke, 1B: Ann Cannan – Pen Boehm.

Unit Game, Jan. 12 — N/S 1: Ken Murray – Dolores Mackey, 2: Bud Hamilton – Jeanne Carpenter; E/W 1: Marlene Lamoreaux – Wilhelmina White, 2: Carol Nelson – Joan Sullens.

Redding Thursday Club Championship — N/S 1A: Ken Murray – Bud Hamilton, 2A: Marilyn Avey – Terry Dell, E/W: 1A: Bob Wierman – July Ratley, 2A: Marvin Grudem – Carole Schmitz.

District 20 Grand National Teams 2014 Finals

Win a trip to the summer NABCs in Las Vegas! Winning teams in each flight will receive $1,800 from District 20 for travel expenses.

Eligible players are members in good standing from District 20 that played in GNT club qualifying games. Players can form new teams with other eligible participants. Exemptions from club-qualifying are available in case of hardship – consult with the North American Events Coordinator at the contact information below.

District Finals

All matches will be played **online with BBO** at various locations throughout D20. Find locations and register your team online by April 25, 2014.

Flight	MP limits	Date and event format
Championship	none	May 2-3-4, double elimination Knockout*
Flight A	under 6000	May 10-11, two-session qualifier, two final sessions*
Flight B	under 2500	Sunday, May 4, two-session Swiss or RR NLM
Flight C	(< 500)	Saturday, May 10, two-session Swiss or RR

Morning sessions start at 11 a.m. PDT (8 a.m. in HI, noon in ID); 2nd sessions TBA

*** format and days scheduled depends on number of teams participating**

The District Finals pay gold points for the overalls and red points for section places. Entry fees are $48 per team per session ($44 in Flight C).

National Finals

Winning teams from District 20 will be invited to compete in the National Finals against the other ACBL District teams in the four flights. D20 teams receive a $1,800 subsidy. The National Finals will be held during the Summer NABCs in Las Vegas Wednesday, July 16, through Sunday, July 20, 2014. All four flights are 2-sessions Swiss Qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. See the NABC details at: ***http://www.acbl.org/play/nabc.html***

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the D20 website for additional details, including the online registration form: ***http://web2.acbld20.org/NA_Events/GNT.html***

Or email Rich Carle at *rhcarle@msn.com* or phone (360) 425-0981.

PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

May 23-25, 2013

Kliever Armory
10000 NE 33rd Dr.
Portland, OR 97211
Off Marine Drive
503-280-8160

FRIDAY, May 23, 1 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
0-50 Pairs (*play separately if # of tables permit)*

FRIDAY, May 23, 7 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
0-50 Pairs (*play separately if # of tables permit)*

SATURDAY, May 24, 10:30 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs, 2 session play through (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
0-50 Pairs (*play separately if # of tables permit)*

SATURDAY, May 24, 3:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs Play Through, 2nd session
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
0-50 Pairs *(play separately if # of tables permit)*

SUNDAY, May 25, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (AX, BCD) VPs
Flight AX (A=3000+, X=0-3000), plays separately
Flight BCD (B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300)
One session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500), Win/Loss
(Note: A team with any player over 1500 plays in Flight A; all strats determined by average MPs of team.)

Light Meal Between Sessions on Sunday

FREE Coffee & Snacks

New players (0-5) play FREE!

Head Director: Brian Russell
Tournament Manager: Alan Johnson, 971-998-4261, **apeace01@comcast.net**
Partnership: Marie Pinch, 503-636-1523, ***dave1mariep@comcast.net***
$8 per session. $11 for unpaid and non-ACBL members. Sanction #S1405070
$3 for students under age 26 with student I.D. ($6 if non-member)

Goodwill: Four are honored with committee membership

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what makes them rise above the rest.

Sandra Baker

Sandra Baker learned bridge about 15 years ago, has been playing duplicate bridge for about 13 years, and is a Life Master. Among her many accomplishments, Baker is known for bringing new players into the game. Baker and friend Ann Gramson (both qualified ACBL accredited teachers) run beginning courses and duplicate games from Gramson's home in Seaside. Sue Kroning says Baker's efforts to bring in new players have increased attendance and unit numbers by 10 percent. And it seems teaching is the perfect role for Baker.

"No one is better qualified to deal with young people than Sandy," says Kroning. "She is the mother of 12, has numerous grandchildren, and until recently, worked as middle school teacher."

Baker says she is honored to be a part of helping others enjoy the "bridge life." What drives her to focus on pulling new players in? "I try to encourage social players, new people I meet, and old friends to join in the fun and challenge of a great game of bridge," Baker said. "It is not just a game, it is a wonderful brain exercise and sure way to meet new people, plus the chance to travel the world."

Something else Baker is known for is presenting outgoing officers with handmade coastal birdhouses at the unit's annual Christmas party. "I can't say it is a tradition, but just my thing," Baker said. It may just be her thing, but the people around her both notice and appreciate it. "With her sunny personality and dedication to local bridge, Sandy is one of the most popular players in the Seaside Unit," Kroning said.

Baker's goals for the future include teaching her 12 children and 14 grandchildren to love the game like she does. "I guess it will have to be bridge camp at Gramma's at the beach," Baker muses.

Sue Uranga

Sue Uranga started her bridge experience four years at an Easybridge class. Who knew, four years later Uranga and her teacher, Candy Bonawitz, would become the closest of friends and partners?

"For the past two years, she has been my 'Girl Friday' while I have been working with newer players in my own bridge club called Friendly Bridge in Boise," said Bonawitz. Uranga actually encouraged Bonawitz to break away and offer lessons in a more neutral space than the Boise Bridge Club, which at the time was run by a less-than-friendly player.

Sue Uranga, left, helped teacher Candy Bonawitz found Boise's Freindly Bridge Club, then began teaching herself. **Sue Carle** promotes zero-tolerance and shows genuine interest in everyone who comes to her table.

Uranga, a retired teacher, was dogged in her determination to help Bonawtiz recruit new players and organize games. The two ladies now have more than 100 people on their mailing list. Bonawitz says Uranga is "always very positive and willing to play with her students."

Urgana also followed in Bonawitz's footsteps, teaching the Audrey Grant series to beginner students. "She truly embodies the spirit of the ACBL, spreading the game we love to anyone who will sit still!" said Bonawitz.

Sylvia Riewerts

Many people know Sylvia Riewerts as a frequent partner of Sam Asai, but her Goodwill Ambassador nomination proves she has made a name for herself in the bridge community. Among Riewerts' accomplishments is something that has been seen by everyone who has played at a District 20 regional in the past year, but hardly anyone knows she's responsible for it.

Riewerts built the Winners' Circle, a backdrop that has been used at all district regionals since its construction. It's basically a prime photo-opp spot for winners to have their picture taken.

Being handy with a handsaw and PVC pipe is just one of her qualifications.

"She helps (I/N Coordinator) Margi (Redden), and she helps new players at our club (in Eureka)," said Larry Crumb.

After years of splitting her time between Portland and Eureka, Riewerts recently moved full-time to Portland. But though she isn't in Eureka as often, she still relishes the chance to help the newer players there. "Nobody else will help them," she said, "because they all like to win!"

Sue Carle

What has kept Sue Carle in the game of bridge for the last 40 years? Above all else, the people. Or as Sue calls them her "bridge family." "We are an interesting group of individuals," she said. She got into the game when a Longview WA neighbor randomly stopped by and asked her if she played bridge. The two made a bridge date, had fun, and the rest is history!

Beyond the people, Sue enjoys the competition. "In what other activity can a regular guy or gal get to play against the very best players in the game?" she asks. Then, there's the surprise of each new hand. Finally, Sue enjoys good defense. "It's very satisfying to work with a partner to defeat a tough contract," she said.

But it takes more than a love for the game to earn a Goodwill Ambassador nomination. Sue's husband, Rich, says she earned this honor based on the way she approaches the game. "Sue is very easy and available to play with. She always greets everyone with a smile," Rich said. "She is genuinely interested in people's lives away from the table."

Rich also muses on Sue's desire to "remind folks of proper behavior." He says Sue is a believer in the 'zero tolerance policy,' working hard behind-the-scenes to make bridge the best it can be.

Sue's advice to veteran bridge players is to "enjoy the challenges and new friends. Don't whine when you come up against good players. Think of it as an opportunity!"

Her best advice, though, applies to players new and old alike: "Be a good partner."

Three race to top 5 in Mini-McKenney

Three District 20 players finished in the top 5 of national Mini-McKenney races. **Mark Rowe** of Philomath OR fell just short of winning the 5-20 bracket, finishing just 2.13 points behind Kyle Olson of Mustang OK.

Ian Milligan of Corvallis finished fourth in the 50-100 bracket, and **Roger McNay** was fifth in 5000-7500.

All winners of District 20 races for both the Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs are pictured on page 3.

As of Jan. 6, Rowe, who earned 339.23 points in 2013, led his race by 2.44. He knew Olson had another 2.07 in then-unreported points coming, but expected to hang on by 0.37. But somewhere along the way Olson picked up another 2.5 to pull the surprise win.

Milligan's 2013 total was 229.78. McNay, at 1,074.81, was one of three district players to score more than a thousand, along with fellow pros Huub Bertens and Jeff Roman.

Six other district players placed in the top 25 of their national races: Stan Blascow, 10th (50-100); Dan Hoekstra, 11th (2500-5000); Eileen Milligan, 17th (200-300); Larry Henderson, 18th (20-50); Huub Bertens, 20th (10,000+); and Don Robinson, 25th (100-200). Hoekstra had been eighth as of Jan. 6 but dropped three spots in the final tally.

In national Ace of Clubs races, four district players finished in the top 10, led by Rowe, who was third: Bill Jones, 5th (100-200); Rick Gardener, 6th (20-50); and Blascow, 8th.

Election notice

The district offices of First and Second Alternate are up for election this year. Merlin Vilhauer was elected last year for another three-year term as our District Director, representing us on the ACBL board. Among other things, his duties include attending the board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year. The First and Second Alternates stand in for Merlin if he can't attend a meeting.

To declare candidacy for one of these positions, you must send notification to ACBL at elections@acbl.org or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake, MS, 38637-9902.

Tell them your name, player number and the office you want: First or Second Alternate. Key: The declaration must be received by May 31, 2014. If two or more declarations are received, an election is held with the units having the vote.

LEARN AUDREY GRANT'S POWERFUL TEACHING STRATEGIES!

ACBL District 20 presents: **Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar**

Monday, May 12, 2014

Oregon High Desert Regional at Sunriver Resort

(http://www.sunriver-resort.com)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE	
9 a.m. - noon	**TEACHING METHODOLOGY:** A focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons. Up-to-date methods that assure successful lessons for the absolute beginner.
Noon -1 p.m.	break for lunch
1 - 3 p.m.	**PRACTICAL TEACHING TOOLS:** Bridge brush-up. Courses that accommodate players with a wide range of experience and skill. Interactive techniques.
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Better Bridge mini-class in action
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Discussion and overview

INSTRUCTOR

Karol Monroe

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- Workshop notebook including sample lesson plans
- Sample Better Bridge products
- Better Bridge course completion certificate
- ACBL teacher accreditation

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: **$75** fee for District 20 members; **$125** for all others. Make checks payable to **ACBL District 20**.

CONTACT: D20 Education Coordinator **Mary Alice Seville.** Email: **Seville@comcast.net;** phone: **541-758-3181;** mail to: **2715 NW Hayes Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330**

District 20 website: *http://www.acbld20.org* • Better Bridge: *http://www.betterbridge.com*

DIRECTOR COURSE

at the new

OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

at Sunriver Resort near Bend (http://www.sunriver-resort.com)

When	What
• 8 a.m.-noon • Weds., Thurs. & Fri. • May 14-16, 2014	• Instructor: **Bob Peery** • Cost: **$100**, which includes materials and fee for taking the director's test • **Test** administered on **Friday**

Advance registration is appreciated.

Please send checks payable to ACBL District 20 to District 20 Education Coordinator Mary Alice Seville, 2715 NW Hayes, Corvallis, OR 97330. For information, email *seville@comcast.net* or call 541-758-3181.

Sunriver history

From army training camp to world-class resort

On the shores of the Deschutes River, 15 miles south of Bend, tucked away in the ponderosa pines, is Sunriver, a gem of Central Oregon offering world-class golfing, biking, fly fishing, skiing and general relaxation that make it a destination of choice for travelers from around the world. While it's now known for its fine dining, championship golf courses and luxurious lodging, its beginnings were much more humble.

Nearly 7,000 years ago lava flows dammed the Deschutes River at Benham Falls, backing up a lake that covered much of what is now Sunriver. When the river finally broke through and the lake receded, a lush meadow was left behind. The area was a natural gathering spot for Native Americans, who left numerous artifacts dating back thousands of years. In the early 1800s trappers found a wealth of game.

In the late 1800s cattlemen began to drive their herds to the area to graze in the lush meadowlands. Among the first homesteaders in the area were the Vanderverts, whose ranch was just north of the current day Sunriver. They attended the Meadow School, which was located very close to the present Sunriver Lodge. During the next 50 years the area was used by the cattlemen, trappers and a few hardy pioneers who settled in the area with their families.

In the midst of World War II, the U.S. government wanted to establish a combat engineer training facility on a site that resembled the climate and topography of Northern Europe.

Those who helped build the camp called it a miserable construction job. Construction began in December 1942 and continued through the worst winter in 30 years, with more than 60 inches of snow through March 1943. Camp Abbot opened the following year. Training included basic combat skills, marksmanship, field maneuvers, bridge building and demolition.

Before Sunriver Lodge was built, it was the site of Camp Abbott during World War II.

The camp was a self-contained city complete with water and sewer systems and housing up to 10,000 people at a time. Many of its structures were built from the surrounding timber and stone, most notably the impressive officers' club, with its high ceiling, large stone fireplace and balcony overlooking the main floor. This structure still stands today.

Just like today, vehicles arriving at Camp Abbot passed over a railroad bridge. The first thing on their right was a medical demonstration area (now Antelope and Bobcat Lanes), with the post stockade just beyond. The gas chamber, where troops trained in chemical warfare defense, was near Hare and Jay Lanes. The post included a 411-bed hospital complex.

Out in the meadow, rifle ranges and machine gun ranges echoed with the sound of rapid fire. Beyond was an anti-tank range.

More than 90,000 combat engineers were trained at Camp Abbot before it abruptly closed in June 1944.

In the years following the war, some of the former Camp Abbot land was returned to the U.S. Forest Service, but 5,500 acres were sold as private land. The property changed hands multiple times until 1965 when John Gray and Donald McCallum obtained the land for development, forming Sunriver Properties.

The Sunriver Lodge was constructed, as were the stables, Meadow Golf Course and an airstrip. Gray sold the property to the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1974. In 1993 Sunriver Limited partnership purchased Sunriver Resort and began a capital improvement campaign.

Today there are some 1,200 permanent residents and more than 4,000 homes and condominiums. Many are available as vacation rentals and these, combined with the resort's overnight lodging facilities, host as many as 15,000 visitors a day.

— *Sunriver Chamber of Commerce*

Buzz is on about Sunriver Regional

By Marie Ashton
D20 Tournament Manager

I am looking forward to the next two tournaments, Sunriver and Medford.

During the last two months, I have been hearing the buzz about Sunriver in my travels to Palm Springs, Reno, Monterey and Honolulu. People are sounding as excited as I am about this brand new tournament. The resort and local players are ready to welcome us to the high desert, with all of its scenic beauty.

In addition to a full schedule of bridge, the tournament will be the location of the annual D20 Education Festival for teachers and directors. The Intermediate/Newcomer program has many speakers, lessons, prizes and bridge events.

The playing area is a large, lovely and carpeted meeting room called the Homestead, near the lodge. For the best amenities and privileges, you want to book through Sunriver Resort (800-547-3922), which has the lodge hotel, condos and homes. You can choose the remodeled Northwest rooms and suites of the Lodge Village or the deluxe River Lodge rooms, in easy walking distance of the Homestead.

The hotel, condos and homes of the resort offer restaurant and shop discounts, free shuttle service on the grounds, room service, plus complimentary valet and wireless. Golf and spa services are specially priced; take a walk or bike for exercise. Make your reservations before April 12 to ensure you get in the room block!

In August, I hope you will explore the scenic Rogue Valley for the tournament at the remodeled and renamed Inn at the Commons (formerly the Red Lion) in Medford. We'll talk about that more later. Good things are coming your way!

MONDAY, MAY 12

7 p.m.

John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs	1 of 4
Stratified Charity Pairs	Single session
♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs	Single session

TUESDAY, MAY 13

9 a.m.

John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs	2 of 4
High Desert Side Game Series	1 of 5

1 p.m.

John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs	3 of 4
Stratified A/B Pairs	1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs	1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Deschutes River Side Game Series	1 of 4

7 p.m.

John McGinnis Memorial Bracketed KOs	4 of 4
Stratified A/B Pairs	2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs	2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Deschutes River Side Game Series	2 of 4

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

9 a.m.

Morning Swiss Teams	1 of 2
High Desert Side Game Series	2 of 5

1 p.m.

Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs	1 of 4
Stratified Open Pairs	1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Deschutes River Side Game Series	3 of 4

7 p.m.

Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs	2 of 4
Stratified Open Pairs	2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Deschutes River Side Game Series	4 of 4
Stratified Swiss Teams	Single session

THURSDAY, MAY 15

9 a.m.

Morning Swiss Teams	2 of 2
High Desert Side Game Series	3 of 5

1 p.m.

Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs	3 of 4
Stratified A/B Pairs	1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs	1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	1 of 6

7 p.m.

Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs	4 of 4
Stratified A/B Pairs	2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs	2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	2 of 6

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m.

Mt. Jefferson Compact Bracketed KOs	1 of 2
High Desert Side Game Series	4 of 5

1 p.m.

Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs	1 of 4
Stratified Open Pairs	1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	3 of 6

7 p.m.

Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs	2 of 4
Stratified Open Pairs	2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	4 of 6
Stratified Swiss Teams	Single session

Mid-chart conventions: Allowed in stand-alone Flight A/AX & tp bracket of KOs (except Compact). D-20 allows Mid-chart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings in all events. KO with 1 bracket may be handicapped. * "KOs" means a team event. **Table fees:** ACBL members $11; non- and unpaid, $15; 18 and under $3.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9 a.m.

Mt. Jefferson Compact Bracketed KOs	2 of 2
High Desert Side Game Series	5 of 5

1 p.m.

Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs	3 of 4
Three Sisters Compact KOs	1 of 2
Stratified Open Pairs	1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	5 of 6

7 p.m.

Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs	4 of 4
Three Sisters Compact KOs	2 of 2
Stratified Open Pairs	2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	Single session
Bend Side Game Series	6 of 6
Stratified Swiss Teams	Single session

SUNDAY, MAY 18

10 am and TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	Two sessions

10 a.m.

♦299er Swiss Teams	Single session

SUNRIVER RESORT, SUNRIVER OREGON

Director in Charge: Matt Smith
Tournament Manager: Marie Ashton, (503) 244-5733; *marieashton@comcast.net*
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Stratifications
A/B Pairs: Open/2500.
Gold Pairs: 750/300/100
Open: A: 2000+; B:750-2000; C: 0-750
♦ **299er Events:** A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X (20 vp): A: 3000+; X: 0-3000; stand alone.
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams BCD (20 vp): B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500.
Eligibilty for flighted events based on top player's total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.

LODGING

Sunriver Resort
17600 Center Dr., Sunriver, Ore., 97707. Book by phone: 800-547-3922 or book online at: http://www.sunriver-resort.com/. **Rates:** Between $109 and $149. Reservations guaranteed until April 12 or until "bridge block" is full. Additional housing available.

Around the Units

Eureka

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By Frederica Aalto

www.acbdld20.org/unit458

LBIAD draws 27

Dear Fellow Bridge Addicts,

The news around our unit is that we are going after recruitment of new members hammer and tongs. We picked up the offer of the "Learn Bridge in a Day?" curriculum from ACBL and put a big ad in the local paper.

Suzanne Cook, one of our major stars, conned me (**Frederica Aalto**) into teaching it. It isn't that I am one of the top players in the club (I'm not), but I am better at blabbing than most, and have experience with public speaking and teaching. In addition to teaching them the rudiments of bridge, we will be attempting to connect them with continuing lessons and novice games. It might just be the thing we need to invigorate our club.

To my amazement, 30 people signed up. Come class day, there were six no-shows and three drop-ins. Many club members helped as mentors at the tables and only one person quit due to brain overload. The rest had a great time. How many will filter into our club? Only time will tell.

A "Learn Bridge in a Day?" presentation was packed Feb. 8 in Eureka.

Redding

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By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

River City lives on

We said goodbye to a wonderful man whose life was cut short by an accident in December. **Gene Barrett** was the owner of River City Bridge Club. His philosophy on bridge was to have a more social and relaxed atmosphere while playing duplicate. He welcomed newcomers to the game. Taught them the basics and urged them to just start playing. He will be missed.

In January, **Jerry** and **Annetta Anderson**, owners of Bridge Werks, purchased the club from Gene's trust. They will continue to call it River City Bridge Club.

Results

Unit Game, Dec. 8 — 1A/1B: Hilary Prince – Carole Schmitz, 2A: Carol Nelson – Joan Sullens, 2B: Ken Murray – Dolores Mackey, 1C: Jerry Clark – Jan Joiner, 2C: Pat Denniston – Joann Jensen.

ICC Game, Redding, Jan. 13 — N/S 1A: Phil & Gail Lonnberg, 2A, Florence Hungerford – Judy Hotchkin, 1B: Pat Denniston – Joann Jensen, E/W 1A/1B: Peg Moseman – Marlene Lamoreaux, 2A: Bob Wierman – July Ratley.

STAC Monday (Redding), Dec. 16 — N/S 1A/1B: Pat Ashton – Joan Sullens, 2A/1C: Carole Schmitz – Peg Moseman. E/W: 1A/1C: Cindy Huntington – Dorothy Hoots, 2A/2B: Gail Lonnberg – Carol Nelson. Novice 1: Rosalie Langston – Nick Jancich, 2: Ed Kearney – Dale Briggs.

STAC Wednesday (Bridge Werks), Dec. 18 — N/S 1A/1B: Marilyn Avey – Marvin Grudem, 1C: Rich & Rose Mendence. E/W 1A/1B: July Ratley – Bob Wierman, 1C: Ila & Dave Bessermin.

STAC Thursday (Redding), Dec. 19 — N/S 1A/1B: Mary Hawkins – Marv Grudem, 2A/1C: Terry Dell – Marilyn Avey.

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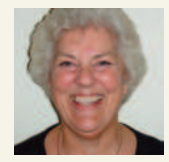
A wonder at almost 98



Sutter/ Buttes

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By Carol Nelson

www.acbld20.org/unit460

Welcome back, **Bruce Boley**. It is good to see him back and improving week to week. Bruce's frequent partner, **Fred Till**, also has been having health problems. He is scheduled to have a pacemaker installed. We are looking forward to having him return to bridge as well.

Congratulations to **Michel Leduc** on the birth of his granddaughter. We hope he is enjoying the new addition.

Doris Doll

I intend to occasionally highlight one of our bridge players. This issue, I am highlighting **Doris Doll**. Doris will be 98 years old on her birthday in May, is still driving, and lives in her own home. She is a wonder.

Bridge has been her lifelong hobby. Her mother and father taught her the game as a small child. They had lots of bridge (and other) parties, and Doris would sometimes sit in as dummy at these parties. She plays duplicate bridge most Mondays and Fridays, as well as some party bridge. When Lee Compton passed away, Doris took over the Fourth Thursday bridge group at Peach Tree Country Club. She is a real fixture in our bridge community, and a wonderful lady to know. Thank you, Doris, for being part of our lives and sharing your love of the game with us.

Results

Oroville Unit Game, Dec. 12 — 1A: Garth Gregory – Jack Woodard, 2A: Don Johnson – Jo Anne Murdock, 3A: Carolyn Bergholdt – Dale Doerr, 1B: Faye Frazier – Pat Pommerenck.

Club Championship, Dec. 16 — 1A/1B: Terri Okimoto – Mary Toyoda, 2A/2B: Bruce Boley – Johnnie Houser, 3A/3B: Jo Anne Murdock – Helene Pommerenck, 1C/2C (tie): Shirley Eckardt – Kathleen Peterson, Valerie Strain – Lynette Clark.

STaC Thursday (Oroville), Dec. 19 — 1A: Don Johnson – Doug Jacobs, 2A: Mohamed Shagrun – Carolyn Bergholdt, 3A: Carol Myers – Jack Woodard.

Club Championship (Oroville), Jan. 9: 1A: Steve Kaessner – Danny O'Broclyn, 2A/1B/1C: Art Lane – Audrey Kelly.

Unit Game, Jan. 13 — 1A: Danny O'Broclyn – Steve Kaessner, 2A/1B: Pat Pommerenck – Mary Mayfield.

Club Championship, Jan. 24 — 1A/1B: Don Johnson – Michel Leduc, 2A: Jo Anne Murdock – Tom Frye, 3A/2B: Mary Mayfield – Richard Hayes.

First time at NABC is an eye opener

Chico/ Paradise

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By Mark Bloom

The ACBL recognizes players who win the most masterpoints in their category in each unit with the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards. See below for unit winners and runners-up for 2013. In addition, **Janet Burk**, **Sherri Faroky**, **Garth Gregory**, **Mohamed Shagrun**, **Jack Woodard** and **Mark Bloom** did well at the district level, placing in the top 10 in one or both races. Way to represent the unit, people!

Report from Phoenix

Your reporter took advantage of free housing with family to travel down to Phoenix for the winter NABC. If you've never been to a national tournament, you should try it; there are games for every level and tons of bridge players playing, napping, fighting and wandering around muttering to themselves. One big circus, really.

I found a nice partner through the online partnership desk and we played for three days, scratching every day for red and winning gold once. There were games around the clock, and you could also kibbitz the top-level pros in their national events. The organizers did a great job keeping things moving and helping out wherever needed.

I took the opportunity to talk to a couple of pros about the screens they use for their events; I'd never seen them, though I'd read about them, and was curious what they were for. One pro was very nice and explained that basically the screens were used to prevent cheating — partners couldn't see each other, so there was no chance to impart any information. I gathered that there were some issues before.

Masterpoint races

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Janet Burk, Retta Herfi; (5-20) Jean Afonso, Angie Tilaro; (20-50) Hazel Van Evera, Diane Wilkinson; (50-100) Sherri Faroky, Barbara Boyle; (100-200) Carolyn Archer, Dennis Deromedi; (200-300) Walter Luff, Ted Smithers; (300-500) Mark Bloom, Doreen Spellman; (500-1000) Doug Jones, Peggy Skinner; (1000-2500) Jack Woodard, Chuck Hodel; (2500-5000) Mohamed Shagrun, Doug Jacobs; (5000-7500) Garth Gregory.

Ace of Clubs — Same as above unless otherwise listed: (100-200) Carolyn Archer, Maria Martin; (200-300) Walter Luff, Iris High; (1000-2500) Jack Woodard, Fay Frazier; (2500-5000) Mohamed Shagrun, Carol Myers.

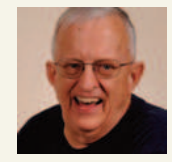
Results

Club Championship, Jan. 6 — 1A: Carol Huston – Mohamed Shagrun, 2A: Carol Myers – Shirlee Shaw, 1B: Doug Jones – Janet Burk, 2B/1C: Ted Smithers – Walter Luff.

Club Championship, Jan. 7 — 1A/1B: Larry & Peggy Skinner, 2A: Doug Jacobs – Carl Oser, 2B: Fay Frazier – Mary King.

Club Championship, Jan. 10 — 1A: Chuck Hodel – Mohamed Shagrun, 2A/1B: Janet Burk – Jenni Boles, 3A/2B: Doug Jones – Sherri Faroky.

ProAm Game, Jan. 21 — 1A: Doug Jacobs – Bruce Dwiggens, 2A/1B: Fay Frazier – Toni Reid, 2B: Jack Woodard – Mark Bloom.



Klamath Falls

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By Bobby Thompson

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Improving pair draws notice

When you pick up this issue of the Trumpet, you still have time to make plans for the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional or soon after, the Redding Sundial Tournament with great weather in Anderson, Calif.

Some of our intermediate players have done very well in tournaments and also in our club games. They have "walked the walk and talked the talk." **Doug** and **Deb Farnam** have improved by leaps and bounds over time and are finishing regularly in the top ten monthly point totals leading the intermediate group in monthly points in December and topping the entire club in January!

The December results in the point parade were **Doug Higgs**, **Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure** with the Farnams and **Dale Taylor** heading the intermediates. January leaders in both categories were the Farnams followed by **Ed McClure** in the A group and Taylor in the intermediate class.

I'm sorry to report that we lost one of our members, when we were made aware, that **Dixie Haring** had passed away on Dec. 16. Dixie hadn't played in many out-of-town tournaments but she played twice a week for years. She was both a nice lady and player and will be missed by our group.

STaC winners included Doug Higgs (2), Carol McClure, Laila Griffith, **Keith Thorp**, Dale Taylor, Ed McClure and **Randall Paul**. Pro-Am winners **Ted Gessner**, Doug Higgs, **Ethel Rust** and Ed McClure.

We want to welcome two new members for our club **Dave Latourette** and **Mark Kelley**. They are excited about the game and we're glad to have them aboard.

Remember the **High Desert Regional** at Sunriver (May 12-18) will be a great tournament put on by the wonderful Bend-Redmond folks. Follow that up later with our K.F. Top Gun tourney (June 20-22).

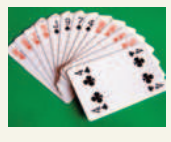
Results

Christmas Party, Dec. 8 (8 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith - Carol McClure (70.5%); 2A: Doug Higgs - Randall Paul; 3A/1B/1C: Doug and Deb Farnam. 2B: Shirley Horton - Patti Collom; 3B/2C: Dave and Gayle Daniel; 3C: Tom and Petra Gellner.

Club Championship, Jan. 14 (7 tables) — 1A: Doug Higgs - Ed McClure; 2A/1B/1C: Dale Taylor - Dustin Farnam; 3A/2B/2C: Doug and Deb Farnam.

Unit Championship, Jan. 19 (6 tables) — 1A/1B: Doug and Deb Farnam; 2A: Doug Higgs - Ed McClure; 3A/2B: Dustin Farnam - Dale Taylor.

Brookings begins series of newcomer classes



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club

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By Dottie Ellis

Hello to all. Busy time of the year for many clubs. We have managed to keep our two and sometimes three tables going.

Al Wilson and **Dottie Ellis** started giving bridge lessons Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. Thursday mornings at St. Timothy Church hall, where we play our games. We will have at least three tables with some players with the fundamentals of the game and perhaps three who are really newbies and excited to learn. We are just as excited to help them and looking forward to it.

We have two new members who joined ACBL: **Carol Slewing** and **Dyrel Faulstick**. So happy to welcome you to our unit and club. They will be taking lessons as well.

Visiting from Utah are **Ray** and **Rose Herberer**. They will be with us for three months — welcome and enjoy your visit to our club and Brookings. **Pat Werlich** from Medford has also been visiting.

Two club members won their Mini-McKenney races for our unit, which includes Grants Pass and Roseburg. **Genevieve Leary** won 100-200 and **Al Wilson** was alone in 2500-5000.

Here are the other highest-placing club members in the unit races for both awards.

Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs — (5-20) Ron Smith, (50-100) Dan & Joyce Rakestraw, (100-200) Ray Shipman, (200-300) Ned Flaxington, (300-500) Bill Waddle, (500-1000) Joyce Stockwell, (1000-2500) Dottie Ellis.

Big game: Pat Werlich and **Norma Blancher** scored 77.6% Jan. 6.

Most masterpoints for December and January: Genevieve Leary, Al Wilson, Ned Flaxington, Claudia Kemper, Ray Shipman, Bill Waddle, Kirk Roberts and Ruby Bryson.

That's it from our end of the Oregon Coast. Until next issue, Be good to yourself and others. May all you days be Grand Slams.

Results

Club Membership game, Dec. 2 — 1: George Kuppler – Kirk Roberts, 2: Pat Werlich – Ned Flaxington, 3: Ray Shipman – Bill Waddle.

STaC Monday, Dec. 16 — 1: George Kuppler – Claudia Kemper, Ron Smith – Dottie Ellis.

Unit Championship, Jan. 20 — 1: Ned Flaxington – Claudia Kemper, 2: Judi & Dyrel Faulstick.

Around the Units

Annual sojourn to Mexico shrinks table counts back home

Mid-Columbia
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By Peyt Turner

The New Year sailed in and part of it has looked like spring, escaping the unusual extreme freezing we experienced in November. Nice to live in the Northwest. Our Jan. 5 Unit Game started the year off, with only 3.5 tables, between the flu and snowbird escapees.

I missed the unit game but the following day found myself in Todos Santos, Mexico, attending their sanctioned game, which also had 3.5 tables. Playing bridge open air under a large *palapa* is quite wonderful with temperature of 80. Lunch was a *pollo* enchilada in verde sauce, with *refrijos* and *azure*. I played with director Norm Rosenblatt and came in second. That club has three directors (including **Lorna Logan** of Bandon OR) and a roster of over 35 people from various far away places.

The next week we did even better. Later, I played with Jackie Sonsie of Canada, placing third.

The La Paz bridge club, unsanctioned still, plays twice a week, with five ACBL snowbirds. Last week the La Paz group and three from Todos Santos played for several hours to benefit a charity that is training something close to paramedics, much needed due to the small and remote communities with no access to ambulance or EMTs. We donated over $110. In my 30-plus years here, I have never run into a Mexican bridge player, but players from at least five countries.

Todos Santos was a very very small town, originally a fishing village on the Pacific Ocean side, and within 50 miles of the Sea of Cortez. Getting to Todos Santos now could look somewhat like driving on a U.S. highway, four lanes in most places, except for some strange symbols on signs, including large rocks in the road to indicate a warning with any of many possibilities. A few clear indicators that you are not in the U.S.: some skinny cows wander into the road, often with a contingency of cows resembling an anemic herd; an occasional fox or coyote. And the greatest part of the drive is the lack of police that stop you. They aren't set up to stop as much as U.S. police, or kids in back of trucks and strange truckloads.

American snowbirds at the Todos Santos club plays in open air under a large palapa.

In more than 35 years of visiting here, I have never seen any indication of the cartels or drugs that exist elsewhere in Mexico. The organic markets provide an excellent lifestyle here: Daily fresh fish for less than a fifth of U.S. prices, avocadoes for about 25 cents and amazing variety.

Back in Oregon

Ray Sjoblom, a new bridge player from Seattle, celebrated his 90th birthday. He is an asset to both clubs.

Jim Heikempter has had some health issues and is missed at games; wishing him a quick recovery and getting him back to the bridge tables again. **Mary Lee Webber** was due for a knee replacement last month. **Dave Slegel** had a health scare and the rest are mostly healthy minus the ugly flu; same for those in Mexico.

Results

Unit Game, Jan. 5 — 1: Dave Slegel – Jim Hall, 2: Gary Cotter – Darlene Kemper, 3: Alyce Dunn – Gladine Hattrup.

Bend/ Redmond
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By Debbie Cole
www.bendbridge.org

Boards elected

Unit 476 and the Cascade Bridge Club celebrated the end of a great 2013; the beginning of 2014 and both organizations' annual meetings on Jan. 11 at the Bend Country Club. Once again, a fabulous prime rib buffet dinner — along with a gentle snowfall (something we hadn't seen much of this winter) — made for the perfect setting.

Annual reports were given and elections for the New Year were held.

The new Cascade Bridge Club board: **Dennis Douglas**, president; **Susan Battistella**, vice president/secretary; **Berta Cleveland**, treasurer; **Donna Jackson**, hospitality. **Chip Cleveland** remains the club manager.

The new Unit 476 board: **Nelda Linman**, president; **Dianne Maffia**, vice president; **Nancy Serne**, secretary; **Larry Smith**, treasurer; **Lael Cooksley**, membership; **Debbie Cole**, publicity.

Thanks to **Patricia Douglas** for her years of service to the unit board, especially this past year as president.

We hope you have all marked your calendars for the **Oregon High Desert Regional**, May 12-18 at the Sunriver Resort. We are excited about hosting our first regional. Can't imagine a more beautiful location than Sunriver in the spring.

Results

Cascade Club

October Unit Game — 1: Larry & Laura Smith; 2: Bill Roberts – Rosemary Segall. **November Unit Game** — 1: Judy & Ron Mundt; 2: Berta & Chip Cleveland.

STaC Monday, Dec. 16 — 1: Julie Johnson – Donna Jackson; 2: Lael Cooksley – Duke Cockfield.

STaC Wednesday, Dec. 18 — 1: Berta & Chip Cleveland; 2: Rosemary Segall – Lorraine Rodich.

STaC Friday, Dec. 20 — 1: Tom & Elizabeth Wightman; 2: Frank Murphy – Don Crozier.

January Unit Game — 1: James Gindlesperger – Jeanne VanDenMeiracker; 2: Verna Bellus – Rosemary Segall.

January Membership Game — 1: Bill & Joan Roberts; 2: Ali Cockerill – Mark Fisher.

Redmond Bridge Club

November Unit Game — 1: Marion Palmateer – Stefanie Whitcomb; 2: Scott Buchanan – Dianne Maffia.

December Club Championship — 1: Judith Davidson – Frank Murphy; 2: Verna Bellus – Stefanie Whitcomb.

December Unit Game — 1: Frank Murphy – Richard Wilson; 2: Dennis Douglas – Stefanie Whitcomb.

January Unit Game — 1: Dennis Douglas – Patricia Massler; 2: Judith Davidson – Richard Finch.

Pair sweeps C in January

Nampa/ Caldwell
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By Marilyn Tripple

Having been very happily otherwise engaged — cruising through the Panama Canal — I haven't been aware of recent activities in our unit. However, luckily, our very capable director, **Duane Christensen**, has filled me in.

Bill Neely and **Richard Howard** had a terrific month in January, winning 1C all four weeks at our Monday game. And each of those games paid extra points, with one a unit game and the other three Grass Roots Fund games. The pair kicked off the month with an overall win in all three strats Jan. 6. Howard moved to Wilder ID last year from Silverton OR.

There were 35 total tables for the three Grass Roots games, so we raised $140 for District 20's representatives in NABC events.

Richard Howard and Bill Neely

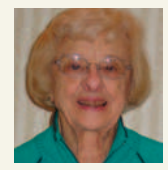
Results

Grass Roots, Jan. 6 — 1A/1C: Bill Neely – Richard Howard.

Grass Roots, Jan. 13 — 1A/1B: Tom Ryder – Anna Holley, 1C: Bill Neely – Richard Howard.

Unit Game, Jan. 20 (11.5 tables) — 1A: Leila Brauner – Benita Coleman, 1B: Darryl Sallaz – Bev Fransen, 1C: Bill Neely – Richard Howard.

Grass Roots, Jan. 27 — 1A: Anna Holley – Carol Christensen, 1B: Leila Brauner – Peggy Faylor, 1C: Bill Neely – Richard Howard.



Ontario
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By Margie Scott

Ice cancels event

Amid our stretch of icy weather, here's a non-weather-related alert: **Ontario's Sectional Tournament** is March 14-16 at the Clarion Inn. We would love to have you attend. As usual we will have a lot of delicious snacks. Everyone here works hard to make it special.

Big game: Roy Youngblood and **Jim Batchelor** scored 77.4% Jan. 8. Hard to beat them.

With the new year we have a new board and new ideas. Several of our members have been shopping for BridgeMates and we are excited about our club's new purchase.

Promotions: Ruby Boyd and Marolyn Poole are NABC Masters and Gerald Henggeler and Sharon Wada are Club Masters.

Everyone was looking forward to the Swiss Team game scheduled for the fifth Wednesday of January. But the weather didn't cooperate. Due to icy streets we had to cancel bridge.

Boise players win in Las Vegas and at home

Boise
♣♦♥♠
By Burt Echtenkamp

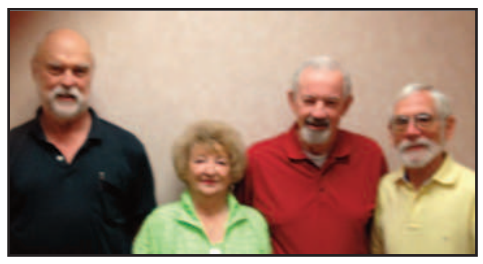
The Boise unit has elected **Craig Jones** president, **Kathy Dowen** vice-president, **Linda Brinton** treasurer, **Sue Uranga** secretary, **Linda Anderson** hospitality chair, **Bill Neely** membership chair and **Gary Crupper** tournament chair.

The Boise Sweetheart Sectional was held Feb. 7-9 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center. In the Friday afternoon pairs: **KC Jones** and **Suzanne St Thomas** of Salem, 1A; **Diane** & **Bob Dutton**, 1B. The 1C pair, **Carol Holmes** and **Janice Bradbury**, also took 1B/1C Friday evening and 1C on Saturday.

Friday evening, **Ian** & **Charlene Martindale**, 1A; **Beverly Fraser** and **Phyllis Lyons** won the Friday 99er Pairs.

In the Saturday Pairs: **Douglas Bullock** and Kendra Bridges of Carmel IN, 1A; **John Zamboni** and **Don Robinson**, 1B.

Sunday Swiss Teams: Ian & Charlene Martindale, **Duane** & **Carol Christensen**, 1A; **Kathryn Luft**, **Natalie Brooks**, **Dick Mallon**, **Betty Coursey**, 1B; William Cook, Brenda Larsen, Dennis Hanel, Duane Schneberger of Twin Falls, 1C.



Knockout winners in Las Vegas

Several Boise players traveled to the **Reno Regional** in December. **Don Robinson** was a member of winning teams in Side Swiss events on Saturday morning and Monday evening.

Winners at the **Las Vegas Regional** in January: Dick Mallon, Betty Coursey, Don Robinson and **Pete Grice** won the bracket 5 Tuesday-Wednesday KO; **Burt** & **Linda Echtenkamp**, **Genevieve Leary** of Brookings OR and Maurie Studin of Lincoln CA won 1C in the Monday Charity Swiss Teams; Don Robinson and John Williams of Hawaii won 1C in the Monday Stratified Pairs; **Craig Jones** and Suzanne St Thomas got a section top (E/W 1A) in one session of the Thursday 0-2500/+ Pairs; Don Robinson, Pete Grice, Burt & Linda Echtenkamp won 1C in the Friday Board-a-Match; Tom and Suzy Ryder got a section top (E/W 1B) in one session of the Friday Daylight Pairs; **Lyle Claflin** and David Kroft of Canada won the Thursday Morning Side Game 1A/1B.

Charity Swiss 1C in Las Vegas

A GNT qualifying game was held at the Caldwell Club Dec. 30. Eight Caldwell/Boise teams earned qualifications. A GNT qualifying game was held in Boise Jan. 18. Seven additional teams qualified. The District 20 playoffs will be held in May.

Masterpoint races

Masterpoint winners for 2013, for Unit 394 in the Mini-McKenney and the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs:

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Around the Units

Seaside/ Astoria/Ilwaco
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By Ned Malcolm
www.seasidebridge.org

Outage delays meeting a week; boards elected

First, it was the Dec. 15 Unit Annual Meeting and bridge game. Then it was the Dec. 22 Unit Annual Meeting and bridge game. Again! Sound familiar? The similarity reminds me of the funny movie, "Groundhog Day," starring Bill Murray, a weary weatherman who finds he is living the same day over and over!

That was the fate of our president, Sandra Baker, who was forced to delay the unit dinner meeting due to an electrical blow out at the Astoria Country Club on the first date! No electricity. No lights, no bridge, no annual meeting and especially no dinner!

However, the 22nd replay went smoothly for all concerned. Bridge and dinner happened and our club officers now have been elected. Your Unit 491 officers and board members for 2014 are: **Fred Lundin**, president; **Rick Gardner**, vice president; **Ray Lowe**, treasurer; **Ann Marie Gramson**, secretary. Unit Board members are: Fred Kluczycki, Marie Lampi, Manny Suarez and Doug West.

At the same dinner meeting new Seaside Club officers and board members for 2014 were also elected. They are: **Sharon Cummings**, president; **John Curtis**, vice president; **Lewis Richardson**, treasurer; and **Donna Searle**, secretary. New board members are Joe Baakkensen, Rick Gardner and Dorothy Hansen.

Masterpoint races

Here are the top winners by category for 2013.

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Manny Suarez; (5-20) Jane Beach, 45.37; (20-50) Rick Gardner, 135.29; (50-100) Jeanne Nasby, 11.85; (100-200) John Curtis, 85.00; (200-300) Sharon Cummings, 89.66; (300-500) Fred and Jan Kluczycki, 104.76; (500-1000) Lewis Richardson Jr., 163.56; (1000-2500) Monica Taylor, 161.34; (2500-5000) Sue Kroning, 160.57.

Ace of Clubs (Same unless otherwise listed) — (300-500) David Wigutoff, (500-100) Sue Boyle, (1000-2500) Dorothy Hansen.

Manny's Musings (Advice From the Tall Cuban)

"Before worrying about learning all kinds of fancy conventions, try to 'keep it simple' and just make the contract. Don't worry too much about taking those extra tricks that Life Masters can do."

Rick reaps rewards

Rick Gardner has won the 2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs District 20 race for 20-50 masterpoints category and also came in sixth nationally! His picture is on page 3 with other winners. Rick finished 2013 with 135. 29. All of his playing pals offer congrats.

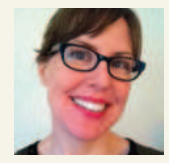
About masterpoint races

The Ace of Clubs is a certificate given to the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn the most masterpoints is a calendar year. Only black points are counted. The Mini-McKenney medallions are given to players in each unit who earn the most masterpoints during the pervious year. All points are counted: red, black, sliver, gold, platinum (you should be so good) and online points.

Words to the Wise From the ACBL

And from the new promotion, "Play nice" by ACBL, let's remember this worthwhile admonition, "Value Your Partner — he's the only one in the room on your side."

Eastside changes its name



Portland
♣♦♥♠
By Amy Casanova
www.acbld20.org/unit487

The Eastside Bridge Club, henceforth to be known as the **Portland Bridge Center**, held its sixth anniversary party on Jan. 1. After the mimosas and the home-cooked brunch, 19 tables rang in the new year playing their favorite game. The club also welcomed **Jonathan Bean** as an operating partner in the business. Now **Ouida McCullough** can reduce her involvement in the business and get to playing more bridge (this just in: Ouida and **Katherine Morris** won the Portland Sectional Open Pairs game Saturday evening with a 73% game — goes to show what a little retirement can do for your game).

The Christmas party was NOT snowed out this year! Seventeen tables enjoyed a dinner of either roast N.Y. steak or baked salmon, courtesy of Ouida and Jonathan. The winners were **Duane** and **Maxine McComas** — first across the aboard, A, B & C — in a STaC game, no less!

Players of the year at the then-Eastside Club were **Bob Law**, **Larry Henderson** (non LM), and **Mark Huth** (rookie). **Guy Woods** was the South Waterfront Club player of the year.

Linda Wiener and **David Brower** are again giving Wednesday Lessons, this time an eight-week series on bidding in competition. Forty students attended the first class on Jan. 15. Classes will continue until March 12.

The club is also launching a Friday morning 199er game to run alongside its regular open game.

The Portland Bridge Center is looking forward to a year of cultivating friendships, both new and old, and, of course, to hosting (and playing) some fun, good bridge!

Breaking the news

We at the Trumpet really do break important stories! When asked for a photo to run with the news that **Jake Olsen** became a Life Master, he replied that he was, "99% sure he was NOT a LM." Well, there's always that 1% chance — and it turns out that some 17 points came through unbeknownst and pushed Jake over 300. Kind of bittersweet, and definitely anticlimactic. Jake would have preferred to know exactly when he went over, ideally sharing the moment with his mom, **Tricia Zigrang**. Still, it's a great achievement for Jake, who is only 16.

In other LM news, **Bruce Peterson** celebrated becoming a Life Master Jan. 11 with a party catered by **Jim Wheeler** and **Cynthia Sinn**, with live bluegsrass music provided by his band Back Porch Revival. Everyone ate, drank, danced and congratulated Bruce on his new ranking.

Ace of Clubs

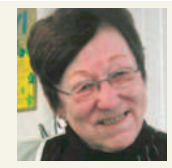
Upcoming special events at the Ace include the Art Gillis Trophy Game at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5; the Election Party game Sunday, March 9, at which Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards will be announced, as well as the new Unit 487 board members. There will be a potluck meal between sessions. Also, the Ace of Clubs birthday party game will be held Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

All at the Ace of Clubs are saddened by the passing of long time regular **Virginia Mawdsley**.

Results

Eastside/PBC Anniversary, Jan. 1 — 1A: Chris Gibson – Chris Wiegand, 1B: Shirley Frank – Bill Moore, 1-2C (tie): Don & Laura Beal, Chris & Tom Neilsen.

Greta Gonzales Charity Game (14 tables) — 1A: Don & Shelley Houseley, 1B: Greg & Marilee Smith, 1C: Bill Campbell – Paul Wrigley.



Vancouver/ Longview
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By Sarah Reuter
www.acbld20.org/vbc

A pun for all seasons

Sure and begorrah! I wish ye the luck of the Irish this month and the rest of the year! As you "go green" to honor St. Patrick, "May the roads rise with you, and the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand."

Here's an idea that won't be taxing — play in the **Senior Sectional** at the Vancouver Bridge Club! It's April 12-13. I hope you score 1040 points, or more, and your partner always returns your opening lead. Don't forget to "return" to the VBC for an exciting morning or evening of bridge.

On April 25-26 is the Seaside Sectional. There is always a great turnout, so grab your favorite partner and snag some of those silver points — heck, snag *lots* of those silver points!

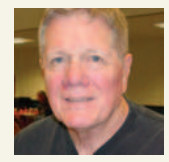
The next time you see these folks, congratulate them on their new ranks: Jerry Dragoo and Vicki Setzer, Club Masters; Donna Roberge and Lilla Wallace, Sectional Masters; Polly Bullert, NABC Master; and Alan Stewart, Adv. NABC Master.

Do you think your game needs some improvement? In March, "Bridge Basics III" is being offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to noon at the Vancouver Bridge Club. Call Deborah at 360-216-7484 or Marie at 503-293-5475 to sign up.

It's spring, and we're growing! A warm welcome to new member, Mike Amspacher, and recent transfers to our club, Dr. J. Firkins, Gabriel Pereira and Barbara Pyles.

See ya'll soon at the bridge table!

St Thomas gets a diamond; LBIAD planned



Salem
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By Tom McGuire
www.salembridgeclub.org

We love having a party.

Our March 2 plans were to celebrate a gem of an achievement by **Suzanne St Thomas** of Salem — who was on track to become our only current Diamond Life Master by that date.

Suzanne St Thomas

"I have 12 points to go," she revealed on Jan. 28 before she and partner (husband) **John Gram** collected 1.10 masterpoints at the weekly Salem Bridge Club Open Pairs that day. For someone who racked up 431+ points during 2013, she should have rolled into the soiree with points to spare.

We honored her 5,000-point achievement at our monthly First Sunday Unit Game with a slam-bang get-together. If you were not able to be there (and we missed you!), by all means send cards and letters.

Meanwhile, a party of another sort was loads of fun even though Unit 490 members got taken to the cleaners, so to speak. That came at our semi-annual Inter-Unit Championship Contest with Unit 477, hosted by Albany-Corvallis bridge clubs at the Corvallis Elks Lodge on Jan. 19.

The food was great, as was the conviviality of the hosts and hostesses who subsequently handed us our rear ends in the final scoring (winning by 66+ points, by my count) and took possession of the traveling trophy. The Unit 490 bright spots were provided by **Kevin Kacmarynski** of Monmouth and **Shain Oleson** of Salem, who were first overall, and by **Mike Green** of Yamhill and **Randy Naef** of McMinnville, who recorded an East-West 1C. Beyond that, well … We do look forward to hosting our friends in the return match on Aug. 3.

Coming up this month, under the leadership of **Rose McGuire**, is the Salem Bridge Club-sponsored "Learn Bridge In A Day" event, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, 930 Plymouth Drive NE in Keizer. Be sure to tell your non-bridge-playing friends to attend. The cost is $10, which includes a textbook and a lite lunch.

Call Rose at 503-990-7808 for more information and/or to register.

In other news, we roll out our welcome mat for **Joan Hartley**, who recently moved to Keizer from Portland, and new member **Margrit Angeloni** of Salem.

Promotions: Kathy Hafdahl and Ann Inlay, Junior Masters; Jerry Bauman, Sectional Master; Melissa Beyer and Randy Naef, NABC Masters.

On the tournament trail

Ann Teal of McMinnville, partnered with **Carol Hardwick** of Portland, got the new year off right for Unit 490 members as the pair had a 1C in the Saturday Morning NLM Pairs at the Vancouver NLM Sectional in mid-January.

Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth and **Tom McGuire** of Salem, along with **Krista Garver** and **Katie Leonard** of Portland, recorded another 1C in the Sunday BCD Swiss Teams at the Portland KO Sectional the last weekend in January.

Masterpoint races

Here are the final Unit 490 point leaders in the Mini-McKinney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs races for 2013:

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Michael Fagan, McMinnville, 17.73; (5-20) Cindy Myers, 13.04; (20-50) Jan Petroski, Woodburn, 40.14; (50-100) Mike Green, Yamhill, 82.07; (100-200) Randy Naef, McMinnville, 100.39; (200-500) Allen Carter, Salem, 64.93; (300-500) Mike Kitzmiller, Salem, 95.07; (500-1000) Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth, 144.37; (1000-2500) Carol Brown, Salem, 109.57; (2500-5000) Suzanne St Thomas 431.25.

Ace of Clubs — (5-20) Loren Myer, Salem, 11.49; (20-50) Necia Hasbrook, Salem, 33.29; (100-200) Bill Anning, Salem, 52.86; (300-500) Shirley Scofield, Salem, 48.61; (500-1000) Zina Galaka, Salem, 80.10; (1000-2500) Carol Brown, Salem, 94.91; (2500-5000) John Gram, Salem, 65.42.

With the results in, **Michael Fagan** wins the Chet Bakum Award for being the Unit 490 Novice Masterpoint Leader. Carol Brown takes the Unit 490 Founders Trophy for scoring the most points in games played within the unit. Their names will be inscribed on perpetual plaques on the Unit/Salem Bridge Club trophy wall.

Shain Oleson finished strong in December to take the Katheryn Lewis Memorial Award for the most masterpoints earned in Unit 490 games in 2013. Shain ended the year with 29.97 points to frequent partner Kevin Kacmarynski's 27.67.

Results

Unit Game, Dec. 8 (14 tables) — 1B/1A: Shain Oleson – Randall Jordan. 2A: David & Kathy Astle. 3A: Albert & Jean Ozias.

Unit Game, Dec. 18 (4 tables) — 1A: Kevin Kacmarynski – Shain Oleson. 2A: Henri Jansen – Rick Dellenback. 3A: Mike Sweet – Gayle Goodman-Wilkins.

Unit Game, Jan. 5 (9.5 tables) — 1B/1A: Jackie Mishler – Claudine Lake. 2B/2A: Tom McGuire – Norma Stofiel. 3A: Judy Ferguson – Phyllis Hann.

Unit Game, Jan. 15 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Suzanne St Thomas – Kathy Astle. 2A: Gayle Goodman-Wilkins – Jerome Gordon. 3/4A: Tom McGuire – Mike Sweet and Stan Page – Randall Jordan.

Around the Units

Albany invests in quality decals; Barbara Seagram coming

Albany/ Corvallis
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By Bob Peery
www.albanycorvallisbridgeclub.org

Unit president **Carol Harms** welcomed new members **Francis Hewes**, **Ruby Miller**, **Mark Rowe** and **Rick Garvin** to the Unit 477 board of directors.

The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Heart of the Valley sectional which is the unit's responsibility. The tournament is scheduled for March 14–16 at the Albany Fairgrounds.

Sandy Allen has been in charge of the sectional for several years and agreed to help Carol oversee this year's tournament. Sandy has bought 10,000 stickers for $175 to be used at multiple tournaments. Anyone wishing to help with the tournament should contact either Harms or Allen.

The Albany board re-elected **Myrna Evans** president. She welcomed new members Sandy Allen, Delores Clark, Maureen Gosda, Irva Kay Neyhart and new manager **Eileen Boal**.

Rick Garvin was commended and thanked for all of the time and effort with the website; keeping games updated, problems fixed, new postings and board minutes posted.

At the Corvallis Board meeting Dec. 11, **Mary Alice Seville** presented the year-end financial report. It shows that the Corvallis club maintained its bank balance +/- $100 for the year. Overall attendance and expenses were up, balancing each other.

Other items of discussion included the possibility of scheduling as many as six GNT Swiss team games in Corvallis in February. Only one was approved, Feb. 9, but it had to be rescheduled due to snow.

Discussion then turned to bringing **Barbara Seagram** to Corvallis for a short series of classes.

The Corvallis board agreed to fund the venture. Mary Alice Seville contacted Seagram and booked her as follows.

Barbara Seagram will be coming to Corvallis Saturday, Sept. 13, through Wednesday, Sept. 17. She will be conducting three two-and-a-half hour seminars; Saturday morning and afternoon and Tuesday morning.

The topics are NoTrump Bidding and Play, Playing Detective at the Table and A Failure to Communicate.

Session fees are $30 for one session, $55 for two sessions and $75 for all three sessions. There is an added discount of $5 if you register before Aug. 15.

There will also be a drawing costing $5 per ticket supporting Barbara's charity — building schools in Cambodia — in which three people will get to play with Barbara during her stay. One person will play Monday in Albany, another Tuesday in Corvallis and the third will play Wednesday evening in Corvallis.

Of final note, Albany/Corvallis defeated Salem in the semi-annual competition Jan. 19 at the Corvallis Elks. The score was approximately 630 to 460.

Results

Albany December Finger Food game — N/S 1: David Finley – John Gregory, 2: Jean Christianson – Evelyn Wick, 3: Ronna Knight – Caron Johnson. E/W 1: Hon Ko – Charles Rethlefson, 2: Roger Barker – Beth Aronoff, 3: Jay Schriner – Marty Heer.

Corvallis Christmas party — N/S 1: Mary Vance – David Finley, 2: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, 3: Robert Peterkort – Bill Grady. E/W 1: Rick Garvin – Allen Selberg, 2: George Boger – Gayanne Alexander, 3: Eileen Boal – Audry Swygard.

GNT qualifier, Jan. 9 — 1: Irva Neyhart – David Finley – Dennis Harms – Brian Breckenridge, 2: Gil Lawrence – George Boger – Roger Barker – Dick Goodemoot and 3: Mary Alice Seville – Eileen Milligan – Becky Mckenzie – Karen Nelson.

Taylor's platinum; EBC joins Common Game

Eugene/ Springfield
♣♦♥♠
By John Wolf
www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

Jan. 23, 2014, turned out to be a very momentous day for bridge in the Eugene-Springfield area. **Jeff Taylor** became the first player from Unit 479 to reach the historic milestone of Platinum Life Master. Jeff went over the 10,000 mark playing with **Paul Craviotto** in an afternoon game at the Emerald Bridge Club. Jeff is the ninth person to achieve the ranking in all of District 20.

Jeff Taylor

In addition to being an outstanding player, Jeff has given much back to bridge over the many years. He has served in numerous official capacities at the national level and for District 20.

At the local level, we have come to know Jeff and we are fortunate indeed. He is always willing to partner with anyone who asks for a game. He gives of his time with classes and lessons at EBC. His Food for Lane County charity game sponsorship has become legendary. And he provides us produce from his garden each year.

The unit and EBC plan to celebrate Jeff's incredible accomplishment at EBC's annual party on Sunday, April 6. This will be a two-session event starting at 10 a.m. Bring your best Jeff stories.

EBC has announced another special event. On Saturday, March 1, the club will be holding a two-session version of Real Time Bridge with an emphasis on Competitive Bidding. Owners Jon Neimand and Don Marsh have managed to secure the services of some very high level folks who have agreed to host the panel discussion. Of course, Jeff Taylor will be on the panel. In addition, **Marylou Bert** and Paul Craviotto have agreed to participate. And a special bonus will be the presence of **Chris Gibson** from Portland who has graciously agreed to free up the day from his very busy schedule. This event will start at 9 and EBC will be providing lunch. Cost is $30 and reservations are required.

Seems like there is no end to the breaking news items this month. It has been confirmed that **Larry Cohen** will be teaching at the Eugene Regional in 2015.

EBC is proud to announce that they are the first club in the state of Oregon to enroll in the Common Game. This began Feb. 3. There are more details to follow but basically this means that the players have the chance to compare results with all the other clubs in the country who participate in the Common Game. It is like having every club game be an Inter-Club Championship without the extra cost. Another perk is hand analysis on many of the boards played. Stay tuned for more details.

Big game: Peggy McClusky had a huge 74.3% Jan. 9. What made her accomplishment even more remarkable, according to **Don Marsh**, was that he was her partner.

The annual unit election party Feb. 9 at Shadow Hills Country Club was too late for this issue and will be reported in May.

Fauss is new unit president; additions coming to website

Jackson County
♣♦♥♠
By Jim Flint
www.unit484.org

Sharon Fauss, new to the Unit 484 board of directors this year, was elected president of the unit at the board's January meeting.

Also elected were **Vicki Williams**, vice president; and **Michael Pavlik**, secretary-treasurer.

Sharon Fauss

Fauss started playing bridge at her grandmother's knee, then rediscovered bridge in college in the mid-1960s.

"I ventured to the college duplicate game at Bowling Green State University and then went on to duplicate games in Mansfield and Columbus, Ohio," she said.

And she was hooked.

She moved to southern Oregon in September 2010 and has played in Unit 484 games since then, as well as at sectionals, regionals and NABCs. She holds the Silver Life Master rank and also is a director.

As new president of the unit, she will do what she can, she said, to help promote the educational classes offered by local teachers, hoping to attract new players.

"I would like to see someone start a school program in our area," Fauss said.

"Young Americans absorb and advance so quickly, and we need to show them the challenge of this game."

Board OKs funds to promote regional

At its first meeting of the year, the Unit 484 board approved expenditure of up to $500 to help promote the district-run regional in Medford, Aug. 4-10.

Don Walker, the local chair for the regional, requested the funds. He said they would be used to pay for printing the back side of the official flyer for the regional, for a banner that can be taken to other tournaments, for an ad in the District 21 newspaper, and for hospitality at the regional.

The tournament will be held at the newly renovated Inn at the Commons in Medford.

Unit to add more profiles to website

More stories and photos of Unit 484 players will soon be added to the unit's website, *www.unit484.org*.

Several years ago, interviews of many local players were written up by **John** and **Patty Duggan**. John had been editor and publisher of the Bridge News for the unit.

The project was interrupted when John died and Patty became inactive in the bridge community. No stories have been added in more than 10 years.

The unit board decided to rectify that when it accepted a proposal by Trumpet columnist **Jim Flint** to write profiles of other members to add to the list.

The stories provide a glimpse into the members' personal and bridge backgrounds. The series puts a human face on the unit with interviews of the people who comprise it. Flint will take on the project at no cost to the unit.

Central Oregon Coast
♣♦♥♠
By Lee Brackhahn
www.unit572.org

On restroom decor

I have just returned from the Portland Sectional, where the venue is cold, the chairs are uncomfortable, the food is great, the people are friendly and there are flowers in the urinals. Yup. It's true.

We play at the Kliever Armory out near Marine Drive and the Sextant Tavern — always busy under normal circumstances — which gets lots of bridge players between sessions, since the armory is to hell and gone and the only other restaurant nearby is Salty's, which is overpriced and underwhelming. But I digress. If you've never been to the armory you wouldn't know about the flowers. In fact, you would only know about them if you have been to the women's restroom.

The armory is old. So old that it was built back when there were no women in the military. So the bathrooms were all for the men. Sometime late in the 20th century the brass decided that they needed to convert some of the bathrooms to accommodate the women in the force. I can just hear the conversation:

"What shall we do with the urinals?"

"Well, that's a problem. We could take them out."

"Way too expensive. Besides, we might get rid of the women one day. Then we'll need them again."

"We'll never get rid of the women. Once they're in, they're in."

"We could plant flowers in them."

"Not an option. It would plug the pipes. And who would water them?"

"The men?" Chuckle chuckle.

"Not funny. Let's just put plastic flowers in them."

"Good idea. Ugly ones."

"OK."

So that's what they did. They painted the bathroom ugly army green and put ugly plastic flowers in the urinals. I have no idea if the women ever retaliated, but they should have.

Meanwhile, at the Sextant, I was listening to some of the conversation at other tables. Have you ever contemplated what it would be like to be a waitress in one of these places when you are besieged by a bunch of old people speaking the foreign language of bridge? "I hooked the spade and made it," says one. "Did you know diamonds broke four-one?" asks another. "I think you can make it double dummy." You get the drift. As the waitress you ask for the order, bridge players never look up from their convention cards when they order their fish and chips.

One woman was watching television which was showing a program without sound that appeared to be about the atom bomb. A picture of the Rosenbergs came up and she interrupted the conversation to ask if anyone believed they might have been innocent. The bridge conversation stopped momentarily as someone asked what they did. The consensus seemed to be that they passed atomic secrets to the enemy. "Not true," said a man. "They passed partner's forcing bid." No wonder they hung them.

As you can see, there is no big bridge news from our unit. I guess you can just contemplate the flowers in the urinals.

On a sad note, we lost another of our dear friends this month. **Phil Anselone** passed away after a long illness. He will be greatly missed at our bridge tables. **Margo Cunningham**'s husband, Jerry, died unexpectedly and our hearts go out to her and JoAnn Anselone.

See you at the table.

Winners at the Oregon Trail Regional

Columbia River Mon-Tues Knockout

Bracket 1

Marc Jacobus, Joan Cremin, Haig Tchamitch, Geoff Hampson

Bracket 2

Brian Thomas, Mary Hovda, Winnie Ninneman, Kathleen Holahan

Bracket 3

Eileen Milligan, Joyce Dickerson, Mary Holzapfel, Becky McKenzie, Karen Nelson

Vancouver Wed-Thurs Knockout

Bracket 3

Lawrence Swanson, James Weider, Don Brockaus, Judy Lathrop

Bracket 4

Darrell Graham, Connie Sayler, Robert Miller, Paul Kulpa

Beaverton Thurs-Fri Knockout

Bracket 1

Cam Doner, Brenda Jacobus, Pam Stratton, Yati Sahae

Bracket 4

Wanda Knight, Eileen Boal, Becky McKenzie, Karen Nelson

Mt. Hood Fri-Sat Knockout

Bracket 2

Douglas Smith, Gary Nitzberg, Molly Harris, Rick Garvin

Bracket 4

John Krah, Lorenzo Migliorini, Daniel Poore, Ben Bomber

Early Bird Wed-Fri Compact Knockout

Bracket 2

B.J. Kolkman, Anne Henrichs, Carol Goodrich, Karen Frogner

Monday, Feb. 17

Monday Evening Charity Pairs ..... (52 pairs)

1A Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR
2A/1B Jim Windus – Renee Senior, Vancouver WA
3A/2B Louise Kurzet – Jay Kurzet, Portland OR
3B/1C Dennis Lee – Susan Lee, Smithers BC
2C Chris Cookson – Beth Cookson, Nanaimo BC
3C Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Monday Evening 299er Charity Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

1D/1F Jim Scovil – Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA
2D Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR; Salena Johnson, Portland OR
3D/2E Lyn Tierney, Federal Way WA; Bernice Sharp, Seattle WA
3E/2F Mark Huth – Janet Linebarger, Tualatin OR
3F Lorraine Almy – Donald Almy, Edmonds WA

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Columbia River KO Bracket 1 ..... (12 teams)

1 Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
2 Ed Ulman – Betty Rossmann, Portland OR; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA
3/4 Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA; Dick Yarington, Seattle WA; Jon Schneidler, Suquamish WA
3/4 Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA; Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA; Henry Lortz, Seattle WA; David Brower, Portland OR

Columbia River KO Bracket 2 ..... (12 teams)

1 Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Winnie Ninneman, Vancouver WA; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR; Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR
2 Edward Lee – Charles Swart – Amy Casanova – Joseph Stanisiewski, Portland OR
3/4 Gary Todd – Charles Burns – Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA
3/4 Robert Hormel, Lake Oswego OR; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Ron Senn – Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR

Columbia River KO Bracket 3 ..... (12 teams)

1 Mary Holzapfel, Tangent OR; Karen Nelson – Joyce Dickerson – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR
2 Anne Henrichs – B J Kolkman, Spokane WA; Susan Brown, Ocean View HI; Patricia Bauman, Captain Cook HI
3/4 Jim Carr, Ridgefield WA; William Phillips, Vancouver WA; Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR; Darrell Graham, Portland OR
3/4 Ben Bomber – Barbara Charlton, Vancouver WA; Hatsumi Whitehead, Camas WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA

Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs ..... (41 pairs)

1A Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
2A Stu Swan – Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR
3A Jerry McVay – Valerie McVay, Lacey WA
1B/1C Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA
2B/2C Donna Gering – Gay Jungemann, Vashon WA
3B/3C Mike Annett – Lynne Annett, Hood River OR

Tuesday Morning Side Game ..... (25 pairs)

1A/1B Ian Milligan – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
2A/2B Dave Slegel, The Dalles OR; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA
3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
3B Jim Windus – Renee Senior, Vancouver WA
1C Marjorie Gilmore, Richland WA; Marilyn Toher, Kennewick WA
2C Joe Varga – Paul Kulpa, Vancouver WA
3C Carol Juckeland – Sally Anderson, Portland OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Game ..... (24 pairs)

1A/1B Howie Smith – Jack Sands, Portland OR
2A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
3A/2B Ian Milligan – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
3B Stephen Smith – Diane Smith, West Linn OR
1C Inez Weiss – JoAnn Marks, Portland OR
2C Brad Johnson, Vancouver WA; Holly Hummel, Portland OR
3C Sandra Hendry – Jeanette Hendry, Kennewick WA

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs ..... (30 pairs)

1D Shirley Porter – Sandra Flaherty, Port Ludlow WA
2D/1E/1F Lorraine Almy – Donald Almy, Edmonds WA
3D Tom Neilsen – Chris Neilsen, Portland OR
2E/2F Gary Funes, Clackamas OR; Bob Hoyt, Canby OR
3E/3F Jim Scovil – Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs ..... (20 pairs)

1A Chris Wiegand, Portland OR; Chris Gibson, Beaverton OR
2A Donald Tofte – John Ashton, Portland OR
3A/1B Ginny Stark – Steve Pessin, Eugene OR
2B Miriam Goldberg, Seattle WA; Darrel Davis, Covington WA
3B Elaine Pollock, Anchorage AK; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
1C Avi Tayar – A Kenane, Richland WA
2C Jeannine George – Jean Christenson, Corvallis OR

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

1D/1E Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA
2D/2E/1F Brad Hanna, Clackamus OR; Joe Halloran, Portland OR
3D/3E Paul Evanoff – Susie Nadeau, Kent WA
2F Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR; Ralph Zack, Eugene OR
3F Janice Fallen, Arlington WA; Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA

Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (18 teams)

1A John Cox, St Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Debbi Myers, Billings MT; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA
2A Jack Marsh, Portland OR; James Newfield – M Duane Meador – Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA
3A Jean Groome, Delta BC; Lynn Hays, Veradale WA; Corrine Joinette, Edmonds WA; Rose Bolson, Lake Forest Par WA
1-2B **Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR**; Bert Adams – Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; **Dee Cockfield, Bend OR**
1-2B/1C Richard Gettmann – Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Lael Cooksley – Jan Hart, Redmond OR
3B/2C Janis Trussell – Rita Fontaine, Longview WA; Christie Maher, Kalama WA; Wanda Burness, Rainier OR
3-4C Pat Culpepper – Nancy Rilling, Portland OR; Tim Rilling – Debra Cosmer-Kujovich, Vancouver WA
3-4C John Curtis, Astoria OR; Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Fred Kulczycki – Jan Kulczycki, South Bend WA

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Portland Tues-Wed KO Bracket 1 .....(12 teams)

1 Patrick Dunn – Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Dennis Groden, Surrey BC
2 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
3/4 Howard Epley, Kent WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
3/4 G Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus – Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Catherine Creer, Spokane WA; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA

Portland Tues-Wed KO Bracket 2 .....(10 teams)

1 Chris Cookson – Beth Cookson, Nanaimo BC; Jack Bradshaw – Carole Bradshaw, Courtenay BC
2 Carter Hoffmann – Pamela Hoffmann, Normandy Park WA; Kay Adams – Dorothy Bennett, Seattle WA
3/4 Ronald Dennis – Patricia Dennis – Judy Kay, Beaverton OR; Barney Gorter, Milwaukie OR
3/4 Christina Jordan, Mount Vernon WA; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Kate Montgomery, Portland OR; Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK

Portland Tues-Wed KO Bracket 3 .....(12 teams)

1 Gary Johnson – Carol Johnson, Beaverton OR; William Rylander, Tigard OR; Deborah Cosier, Wilsonville OR
2 Sandra Baker, Seaside OR; Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR; Gilbert Gramson – Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
3/4 David Finley, Albany OR; Dennis Harms – Carol Harms – Sandra Allen, Corvallis OR
3/4 Marla Patterson – David Fallen, Arlington WA; Vivian Camandona, Mill Creek WA; Margaret Moen, Seattle WA

Portland Tues-Wed KO Bracket 4 .....(16 teams)

1 Donna Andrews – Douglas Merritt – Connie Sloper – Daniel Grossbard, Grants Pass OR
2 Janice Nelsen, Puyallup WA; Gary Wilson, Fircrest WA; Steven Larson – Maggie Burke, Tacoma WA
3/4 Sheila Moore – Nancy Remple, Portland OR; Ginny Gainer, Port OR; Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR
3/4 Barbara Kampe – Lorenzo Migliorini – Bernice Sharp, Seattle WA; Lyn Tierney, Federal Way WA

Wednesday AB Open Pairs ..... (34 pairs)

1A Regenia Butler – Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA
2A Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR; Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR
3A/1B **Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR**; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT
2B Louise Kurzet – Jay Kurzet, Portland OR
3B Bruce Brownfield – Susan Ohman, Graham WA

Wednesday Rose Gold Pairs ..... (40 pairs)

1C Harriett Kessinger – Jeanne Schmidt, Eugene OR
2C Morgan Collins, Yakima WA; Lyle Burnett, Vancouver WA
3-4C/1-2D Dennis Lee – Susan Lee, Smithers BC
3-4C/1-2D Bryce McMurdo – Carolyn Murphy, Portland OR
3D Sandy Thor, Seattle WA; Christine McKenna, Issaquah WA

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs ..... (18 pairs)

1A/1C Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA
2A/2C Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA
3A Shirley Riesland, Beaverton OR; Bob Law, Tigard OR
3B Charles Burns – Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA
3C Lorraine Almy – Donald Almy, Edmonds WA

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game ..... (24 pairs)

1A/1B Alex Rajala, Chehalis WA; David Lalond, Centralia WA
2A/2B/1C Michael Chamish – Judy Davis, Portland OR
3A Shirley Riesland, Beaverton OR; Bob Law, Tigard OR
3B David Astle – Kathy Astle, Salem OR
2C Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR; Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR
3C Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs ..... (36 pairs)

1D Tom Neilsen – Chris Neilsen, Portland OR
2D/1E/1F Joan Peres, Portland OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR
3D/2E Elsie Chan – Barbara Utz, Vancouver WA
3E/2F Robert Bolin – Louis Lauman, Lake Oswego OR

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

1A/1B Dennis Harms – Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
2A/2B Harvey Kelinson – Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
3A/3B Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Charles Hilding, Renton WA
1C Aaron Cohen – Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
2C Allen Carter – Tom McGuire, Salem OR

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs ..... (16 pairs)

1D/1E Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA
2-3D Sheila Moore – Ginny Gainer, Portland OR
2-3D/2E Susie Nadeau – Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
3E Sue Randall – Bernie Widolff, Portland OR
1F Eileen Norris – Jackie Sanders, Beaverton OR
2F Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Lisa Schaller, Lake Oswego OR

Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (23 teams)

1A Howard Epley, Kent WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
2A Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus – Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Catherine Creer, Spokane WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA
3A David Green, Sherwood OR; Edward Lee, Portland OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR
1-2B Christina Jordan, Mount Vernon WA; **Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK**; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; **Kate Montgomery, Portland OR**
1-2B **Shirley Boehmer, Silverton OR; Robert Peery – Pat Moore, Corvallis OR**; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID
3B/1C William Julius – Matthew Edwards – Sheila Smith, Olympia WA; William Bergh, Tenino WA
2C Pam Murray, Seattle WA; Barbara Hass, Medina WA; Priscilla Goss, Bellevue WA; Joyce Williamson, Kirkland WA
3C Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Donna Janner – Virgie Reid, Longview WA; Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR

Thursday, Feb. 20

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 1 ..... (15 teams)

1 John Ashton – Dennis Metcalf – John Lusky – Randy Pickett – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
2 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Donald Tofte – Irene Pickett, Portland OR
3/4 Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Curtis Cheek – Geoff Hampson – Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
3/4 Betty Rossmann – Ed Ulman, Portland OR; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 2 ..... (12 teams)

1 Amy Casanova – Ray Robert – Charles Swart, Portland OR; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
2 Ginny Stark – Steven Pessin, Eugene OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR
3/4 Dwayne Brackhahn – Ron Senn – D Senn, Beaverton OR; Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR
3/4 Chip Dombrowski – Douglas Laird, North Bend OR; Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR; Eugene Chan, Richmond BC

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 3 ..... (12 teams)

1 Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; **James Weider, Portland OR; Don Brockhaus – Judy Lathrop, Salem OR**
2 Mike Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Mary Alice Seville – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
3/4 Bill Russell – Larry Liewer, Scappoose OR; Dave Pinch – Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR
3/4 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Ray Lepp – Penny Lepp, Bellevue WA

Vancouver Wed-Thurs KOs 4 .....(13 teams)

1 **Darrell Graham, Portland OR; Connie Sayler, Beaverton OR**; Robert Miller, Haines AK; **Paul Kulpa, Vancouver WA**
2 Dawn Campbell – Margaret Evenson – Betsy McCormick – Jonathan Bean, Portland OR
3/4 Nancy Crawford – George Crawford, Portland OR; Thomas Bush – Joseph Jebbia, Tigard OR
3/4 Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Sumi Whitehead, Camas WA; Daniel Poore – John Krah, Seattle WA

Thursday AB Open Pairs ..... (52 pairs)

1A Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA
2A David Brower, Portland OR; Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA
3A/1B Ray Johnston, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR
2B Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT
3B Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR

Thursday Rhododendron Gold Pairs ..... (40 pairs)

1C/1D William Bergh, Tenino WA; Matthew Edwards, Olympia WA
2C Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Diane Smith, West Linn OR
3C/2D Sheila Moore, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR
3D Susan Lee – Dennis Lee, Smithers BC

Thursday Morning Side Pairs ..... (22 pairs)

1A/1C Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA
2A/2C Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; Diane Jones, Silverdale WA
3A Andrew Dubay – William Dubay, Voorheesville NY
3B/3C Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Anant Rathi, San Diego CA

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (18 pairs)

1A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
2A/1B **Bob Law, Tigard OR**; J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL
3A/2B Douglas Smith – Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV
3B Felicia Wershba – Jerold Wershba, Portland OR
1C William Dippert – Jean Dippert, Portland OR
2C Inez Weiss – JoAnn Marks, Portland OR
3C Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs ..... (22 pairs)

1D Chris Neilsen – Tom Neilsen, Portland OR
2D/1E Mark Huth, Tualatin OR; Matt McCloud, Portland OR
3D/2E/1F Benjamin Levy – Donna Nodine, Vancouver WA
3E/2F Larry Jones – Donna Winter, Portland OR
3F Ginny Peterson, Vancouver WA; Anne Gail, Portland OR

Thursday Evening Side Pairs ..... (10 pairs)

1A/1B Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR; Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR
2A/2B Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Douglas Laird, North Bend OR
3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
3B J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL; Julian Dupuis, Kelso WA

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs ..... (12 pairs)

1D/1E Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA
2D/2E Susie Nadeau – Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
3D/3E Fran Allen, US; Dick Root, Portland OR
1F Zack Woodbury – Gabriel Engel, Portland OR
2F Janice Fallen, Arlington WA; Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA

Thursday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (22 teams)

1-2A Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus – Curtis Cheek – Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
1-2A John Cox, St Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Debbi Myers, Billings MT
3A Christopher Class – Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA; Michael Boruta – Suzanne Boruta, Anacortes WA
1B Jack Sands – Gregory Smith – Marilee Smith, Portland OR; Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR
2B/1C Connie Sloper – Daniel Grossbard – Donna Andrews – Douglas Merritt, Grants Pass OR
3B Veronica Reeves – Paul Reeves, Tigard OR; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Mona Hubble, Vancouver WA
2C Bill Russell – Larry Liewer, Scappoose OR; Dave Pinch – Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR
3C Sandra Baker, Seaside OR; Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Ann Marie Gramson – Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR

Friday, Feb. 21

Beaverton Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 1 ..... (11 teams)

1 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus – Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Catherine Creer, Spokane WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA
2 James Newfield – Kathleen Mather – Janie Pearcy – M Duane Meador, Vancouver WA
3/4 Patrick Dunn – Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Dennis Groden, Surrey BC
3/4 Edmund Wu – Steve Smolen – Mike Develin – Eric Mayefsky, San Francisco CA

Beaverton Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 2 ..... (10 teams)

1 Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA; Charles Hilding, Renton WA; Bert Adams – Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA
2 Tai Eng, N Vancouver BC; Beverley Hall, North Vancouver BC; Melinda Ponto – Glenn Ponto, Coquitlam BC
3/4 William Campbell, Mercer Island WA; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Charles Burns – Gary Todd, Vancouver WA
3/4 Christina Jordan, Mount Vernon WA; Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC

Beaverton Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 3 ..... (12 teams)

1 Alan Hendrickson, North Bend WA; Kent Harold, Redmond WA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Raynor Christianson, Burton WA
2 Renee Ferrera – Ram Kashyap – Harriet Anderson, Portland OR; Marodean Herzman, Gresham OR
3/4 Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Renee Senior, Vancouver WA; Mike Mills – Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR
3/4 Brenda Olsen – Beth Bartel, Creswell OR; Sharron Lyons, Springfield OR; Randy Jean Hiltbrand, Eugene OR

Beaverton Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 4 ..... (14 teams)

1 Wanda Knight – Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR; Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR
2 Steve Estvanik – Audrey Wass – Peter Brown – Janet Brown, Seattle WA
3/4 Tom McGuire – Allen Carter, Salem OR; James Fuller, Coos Bay OR; Amar Chopra, Portland OR
3/4 Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Regina Miller, Raymond WA; Maureen Greeley – Cherryl Waters, Olympia WA

Early Bird Morning KO Bracket 1 ..... (6 teams)

1 Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge – Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA
2 Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Dave Slegel, The Dalles OR; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA

Early Bird Morning KO Bracket 2 ..... (7 teams)

1 BJ Kolkman – Anne Henrichs, Spokane WA; **Carol Goodrich, Vancouver WA**; Karen Frogner, Nine Mile Falls WA
2 Tom McGuire – Allen Carter, Salem OR; James Fuller, Coos Bay OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR

Player roundup

By Doug Laird
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Trail Regional, we asked two dozen players this question (suggested by Merle Stetser): *What bridge book influenced you the most?* Here are some of their answers.

McKenzie Myers

"'Adventures in Card Play' (by Ottlik & Kelsey). It's the most fabulous book ever written."
McKenzie Myers
National tournament director

David Taylor

"'(The Complete Book on) Overcalls' by Mike Lawrence. It changed the way I think at the table."
David Taylor
PDI Bridge Supplies

Margi Redden

"'Watson's Play of the Hand' (by Louis Watson). A horrible, tortuous read — but a must."
Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Roger McNay

""(To Bid or Not to Bid:) The Law of Total Tricks (by Larry Cohen). It's got bidding principles that you use every session."
Roger McNay
Beaverton OR

John Ashton

"'Winning Declarer Play' by Dorothy Hayden Truscott."
John Ashton
Retired national tournament director

'How to Read You Opponents' Cards" by Mike Lawrence. It taught me not to just play my hand but to consider everyone at the table."
Connie Marfell
Milwaukie OR

Connie Marfell

Sue Kroning

"'Card Play Technique' by Victor Mollo (and Nico Gardener). Everybody should own it."
Sue Kroning
D20 board

Rick Garvin

"'The Lebensohl Convention Complete' by Ron Andersen. I am on my second book — the first got too threadbare."
Rick Garvin
Corvallis OR

Frances Gates

"Killing Defense' (Kelsey). It really improved my defense."
Frances Gates
Waldport

Eugene Chan

"There is only one book: 'The Secrets of Winning Bridge' by Jeff Rubens. If you find it, buy it. If you find multiple copies, you should buy them all."
Eugene Chan
Vancouver BC

Friday AB Open Pairs ..... (38 pairs)
- **1A/1B** **David Green, Sherwood OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR**
- 2A Cynthia Glad, Seattle WA; Helen Abbott, Mercer Island WA
- 3A Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA; W Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 2B Vana McCraw – Ayn Masilko, Beaverton OR
- 3B Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Douglas Laird, North Bend OR

Friday Azalea Gold Pairs ..... (42 pairs)
- **1C** **Dorothy Guimont, Milwaukee OR; Susan Kennedy, Portland OR**
- 2C Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Melissa Beyer, Salem OR
- 3C Diane Smith, West Linn OR; Nancy Jonske, Portland OR
- 1D Kathleen Matsubara, Lacey WA; Beverly Hilts, Olympia WA
- 2D Tom Neilsen – Chris Neilsen, Portland OR
- 3D Lael Cooksley – Jan Hart, Redmond OR

Friday Morning Side Pairs ..... (14 pairs)
- 1A/1B James Vandergriff, Seabeck WA; **Charles Burns, Vancouver WA**
- 2A/2B/1C Sylvia Miller, Bethesda MD; Elaine Pollock, Anchorage AK
- 3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
- 3-4B/2C Suzanne Babcock, West Linn OR; Christy Ekroth, Vancouver WA
- 3-4B Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA
- 3C Frederica Aalto – Ken Aalto, Trinidad CA

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (18 pairs)
- **1A/1B** **Margi Redden – Gene Hval, Portland OR**
- 2A/2B Sherri Morgan – Don Marsh, Eugene OR
- 3A/3B Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs ..... (22 pairs)
- **1D/1E** **Anne Savaria – Linda Howe, Portland OR**
- 2D/2E Sue Randall – Bernie Widolff, Portland OR
- 3D Susan Taylor – Carol Goodrich, Vancouver WA
- **3E/1F** **Ginny Peterson – Donna Nodine, Vancouver WA**
- 2F Jim Scovil – Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA
- 3F Judy Whitmire, Beaverton OR; Diane Wood, Aloha OR

Friday Evening Side Game ..... (14 pairs)
- 1A Jennifer Ballantyne, Vancouver BC; Dudley Brown, Grandview WA
- **2A/1B** **Dennis Harms – Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR**
- 3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID
- 2B Mary Hovda, Sandy OR; JoAnn Marks, Portland OR
- 3B Avi Tayar – Mor Kenane, Portland OR

Friday Evening 299er Pairs ..... (12 pairs)
- **1D/1E** **Tanya Lockwood, Lake Oswego OR; Scott Lockwood, Tigard OR**
- 2D/2E Jim Scovil – Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA
- 3D Shirley Porter – Sandra Flaherty, Port Ludlow WA
- 3E Janice Fallen, Arlington WA; Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA

Friday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (25 teams)
- 1A John Cox, St Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Angela Fenton, Vancouver BC; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC
- 2A Daniel Hoekstra – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 3A Corrine Joinette, Edmonds WA; Suzanne St Thomas – Kathy Astle – David Astle, Salem OR
- 1B Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA; Renae Gunstone-White – Tim White, Mercer Island WA; David Taylor, Seattle WA
- 2B William Campbell, Mercer Island WA; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Gary Todd – Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 3B/1C **Joan Borberg, Portland OR**; Regina Miller, Raymond WA; Cherryl Waters – Maureen Greeley, Olympia WA
- 2C Ann Marie Gramson – Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR; Thomas McGuire, Salem OR; John Curtis, Astoria OR
- 3C Susan Remily – Daniel Remily – Elizabeth Burdick – Vicky Howard, Albany OR

Saturday, Feb. 22

Mt. Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 ..... (16 teams)
- 1 Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Curtis Cheek – Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ
- 2 John Ashton – Randy Pickett – Dennis Metcalf – John Lusky – S James Elliott, Portland OR
- 3/4 Ray Loftis, Bellevue WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA; Dave Grubbs, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Donald Tofte – Irene Pickett – Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Flo Savage, Beaverton OR

Mt. Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2 ..... (10 teams)
- 1 Douglas Smith – Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; **Molly Harris, Portland OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR**
- 2 Michael Ring, Bothell WA; Michael Christensen, Redmond WA; Meg Myers, Beaverton OR; Jennifer Chalfan, Bellevue WA
- 3/4 Richard Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; David Rosenstein – Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 3/4 Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Katherine Morris – Richard Morris – Fred Dorr, Portland OR

Mt. Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 3 ..... (12 teams)
- 1 **Ronald Dennis – Patricia Dennis, Beaverton OR; Toni Heitkamp – Kate Montgomery, Portland OR**
- 2 David Finley, Albany OR; Gregory Smith – Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 3/4 Marla Patterson – David Fallen, Arlington WA; Elinor Hood – Donald Weber, Portland OR
- 3/4 Carl Brame, Tacoma WA; Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; Linda Yount – Joe Collier, Federal Way WA

Mt. Hood Fri-Sat KO Bracket 4 ..... (16 teams)
- 1 John Krah – Lorenzo Migliorini – Daniel Poore, Seattle WA; **Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA**
- 2 Jake Olsen – Frank Strauhal – Judy Davis, Portland OR; Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR
- 3/4 Dawn Campbell – Margaret Evenson – Betsy McCormick – Jonathan Bean, Portland OR
- 3/4 Theresa Bruneau – Leon Bruneau, Rockaway Beach OR; Gregory Smith – Marilee Smith, Portland OR

Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO 1 ..... (12 teams)
- 1 Michael Boruta – Suzanne Boruta, Anacortes WA; Christopher Class – Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA
- 2 John Cox, St Maries ID; Angela Fenton, Vancouver BC; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC
- 3 Daniel Hoekstra – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR; Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO 2 ..... (12 teams)
- 1 David Taylor, Seattle WA; Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA; Renae Gunstone-White – Tim White, Mercer Island WA
- 2 Susan Kroning – Robert Kroning, Seaside OR; Gilbert Gramson – Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
- 3 Ginny Stark – Steve Pessin – Sherri Morgan – Don Marsh, Eugene OR

Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO 3 ..... (16 teams)
- 1 Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Raynor Christianson, Burton WA; Alan Hendrickson, North Bend WA; Kent Harold, Redmond WA
- 2 Gayanne Alexander – Ann Larson – Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID
- 3 Mike Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Eileen Milligan – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR

Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO 4 ..... (15 teams)
- 1 **Judith Stewart – Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA; Jim Carr, Ridgefield WA; Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR**
- 2 Hendrik Grootendorst – Marjorie Grootendorst, Lake Oswego OR; Maurie Studin, Lincoln CA; Shirley Freeman, Coeur D Alene ID
- 3 Paul Evanoff, Kent WA; Susie Nadeau – Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA

John McLoughlin Morning Compact KO ..... (7 teams)
- 1 William Dubay – Andrew Dubay – Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Anant Rathi, San Diego CA
- 2 Suzanne Boruta – Michael Boruta, Anacortes WA; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Bruce Brownfield, Graham WA
- 3 Richard Gettmann – Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Fullerton CA

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs ..... (64 pairs)
- **1A** **Sam Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukee OR**
- 2A Marc Zwerling, Portland OR; Stan Sather, Lake Oswego OR
- **3A/1B** **Michael Sweet, Salem OR; Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR**
- 2B Christopher Jarvis – Greg Fleming, Seattle WA
- 3B Katie Christie, Vernon BC; Chris Cookson, Nanaimo BC
- **1C** **Amy Casanova – Joseph Stanisiewski, Portland OR**
- 2C Dorothy Guimont, Milwaukee OR; Reinhard Bohme, Vancouver WA
- 3C Mark Rowe, Philomath OR; John Fields, Arroyo Grande CA

Saturday Morning Side Pairs ..... (18 pairs)
- **1A/1C** **Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR**; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA
- 2A/2C Garry Lowe, Newport OR; Ray Lowe, Astoria OR
- 3A/3C Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR; Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs ..... (18 pairs)
- **1A/1C** **Mark Mackenzie – Holly Hummel, Portland OR**
- 2A/2C Ralph Henderson – David Castles, Portland OR
- 3A/3C Layne Benben – Harriet Hegge, Portland OR

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs ..... (40 pairs)
- **1D** **Charles Guse, Tigard OR; Sharon Hodges, Vancouver WA**
- 2D Charles Mead, Ridgefield WA; Cynthia Brogan, Vancouver WA
- **3-4D/1-2E/1F** **Eileen Norris – Jackie Sanders, Beaverton OR**
- **3-4D/1-2E** **Janet Linebarger – Mark Huth, Tualatin OR**
- 3-4E/2-3F Janice Fallen, Arlington WA; Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA
- 3-4E/2-3F Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Joan Peres, Portland OR

Saturday Evening Side Pairs ..... (22 pairs)
- 1A John Coone, Vernon BC; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 2A/1B **Charles Hulse, Vancouver WA**; Leo Fishman, Newport Beach CA
- 3A/2B Dennis Harms – Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
- **3B/1C** **Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR; Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR**
- 2C JoAnn Marks – Inez Weiss, Portland OR

Saturday Evening 299er Pairs ..... (12 pairs)
- **1D/1E** **Vincent Winters, Hillsboro OR; Bruce Backup, Portland OR**
- 2D Priscilla Goss, Bellevue WA; Pam Murray, Seattle WA
- 3D/2E Elaine Green, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 3E Linda Smith – David Smith, Corvallis OR

Saturday Evening Swiss Teams ..... (25 teams)
- 1A Tai Eng, N Vancouver BC; Beverley Hall, North Vancouver BC; Glenn Ponto – Melinda Ponto, Coquitlam BC
- **2A/1B** **Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR; Tim Rilling – Charles Burns – Gary Todd, Vancouver WA**
- 3-4A Dave Grubbs, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA; Ray Loftis, Bellevue WA
- 3-4A Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Gene Fomin, Glacier WA; Kathy Hansen – Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
- 2B/1C Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; James Vandergriff, Seabeck WA; **Marianne Klekacz, Eddyville OR; Jacquelyn Hafen, Newport OR**
- 3B Cynthia Sinn – Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Tuba Unlu, Portland OR; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA
- 2C Ann Grill – George Grill – Jeanie Bettis, Vancouver WA; Bob Wheeler, Camas WA
- 3C Richard Gettmann – Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; James Weider, Portland OR

Sunday, Feb. 23

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams ..... (40 teams)
- 1A/1X Jennifer Chalfan, Bellevue WA; **Meg Myers, Beaverton OR**; Michael Christensen, Redmond WA; Michael Ring, Bothell WA
- 2A John Lusky – Randy Pickett – Dennis Metcalf – S James Elliott, Portland OR
- 3A Dennis Groden, Surrey BC; Doug Hansford, Delta BC; Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA
- 2X Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Holly Hummel – Mark Mackenzie – Daniel Neill – Atul Khare, Portland OR
- 3X Art Silvas – Lee Silvas – Charles Hilding, Renton WA; Jerry Thorpe, Tacoma WA

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams ..... (40 teams)
- **1B/1C** **Shari Jerand, Amity OR; Norma Bueno, Beaverton OR; Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR; Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR**
- 2B Ginny Stark – Steve Pessin, Eugene OR; Ken Cornelius – Mary Cornelius, Portland OR
- **3-4B/2C/1D** **Layne Benben – Betsy McCormick – Harriet Hegge – Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR**
- 3-4B David Finley, Albany OR; Gregory Smith – Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 3C Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Renee Senior, Vancouver WA; Mike Mills – Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR
- 2-3D Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR; Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR; Mike Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 2-3D Lilla Wallace – Jo-Anne Bowen – Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA; Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA

Sunday Morning 299er Swiss ..... (12 teams)
- **1E** **Bruce Goldwater – Karen Goldwater, Lake Oswego OR; Joe Rivlin – Nicole Rivlin, Portland OR**
- 2E Lance Clifford – Cookie Clifford, Portland OR; Carol May – Patrick Howard, Beaverton OR
- **3-4E/1-2F** **Brad Hanna – Jeanette Hanna, Clackamus OR; Suzanne Babcock, West Linn OR; Christy Ekroth, Vancouver WA**
- **3-4E/1-2F** **Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Patty McIntosh – Janice Smith, Portland OR; Lisa Korick, Vancouver WA**
- **3F/1G** **Keith Rosenthal – Carol Rosenthal, Sammamish WA; David Smith – Linda Smith, Corvallis OR**

Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss ..... (5 teams)
- 1E/1F Carroll Vaughan – Russell Vaughan – Susie Nadeau, Federal Way WA; Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 2E Glen Scroggins – Stephen Brown, Olympia WA; David Hopkins, Shelton WA; David Langford, Tacoma WA

Sunday Fast Open Pairs ..... (22 pairs)
- 1A **Paul O'Brien, Vancouver WA**; David Vidaver, Sacramento CA
- 2A Edmund Wu – Steve Smolen, San Francisco CA
- **3A/1B** **Frances Gates, Waldport OR; Garry Lowe, Newport OR**
- 2B Douglas Smith – Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV
- 3B Chris Cookson – Beth Cookson, Nanaimo BC

Molly Tinsley & Gee Gee Walker
Tuesday Open Pairs

Rich Carle & Merlin Vilhauer
Thursday Open Pairs

Greg Trautman & Reginia Butler
Wednesday Open Pairs

Sam Asai & Sylvia Riewerts
Saturday Open Pairs

Harriett Kessinger
& Jeanne Schmidt
Wednesday Gold Pairs

Dorothy Guimont
& Susan Kennedy
Friday Gold Pairs

Judy & Jim Scovil
Monday 299er Charity Pairs

Tom & Chris Nielsen
Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs

Bruce Backup & Vince Winters
Saturday Evening 299er Pairs

Zack Woodbury & Gabe Engel
1F Thursday Eve 299er Pairs

John McLoughlin Fri-Sat Compact Knockout

Bracket 1

William Dubay, Andrew Dubay, Glen Perry, Anant Rathi

Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 9450.04 earned by 838 players.
Total attendance: 1553 tables.

1	104.62	Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ
2	103.44	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
3	102.37	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
4	101.31	Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ
5	**88.79**	**Randy Pickett, Portland OR**
	88.79	**John Lusky, Portland OR**
	88.79	**Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR**
8	**73.07**	**John Ashton, Portland OR**
9	69.54	Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA
	69.54	Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA
11	68.04	Doug Hansford, Delta BC
	68.04	Dennis Groden, Surrey BC
13	63.20	Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV
14	**61.14**	**Rich Carle, Longview WA**
15	54.86	Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV
	54.86	Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
17	**54.23**	**Ed Ulman, Portland OR**
18	53.98	Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA
	53.98	Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV
	53.98	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC
21	52.28	Gard Hays, Veradale WA
	52.28	Catherine Creer, Spokane WA
23	**51.14**	**James Elliott, Portland OR**
24	51.09	George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA
25	**50.91**	**Eric Stoltz, Portland OR**
26	49.93	Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
27	**49.52**	**Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR**
28	**49.17**	**Irene Pickett, Portland OR**
29	**48.64**	**Donald Tofte, Portland OR**
30	48.38	Barbara Nist, Seatac WA
31	**45.44**	**Betty Rossmann, Portland OR**
32	**45.38**	**David Brower, Portland OR**
	45.38	Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA
34	**43.76**	**Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR**
35	**41.20**	**Amy Casanova, Portland OR**
36	**41.12**	**Roger McNay, Beaverton OR**
37	**41.00**	**Meg Myers, Beaverton OR**
	41.00	Michael Ring, Bothell WA
	41.00	Michael Christensen, Redmond WA
	41.00	Jennifer Chalfan, Bellevue WA
41	**40.31**	**Charles Swart, Portland OR**
42	39.59	Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA
43	38.70	Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA
	38.70	Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA
45	**37.47**	**Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA**
46	**36.98**	**Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA**
47	34.73	Mary Ose, Sacramento CA
48	**34.54**	**Molly Harris, Portland OR**
49	**34.52**	**Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR**
50	**34.44**	**Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA**
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55	**32.64**	**Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR**
	32.64	**Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR**
57	**32.59**	**Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR**
	32.59	**Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR**
59	**32.17**	**Steve Pessin, Eugene OR**
	32.17	**Ginny Stark, Eugene OR**
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62	**31.79**	**Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA**
63	**31.62**	**Charles Burns, Vancouver WA**
64	**31.59**	**Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR**
65	**31.21**	**Mike Eyer, Lake Oswego OR**
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75	**29.36**	**Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR**
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77	**28.80**	**Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR**
78	**28.32**	**Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR**
79	**28.30**	**Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR**
	28.30	**Becky McKenzie, Corvalis OR**
81	**27.81**	**Edward Lee, Portland OR**
82	**27.76**	**Duane Meador, Vancouver WA**
83	**26.79**	**Kate Montgomery, Portland OR**
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86	**26.41**	**Ray Robert, Portland OR**
87	**26.33**	**James Newfield, Vancouver WA**
89	**26.28**	**Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA**
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92	**25.48**	**Gary Todd, Vancouver WA**
93	**25.41**	**Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR**
	25.41	**Patricia Dennis, Beaverton OR**
95	**25.34**	**Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR**
96	**25.32**	**David Finley, Albany OR**
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98	**25.00**	**Flo Savage, Beaverton OR**
99	**24.93**	**Jon Bartlett, Portland OR**
100	**24.40**	**Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA**
101	24.23	Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR
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104	24.04	Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR
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106	23.82	David Green, Sherwood OR
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108	23.60	Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
109	23.42	Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
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114	22.61	Joseph Stanisiewski, Portland OR
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120	21.68	Betsy McCormick, Portland OR
121	21.52	Mary Hovda, Sandy OR
122	21.51	Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR
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127	20.79	Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR
	20.79	Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
129	20.77	Renee Senior, Vancouver WA
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131	20.46	Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK
132	20.14	Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR
133	19.90	Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
134	19.87	Ron Senn, Beaverton OR
135	19.86	Greg Smith, Corvallis OR
136	19.58	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
137	19.39	Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
138	19.37	Ian Milligan, Corvallis OR
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142	19.12	Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
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144	19.00	Marc Zwerling, Portland OR
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146	18.98	James Weider, Portland OR

Ask John

National Director John Ashton answers your questions on bidding, play or directing.

West	*East*
♠AQJ765	♠3
♥64	♥AK85
♦KJ5	♦AQ72
♣Q2	♣AKJ4

West	*East*
1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥
3NT	4NT
Pass	

Dear John,

West believed 4NT was quantitative. Is that a good assumption? If yes, then how does East ask for aces? What is the best way to bid these hands playing 2/1?

— *Missed yet another slam*

Dear Timid,

In the early days of bridge, 4NT was "always Blackwood." Bidding theory evolved to the point where 4NT over a narrowly defined NT bid (opening 1NT = 15-17, opening 2NT = 20-21, 2NT rebid after a one-level response = 18-19) simply asked partner to go to slam if at the top of his range. This is called a quantitative raise. Opener is allowed to introduce an unknown four- or five-card suit in an effort to identify a fit that may produce a needed extra trick.

My personal belief is that if one member of the partnership has bid 3NT, denying a fit and, in his mind, ending the auction, a raise to 4NT is also quantitative. This approach is particularly useful in 2-over-1 auctions where jumps to show extra strength are unnecessary. Each partner may have an above-average hand with no opportunity to express that power to partner.

I am curious as to what your East was hoping to find out through Blackwood. With 21 prime HCP, the time for 4NT was after 2♠. If partner showed two key-cards with the ♠Q, a subsequent 5NT, confirming possession of all the key cards, should elicit 7NT with a long spade suit that is running opposite a small singleton (seven cards long headed by the ♠AKQ or six including the jack) and any other useful card.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

West	*East*
♠4	♠AQ97632
♥AQ1085	♥K9
♦A3	♦762
♣AJ962	♣K

Dear John,

You've landed in an aggresive 6♠. You survive the first hurdle when the hearts break 3-3 and you're able to pitch your second diamond loser, reducing your hand to seven trumps without having messed up transportation. Despite your failure to will dummy's singleton to morph into the ♠J, it seems there's still a chance you might actually make this if you can bring home the spade suit for one loser. Your only other distributional information is that RHO started with queen-doubleton clubs. What's the best play for 12 tricks?

— *Short by a jack*

Dear Four to a Royal,

By far, the best play for 12 tricks is a spade to the queen. It appears that you received a diamond lead and started to quickly pitch your losers. It would have been better to immediately take the trump finesse because playing hearts early might have given the defense an extra chance to develop a second trump trick. Imagine either defender with both a doubleton heart and a doubleton trump.

You must have had an interesting auction to arrive in 6♠ with this misfitting combination of 27 HCP. Often, just taking 12 tricks on a hand like this will earn an above-average score.

Questions for Ask John can be sent to trumpeteditor@gmail.com.

Tournament Calendar

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

MARCH 2014		
14 – 16	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Linn County Fair/Expo Center, Albany OR
14 – 16	Ontario Sectional	Clarion Inn, Ontario OR
14 – 16	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
21 – 23	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
APRIL 2014		
4 – 6	Garden Isle Sectional	Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI
11 – 13	Redding Spring Sundial Sectional	Anderson City Hall, Anderson CA
12 – 13	Vancouver Spring Senior Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
25 – 27	Seaside Spring Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
MAY 2014		
3 – 4, 10 – 11	Grand National Teams	Online at various locations
May 12 – 18	**HIGH DESERT REGIONAL**	**Sunriver Resort, Sunriver OR**
16 – 18	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
23 – 26	Portland Spring Sectional	Kliever Armory, Portland OR
30 – June 1	Eugene Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
JUNE 2014		
20 – 22	Klamath Falls Sectional	Hope Community Center, Klamath Falls OR
27 – 29	Salem Summer Sectional	Keizer/Salem Senior Center, Keizer OR
JULY 2014		
11 – 13	Cherries Jubilee Sectional	Best Western Hood River Inn, Hood River OR
11 – 13	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
AUGUST 2014		
1 – 3	Sutter Buttes Sectional	Whitaker Hall, Yuba City CA
Aug 4 – 10	**ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL**	**Inn at the Commons, Medford OR**
15 – 17	Vancouver USA Sectional	Fairway Village Clubhouse, Vancouver WA
SEPTEMBER 2014		
5 – 7	Eureka Sectional	Humboldt Grange, Eureka CA
12 – 14	Portland Fall Sectional	Kliever Armory, Portland OR
12 – 14	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Sept 22 – 28	**OREGON COAST REGIONAL**	**Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR**
25 – 28	Gold Country Sectional	Elks Lodge, Nevada City CA
OCTOBER 2014		
3 – 5	Rogue Valley Fall Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
11 – 12	North American Pairs	Online at various locations
17 – 19	Boise Harvest Sectional	Courtyard by Marriott, Meridian ID
18 – 19	Vancouver NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
23 – 26	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR
NOVEMBER 2014		
Oct. 31 – Nov. 2	Redding Sundial Bridge Fall Sectional	Anderson City Hall, Anderson CA
8 – 9	Vancouver Senior Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
14 – 16	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
DECEMBER 2014		
Dec 26 – 31	**RENO HOLIDAY REGIONAL**	**Grand Sierra Resort, Reno NV**

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: *www.d19.org*

March 28-30	Victoria Sectional BC
April 3-5	Yakima Sectional WA
April 7-13	**Vancouver/Burnaby Regional BC**
April 25-27	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
May 1-4	Richland Sectional WA
May 13-18	Anchorage Regional AK
May 23-26	Bothell Sectional WA
June 6-8	Spokane Sectional WA
June 9-15	**Penticton Regional BC**

DISTRICT 21: *www.d21acbl.com*

April 4-6	Santa Clara Valley Sectional, Saratoga CA
April 9-13	Reno Sectional NV
April 26-27	Marin Sectional, Larkspur CA
May 2-4	Orangevale Sectional CA
May 16-18	Lone Cypress Sectional, Marina NV
May 26-June 1	**California Capital Regional**, Sacramento CA
June 7-8	San Francisco Sectional CA

DISTRICT 18: *www.wasumi.org*

April 4-6	Idaho Falls NLM Sectional ID
April 7-13	**Moose Jaw Regional SK**
April 24-27	Twin Falls Sectional ID
May 12-18	**Salt Lake City Regional UT**
May 23-26	Whitefish Sectional MT
June 6-8	Salt Lake City Sectional UT

DISTRICT 17: *www.d17acbl.org*

March 31-April 4	Las Vegas Glitter Gulch Sectional NV
April 7-13	**Mesa Roadrunner Senior Regional AZ**
April 24-27	Tuscon Spring Sectional AZ
May 2-4	Boulder Spring Sectional CO
May 2-4	Santa Fe Sectional NM
May 16-18	Phoenix Sectional AZ
May 20-26	**Denver Regional CO**

DISTRICT 22: *acbldistrict22.com/d22*

April 4-6	Oxnard Sectional CA
April 14-20	**San Diego Regional CA**
May 2-4	Santa Maria Sectional CA
May 2-4	Oceanside Sectional CA
May 16-18	San Diego I/N Sectional CA
May 16-18	Visalia Sectional CA
May 24-26	San Diego Sectional CA
May 31-June 1	Irvine Sectional CA
June 5-7	Santa Barbara Sectional CA
June 9-15	**Riverside Regional CA**

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 20 – 30	**Spring 2014**	**Sheraton, Dallas**
July 17 – 27	**Summer 2014**	**Las Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas**
Nov. 27 – Dec. 7	**Fall 2014**	**Providence Convention Center, RI**
March 12-22	**Spring 2015**	**Marriott, New Orelans**