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Bridge Across the District

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Taylor wins Super Senior Pairs

Jeff Taylor won the Super Senior Pairs playing with former ACBL president Craig Robinson at the Fall NABC in Providence.

Although the event has no masterpoint limit, it is restricted to players over 70, so it doesn't qualify toward making Taylor, who passed 10,000 points last January, a Grand Life Master.

The former district president

was, however, still celebrating the big win four weeks later during the Reno Holiday Regional.

The event consisted of a two-session qualifying round Nov. 30 followed by a two-session final Dec. 1. Taylor and Robinson were second after the first day and finished with a 61.5% in the last session to win by two boards. See page 8 for a deal from the event.

Among other D20 results:

Dan Neill was 1B/2-3A in V & A Loring Stratified Open Pairs.

Jake Olsen and **Dawn Campbell** were 1C/3B in the same event.

Neill also with **Meg Myers** and **Dave Brower** placed 20th in the 0-10,000 Swiss. Brower was 27th in the 0-5,000 Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Suzanne St. Thomas, **Irva Kay Neyhart** and **Brian Breckenridge**

won the Tuesday-Wednesday KO Bracket 2. Campbell and **Elinor Hood** won Bracket 3 of that event.

District 20's top masterpoint winner in Providence was **John Lusky**, who reached the quarterfinal of the Baze Senior KO and placed 21st in the North American Swiss on teams with Barry Rigel. **Huub Bertens** and his team placed 16th in the latter event.

I'm dreaming of a Portland national

The trip to the fall nationals in Providence, Rhode Island, was very interesting. Providence is not an easy place to get to from Portland. Most people traveling from the western part of the U.S. had to make at least one stop, with most of us making two.

The host hotel, the Omni, was connected via a walkway to the Convention Center and also to a large indoor mall where many good and relatively inexpensive restaurants could be found.



Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director

The convention center was very nice, well lit and with easy access to the host hotel and the other hotels nearby.

Providence is considered a "second tier"

city; top tier cities like Las Vegas, Orlando and San Francisco hold NABCs every six years, while second tier cities aren't on any particular rotation. We learned at the meeting that the top-tier hotels are almost pricing themselves out of the game so the ACBL will continue to look at smaller cities like Spokane and Portland!

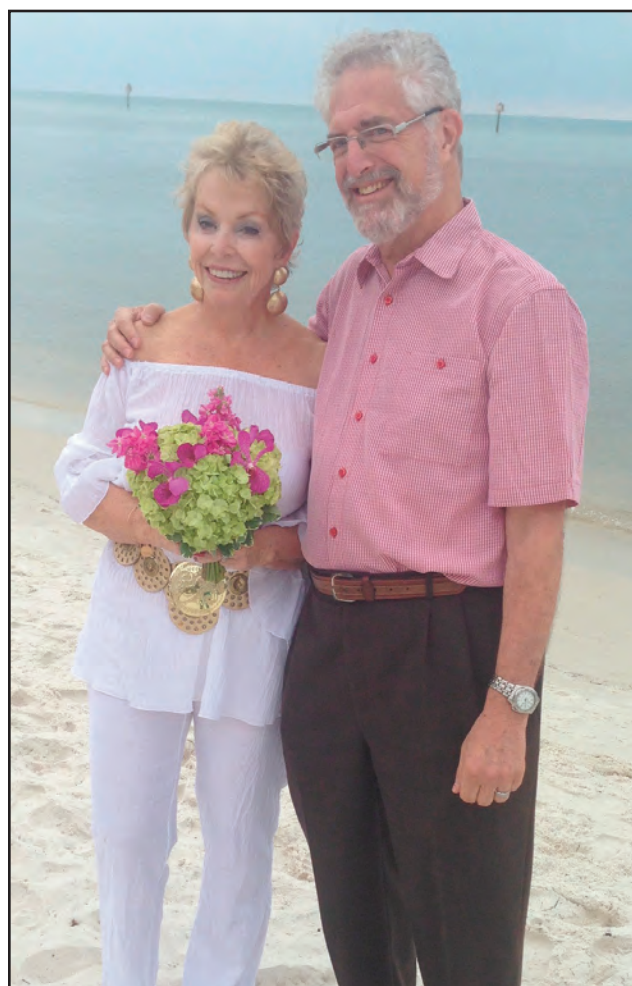
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Suzi Subeck: new ACBL president

Suzi Subeck of Chicago was elected ACBL president for 2015. She represents District 13 on the ACBL board.



Suzi Subeck



Al Wilson and Genevieve Leary of Brookings, Ore., were married Nov. 15 on the beach in Key West, Fla. Wilson surprised Leary by arranging for her family to attend an ostensibly impromptu wedding.

The wedding planner

How a pair of opposites became Brookings' happiest couple — and their surprise nuptials

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

They say opposites attract. When it comes to Al and Genevieve Wilson, they couldn't be more accurate. These two bridge players from Brookings, Ore., met online, although it wasn't exactly love at first chat, as Al describes it.

"I had posted a pretty thorough description of myself and what I value in life," Al said. "Genevieve responded by writing a message that was borderline insulting."

A message so intriguing, Al had to write back to her and find out what could trigger such a response.

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Reno ends on a high note

"I'm gonna miss this place," said Dan Hoekstra of Portland at the start of the final Reno Holiday Regional. "I've been coming to this tournament since the late '60s. It has a lot of memories."

He and a dozen others share their favorite memories of the regional's long (and at times, wild) history on page 7.

"The first regional here was in 1967 — I know because I was there," said Nels Erickson of Reno, another perennial regular.

Forty-seven years later, it ended on a high note, with attendance up 30% over the previous year at 754 tables.

See pages 6-7 for results and photos from Reno's 2014 finale.

Montgomery is new NA events coordinator

'I learned bridge in Kansas at 60 mph'

playing bridge? How did you get into it?

During our family vacations when I was growing up in

Hal Montgomery is District 20's new North American events coordinator, responsible for organizing competitions for North American Pairs and Grand National Teams to qualify those who will represent the district in those events at NABCs. The Trumpet had a few questions for him; here are his answers.

How long have you been



Hal Montgomery

Philadelphia we played a lot of games. Chess, canasta, Monopoly, Risk, hearts. I learned bridge in Kansas at 60 miles an hour while we were driving back to Philly from Pikes Peak. My father drove, my mother dealt, and they taught the children the basics of bidding. I was 14.

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New regional rotation starts

Happy New Year to all in District 20 and beyond! 2015 marks the first year of the new tournament schedule that we have been transitioning to for a while. We have said goodbye to the long-lived Reno Holiday Regional; I am writing this before it happened, but I am sure it was a blast! Even with Reno gone, however, we still have plenty of great tournament venues.

Coming right up is the **Oregon Trail Regional**, Feb. 16-22,

at the lovely Vancouver Hilton. In December they started room renovations, so I hope many of



Marie Ashton
Tournament Manager

your will get to see the changes. For those driving, the parking lot a block south of the Convention Center will be open, as will the Park n Go across the street. Gray's Restaurant will have the tournament menu, and they promise to have a great new option for Sunday between

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My super sweet 16

The year before I became Trumpet editor, I went to eight tournaments. In 2013, my first year on the job, it was 12. Then last year I made it to 16.

This is another pattern that needs to be broken. Just as I successfully avoided repeating my previous pattern of doubling the number of masterpoints I earn from one year to the next by NOT gaining 400 points this year, it is among my goals for 2015 to attend less than 20 tournaments.

It is, of course, perfectly fine for a retired person or one who works within the bridge world to go to 20 tournaments in a year. In fact, if you're able to do so, please do go to 20 — trust me, you'll love it!

But it is resolutely not OK for someone who works full time outside of bridge to attempt this.

When it comes to limiting my bridge to something my body can be reasonably expected to withstand, my only two problems are a general inability to turn down invitations — they are forcing, right? — and an apparently exceptional skill at finding time I don't really have. How else did I convert my 15 total vacation/personal/sick days into 45 playing days at 16 tournaments? Sheer wizardry, I tell you.

By the way, I should point out that among my five regionals, nine sectionals, one national and one online qualifier for a national event in 2014, all of these except the national took place in District 20. I'd actually like to get out to some other places someday, but that isn't currently possible without giving up some of the D20 tournaments that consume all of my vacation time, as they surely will in 2015.

In addition to all these tournaments, I also started playing online last year. I hadn't done that before the GNT, and while I intended to get some practice before, the district final turned out to be my first time. Afterward, however, since I'd created a BBO account, I decided to use it.

For a long time I'd been reluctant to venture out into playing with strangers online because I was afraid of the quality I'd find. Now, having done so, I can report that it's far worse than I ever imagined. But that doesn't really bother me as much as I expected — as long as it's just something to do during lunch at work and it's free. But it's better if I can spend the vast majority of the time defending.

My co-workers do occasionally hear me berating my phone, which can only mean I am dummy and forced to watch a particularly horrific line of play. (But I only yell at the screen because they can't hear me; *not a word* goes into the chat window.) Declaring isn't much better, since that usually means someone has put me in a terrible contract.

Like this hand I played on Christmas Eve with a partner from China who admits to being a beginner.

♠975 ♥KQ ♦A976 ♣AQ104

1♥ is opened on my right, and I overcall a lousy 1NT. This is passed around to RHO, who now bids 2♣.

There's nothing I'd rather defend with this hand than a club contract, so I pass. It looks like things are going well when — please no! — partner balances to 2NT. The 18-point hand is merciful not to double. Dummy comes down with a truly miserable 3 points when the ♥8 is led.

♠Q62 ♥10752 ♦1083 ♣J82

If bad bids were against the law in China, I'd hate to think what might happen to my partner if her government found out about this.

The lady from Texas on my right takes her ♥A (squashing my ♥K) and leads back, of all the things, the ♥J to my known stiff ♥Q. I need an entry to the board to finesse clubs, and since I can't get to the ♥10, I lead my ♥6 and let it ride. The Texan wins her ♥Q (ostensibly denying the ♦J?) and shifts to the ♣3 — ♣4, ♣5, to dummy's ♣8.

Having been granted my entry, I continue with the ♣J, which holds, and the ♣2 to my ♣Q, followed by the ♣A, which drops the ♣K. Since I still can't get to the hearts, I lead another diamond toward the now-stiff ♦10. LHO goes up with the ♦K, crashing the ♦J his partner lied about not having.

LHO now leads a low spade, the suit I've been dreading. Even though RHO's ♠AK tight means I had a stopper all along, I don't know that yet, and I certainly won't risk finding out if she sticks me on the board with a heart.

But RHO helpfully cashes both spades, giving me the rest of the tricks when she leads from ♥963 into dummy's ♠Q♥107. Meaning I've made 2NT — a miracle that in no way excuses the bidding.

Oops, I hoped to tell you about a terrific 22-point slam my partner bid and made in Reno, but I'm out of space, so maybe later.

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Chip Dombrowski
Editor

'70s Atlanta – a great place to start

I first started playing duplicate bridge when I lived in Atlanta in the 1970s. At that time Atlanta had a lot of excellent tournament players that called the city their home and they played at the local clubs on a regular basis. Some of these people included Lou Bloom, Dickie Freeman, Nick Nickell, Grant Baze, Ron Anderson and Randy Pettit.

One night at the club my partner was a young man by the name of Ted Abbott (aka Teddy NT). We eventually got to the table where Ron Anderson was playing with his girlfriend, Cindy Herfer (aka Cindy Heifer). Teddy opened 1♠, Ron made a takeout double, and I held the following cards:

♠AQ10xx ♥AKx ♦KQxx ♣Axx



Don Lowry
Guest Columnist

I redoubled, Cindy bid 2♥, Teddy and Ron passed and when it returned to me I bid 2♠, forcing, which was the final contract. Ron led the ♣K and when the dummy came down he called Claudia Feagin, who was kibitzing Grant, over to see the hand.

Two spades making five was a top because the spade finesse was off in the par 6♣ contract. Ron asked me when I knew Teddy had psyched and my reply was, "As soon as he opened his mouth."

We were young then. Bridge was fun. "Bridge is real. Bridge is earnest. And so is life."

Don Lowry always has a good time at bridge. He can be reached at pestdon@gmail.com.

A light style can make club games quite entertaining

I have the fate of being an ACBL tournament director. That means I work at most of the sectionals and regionals within a 250-mile radius of my home. So my bridge play is mostly limited to club games (usually Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays several times during each month).

I like to play a "light" style at these club games. It allows me to get more involved in the bidding of every hand; and that approach can often turn a fairly mundane hand into quite an exciting challenge! To paraphrase a famous saying, "Bid early and bid often!" (*Warning: Results of these light bids will vary, so don't try this at home unless prepared to deal with potential consequences.*)

We recently had a Charity Club Championship in Chico CA. It was one of those days when there were a multitude of "incredible" hands (all hands shuffled and dealt, of course).

Things really got interesting in Round 5. As Dealer, all nonvul, I picked up:

♠AQ7642 ♥3 ♦7 ♣Q8542



Steve Kaessner
Guest Columnist

Sure, there's only 8 high-card points, but look at that distribution and a six-card spade suit! So I boldly opened the bidding with 1♠. LHO bid 2♥ and partner leaped to 4♠. OK, fine, I'm not vulnerable.

Then RHO bid 5♥ and so (with no defense) I had to bid 5♠. That pushed RHO to 6♥. Thankfully partner doubled, so I was off the hook for another decision. As it was, we could actually make 6♠! The whole deal:

♠ K93	
♥ 9	
♦ AQ92	
♣ AJ1097	
♠ 8	♠ J105
♥ AQ642	♥ KJ10875
♦ KJ643	♦ 1085
♣ K3	♣ 6
♠ AQ7642	
♥ 3	
♦ 7	
♣ Q8542	

With the ♠K on side, we have 6♠ all day. The traveler revealed that only one pair bid and made 6♠; but beating 6♥ doubled three tricks was still a very good result.

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In Memoriam



Doug Thayer with Darius Jackson in 2004.

and in the online bridge forums.

The best way to honor Doug is to recall our great memories with him. One of my wife's favorites is my story about how I spent my 21st birthday, which I celebrated by going out to dinner with Doug. He took me out for a fancy dinner, and since I had no idea what type of alcohol to order, I followed Doug's lead in ordering a glass of chardonnay — his favorite. After dinner, we went to the bridge club and won. It was a great birthday.

Throughout his life, Doug held tight the happy things in his life. For the past few years, my wife mailed him a tin of Christmas cookies. Last March, he called to say he was really enjoying one of those cook-

ies. It turns out that he'd frozen the cookies to prolong his enjoyment. I got a great laugh over picturing him eating Christmas cookies from a Santa Claus tin while he played bridge into the wee hours of the morning, many months after the holiday. Doug always relished joy when he found it, no matter how small (or how stale!).

To me, Doug was so much more than a great bridge partner. He was my confidant, my mentor, my best friend, my family. Anytime I picked up the phone to dial his number, he was at the other end ready to listen. Doug always had my back, and I could do no wrong in his eyes. He loved me, was a great ally, and treated me like a son. For 15 years, we shared our lives together — good and bad — regardless of how close we were geographically. It's this friendship that I'll miss the most.

After Doug passed, many have e-mailed me with their own stories and memories with Doug. The footprint he left in our lives, bridge clubs and community was indelible and won't be forgotten. Words really can't describe what a great friend Doug was, how important he was to his friends and family, what an inspiration he was during times of struggle, or how much he'll be missed.

— Darius Jackson

Doug Thayer

June 11, 1947 – Nov. 7, 2014

I met Doug more than 15 years ago when I was still in high school. I had recently learned to play bridge, and as I climbed the ranks within the bridge club, I discovered that Doug was a pretty big deal. For awhile, my friend Josh Kvidt and I used to play bridge together, and anytime we had a dispute over a call, I would run to Doug and ask him to judge the situation. This both endeared me to Doug and caused Josh to label me as a pretty annoying bridge partner — always calling in the big guns! Before long, Doug and I were partners at the club

Deaths

Barbara Bennett — 77, of McMinnville OR died Oct. 14, 2014.
Sue Maly — 72, of Vancouver WA died Nov. 25, 2014.
Gayle Stroud — 71, of Florence OR died Jan. 7, 2015.
Doug Thayer — 67, of Lebanon OR died Nov. 7, 2014.
Phyllis Williams — 80, of Grants Pass OR died Sept. 11, 2014.



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New Life Masters: Please send a photo for publication by email.

NAP AND GNT

Tell me your stories about NA events experiences

I am the new North American events coordinator. I hope to increase the participation in our North American events by building on the online frame work established under the leadership of **Rich Carle**.

Sue Kroning wrote a wonderful article that appeared in the November issue of the Trumpet. I recommend it to everyone in our district. She wrote about her experience playing in this year's NAP (North American Pairs). In her article she mentions many of the issues that our North American Events Committee has been grappling with over the years.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

Before we started hosting the event online, Sue and others had to drive to a different city, often Portland, to play. She wrote that she didn't have much fun and they never did it again. This year she was inspired to play in the event now that she didn't have to travel away from her local area. I hope that many others are inspired to try out our new format. It would be wonderful for our members throughout our district, from Boise to Guam, from Kona to Redding, to join in and play.

Sue also wrote about one of the problems with online play. Many players are not used to playing online. There is a learning curve that Sue and her group

tackled in advance. They got together and practiced. They played some relaxed bridge before they jumped into the main event. I am sure this informal bridge is not much different than most of our first experiences with bridge. Most of us played kitchen or dorm bridge when we were starting out. We didn't start out as the experienced players we are today.

Sue wrote about some problems with our online event that I hope to be able to solve. Just as our players are new to online play our administrators and directors are also new. We have only had two years of online play. We need to develop educational materials and procedural handouts so everyone will know what to expect and can minimize their mechanical errors.

These are my favorite events of the year. You get to play in a national championship event without leaving your local area. You can play in one of the flights with players of your own skill level and if you do well, you receive a substantial subsidy to go play at the next level.

I urge anyone to write to me with problems you have experienced in our events. Be sure to include some helpful suggestions. I also hope many people will write to me about their positive experiences in these wonderful events; events that have been made more accessible by our online format.

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Montgomery: Plans practice events

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I can only remember ever playing once after that until preseason college football. Four freshmen and a sophomore, all line-men, started playing to ease the pain of thrice a day practices. The sophomore was soon replaced by another freshman who became my partner. Our foursome played a lot of dorm bridge and ate a lot of pizza.

I remember my first duplicate. An upperclassman back from Vietnam had a car and took us to play in the Friday night game at Freeman and Suzanne Mason's house. During the ride he taught us Pinpoint Astro and Flannery. He told us these were essential if we were going to have any chance. Armed with these two essentials and Stayman and Blackwood we played.

Of interest was the fact that this club game held in the basement of a family home in the fall of 1970 was scored by computer. All four of those in that car still play duplicate bridge.

How long have you been on the North American Events Committee? Why that?

I wanted to be of some service to bridge in our area. I have had some success in the North American events and thought I could help. I served in Rich Carle's committee the last three years and agreed to become the coordinator now that Rich is stepping down. Rich spearheaded the change to online play. I think we all owe him our thanks for the work he has done. I think that with a district as spread out as ours, online play is the most practical

way to hold our contests.

What are your plans as coordinator?

My challenge as the new coordinator is to address the issues with online play and through outreach and education expand our districts participation. The flexibility of online play provides everyone a chance to play without having to travel hundreds or thousands of miles. We now have more brackets for people to play in and far larger subsidies for our winners. Changes to our formats will increase the number of masterpoints available for some of our brackets. I plan to develop ACBL point-paying practice events that will help overcome player's anxiety over the online format.

What do you do/enjoy outside of bridge?

Our family has been the focus of our lives away from bridge. However, now that our own children are grown and have moved on with their lives, Kate and I have become foster parents for the Oregon Youth Authority. Our foster children sometimes accompany us to bridge tournaments and have even started to work as caddies.

They often accompany us on our hikes throughout the Northwest. We have been to the Olympic peninsula, Mount St. Helens, throughout the Colombia River Gorge, Saddle Mountain and Seaside, Silver Falls and Forest Park. We hope to go on the Pacific Coast Trail this summer.

Hal Montgomery is seeking stories about experiences competing in North American events. See story at left for details.

District 20 Grand National Teams 2015 Finals

Win a trip to the summer NABCs in Chicago!
Winning teams in each flight will receive \$2,000
from District 20 for travel expenses.

Club Qualifying going on now!

Eligible players are members in good standing from District 20 who played in GNT club qualifying games (*club qualifying is September-February*). 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 4, 2015.

Flight	MP limits	Date and event format
Championship	none	Fri/Sat, Apr. 24-25: 3-session qualifier, RR* Sun, Apr. 26: 2-session KO
Flight A	under 6000	Sat, May 2: 2-session qualifying; Sun, May 3: 2 session KO*
Flight B	under 2500	Sun, Apr. 26, 2-session Swiss or RR
Flight C	NLM (< 500)	Saturday, May 2, 2-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 \$2,000 subsidy. The National Finals will be held during the Summer NABCs in Chicago Aug. 6-16, 2015. 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 Hal Montgomery at dewitt@imaginata.com or phone (503) 583-3717.

Boise Sweetheart Sectional

Unit 394

February 6-8, 2015

The Boise Hotel and Conference Center
3300 Vista Ave., Boise, ID
1 (888)-714-5216 or 208-343-4900
(Guest room rates: \$64.99/night)

Friday, February 6

Stratified Open Pairs 1 and 6 p.m.
(single sessions)
0-100 Pairs (single session) 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 7

Stratified Open Pairs 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.
(2-session play-through)
0-100 Pairs (single session) 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 8

Stratified Swiss Teams 10 a.m.
(two sessions)
0-100 Swiss Teams 10 a.m.
(single session)

Masterpoint Ranges

A = Unlimited B = 500-1500 C = 0-500
Stratification for pair and team events by average masterpoints

Entry fees

\$9 per session for ACBL members
\$3 additional for non-ACBL or unpaid members
\$96 per Swiss team Sunday includes lunch
\$36 per 0-100 single-session Swiss team

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THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Upcoming sectionals

Boise
The Boise Sweetheart Sectional will be held Feb. 6-8 at the Boise Hotel & Conference Center. See ad page 3 for details.

Maui
The Maui Snowbird Sectional will be held Feb. 6-8 at the Maui Bridge Club. See ad this page for details.

Kona
The Big Island Sectional will be held Feb. 21-23 at Makua Lani Christian Academy in Kailua Kona HI. See ad this page for details.

Albany
The Heart of the Valley Sectional will be held Feb. 27-March 1 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany OR. See ad this page for details.

Ontario
The Ontario Sectional will be held March 13-15 at the Clarion Inn in Ontario OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Chico
The Almond Blossom Sectional will be held March 27-29 at the Eagles Hall in Chico CA. See ad page 5 for details.

Medford Spring Sectional canceled
A Rogue Valley Sectional previously scheduled for March 13-15 in Phoenix OR has been canceled. The unit will instead focus on preparation for the Rogue Valley Regional, May 11-17, in Medford.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Boise Harvest (118 tables)

- 1

20.81

Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 2

19.63

John Cissel, Boise ID
- 3

18.31

Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR
- 18.31

K C Jones, Boise ID
- 5

13.76

Jim Thomas, Boise ID
- 6

13.31

Dean Pierose, Boise ID
- 7

10.90

Steve Nafus, Boise ID
- 8

10.05

Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 10.05

Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 10

9.88

Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID
- 11

9.48

Kathy Downen, Boise ID
- 9.48

Charlotte Miller, Boise ID

Newport (167 tables)

- 1

19.00

Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 2

15.04

Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR
- 3

14.62

Steven Pessin, Eugene OR
- 14.62

Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 14.62

Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR
- 14.62

Ginny Stark, Eugene OR
- 7

13.21

Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
- 13.21

James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 9

11.94

Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 11.94

Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 11

10.51

Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
- 10.51

Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA
- 13

9.99

Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
- 14

9.83

Renee Ferrera, Portland OR
- 9.83

J Goldsmith, Boca Raton FL
- 16

9.47

Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR
- 9.47

Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR
- 18

8.99

Frances Gates, Waldport OR

Nampa-Caldwell (118 tables)

- 1

11.72

Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID
- 11.72

Bob Donaldson, Ogden UT
- 3

11.07

Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 11.07

Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 5

10.84

Julia Christensen, Boise ID

- 6

9.61

Larry Chase, Boise ID
- 7

9.56

Nancy Feldman, Boise ID
- 8

8.87

Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR
- 8.87

K C Jones, Boise ID
- 10

8.49

Don Robinson, Boise ID
- 11

7.88

Anna Holley, Boise ID
- 12

7.83

Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID
- 7.83

Jim Thomas, Boise ID
- 14

7.82

Peggy Faylor, Nampa ID

Redding (100 tables)

- 1

13.13

Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 13.13

Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 3

10.88

James Flint, Ashland OR
- 4

10.28

Patsy Florence, Klamath Falls OR
- 10.28

Laila Griffith, Klamath Falls OR
- 6

9.26

Bob Wierman, Anderson CA
- 7

8.84

Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR
- 8

7.95

Jerrald Anderson, Shasta Lake CA
- 9

7.80

Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR
- 7.80

David Wilmington, Eureka CA
- 11

7.69

Joanne Weillbrenner, Redding CA
- 12

7.65

Kenneth Murray, Redding CA
- 7.65

Carole Schmitz, Redding CA

Vancouver Senior (115 tables)

- 1

15.12

Howard Epley, Kent WA
- 15.12

Barbara Nist, Seatac WA
- 3

10.66

Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 4

9.46

Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 5

9.00

Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 6

8.85

Duane Meador, Vancouver WA
- 7

7.64

Ron Senn, Beaverton OR
- 7.64

D Senn, Beaverton OR
- 9

7.60

Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 10

7.34

Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Honolulu Tom Lum (134 tables)

- 1

23.43

Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
- 2

18.54

Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI

- 3

17.42

Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
- 4

13.09

Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
- 5

12.77

Patsy Lum, Honolulu HI
- 6

12.40

Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
- 7

10.65

Thomas Fagan, Kailua HI
- 10.65

Katie Fagan, Kailua HI
- 9

10.51

Peter Galbraith, Kaneohe HI
- 10.51

Catherine Hess, Kaneohe HI
- 11

10.23

Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 12

10.18

Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI

West Willamette (77 tables)

- 1

11.92

David Brower, Portland OR
- 2

11.75

Ron Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 3

10.60

Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR
- 10.60

Bob Johnstone, Portland OR
- 5

9.00

Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
- 6

8.36

Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA
- 8.36

Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
- 8

7.75

Mike Redden, Portland OR
- 7.75

Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 7.75

Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA

East Willamette NLM (28 tables)

- 1

5.88

Mike Stoner, Portland OR
- 5.88

Judy Stoner, Portland OR
- 3

4.00

Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
- 4

3.34

Diane Mackenzie, Portland OR
- 3.34

Carolyn Murphy, Portland OR

Corvallis 299er (38 tables)

- 1

5.97

Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
- 5.97

Aaron Cohen, Portland OR
- 3

3.87

Ryan Porter, Corvallis OR
- 3.87

Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR
- 5

3.70

Susan Braden, McMinnville OR
- 3.70

Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 3.70

Michael Green, Yamhill OR
- 3.70

Ann Teal, McMinnville OR
- 9

3.57

Ann Mills, Corvallis OR

27th-annual

Maui Snowbird Sectional

Feb. 6-8, 2015

Maui Bridge Club • 131 South Kihei Road • Kihei, HI 96753

(808) 891-1093

Friday, Feb. 6

Stratified Open Pairs, single session9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Stratified Open Pairs, single session9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8

Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions) 9 a.m., TBA

Stratification

A: 1000+

B: 300-1000

C: 0-300

Entry fees

\$8 per session, single session; \$11 unpaid and non-ACBL members. Swiss teams: \$88 per team; \$94 per 5-man team (fee includes lunch between sessions)

Tournament & Partnership Chair

Jack Patnode: jacknode@fastmail.fm

(808) 876-0140

Tournament Director

Ned Downey

Sanction #S1502050

Hawaii 2015

Big Island Sectional

February 20-22

ACBL Unit 469

Hilo, Kona, Waikoloa

The Bridge Building

Makua Lani Christian Academy

74-4966 Kealaka'a St.

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Schedule

Friday, Feb. 20

Stratified open pairs: 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Stratified 299er pairs: 10 a.m.

(stratified at Director's discretion)

Saturday, Feb. 21

Stratified Swiss Teams: 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

(20 VP scale & stratified by average)

Sunday, Feb. 22

Stratified open pairs: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.

Stratified 299er pairs: 9 a.m.

(stratified at Director's discretion)

Chairperson: Liz Holey, (808) 443-7708 (cell);

lizholey@me.com. Partnerships: Marline Sabo,

(808)-326-4700; (808) 990-1876 (cell);

konasabo@hawaii.r.com

Entry fees

Open pairs events: \$10 per player; \$13 per unpaid or non-ACBL member.

Swiss Teams: \$100 per team of 4, plus \$10 for each additional player.

299er pairs events: \$8 per player; \$11 unpaid or non-ACBL members.

*Free play for a player in an open or 299er event with fewer than 5 master points and is a paid ACBL member.

Stratification

by average

A=Open

B=500-1500 MP

C=500 MP and below

299er=0-300 MP

Unit 477

Heart of the valley sectional

Feb. 27-March 1, 2015

Linn County (Albany) Fair & Expo Center

3700 Knox Butte Road NE, Albany, OR 97322

ACBL member: \$9 per player, per session • Non-ACBL (or unpaid member): \$12 per player, per session

Friday, Feb. 27

1 p.m.*

Stratified Pairs

Strat A: 2000+

7 p.m.*

Stratified Pairs

Strat B: 500 – 2000

Strat C: 0 – 500

(Strat determined by top player)

*These are separate events, not play-through

Saturday, Feb. 28

11 a.m.

Stratified Pairs

Strat A: 2000+

4 p.m.

Stratified Pairs

Strat B: 500 – 2000

Strat C: 0 – 500

Sunday, March 1

10 a.m. and TBA

Louise Wang two-session stratified Swiss Teams

(Strat determined by team average)

Tournament Coordinator: Wanda Knight

(541) 497-3765, cyclergal@yahoo.com

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(541) 745-7043, (541) 740-9213 (cell);

bethannaronoff@gmail.com

Director: John Gram

RV parking available at the Expo Center!

Sanction #S1503097

The Bidding Toolbox

Taking the mystery out of responsive doubles

Most duplicate bridge players are familiar with takeout and negative doubles. 1♠, double implies four hearts and tolerance for clubs and diamonds. 1♥, double implies four spades and tolerance for the other two suits. One minor, double implies support for the other three suits.

And many of us use support doubles and redoubles, showing three-card support for responder's suit after we open the



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bidding, when RHO bids over or doubles responder's call.

Example: 1♣, pass, 1♥, 1♠, double, showing three hearts support. Or: 1♣, pass, 1♠, double, redouble, showing three spades for partner.

When opener supports responder's suit instead of doubling or redoubling RHO, responder knows his partner has support of four or more, since he would have used the support double or redouble to show exactly three.

But how many of us check the little box on the convention card next to "Responsive Doubles"?

Regular partnerships who learn how to use responsive doubles add a very useful gadget to their bidding toolbox.

In a nutshell, responsive doubles can be used following an opening bid by the opponents, a bid or takeout double by your partner, and a two- or three-level raise by the opener's partner. You as advancer can double to communicate important information about your hand.

It is used only when the responder has supported opener with a raise. And these parameters are part of the system:

You, as responsive doubler, have 8 to 11 scattered points (including distribution).

If the opening is a major, the responsive double shows better distribution in the minor suits, otherwise it would be smarter to support partner's implied major.

If the opening is a minor suit, the responsive double shows the majors. You're asking partner, who made a takeout double, to choose his better major.

Here's an example:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Double	2♣	Double

West, with:

♠ Qxxx
♥ QJxx
♦ Qxxx
♣ x

makes a responsive double to show both majors, asking partner to pick a major. If partner has made a takeout double with diamonds and a strong hand, he'll let you know with his next bid.

West is too weak to cuebid the clubs, so he shows his holding rather than guess which suit his partner would prefer.

When the bidding goes like this:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Double	2♠	Double

West, with 8-11 points and, say, 3=2=4=4, shows his two minor suits with his responsive double. East must now bid a minor. Or he can pass if North makes a bid. Or he can bid his suit if he doubled with a strong one-suiter.

Sometimes your partner may overcall instead of making a takeout double. You

can still use the responsive double if responder raises opener's suit. Example:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2♥	Double

Your responsive double as West shows the unbid suits. Not only are your values important, but so is your distribution and losing trick count. You may hold, in this case, three hearts and know that partner is short in that suit.

When is a double in fourth seat not a responsive double?

♦ When partner has overcalled 1NT, the double in fourth seat is penalty.

♦ When partner has doubled a preemptive (weak two) opener, the double in fourth seat is not responsive.

♦ If partner has made a strong jump overcall in second seat, the double in fourth seat is not responsive.

♦ And when third seat bids a new suit, the double by fourth seat becomes optional.

When should you simply cuebid the opponents' suit instead of making a responsive double? When your holding is stronger by virtue of your distribution. For example:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Double	2♣	3♣

West's cue bid shows distributional strength with a hand such as:

♠ QJ10xxx
♥ QJ10xxx
♦ x
♣ —

Your partner should consider a game in a major suit. And when partner picks the suit, the lead comes up to him through the stronger opponent's (opener's) hand.

If you decide to add responsive doubles to your toolbox, make sure you and your partner have a firm agreement about the meanings and applications of the tool.

To contact Jim Flint, email him at pubathome@yahoo.com.

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

Sissy Aaron, Kaneohe HI
Peter Addis, Corvallis OR
Martha Bertelsen, Medford OR
Frances Cano, Honolulu HI
Bart Caridio, Cottage Grove OR
Shaohua Chen, Salem OR
Kate Claeys, Springfield OR
Scott Clifford, Corvallis OR
Patricia Coelius, Montague CA
Nancy Cole, Salem OR
Carol Custodio, Ashland OR

Marion Elkjer, Medford OR
Avette Gaiser, Neotsu OR
B. Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR
Ross Hibler, Salem OR
Kathryn Holman, Corvallis OR
Patrick Iler, Central Point OR
Ruth Johnson, Warrenton OR
Steven Keplinger, Montague CA

Sally Kloppenburg, Corvallis OR
Nancy Miho, Lake Oswego OR
Michael Pham, Portland OR
Dian Poujade, Vancouver WA
Fred Poujade, Vancouver WA
Paul Richards, Corvallis OR
Michael Roberts, Portland OR
Dick Royes, Imbler OR
Alan Slotkin, Eagle ID
Catherine Swanson, Oregon City OR
Douglas Wentz, Corvallis

Welcome!

2015 Ontario Sectional

Clarion Inn
(formerly Holiday Inn)

1249 Tapadera Ave., Ontario, Oregon
541-889-8621

Friday, March 13

Stratified Pairs (individual session)..... 1 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (individual session)..... 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Stratified Pairs (individual session)..... 10:30 a.m.
Stratified Pairs (individual session)..... 4 p.m.

All Stratified Events: C = 0-500; B = 500-1000; A = 1000+
0-200 Games

Stratification for pair and team events by average MPs

Sunday, March 15

Swiss Teams 10:30 a.m.

Play-through, stratified (average of team members) (win-loss)

Entry Fees:\$9 Per Session
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members: \$12 Per Session

~ Luncheon served between sessions: \$7 ~

Tournament Chair: Joyce Whittet, jwhittet@fmtc.com

Partnership Chairs: Dolores Echanis, (541) 889-5251, rkroberts@q.com; and Lorinda Pearson, (541) 889-3541

Director in Charge: Michael Weber

Lodging available on site (ask for Bridge rate); restaurant/bar on site

Come join us for some good food, great hospitality and some fantastic bridge!

Non-smoking Tournament • Sanction # 1503128

Almond Blossom 2015 Sectional

March 27-29

Unit #457

Eagles Hall, 1940 Mulberry, Chico, CA

Friday, March 27

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
Stratified 299ers, single sessions

Saturday, March 28

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, double session
- (International fund game, play through)
- Single-session players welcome
Stratified 299ers, single sessions

Sunday, March 29

10 a.m. and TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams
Stratified Open Teams
- 20-point victory scale
- 8 boards/6 rounds, out by 6 p.m.

Open Pairs stratifications

A=2000+
B=750-2000
C=0-750 (NLM)
D=150-300
E=50-150
F=0-50

(Brackets may be adjusted by the director)

Fees

\$10 per session; \$13 for unpaid or non-ACBL members

Sandwiches and other refreshments will be available for purchase during the Sunday intermission

Partnership Chair: Mark Bloom, (530) 899-3387; mpbloom2@aol.com


Co-Chairs: Doug Jacob, (530) 342-6144; and Clive Frazier, (530) 228-9416

Free food, coffeee and door prizes
This is a zero-tolerance policy event

Sanction #S1503090

WINNERS AT THE RENO HOLIDAY REGIONAL

Bracket 1




Holiday Fri-Sat Knockout

Kevin Rosenberg, Debbie Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg, Adam Kaplan

This team also won the top bracket of the Tahoe Sun-Mon Knockout and the Welcome '15 Tuesday Compact Knockout.

Bracket 1




Jackpot Sat-Sun Morning Compact Knockout

Om Chokriwala, Paul Kushner, Sheldon Zimblar, Gary Nitzberg

Nitzberg and Zimblar also won the Nevada Sat-Sun Knockout Bracket 2 with Paul Blumberg and James Paschal.

Bracket 1



Double Down Mon-Tues Morning Compact Knockout

Mark Itabashi, Peter Gelfand, Edmund Wu, Steve Smolen

Itabashi and Gelfand also won the Tuesday Open Pairs.

Bracket 2



Tahoe Sun-Mon Knockout

Doug Laird, Chip Dombrowski, Irva Kay Neyhart, Brian Breckenridge



Sunday Evening Swiss

Mike Keller, Suzanne St Thomas, Terry Ansnes, Kemble Yates



Welcome Side Series, Friday Evening Side Game

Bryan Morgan and Steve Kaessner



Saturday Evening Side Game

Anant Rathi and David Weinberg

Friday, Dec. 26

Friday Open Pairs (22 pairs)

1A Gary Hann, Interlochen MI; Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA

2A/1B Christina van Leeuwen – David Macrae, Horn Lake MS

3A Vandana Vidwans, Fremont CA; Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA

2B Anant Rathi, San Diego CA; David Weinberg, Reno NV

3B Douglas Smith – Paul Jorgensen, Carson City NV

1C Douglas Schmickrath, Los Altos Hills CA; Francine Dais, Sacramento CA

2C William Rawlings, Broomfield CO; Jean Ingram, Wellington CO

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (12 pairs)

1A/1C Edwin Straver – Regina Straver, Incline Village NV

2A **Jeff Jacob, Vancouver WA; Rich Carle, Longview WA**

3A Richard Price, Fort Worth TX; Karla Tracy, Henderson NV

2B/C Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA; Douglas Campbell, Highland Park CA

3B Chuck Abramo – Jo Murray, Ketchum ID

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

1D Russell Kirschenbaum – David Snyder, Oakland CA

2D/1E/1F Trudy Bittman – John Brownell, Carson City NV

3D/2E Mary Jo Rutherford, Ketchum ID; Judith Baer, San Francisco CA

3E/2F Peter Ward – Paul Ferber, Reno NV

Friday Evening Side Pairs (12 pairs)

1A **Steve Kaessner, Chico CA;** Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX

2A/1B/1C Douglas Campbell, Highland Park CA; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA

3A **Rich Carle – Fax Koontz, Longview WA**

2B Michael Gosnell – Julia Gosnell, Walnut Creek CA

3B/2C Sharon Neff, Lincoln CA; Pamela Whitney, Richmond TX

Friday Evening 299er Pairs (6 pairs)

1D/E David Snyder – Russell Kirschenbaum, Oakland CA

2D/E Janet Linebarger – Mark Huth, Portland OR

Friday Evening Side Swiss (14 teams)

1A Corey Krantz, Philadelphia PA; Joseph Rich, Forest Hills NY; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV

2A Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Martin Blain – Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA

3A William Callaham – Judi Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA; Hank Eng, San Antonio TX

1B/1C Linzhi Hu – Michael Hu – Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Leila Mattinger, Cupertino CA

2B **Richard Mallon – Betty Coursey, Boise ID; Arthur Crawford – Leslie Muir, Meridian ID**

Saturday, Dec. 27

Holiday Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 (14 teams)

1 Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg – Kevin Rosenberg – Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA

2 Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Samuel Hirschman, Ann Arbor MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA

3/4 Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA

3/4 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Robert Porter, Henderson NV; Kenji Miyakuni – Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan

Holiday Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2 (16 teams)

1 Elaine Moore – Thomas Shudic, Burbank CA; Frank Holmes, Haines AK; William LeMaire, El Sobrante CA

2 Kathryn Von Dohre, Concord CA; Lois Flock, Oakland CA; Ruth Baker, Valencia CA; Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA

3/4 **Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR;** Donald Parsons, Reno NV; Joanne Onstine-Dill, Sparks NV

3/4 **Sam Aucoin – William Pearman – Nancy Baker, Honolulu HI;** Bo Xiao, Fremont CA

Saturday Open Pairs (28 pairs)

1A **Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR; Mike Keller, Medford OR**

2A Lin Goldstein – Daniel Green, Reno NV

3A Gary Hann, Interlochen MI; Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA

1B Paul Pugsley – Douglas Smith, Carson City NV

2B Richard Michelsen – Thomas Howell, Reno NV

3B Michael Gosnell – Julia Gosnell, Walnut Creek CA

1C Don Peterson – Beverly Meyer, Carson City NV

2C Douglas Schmickrath, Los Altos Hills CA; Francine Dais, Sacramento CA

3C Lee Dunn – Bobbi Kornbluth, Reno NV

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (12 pairs)

1-2A/1B Mark Marty, Clayton CA; Kathryn Von Dohre, Concord CA

1-2A Yasuko Hiruki, Edmonton AB; Jack Triplett, Inkorn ID

3A Jerry Premo, Sacramento CA; Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV

2B/1C Sandra Andre – Bob Shuken, Auburn CA

3B/2C **Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR;** Maye Jones, Minot ND

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (26 pairs)

1A/1B Christina van Leeuwen – David MacRae, Horn Lake MS

2A Paul Harding, New Westminster BC; **Molly Harris, Portland OR**

3A Philip Monyer, Middletown PA; John Stonebraker, Magalia CA

2B Reba Jo Berland, Reno NV; Lillian Johnson, Sparks NV

3B/1C Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA

2C Sandra Andre – Bob Shuken, Auburn CA

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3-4C Michael Schwimmer – John Swanson, Reno NV

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3-4C Michael Schwimmer – John Swanson, Reno NV

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (17 pairs)

1D/1E Karla Reynolds, Scottsdale AZ; Judith Lucas, Cincinnati OH

2D/2E/1F Leon Kowaleski – Shirley Kowaleski, Saratoga CA

3D Russell Kirschenbaum – David Snyder, Oakland CA

3E Suzanne Jones – Jane Martin, Reno NV

2F Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA; Duncan Macvean, El Dorado CA

Reno Youth Open Pairs (18 pairs)

1 Henry Weisberg – Nathan Ly, Reno NV

2 Brent Xiao – Rory Xiao, Fremont CA

3 Sarah Macharg – Matt Oakley, Reno NV

Saturday Evening Side Pairs (20 pairs)

1A/1B Anant Rathi, San Diego CA; David Weinberg, Reno NV

2A Paul Harding, New Westminster BC; **Molly Harris, Portland OR**

3-4A **Richard Carle, Longview WA;** Doug Handler, Berkeley CA

3-4A Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Richard Meffley, Fresno CA

2B/1C Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA

3B/2C Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR

3C Russell Kirschenbaum – David Snyder, Oakland CA

Saturday Evening Side Swiss (15 teams)

1A Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA

2A Corey Krantz, Philadelphia PA; Joseph Rich, Forest Hills NY; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Shannon Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL

3A/1B **Steve Kaessner, Chico CA;** Michael Farebrother – Ellen Kuiper, Calgary AB; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX

2B Mark Lundblad – Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Jonathan Holmes, North Hills CA; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA

3B Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Zev Bogan – Susan Bogan, Fair Oaks CA

1C Constance Singleton – Sharon Haley – Mary McManus, Houston TX; Maye Jones, Minot ND

Sunday, Dec. 28

Nevada Sat-Sun KO Bracket 1 (16 teams)

1 Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA; Stephen Hosch, Las Vegas NV; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ron La Cour – Anne La Cour, Freeland WA

2 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Edmund Wu – Steve Smolen, San Francisco CA

3/4 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Nels Erickson, Reno NV; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA

3/4 Judi Callaham – William Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA; Hank Eng, San Antonio TX

Nevada Sat-Sun KO Bracket 2 (15 teams)

1 Paul Blumberg, Sparks NV; James Paschal, Reno NV; Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; Sheldon Zimblar, Zephyr Cove NV

2 **Arthur Crawford – Leslie Muir, Meridian ID; Betty Coursey – Richard Mallon, Boise ID**

3/4 Charles Conrad – Ann Conrad, Castro Valley CA; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA; Kate Hare, Alameda CA

3/4 William Glass, Clovis CA; Mark Marty, Clayton CA; Nancy Blackwell, Sparks NV; Sharon Bahry, Reno NV

Jackpot Morning Compact KO 1 (8 teams)

1 Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA; Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV; Sheldon Zimblar, Zephyr Cove NV

2 **John Zamboni, Caldwell ID;** Denis Racine, Pittsburg CA; Edna Pierson, Jerome ID; Joe Blackford, Lincoln CA

Jackpot Morning Compact KO 2 (7 teams)

1 Rochelle Gutmann – Kathleen Weiman – Ann Wainright – John Wainright, Cupertino CA

2 David Snyder – Russell Kirschenbaum, Oakland CA; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA; Kate Hare, Alameda CA

Sunday AB Pairs (34 pairs)

1A/1B Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA; Mike Caillean, Santa Clara CA

2A Ray Miller, Seattle WA; Jennifer Chalfan, Bellevue WA

3A Daniel Green, Reno NV; Bob Luebke, Walnut Creek CA

2B **John Zamboni, Caldwell ID;** Denis Racine, Pittsburg CA

3B David MacRae – Christina van Leeuwen, Horn Lake MS

Sutter's Mill Gold Pairs (24 pairs)

1C Richard Michelsen – Kairong Michelsen, Reno NV

2C William Rawlings, Broomfield CO; Jean Ingram, Wellington CO

3C/1D Marie-France Ghent – Cherri Ross, Reno NV

2D Russell Kirschenbaum – David Snyder, Oakland CA

3D/1E Sidney Inouye – Emma Miller, Reno NV

2E Mary Jo Rutherford, Ketchum ID; Judith Baer, San Francisco CA

Sunday Morning Side Swiss (8 teams)

1A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA

2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Steve Smolen – Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA

3A/1B **Chip Dombrowski – Douglas Laird, North Bend OR; Brian Breckenridge – Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR**

2B Maxine Sigel – Herb Wiltsek, San Francisco CA; Patty Michael – Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA

1C **Donald Robinson, Boise ID;** Raymond Yue – Lila Galloway, Reno NV; Joseph Kushner, Mill Valley CA

Sunday Morning Side Pairs (14 pairs)

1A Judi Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA

2A/1B/1C Chuck Abramo – Jo Murray, Ketchum ID

3A/2B/2C Leon Kowaleski – Shirley Kowaleski, Saratoga CA

3B/3C Georges Becus, Silverthorne CO; Jim Hutter, Ames IA

Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs (18 pairs)

1A Mie Thiemmedh, San Bruno CA; David Chinn, Elk Grove CA

2A/1B/1C Douglas Schmickrath, Los Altos Hills CA; Francine Dais, Sacramento CA

3A/2B/2C Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA; **Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR**

3B/3C Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA

Sunday Evening Side Swiss (13 teams)

1A **Mike Keller, Medford OR; Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR; Kemble Yates – Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR**

2A/1B Jonathan Holmes, North Hills CA; Edna Pierson, Jerome ID; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA; Joe Blackford, Lincoln CA

3A Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Stephen Sturm – Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA

2B Mary McManus – Sharon Haley – Constance Singleton, Houston TX; **Terry Terry, Tigard OR**

1C Mark Lundblad – Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Ellen Kuiper – Michael Farebrother, Calgary AB

Monday, Dec. 29

Tahoe Sun-Mon KO Bracket 1 (13 teams)

1 Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg – Kevin Rosenberg – Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA

2 Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA

3/4 Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA; Samuel Hirschman, Ann Arbor MI; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI

3/4 **Daniel Hoekstra – John Ashton – Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR**

Tahoe Sun-Mon KO Bracket 2 (14 teams)

1 **Chip Dombrowski – Douglas Laird, North Bend OR; Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR**

2 Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA; Mansoor Gowani – Phyllis Vierra, San Jose CA; Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA

3/4 Brenda Pugsley – Paul Pugsley, Carson City NV; Edwin Straver – Regina Straver, Incline Village NV

3/4 Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Zev Bogan – Susan Bogan, Fair Oaks CA

Monday AB Pairs (30 pairs)

1A Gary Hann, Interlochen MI; Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA

2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA

3A Steve Mansfield – Janet Daling, Sun Lakes AZ

1B Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA

2B Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA; Bob Ehrlich, Dublin CA

3B **Dee Cockfield – Duke Cockfield, Bend OR**

James Marshall Gold Pairs (25 pairs)

1C Joanne Onstine-Dill, Sparks NV; Donald Parsons, Reno NV

2C Bobbi Kornbluth, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV

3C Maye Jones, Minot ND; **Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR**

1D Leila Mattinger, Cupertino CA; Qing Lu, San Jose CA

2D Lee Dunn – Len Ericson, Reno NV

3D/1E Michael Hu – Linzhi Hu, San Jose CA

2E Mary Jo Rutherford, Ketchum ID; Judith Baer, San Francisco CA

3E Douglas Campbell, Highland Park CA; Jane Martin, Reno NV

Monday Morning Side Pairs (12 pairs)

1A Yasuko Hiruki, Edmonton AB; Jack Triplett, Inkorn ID

2A **Richard Carle, Longview WA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI**

3A/1B Ellen Kuiper – Michael Farebrother, Calgary AB

2B/1C **Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR;** Maye Jones, Minot ND

3B Maxine Sigel – Herb Wiltsek, San Francisco CA

2C Sandra Andre – Bob Shuken, Auburn CA

Monday Afternoon Side Pairs (17 pairs)

1A/1B Mel Edelblute – Virginia Jensen, Reno NV

2A/2B Janie Maxwell – Frank Maxwell, Delhi IA

3A/3B Terry Darwin – Catherine Fortney, Millbrae CA

1C Beverly Meyer, Carson City NV; Ruth Rouse, Gardnerville NV

2C Chuck Abramo – Jo Murray, Ketchum ID

3C Kathleen Parkins, Vienna VA; **Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR**

Monday Evening Side Pairs (14 pairs)

1A Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA

2A Yasuko Hiruki, Edmonton AB; Jack Triplett, Inkorn ID

3A/1B William Glass, Clovis CA; Charles Mann, San Francisco CA

2B/1C **Richard Pitzer – Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR**

3B/2C Beverly Meyer, Carson City NV; Ruth Rouse, Gardnerville NV

3C Rebecca Kunzman – John Kunzman, Walnut Creek CA

Monday Evening Side Swiss (10 teams)

1A **Hadi Allahverdian – Stu Swan, Portland OR;** Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA

2A/1B William Callaham – Judi Callaham, Fair Oaks CA; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA; Hank Eng, San Antonio TX; Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA

3A/2B/1C Susan Bogan – Zev Bogan, Fair Oaks CA; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA; Jeanne Dea, Sierra Madre CA

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'14 Wrap-Up Mon-Tue KO Bracket 1 . . . (11 teams)

1 Terry Riely – Carolyn Riely, San Antonio TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX

2 Anant Rathi, San Diego CA; David Weinberg, Reno NV; Edmund Wu – Steve Smolen, San Francisco CA

3/4 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Robert Porter, Henderson NV; Kenji Miyakuni – Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan

3/4 Stephen Hosch, Las Vegas NV; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ron La Cour – Anne La Cour, Freeland WA; Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA

'14 Wrap-Up Mon-Tue KO Bracket 2 . . . (9 teams)

1 Mark Lundblad – Rick Weiss, Reno NV; David Taylor, Seattle WA; Leon Smith, Salt Lake City UT

2 **Theodore Armstrong, Lincoln City OR; Nancy Baker – William Pearman, Honolulu HI;** Tina Villines, Mesa AZ

3/4 Charles Conrad – Ann Conrad, Castro Valley CA; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA; Kate Hare, Alameda CA

3/4 **Arthur Crawford – Leslie Muir, Meridian ID; Betty Coursey – Richard Mallon, Boise ID**

Double Down Morning Compact KO . . . (13 teams)

1 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Steve Smolen – Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA

2 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Kenji Miyakuni – Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan

3 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA

Welcome '15 Tuesday Compact KO 1 . . . (9 teams)

1 Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg – Kevin Rosenberg – Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA

2 Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Rajeev Gupta, Oakland CA; Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA

3 Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA; Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI; Samuel Hirschman, Ann Arbor MI; Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA

Welcome '15 Tuesday Compact KO 2 . . . (8 teams)

1 Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Robert Shore, Los Angeles CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA

Favorite memories of Reno

By Chip Dombrowski
Editor

At the 48th and final Reno Holiday Regional, we asked several players this question: *What’s your favorite memory of this tournament?* Here are their answers.



Bruce Ferguson

A guy casually walks in wearing a mink stole with a girl on each arm. He'd hired the Italian Blue Team. He says, 'We're all going out to my place for a New Year's Eve party.'

Bruce Ferguson
Palm Springs CA (1970s)

Years ago they used to have something called the Champagne Pairs on New Year's Eve. At the beginning of the game they gave each pair a bottle of champagne. By the fourth round the results were pretty interesting — it was a lot of work for the directors.

Mark Itabashi
Murieta CA (late 1980s)



Mark Itabashi



Rich Carle

We used to drive here every year, going through the mountains at night and the moon was gorgeous. It's just a beautiful drive.

Rich Carle
Longview WA

Getting married!

Suzanne and John Gram
Salem OR (Dec. 31, 1991)

The first time I came they used to hold it on the tennis courts. All the big people were here. On the last board of the last match we played 7NT and it made on a criss-cross squeeze.

John Zamboni
Caldwell ID (1990s)



Suzanne & John Gram



John Zamboni

I was in a Mini-McKenney race with Kent Mignocchi and I needed to win here. I was crying the whole time — we didn't win anything for two days.

Then I won it! And I was still crying.

Marjorie Michelin
Laguna Woods CA (early 2000s)

I was the partnership chair for the 2010 national when I was district president. All the volunteers from Reno and Carson City came out and helped me. They made it a huge success. It was the second-largest spring national ever.

Sam Asai
former D20 president (2010)



Marjorie Michelin



Sam Asai



Gary Nitzberg

I made a 7♣ doubled against Harvey Brody in a Loser Swiss.

Gary Nitzberg
Carson City NV (2011)



Jackie Zayac & Anne Hollingsworth

We won our first Gold Rush Pairs here last year. We were first overall both sessions.

Anne Hollingsworth
Walnut Creek CA (2013)



Dan Hoekstra

Assisting Mark (Itabashi) in attempting to win the race with an all-Portland support team.

Dan Hoekstra
Portland (2013)

It was before the start of the evening session, I was in a two-session pairs ... not having a particularly good game. Jim Mahaffey pulls up in a limo out front and tells me to go with him. I said I couldn't, I had to stay and play. He said, 'Come on, let's go!' and dragged me outside. There were three naked women in the car. I stayed and played the second session.

Howard Parker
Clements CA (early 1980s)



Howard Parker

2 Tracy Boys, Sherman Oaks CA; Ruth Baker, Valencia CA; Tommie Kadotani, Denver CO; Wray Brett, Sunnyvale CA

Tuesday Open Pairs (26 pairs)

1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
2A Bob Ehrlich, Dublin CA; Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA
3A/1B/1C Linzhi Hu, San Jose CA; Bo Xiao, Fremont CA
2B Jeannine McGowan — E.B. McGowan, Penn Valley CA
3B Paul Pugsley — Brenda Pugsley, Carson City NV
2C Arlene Mahlberg — Benny Mahlberg, Discovery Bay CA
3C Michael Hu — Qing Lu, San Jose CA

Tuesday Morning Side Swiss (6 teams)

1A/1C Karen Rice — Franklin Kitchiner Jr, San Jose CA; Patty Michael, San Mateo CA; Maxine Sigel, San Francisco CA
2A Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA; Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA; **Daniel Hoekstra**, Portland OR; Tracey Bauer, San Rafael CA
2B Argenta Price, San Francisco CA; Jonathan Price — Elisabeth Price — Jill Wallace, Reno NV

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (10 pairs)

1A Doug Handler, Berkeley CA; **Rich Carle**, Longview WA
2A/1B Hank Eng, San Antonio TX; William Callahan, Fair Oaks CA
3A/2B/1C **Phyllis Sutter**, West Linn OR; Maye Jones, Minot ND
3B Janie Maxwell — Frank Maxwell, Delhi LA
2C Alfred Groh — Lynn Groh, Alameda CA

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs (17 pairs)

1A **Suzanne St Thomas**, Salem OR; Dee Steil, New Westminster BC
2A **Molly Harris**, Portland OR; **Susan Carle**, Longview WA
3A Neal Moore — Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV
1B Lorne Lacy, Marysville WA; Joyce Remsen, Sparks NV
2B/1C Michael Schwimmer — John Swanson, Reno NV
3B/2C Franklin Kitchiner Jr — Karen Rice, San Jose CA
3C Ruth Rouse, Gardnerville NV; Beverly Meyer, Carson City NV

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (12 pairs)

1D/1E Judith Baer, San Francisco CA; Mary Jo Rutherford, Ketchum ID
2D/2E Jennifer Pereos, Sparks NV; Brad Tretten, Reno NV
3D **Susan Lane** — **Fax Koontz**, Longview WA
3E Rebecca Kunzman — John Kunzman, Walnut Creek CA

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (20 pairs)

1A Judi Callahan — William Callahan, Fair Oaks CA
2A **Richard Carle** — **Fax Koontz**, Longview WA
3A Roger Clough — Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA
1B/1C Georges Becus, Silverthorne CO; Jim Hutter, Ames IA
2B/2C Donald Parsons, Reno NV; Joanne Onstine-Dill, Sparks NV
3B/3C **Richard Pitzer** — **Ellie Hall-Pitzer**, Keizer OR

Tuesday Evening Side Swiss (10 teams)

1A Howard Epley, Kent WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ron La Cour — Anne La Cour, Freeland WA
2A Stephen Sturm — Charlotte Sturm, Fullerton CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA

3A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA

1B/1C Mary McManus — Sharon Haley — Constance Singleton, Houston TX; Maye Jones, Minot ND

2B **Arthur Crawford** — **Leslie Muir**, Meridian ID; **Betty Coursey** — **Richard Mallon**, Boise ID

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Wednesday AX Swiss (23 teams)

1A Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; **John Ashton** — **Dennis Metcalf**, Portland OR
2A Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg — Kevin Rosenberg — Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA
3A Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA; Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA
1X Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA; Steve Print, Reno NV; Steven Kirshenbaum, Burlingame CA; Gerard Laqueriere, Clovis CA
2X **Susan Lane** — **Fax Koontz** — **Susan Carle**, Longview WA; **Lyle Burnett**, Vancouver WA
3X Richard Scoggin — Regina Houston — Thomas Quint, Reno NV; Joyce Remsen, Sparks NV

Wednesday BCD Swiss (13 teams)

1B/1C Patty Michael, San Mateo CA; Denis Racine, Pittsburg CA; Jesse Chao — Maxine Sigel, San Francisco CA
2B/2C Karen Rice — Franklin Kitchiner Jr, San Jose CA; William Rawlings, Broomfield CO; Jean Ingram, Wellington CO
3B/3C Mark Lundblad — Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Michael Farebrother — Ellen Kuiper, Calgary AB
1D Cynthia Swezey — Rene Reid — Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Grace Martin, Sparks NV
2D Kairong Michelsen — Richard Michelsen — Susan Powell — Jacqueline Chandler, Reno NV

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs (6 pairs)

1A/1B **Samuel Asai**, Hood River OR; **Sylvia Riewerts**, Milwaukie OR
2A/2B **Richard Pitzer** — **Ellie Hall-Pitzer**, Keizer OR

Welcome Side Series (98 players)

1/2 Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX
1/2 **Steve Kaessner**, Chico CA
3/4 **Molly Harris**, Portland OR
3/4 Paul Harding, New Westminster BC

Reno Side Series (70 players)

1/2 Yasuko Hiruki, Edmonton AB
1/2 Jack Triplett, Inkorn ID
3/4 Mie Thiemmedh, San Bruno CA
3/4 David Chinn, Elk Grove CA

Year End Side Series (78 players)

1/2 Georges Becus, Silverthorne CO
1/2 Jim Hutter, Ames IA
3 **Samuel Asai**, Hood River OR

Early Bird Side Series (62 players)

1 **Rich Carle**, Longview WA
2/3 Yasuko Hiruki, Edmonton AB
2/3 Jack Triplett, Inkorn ID

Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 5533.47 earned by 405 players. Total attendance: 754 tables.

1	126.13	Michael Rosenberg, Cupertino CA	44.98	Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	65	21.39	Richard Mallon, Boise ID	
	126.13	Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA	33	40.33	David Weinberg, Reno NV	21.39	Betty Coursey, Boise ID	
	126.13	Debbie Rosenberg, Cupertino CA		40.33	Anant Rathji, San Diego CA	67	20.57	Richard Carle, Longview WA
	126.13	Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA	35	36.93	Richard Meffley, Fresno CA	73	19.13	William Pearman, Honolulu HI
5	80.59	Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA		36.93	Jean Barry, Livermore CA	77	18.31	Suzanne St Thomas, Salem OR
6	80.32	Steve Smolen, San Francisco CA	37	36.65	Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA	78	18.26	Nancy Baker, Honolulu HI
7	69.48	Ron La Cour, Freeland WA	38	36.19	Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA	85	17.06	John Zamboni, Caldwell ID
8	68.78	Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA		36.19	Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	120	13.33	Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
	68.78	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA		36.19	Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	127	12.86	Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA
10	68.72	Howard Epley, Kent WA	41	35.39	Robert Porter, Henderson NV	128	12.78	Michael Keller, Medford OR
11	68.22	Gard Hays, Veradale WA	42	34.94	Howard Parker III, Clements CA	130	12.63	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
12	67.06	Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA	43	32.98	Gary Nitzberg, Carson City NV	135	12.09	Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR
	67.06	Harvey Brody, San Francisco CA	44	32.38	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	135	12.09	Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
14	66.72	Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	45	30.57	Gary Hann, Interlochen MI	145	11.39	Fax Koontz, Longview WA
	66.72	Anne La Cour, Freeland WA	46	30.56	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	164	9.88	Susan Carle, Longview WA
16	66.35	Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA	47	30.46	J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA	165	9.87	Ted Armstrong, Lincoln City OR
	66.35	Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA	48	30.10	Sheldon Zimble, Zephyr Cove NV	167	9.69	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
	66.35	Bruce Horiguchi, Gardena CA	49	29.93	Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA	169	9.69	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
	66.35	Bob Etter, Sacramento CA	50	29.53	Om Chokriwala, Sherman Oaks CA	179	9.58	Stu Swan, Portland OR
20	61.95	Stephen Hoshch, Las Vegas NV	51	28.60	Ira Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR	175	9.26	Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI
21	60.98	Samuel Hirschman, Ann Arbor MI		28.60	Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR	178	8.79	Susan Lane, Longview WA
	60.98	Martin Hirschman, Southfield MI	53	28.57	William Callahan, Fair Oaks CA	179	8.79	Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR
23	47.61	John Ashton, Portland OR	54	27.59	Jo Ginsberg, San Francisco CA	188	8.18	Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR
	47.61	Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR	55	26.76	Jack Waller, Ridgecrest CA	189	8.12	Steve Kaessner, Chico CA
25	46.35	Ken Gee, Regina SK	56	26.48	Douglas Laird, North Bend OR	194	7.81	Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR
26	46.15	Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan		26.48	Chip Dombrowski, North Bend OR	201	7.65	Molly Harris, Portland OR
27	45.95	Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan	58	25.00	Paul Kushner, S Lake Tahoe CA			
28	45.65	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK	60	23.58	Denis Racine, Pittsburg CA			
29	44.98	Terry Riely, San Antonio TX	62	22.32	Leslie Muir, Meridian ID			
	44.98	Jo Smith, Abilene TX	62	22.32	Arthur Crawford, Meridian ID			
	44.98	Carolyn Riely, San Antonio TX						



Suzanne St Thomas and Mike Keller
Saturday Open Pairs



Kairong and Richard Michelsen
Sunday Gold Rush Pairs



Don Parsons and Joanne Onstine-Dill
Monday Gold Rush Pairs



Stu Swan, Tracey Bauer, Hadi Allahverdian, Arti Bhargava — Monday Evening Swiss



Mary Jo Rutherford and Judith Baer
Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs

Reno Youth Bridge



For more information, see
www.renoyouthbridge.com.



Reno Youth Bridge once again filled several tables Saturday at the Reno Regional.

Wilsons: From teacher and student to husband and wife

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“What we found is that our values are almost identical, but our way of being in the world has many contrasts,” Al said. “We are a perfect example of a left-brain/right-brain, Mars-and-Venus, analytic-and-artistic couple. Our skills complement each other’s.”

Or, as Gen put it, “Al speaks French. Now what lady wouldn’t love that?”

In addition to seeing the world differently, they were on slightly different playing fields in the world of bridge. When Al and Gen met, he had more than 3,500 masterpoints and she had just 5. She was just learning the game, and he was teaching others.

You might think teaching bridge to someone you love would be challenging. And you would be right. But Al found teaching Gen the game actually made him a better teacher. “I was forced to reflect on what she wasn’t perceiving and why,” he said.

Gen decided to get into the game because of Al’s passion for it. “I’ve always loved cards, but he loves bridge so much, I jumped in,” she explained. So, how has the experience been for her? She describes it as “interesting, rewarding, and sometimes shocking. The depth of the game is overwhelming.”

Overwhelming or not, Gen has come a long way in her bridge career. “She is a Life Master now and has learned a lot,” Al said proudly. “But I have learned far more from her than she has learned from me.”

Dottie Ellis, the local club manager who has known Al for 11 years, said she first met Gen when Al was teaching her the game. “He was so patient and caring with her at all times.” Today, Ellis says the two have become terrific partners. “Both are interested in the same activities and very supportive and respectful of one another,” she explained.

Despite a rough first exchange and intense bridge lessons, Al and Gen found love. Six weeks after the two had met, Al got a six-week assignment as a bridge in-



Now both bridge teachers, Genevieve and Al Wilson were married Nov. 15 in Key West, Fla.

structor on a cruise ship. He was allowed to invite a companion, and extended the offer to Gen. The two spent five days exploring Madrid prior to embarking on the cruise ship. Shortly thereafter, Gen received news that her stepfather was gravely ill, so she left the ship to be at home with her mother. It was then that Al knew he wanted to marry Gen.

“I think both of us knew at that point that we belonged together,” he recalled. “In a short period of time, we had faced both good times and bad — and both had drawn us closer.”

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Now, for the fun part — the surprise wedding! Gen was the one to suggest they get married in Key West, which set Al’s plan into motion. The two had already planned to spend Gen’s birthday, which fell on a Friday, at their condo in Key West. He knew if he planned the wedding for the next day, all or most of their kids could be there.

To throw her off, Al suggested they get married in Oregon. “So much easier, you see,” he jokes. “I had no intention of get-

ting married in Oregon, but I wanted to create a diversion.”

Once they were safely in Key West and family attendance was secured, he suggested they just get married while they were there. “Gen, of course, loved the idea,” he muses. “But as far as she knew, it was just going to be the two of us.”

Al says Gen was “completely and utterly shocked when we turned the corner in the restaurant and everyone was there.” Truly a successful event, considering everyone involved knew the plan except for Gen.

“Everyone’s role in this made the celebration even more meaningful,” Al reflects. “It is a memory that each of us will treasure forever.”

Al says their plans for the future include cruising and teaching bridge on cruise ships. “Gen now teaches a ‘Starting Bridge from Scratch’ that parallels my novice and intermediate classes,” Al explains. “The new bridge players love her!” he beams.

As for Gen, she believes she and Al are blessed with a life of travel and bridge. “As the saying goes, we saved the best for last.”

Winning Super Senior Pairs

This deal, originally reported by Philip Alder in the New York Times, is from Jeff Taylor and Craig Robinson’s win in the Super Senior Pairs in Providence.

Both vulnerable

♠ KJ8	♠ A543
♥ 6	♥ Q754
♦ AJ96	♦ 82
♣ K9643	♣ AJ8
♠ Q	♠ 109762
♥ J982	♥ AK103
♦ K10543	♦ Q7
♣ 1052	♣ Q7

Opp	Robinson	Opp	Taylor
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♠

Taylor passed initially, despite having 11 points and 9 cards in the majors for a dubious rule of 20.

“Even though my hand sort of qualifies for a rule of 20, I downgraded it because of the two queen-x holdings,” Taylor said. “I want most of my points in the two long suits for a rule of 20 opening.”

Robinson opened 1♣ in third seat and Taylor responded 1♠. Robinson, with two honors among his three-card spade support and a singleton heart, raised to 2♠, and Taylor bid game.

A low diamond was led and Taylor ducked in dummy. When his queen won, he finessed another diamond to the jack and led a low club. East grabbed his ace and returned a heart.

Taylor now cashed his top two hearts and the ♠Q, then ruffed a heart on the board. He led the ♦A, which was ruffed and overruffed by Taylor. Taylor ruffed his fourth heart with the ♠J and exited with the ♠K. When the stiff ♠Q fell under it, Taylor was able to claim making five for a near top.

Vilhauer: Terminating software project was ‘100% right decision’

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If Portland builds a convention hotel, I’m sure the ACBL will strongly consider Portland to host an NABC. I think it’s about time — the last time we hosted an NABC was 1986. Once they break ground for the new hotel we can start making plans for another mainland D20 nationals.

ACBLscore+

The biggest issue for the league is the new rewrite of Acblscore+. The contract to write a new scoring program called Acblscore+ did not produce what was expected; after the program was reviewed by ACBL, several tech-savvy board members and several outside consultants, it was determined that the program would not provide what was needed and the committee determined the best direction for the ACBL was to abandon this program and terminate the contract (a \$1.5 million project).

As you might expect, many questions were received and the answers provided did not seem to satisfy many of the ACBL members.

Moving forward, ACBL CEO Robert Hartman decided to form a committee to provide oversight to the Acblscore improvement program (now being undertaken by ACBL staff) and provide review and oversight of ACBL technology in general. The committee is made up of two members of the ACBL staff, one outside consultant hired by the ACBL, three ACBL board members — who have technology

backgrounds — and three at-large ACBL members who have exceptional technology backgrounds. This committee will act as an advisory panel as we move forward.

I have been selected to sit on this committee along with Jay Whipple from District 9 (Florida) and Russ Jones from District 10. Both Jay and Russ have extensive experience in technology and should be tremendous help as we move forward. This committee will be meeting many times over the next year and help ACBL do the best it can in the tech arena.

This issue has become such a hot button that it’s taking up more and more of my time. I wish the membership had a better understanding of what went on with the failed rewrite; we’ve released as much information as possible without going into confidential agreements signed at the time the contract was terminated. I can tell you from 40 years of computer programming that I am 100% in agreement that the ACBL did the right thing in moving forward in this new direction.

One of the new items used at the fall NABC was ACBL Live results reporting. The process was easy — you went online to sign up for the service and then shortly after the game you would receive an email and or text with a link to your results for the session and the individual match-points, scores normally shown on the recaps hung in the room.

This feature worked great but unfortunately finding results of your friends, overall leaders, qualifiers etc., was

disappointing to say the least. I heard many complaints from many players that team games, KO and other results were not reported. Obviously this part of the program needs lots of work and hopefully most of the kinks will be worked out in time to be more efficient by New Orleans in March.

The ACBL is also working on a partnership website which was used in Providence. I did not use it and have not had much feedback from this. It will be available for use by all districts in 2015. I think later in the year it should be available for clubs.

Learn to Play Bridge Launch

Preliminary discussions are underway with Education Department about timing and needs to launch Learn to Play Bridge. The communications plan for a soft launch to clubs and teachers is now ready for implementation. The full internal and external launch with marketing support is planned for later this year.

Other news

♦ Suzi Subeck from Chicago was elected president of the ACBL for 2015. She’s a ball of fire and will make a very fine president.

♦ The main item from the board meetings was the revision of the masterpoints awarded for pair games at sectionals and regionals. The increases in masterpoints awarded should bring them more in line with points offered for team games.

♦ Howard Weinstein and Georgia Heth

were elected to serve as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation. Howard is the president of the United States Bridge Federation. Georgia is a member of the ACBL board and has worked with the WBF for nine years. Georgia was also the appeals chair that heard and ruled on the infamous cheating scandal involving the German doctors.

♦ Membership in the ACBL seems to be holding at the same level it has for the past few years. Tournaments have declined a small percentage. The league is in good financial condition.

Further details of the Providence meetings can be found at ACBL.org. I am happy to answer any and all questions about the ACBL; I might not have all the answers but I can certainly try to find answers for you.

On Jan. 4 I was to be in Horn Lake to work for several days with the newly formed Technology Committee; I’ll update you in the next Trumpet.

Lastly a big atta-boy to **Jeff Taylor** and former ACBL president (and a good friend) **Craig Robinson** for winning the Super Senior NABC event in Providence!

Remember to support District 20 tournaments — I’ll see you in Hawaii and soon after in Vancouver WA.

Any comments can be sent to me via email at MerlinV@msn.com.

See you at the tables.

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Kaessner: Wild club game generates a slew of interesting hands

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Interestingly, one North-South pair that reached 4♠ only made five. How about this for killing defense! After taking the opening ♥A lead, West underleads the ♣K with his ♣3. Declarer can't afford to let East take the trick (which would likely give West a ruff), so he plays dummy's ♣A; later losing the ♣K and only making five. (I'm going to try to incorporate that sneaky defensive action into my own arsenal.)

On to the next round.
This time I'm in second seat, all vul. Dealer passes and I examine:

♠K106 ♥K876 ♦A1052 ♣J6
I only recently heard an unsubstantiated statement that Barry Crane advocated opening all 11-point hands. OK, what the heck, let's start the auction with 1♦. LHO passes. I always cringe when that happens because partner likely has a pretty good hand and might expect more from me.

Partner bids 1♠, followed by RHO's pass. Sometimes in this situation I raise partner's major with 3-card support; but I decided to just bid 1NT since I like to use that bid to emphasize my desire to keep us at the lowest possible level.

Partner then bids 2♣ and I'm still trying to keep the contract reasonable, so I just suggest signing off at 2NT. Partner raises to 3NT — so I'm optimistic I'll see at least a full opener in the dummy.

The opening lead of the ♥3 is faced and dummy gives me:

♠AJ98 ♥109 ♦86 ♣A9752
Well! This is hopeless! I'll just do the best I can. Looks like I ought to get two heart tricks (because of the opening lead), three spades (maybe four), and the two outside aces. I'm going to need some good fortune to avoid minus 200. Here's the whole deal:

♠AJ98	♠542
♥109	♥QJ42
♦86	♦KQ43
♣A9752	♣K8
♠Q73	♠K106
♥A53	♥K876
♦J97	♦A1052
♣Q1043	♣J6

West clearly has a challenge with the opening lead. Underleading a bare queen is often wrong, so why not try to find partner with at least a four-card heart suit. I play the ♥9 covered by the ♥J to my ♥K at trick one. At least I now have the fortunate spots to ensure scoring another heart trick.

I try a small spade to the ♠9 and it holds — another apparent spot of good luck. Now I have to exit dummy and a small club seems to be a reasonable choice. The ♣K pops up on my right and I escape sacrificing any bigger spots in my club suit. RHO dutifully returns the ♥J to his partner who now is caught in a dilemma as to whether or not to overtake while smothering dummy's ♥10.

LHO ponders and then he *does* overtake and returns his last heart to my ♥87. Did I just get three heart tricks out of this mess?

Now I can score my ♠K, and then when the ♠Q covers my ♠10, I score two more spades in the dummy. Three heart tricks and four spade tricks with two aces left means I've actually made my contract!

I can't recall how it happened, but subsequent squeezes resulted in one more trick for me at the end and I made four!

The traveler revealed some less-exciting results. This hand was passed out four times (out of eight tables)! It was played in lower levels of notrump by *both* sides, and each time the notrump contract was set.

Looks like a day when fortune is smiling. Our +630 stands out like a scoring error!

♣♦♥♦♠
So things have been going well and we enter the final round. Here I am the dealer again, all nonvul, and I pick up:

♠4 ♥K7543 ♦Q ♣AJ8742
Here we go again, another distributional hand with borderline values. If I don't open this, how will I ever get my message across? And I'll have to bid my 5-card heart suit first instead of the 6-card club suit.

So OK, I open 1♥, LHO passes (cringe) and partner bids 1♠. RHO passes and I'm already beginning to worry about things getting out of hand. I bid 2♣.

Now what do I hear from partner? — 4♦! We've now bypassed 3NT, so I just meekly call 5♣ and hope partner gets the message. Partner raises to 6♣ and tables:

♠A532 ♥A9 ♦A654 ♣KQ3

What a partner!
The opening lead is the ♥6. A little false carding by the opponents scares me into ruffing the third round of hearts with my ♣K. As it turns out, the hearts split 3-3 and the clubs 1-3 and I make seven! The whole deal:

♠A532	♠Q109
♥A9	♥1082
♦A654	♦J1098
♣KQ3	♣1065
♠KJ876	♠4
♥QJ6	♥K7543
♦K732	♦Q
♣9	♣AJ8742

One other pair bid 6♣, but only made six. Another top that I might give credit to my "light" bidding style.

The final interesting hand of the session was next. This time I'm in fourth seat, vul:

♠5 ♥AK964 ♦A10 ♣J10983
Another distributional, minimum opener. I couldn't quite confirm (after the fact) how the bidding went, but I end up in 4♥!
My best recollection is that there were three passes to me and I opened 1♥, followed by LHO's 3♠ and then 4♥ by partner. So much for a hand where the points must be very balanced! The opening lead is the ♠A and dummy is tabled:

♠Q93 ♥J72 ♦K62 ♣A765
A combined 22 HCP; but promising distribution. Depends on how the defensive cards lie. The full deal:

♠Q93	♠KJ7
♥J72	♥853
♦K62	♦87543
♣A765	♣K2
♠A108642	♠5
♥Q10	♥AK964
♦QJ9	♦A10
♣Q4	♣J10983

I played for the doubleton ♥Q and a 2-2 split in clubs — making five. I was surprised when the traveler revealed that even one other pair achieved that result (a tie for top). Half of the field is letting East-West play a spade contract.

I never cease to be amazed by the incredible player-dealt hands that can occur even at the smallest club games. I always like to envision how my "great" result might stack up in a big tournament of 40+ tables and scored across three sections.

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Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events

MONDAY, FEB. 16

7 p.m.

Columbia River Bracketed KOs 1 of 4

Stratified Open Charity Pairs Single session

♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs Single session

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

9 a.m.

Columbia River Bracketed KOs 2 of 4

Morning Side Game Series 1 of 5

1 p.m.

Columbia River Bracketed KOs 3 of 4

Portland Bracketed KOs 1 of 4

Stratified Open Pairs 1 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Afternoon Side Game Series 1 of 5

7 p.m.

Columbia River Bracketed KOs 4 of 4

Portland Bracketed KOs 2 of 4

Stratified Open Pairs 2 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Evening Side Game Series 1 of 5

Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

9 a.m.

Early Bird Bracketed KOs 1 of 3

Morning Side Game Series 2 of 5

1 p.m.

Portland Bracketed KOs 3 of 4

Vancouver Bracketed KOs 1 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 1 of 2

♦ Rose Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Afternoon Side Game Series 2 of 5

7 p.m.

Portland Bracketed KOs 4 of 4

Vancouver Bracketed KOs 2 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 2 of 2

♦ Rose Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Evening Side Game Series 2 of 5

Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

9 a.m.

Early Bird Bracketed KOs 2 of 3

Morning Side Game Series 3 of 5

1 p.m.

Vancouver Bracketed KOs 3 of 4

Beaverton Bracketed KOs 1 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 1 of 2

♦ Rhododendron Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Afternoon Side Game Series 3 of 5

THURSDAY, FEB. 19 (continued)

7 p.m.

Vancouver Bracketed KOs 4 of 4

Beaverton Bracketed KOs 2 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 2 of 2

♦ Rhododendron Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Evening Side Game Series 3 of 5

Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

9 a.m.

Early Bird Bracketed KOs 3 of 3

John McLoughlin Compact Bracketed KOs 1 of 2

Morning Side Game Series 4 of 5

1 p.m.

Beaverton Bracketed KOs 3 of 4

Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs 1 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 1 of 2

♦ Azalea Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Afternoon Side Game Series 4 of 5

7 p.m.

Beaverton Bracketed KOs 4 of 4

Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs 2 of 4

Stratified AB Pairs 2 of 2

♦ Azalea Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Evening Side Game Series 4 of 5

Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

9 a.m.

John McLoughlin Compact Bracketed KOs 2 of 2

Morning Side Game Series 5 of 5

1 p.m.

Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs 3 of 4

Ridgefield Compact Bracketed KOs 1 of 2

Stratified Open Pairs 1 of 2

Afternoon Side Game Series 5 of 5

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

7 p.m.

Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs 4 of 4

Ridgefield Compact Bracketed KOs 2 of 2

Stratified Open Pairs 2 of 2

♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session

Evening Side Game Series 5 of 5

Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

SUNDAY, FEB. 22


10:30 a.m. & TBA

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams Two sessions

♦ 299er Stratified Swiss Teams Two single sessions


10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Stratified Fast Open Pairs Two sessions (out by 4 pm)



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For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Broadway’s reminder to zip it at table

Cat is getting my tongue!

I was at an afternoon party with two different kinds of bridge players. While chatting with these rubber and duplicate players recently I asked why they liked bridge and how we could improve duplicate games.

Debbie said something like this: “Do not criticize or correct me at the table because it makes me second-guess myself.” What a perfect reason to say nothing at the table.

She was also telling her friend why she preferred duplicate. And it was because she could review the hand afterwards instead of throwing the cards in. Discussing the hands afterwards at the bar or pub is so much better.

So my goal is to do just that in 2015. Play slower, count more, and laugh a lot. And I love it when people tell me they heard me laugh from across the room.

Cat got your tongue? Yep, the cat is getting my tongue. I was watching “Cats” by Andrew Lloyd Webber and seeing so many bridge players there.

And this note is an apology to all my partners with whom I’ve said anything negative at the table, like “why didn’t you return my suit? Or “if you return my suit we beat the contract.” “Why did you not support my suit? Why did you underlead that ace?” If my tongue is bleeding, it is because I plan to keep biting it.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♥♠

I love fun hands even if they were not mine. You are vul vs nonvul. So the auction goes 1♣, 3♦ and you hold:

♠A J 8 7 3
♥—
♦A K J
♣A J 10 8 2

I am rather sure that I am getting a diamond lead. What did that wily partner open with?

At our table they bid 3♠. Partner said 4♥; 4NT asked for key cards around hearts — and found out that they had one. And bid 6♣. You are not sure they do not hold three spades. But you cannot do both. Fun hand, huh?

Here is partner’s hand. And the weak jump that made life tough for you.

♠K 6
♥K Q 7 5 3
♦—
♣K Q 9 6 5 4

No one made it to 7♣.

Regionals: What’s ahead this year

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sessions. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Tournaments during the rest of 2015 are: Medford, May 11-17; Eugene, July 27-Aug. 2, and Seaside, Sept. 28-Oct. 4.

This will now be the rotation for odd years going forward: Oregon Trail, Medford, Eugene and Seaside.

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Do these cats play bridge? Margi thinks so.

Remember, it is a fun game with some amazing people. Enjoy the hand records. Come to the **Oregon Trail Regional** and meet some of the finest players around. We have some wonderful speakers lined up. Bring problem hands and get different opinions on how the pros handle them.

I want to thank all the speakers! I truly appreciate what they do for the I/N players.

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AROUND THE UNITS

Caldwell, the musical: Prez goes ‘wicked,’ reporter dances



**Nampa/
Caldwell**
♣♦♥♠
By Marilyn Tripple

Those of us in the Nampa/Caldwell Unit couldn't be happier with the wonderful turnout we had for our sectional over Halloween in Nampa.

Many thanks to those who helped make it such a success, such as president **Peggy Faylor** who greeted everyone at the afternoon game on Halloween, re-splendent in her witch costume, portraying Elphaba from "Wicked" down to the last detail, including her green skin!

Erik and **Anita Hansen** were also beautifully costumed, and Anita, especially, needs to be given lots of credit for her masterful decorating of the room where competition took place.

Top masterpoint winners were Max Thompson of Twin Falls ID and Bob Donaldson of Ogden UT, 11.72 each, followed by **Duane** and **Carol Christensen** of Boise, 11.07 each, and **Julia Christensen** of Boise, 10.84. There were 107 masterpoint winners for the event. Results are listed below.

We continue to have excellent attendance at our regular Monday game at the Elks Club in Caldwell, 12 to 14 tables with many people driving from Boise, Meridian, Eagle, etc. to share their bridge wisdom with those of us out here in the 'burbs!

Dance fever

Monthly birthday cakes are being enjoyed, and when the November cake was presented, accompanied by a real jazzy "Happy Birthday" played by **Anna Holley** on piano, your reporter couldn't contain herself but broke out in 1950s jitterbug dancing. We'll probably get a lot of requests to not let that happen again!

The unit's annual Christmas party was



Idina Menzel wasn't able to make it to the Nampa/Caldwell Sectional, so Peggy Faylor had to fill in, hopefully looking something like this.

held at the club Dec. 1, with 22 tables in play. Our usual contingent of players from Boise and all points east were in attendance, including our wonderful friends from the Ontario OR club, who all came to enjoy the Christmas setting, and enjoy chicken cordon bleu prepared by the Elks' chef Rueben. See results below.

Sectional results

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs — 1A: Duane & Carol Christensen, 2A/1B: Beth McDaniel – Inge Dickerson, 1C: Nancy Feldman – Julia Christensen.

Friday Evening Open Pairs — 1A: KC Jones – Suzanne St Thomas, 2A/1B: Peggy Hackley – Shirley Tschannen, 1C: Marilyn Tripple – Sonya Shue.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs — 1A: Bob Donaldson – Max Thompson, 3A/1B: John Pearson – Peggy Faylor, 1C: Anita & Erik Hansen.

Saturday Evening Open Pairs — 1A: Gordon Bower – Steve Visocan, 3A/1B: Lorinda Pearson – Leila Brauner, 1C: Erik & Anita Hansen.

Sunday Swiss Teams — 1A/1C: Nancy Feldman – Richard Harris – Julia Christensen – Larry Chase.

Other results

Christmas Party, Dec. 1 — N/S 1: Jodie Bistline – Peggy Silvester, E/W 1: Charlene & Ian Martindale.

Boise elects board; donates food

The Boise Unit held its annual Christmas party, membership meeting and board elections, Dec. 7 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center. **Bev Fransen**, **Nancy Harris** and **Darrel Mooney** were elected to the board of directors.


They join Kathy Downen, Bill Neeley, Linda Anderson and Linda Brinton, replacing outgoing board members Craig Jones, Sue Uranga and Gary Crupper.

We owe our appreciation to the outgoing board members for a job well done. The attendance was 22 tables (including 5 tables in the 0-99 section).

The Charity Team Game on Nov. 22, had a good turnout in spite of the weather and the roads. Twelve teams participated, with points and Grand National qualifying at stake.

Charlotte Miller, Kathy Downen, Carol Christensen, Duane Christensen were 1A; Revell May, Dan Neely, Karin Thompson, Robert Dutton were 1-2B, along with Julia Christensen, Larry Chase, Nancy Feldman, Richard Harris, who were also 1C.

Nine teams qualified for the GNT. In addition, 16 sacks of food (112 pounds) were collected for the Idaho Food Bank.



Boise
♣♦♥♠
By Burt Echtenkamp

Boise players were active participants in the Nampa-Caldwell Sectional. Nancy Feldman and Julia Christensen were 1C in the Scaredy Cat Open Pairs; KC Jones and Suzanne St Thomas were 1A in the Scaredy Cat II Open Pairs; Nancy Feldman, Richard Harris, Julia Christensen and Larry Chase won the Spooky Stratified Swiss (1A/1C).

Boise is eager to welcome everyone to the Boise Sweetheart Sectional, to be held Feb. 6-8 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, located at Vista and I-84. Bev Fransen is the tournament chair. We hope many of our fellow District 20 competitors can join us.

Results

Christmas party, Dec. 7 — N/S 1A/1B: Linda Brinton – Larry Chase; E/W 1A: Al Babineau – Marilyn Edwards; 1B: Gary Belew – Matt Thomas, 1C: Linda Thomas – Sue Uranga. 99ers 1: Barb Moser – Alice Kohtz.

Volunteers keep Ontario club running

Unit 485 enjoyed a long and warm autumn — then winter came suddenly and fiercely. Although we lose several snowbirds during the winter we are always happy to see players from Nampa, Caldwell and Boise.

It takes a community effort to run a club successfully, and ours would not be the same without **Kris Roberts** and **Joyce Whittet**, who have dedicated many Saturdays to teaching bridge to novice players. Our longtime secretary/treasurer **Delores Echanis** has faithfully kept our accounts and for decades submitted the play results to our local newspaper.

The unit's upcoming sectional tourna-



Ontario
♣♦♥♠
By Inge Dickerson

ment in March could hardly come off smoothly without the untiring work of **Joyce Whittet**. Our thanks also go to departing president **Linda Simmons**, who did her best to kick us into the 21st century.

On Dec. 3 we celebrated Christmas with a banquet. It was more than that for **Leila Brauner** and **Lorinda Pearson**, who had a whopping 75% game! Happy New Year!

Club manager, treasurer retire after 35 years in The Dalles


At our meeting for the club in November, we had some very big changes. Two of our longtime players have resigned from the responsibilities they have been done since before 1980. They are **Bev VanNice** and **Colleen Fredrickson**.

Beverly has served as club manager, and done this with little ado, and kept us solvent and in line with ACBL and changes as they have occurred. Colleen Fredrickson has served for the same number of years as treasurer for one of the two clubs. Both have quietly gone about their tasks with most of us not realizing how much they do. But it is much deeper than that.

When they were about 5 years old, Beverly lived in Redmond, but came yearly to The Dalles to visit her grandmother, who lived close to Colleen's house. They have been friends since that time and in 1947 her family moved to The Dalles. They have played together and been best friends since then and that relationship continues, as best friends and bridge partners.

The Dalles was a great place to be raised in the days when kids played outside till dark. They walked all over town and knew all the special places to play. Eventually they stopped playing with dolls, trading them for boyfriends and on to marriage and becoming mothers. Their children have known each other since birth.

As young families the four adults bowled, and when that became dull they decided to take up bridge. That was during a time when the game in The Dalles was a large



Mid-Columbia
♣♦♥♠
By Peyt Turner

club with many of the town elders playing.

Bev said they came in last for almost three years until the day finally came when they came in third. Colleen was so excited she woke her husband to tell him the huge news. That was the beginning of the bridge partnership changing. They continue to play twice a week and still are in the top when they play together. They are very supportive and attend both of our weekly club games almost all year.

They remain a very competitive partnership that continues; one sorts out the cobwebs when you sit down against them. Thankfully, they will both continue bridge.

Gary Cotter will assume that role of our club manager, with all computer work being done by **Alyce Dunn**. Bev remains willing to help, if needed, and she has been training Alyce on computer work. Alyce will now be a member of the board also.

Marylee Webber will assume the treasurer role, with Colleen standing by if assistance is needed.

We greatly appreciate those that have taken on new assignments to ensure we keep up our weekly games. A heartfelt thanks for the two of them and their tireless efforts.



Bev VanNice and Colleen Fredrickson

Our average age at The Dalles is 76, and we have two who are 90 and play good bridge. Our mental abilities may get us through this life so long as we play bridge.

Activities for the holidays are in full swing, Christmas seems to come earlier every year. The games at The Dalles have fewer due to the snowbirds. We have also been graced with a few new players, which is good for all concerned.

Our annual Christmas party was held Dec. 7 at our place of play, St. Peters historic landmark church. **Gary Cotter** made a ham, and **Jim Hall** a turkey, with others bringing side dishes, all of which was expected to be like a TNT bid and made, as the few restaurants in The Dalles we've been to too many times, and the caliber of them over time is not not very joyous. And many here don't cook turkey etc., when there is just one of two in the home. **Ann Dollarhide** coordinated the menu.

Other news

Tillie Vann had recent major surgery after they finally identified what was causing her so much pain. The found a small tumor near the base of her spine, and already she is feeling so much better. The surgery also entails a month of therapy to help her be more comfortable than she has been in years.

Dorothy Spurek not only left to return to Arizona as a snowbird, but has sold her home in The Dalles in an amazingly short period of time. We will miss her. This is following the death of her husband. **Alyce Dunn** too had lost her husband, and is also selling her house but will be staying in The Dalles in her duplex.

Janet Meader and husband Dan returned from a cruise to Mexico for six days. To some that is not unusual, but getting Dan to get away from The Dalles has not been an easy task. The good news is he loved the trip, and found his way up to a world-class golf course in La Paz, Mexico, with an off-the-charts view of the Sea of Cortez. The course has many hills, and was not fully grassed in, so bad shots involve ball search among cactus, rocks, dirt and several water features. .

Gary Cotter and his wife returned from a week getaway.

While many leave for warmer climates, **Marilyn Carmichael** leaves for her yearly Alaska winter vacation for a few months. She has two children living there.

AROUND THE UNITS

Five newcomers find games in Eureka after taking class



Eureka
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By Frederica Aalto
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Dear Fellow Bridge Enthusiasts,

This issue I decided to interview some of our new players, and ask them what brought them to bridge. Here are some of their remarks.

Janice Beach loves games, and when she saw “Alder on Bridge” in the local paper, she wanted to know how bridge works. As a child she played pinochle, and she is naturally curious. She took **Suzanne Cook**’s class, which she thinks is a bargain. “Suzanne has done a yeoman’s job. She’s understanding and supportive.” After that, Janice decided to “jump in with the sharks” and play duplicate, which she found “exhausting and nervewracking” at first. Now she finds it great fun, but wishes that she could find a regular, congenial partner.

Richard Poggi states that he has been crazy about bridge since he was 18, but he didn’t have the time to pursue it, so it was on his to-do list. Now that he is semi-retired from being a veterinarian, he is going at it hammer-and-tongs. He finds Eureka’s offerings incredible. In addition to taking the Bridge-In-A-Day class, he has taken Suzanne’s class, and now plays in our Unit Games, in a Tuesday night group, a Wednesday afternoon group at the Women’s Club and Friday afternoon at the Senior Center. He has also started pairing with **Phyllis Chinn** at our club. He finds rubber bridge and duplicate bridge like apples and oranges, and he loves both!

Phyllis Chinn is a retired mathematics professor. She took the intermediate bridge course taught by Robert Fornes through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, but describes herself as a beginner. Her



Pam Garrett, Richard Poggi and Phyllis Chinn are among Eureka’s new bridge players.


parents were serious duplicate players, however, so she has heard about bridge from a young age, and read a bridge book by Goren in high school. She also plays at the Senior Center, where she met Richard Poggi, who encouraged her to come to our club. She hopes to work up a regular game in the future.

Barbara Leonard has played party bridge for years, and got her feet wet with duplicate at our club several years ago, but didn’t have the time to play regularly. She calls duplicate a whole different ballgame. She noted that “the more you play, the more you get used to it.” She took Suzanne’s lessons to prepare, and is happy to have **Judy McCrone** as a partner. Now she hopes to play Mondays and Saturdays.

Pam Garrett got into bridge because her friend, **Mimi Battle**, always talked about it. She took Suzanne’s class and decided to try our duplicate club. She finds it a real challenge, but mentioned that everyone is so kind and welcoming, that she is keeping with it. She, Mimi, Mimi’s sister and a friend play party bridge to practice between duplicate games.

So those are the experiences of some of our newest players. We are most happy to welcome them, and hope that established players will do all that they can to encourage them.

Brookings club secretary gets use of shorthand skills



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
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By Dottie Ellis

Greetings to all. Hope your holidays were great and may the New Year bring you all good health and happiness. The past two months have been very slow for our club. Some of our players have been visiting their friends and relatives for the holidays.

A few other plans for two of our players included getting married Nov. 15 — **Al Wilson** and **Genevieve Leary**! More on them later; they will be back in January. (See story, page 1.)

We have another new Life Master, **Genevieve Leary**. She partnered with Marie Stutin in the Olympia Regional. Al said he tagged along for fun, adding he never bid out of turn once.

Since the club has been so quiet, I decided to write about one our players who is very active in the club. So smile **Claudia Kemper**, you’re in the spotlight.



Claudia Kemper

Claudia does not take a salary for what she does and is so efficient at setting up the meetings and keeping the books so perfect. Always has a smile for everyone and is at the club every Monday and Thursday at 11 to make boards before others arrive. We appreciate all that she does, and she also plays a great game of bridge.

Visitors for the month of October and November were: **Bob & Mary Ann Kightlinger** and **Ray Hitchcock** from Grants Pass OR; **Susan Haas**, Cottonwood CA; **Pat Werlich**, Medford; **Pat & Susan O’Neil**, Northern CA; and **Mari- anne Shannon**, Crescent City CA. Come beck soon.

Ruby Bryson is on our get well list. She was in the hospital but is now at home resting. Get well soon, Ruby.

We bid **Pat Pedrick** a fond farewell as she left for Yuma AZ for the winter, until next May. We’ll miss her.

Big game: Ruby Bryson and **Kirk Roberts** scored 72.5% Nov. 6.

Earning the most masterpoints in October/November were: Claudia Kemper, Ruby Bryson, Al Wilson, Ray Shipman, George Kuppler, Bill Waddle and Kirk Roberts.

That’s about all the news from this end of the Oregon Coast. So till next issue, be good to yourself and others. May all your days be Grand Slams.

Results
Unit Game, Oct. 23 — 1: Ruby Bryson — Kirk Roberts, 2: George Kuppler — Pat Pedrick, 3: Ned Flaxington — Ray Shipman.
Unit Game, Nov. 24 — 1: Kirk Roberts — Ray Shipman, 2: Claudia Kemper — Ned Flaxington.



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Fun goes awry when jokester forgets to bid

Mohamed Shagrun is known at the club for his many endearing traits, one being his fondness for predicting bids his partners and opponents will make. He gets away with this for two reasons: one, because he’s Mohamed, and two, because his predictions often don’t bear much weight in the actual play — he’s just throwing out silly calls for fun.

The other day this game came back to bite him at our table. His partner opened 1♦ and Mo said “double” as a prediction for my partner’s bid. She instead put down the green pass card, and Mo, showing some color blindness, or being too caught up in his own fantasy, also passed.

I was in the passout seat with seven points and no suit, so I knew someone was lying, but couldn’t see any benefit in bidding, so passed. My partner led and Mo put down a very biddable hand with 4-4 in the majors (so perhaps he was projecting, as the psychologists say, in predicting my partner’s bid?) with the ♥AK and more. Mo’s partner had a moose, of course, and made a million tricks for a bottom board, as the room was in 4♠. Mo was still apologizing to his partner as they left the table.



Mohamed Shagrun



Chico/ Paradise
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By Mark Bloom

New Anderson venue a winner

The Redding Unit held its fall sectional at Win-River Casino instead of the Anderson City Hall, and with the exception of the food service the new venue received rave reviews. The games were held in a large, airy, bright room with carpeting, so noise wasn’t as much of an issue as in other places. The (non-smoking, thank goodness) casino is only a few minutes’ drive farther than the old site, so travel time was about the same. Based on the informal poll the organizers took on Sunday, I think we can expect to see the sectional there again.

Not many Chico players made the trip north, but most who did had something to brag about at the end of the weekend.

In the Friday open pairs, **Jack Woodard** and **Danny O’Broclyn** placed second in the afternoon with a 64%, and **Sharon McNutt** and **Billie Quandt** were 1C/3B.

On Saturday, your reporter and friend of the club **Greg Foss** overcame a blah morning with a 65% afternoon to finish 1C/3B.

On Sunday, both teams with Chico players did well: **Chuck Hodel** and **Carol Myers** were on the 3A team, and **Jenni Boles**, **Sherri Faroky**, Greg Foss and I rode a 25-imp whipping of an A team to 2B/1C.

So true

A joke heard recently: “Why is marriage like a card game? You start with two hearts and a diamond, and after a while you’re looking for a club and a spade.”

Promotions: Janet Burk is a Regional Master.

Results

Club Appreciation Teams Game, Oct. 6 — 1A/B: Doug Jones — Janet Burk — Jan Keller — Jenni Boles, 2A: Garth Gregory — Doug Jacobs — Jack Woodard — Mark Bloom, 3A/2B/1C: Diane Wilkinson — Retta Herfi — Marilyn Franks — Hesh Kaplan.

Club Appreciation Teams Game, Oct. 7 — 1A: Doug Jacobs — Garth Gregory — Carol Myers — Mohamed Shagrun, 2A/1B: Jenni Boles — Jan Keller — Larry & Peggy Skinner, 3A/2B: Janet Burk — Hazel Van Evera — Walter Luff — Tom Carr.

Club Appreciation Game, Oct. 10 — 1A: Jack Woodard — Doug Jacobs, 2A: Chuck Hodel — Mohamed Shagrun, 3A/1B: Fay Frazier — Billie Quandt, 2B: Jan Keller — Janet Burk.

ACBL Charity Game, Nov. 3 — 1A: Garth Gregory — Mark Bloom, 2A: Carol Huston — Mohamed Shagrun, 3A/1B/C: Mary O’Neal — Libby Bryson.

Club Charity Game, Nov. 18 — 1A: Carolyn Bergholdt — Mohamed Shagrun, 2A: Steve Kaessner — Shirlee Shaw, 3A/1B: Dennis Deromedi — Mark Bloom, 2B: Larry & Peggy Skinner.

Unit Pillsbury Teams Game, Nov. 16 — 1A: Carol Huston — Carol Myers — Chuck Hodel — Mohamed Shagrun, 2A: Doug Jacobs — Garth Gregory — Jack Woodard — Mark Bloom, 3A/1B: Sharon McNutt — Billie Quandt — Mary King — Pat Fitzgerald.



Sutter/ Buttes
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By Carol Nelson
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Four visit Branson

The unit Christmas party was held on Dec. 14 at Peach Tree Country Club. A nice brunch and bridge was planned. The club Christmas party was planned for the next day at the Moose Hall. Hope you all made it to one or both of these.

Johnnie House, **Pat Pommerenck**, **Jo Anne Murdock** and **Mary Mayfield** have returned from their trip to Branson. They played bridge twice while back there and really enjoyed themselves. Welcome back, and we are glad it was a good trip.

Tom Frye has been absent for a couple of weeks with back trouble. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The memorial for **Dale Doerr** will be held Jan. 18 at the Oroville Municipal Auditorium. His was truly a life well lived.

Results
Club Appreciation Game, Oct. 17 — 1-2A: Jack Woodard — Danny O’Broclyn, Fred Till — Mary Mayfield, 3A: Jo Anne Murdock — Don Johnson, 2B: Lyn Clark — Pat Pommerenck, 1C: Toni Naucke — Shirley Stefano.

Club Championship Game, Oroville, Nov. 6 — 1A: Chuck Hodel — Doug Jones, 2A: Carolyn Berghold — Mohamed Shagrun, 1B: Pete & Doris Roth.

Unit Game, Nov. 10: 1A/1B: Bruce Boley — Fred Till, 2A: Danny O’Broclyn — Steve Kaessner, 3A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 2B: Diane Nagler — Shirley Stefano.

AROUND THE UNITS

GP celebrates Williams; first tourney for some

Phyllis Williams didn't act 80, nor did she look 80.

One of the Grant Pass Duplicate Bridge Club's longest, most knowledgeable and beloved members succumbed to a six-month battle with cancer on Sept. 11, making an already sad day even sadder. Many in our club are missing the bubbly personality and great exuberance for life and bridge that Phyllis always exhibited.

She wanted a party with her bridge family when she passed, so a party it was — at the Bridge Club — on Oct. 26, Phyllis's 81st birthday. We all got to know even better just how special this wonderful lady was and about the exciting life she lived with her beloved husband, **Arnie**, for the past 36 years.

Phyllis began playing bridge around 12 years old at her mother's social games and was hooked from then on. A Silver Life Master,



Phyllis Williams



Grants Pass



By Yvette Ome

she eventually accumulated over 2,000 masterpoints. Phyllis was a most patient, kind and helpful player and partner to newcomers and seasoned players alike.

Arnie, a director at our club, has just recently achieved the status of Gold Life Master. How pleased Phyllis must be.

Other news

Our club had 13 participants in the Medford Sectional in early October. Half of our attendees were newcomers to tournaments, and by the chatter I've heard, this has opened new doors and challenges, as well as much fun, for many.

Again this year, our club held its annual Christmas Party at the Grants Pass Country Club. After the success of last year, the best news is that we needed to use a

larger venue to accommodate everyone. We owe a huge thank you to all the newer players who are filling our tables and supporting our club by attendance at various games during the week.

Along this line, and in closing the year, we are all so indebted to several members who have been teaching and mentoring new and intermediate players. Without these dedicated members imparting their knowledge in some class or other every single week of the year, we would not have a prospering bridge club.

A very special thank you to Mary Louise Hendricks, Nancy and Jim Hitchcock, Doug Merritt, Joe White, Arnie Williams, Myra Falletta, Chuck Shipley, Mary Ann Kightlinger, Donna Anderson, and everyone who has helped throughout the year in any capacity to make the GPDB Club the fun place it is. Daniel Grossbard must also be remembered as another of our instructors who dedicated much time to teaching before his untimely passing this summer.



Jackson County



By Jim Flint

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Players featured on unit website

Unit 484 is more than an organization headed by a board that has an affiliation with ACBL. It's also, and perhaps primarily, the people — the members who support bridge week in and week out with their attendance at club games.

That's why a couple of volunteers decided years ago to write profiles of members to post on the unit's website. The writers, husband and wife, compiled an archive over the years of nearly three dozen profiles of local bridge players. Then ill health intervened and they were unable to continue the project.

Flash forward to 2013 when the board accepted a proposal by another volunteer to restart the project, and new profiles began appearing on the website.

"It's a way of helping members get better acquainted with their fellow bridge players," said Jim Flint, coordinator of the project.

"I try to include information about how they became interested in bridge, how their games have changed over the years, anecdotes from club and tournament play, plus personal data about their education, careers, and families," he said.

When a profile is completed, the story and a photo of the featured member are posted on the home page of the unit website. Then when a new profile is submitted, the web manager moves the previous story to the archives, and features the new one on the home page.

When a profiled member dies, her story is moved to a "Tributes" archive, so that a record of the members is preserved, sometimes along with obituary information.

"Members enjoy reading about the players they meet at the bridge table," Flint said, "learning a great deal more about their bridge pals than the limited time of a round allows."

The stories and photos are designed to capture the character and personality of the profiled player, not just his approach to bridge.

"That's why I asked my last profiled member, **Robert Serrett**, to pose for a photo holding the Stop Card from the bidding box," Flint said.

"Serrett, a member of the unit for about five years, is known for his preference always to use the Stop Card for any jump bid, even an opening strong 2 clubs bid. He owns his own Stop Card in case one is missing from the box. He has been teased about it more than once. His willingness to pose with the card is an example of his friendly good humor."

You can see the profiles by visiting the website at unit484.org.

Spring sectional cancelled

The Unit 484 board of directors decided to cancel the 2015 spring sectional because of the May regional to be held in Medford. The board felt the dates were too close.

In addition, the fall sectional dates were rescheduled to Oct. 16-18.



Redding



By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

New site a winner

Looking back on our year, we've added two new clubs for Redding. These added private clubs and our previously existing two clubs make it possible to play bridge five days a week, if so inclined!

We changed the site for our sectionals, too, much to the delight of many. Win-River makes an excellent place for us. We've added a few new players from the lessons given. Overall, looks to have been a very successful year.

Looking forward to a good new year! We can make it even better if we remember to be kind to one another, encourage others, be willing to mentor but skip the lessons at the table; lead first, then write down the contract; forgo the lengthy postmortem discussions and keep to the time allotment. Happy 2015!

Results

Club Championship Game, Bridge Dreams — 1: George Clarke — Dolores Mackey, 2: Marilyn Avey — Marv Grudem.

Unit Game, October — 1A/1B: Ted Marconi — Gerri Wolfe, 2A: Dolores Mackey — Jeanne Carpenter, 3A: Phil Lonnberg — Marilyn Avey, 2B: Jerry Clark — George Clarke.

Instant Matchpoint Game, Oct. 16 — N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 2A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens, 3A/1B: Bud Hamilton — Ken Murray, 2B/1C: Mike Hollins — Saurin Chakrabarti, 3B/2C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. E/W 1A/1B: George Clarke — Sue McKown, 2A: Gene Biek — Gail Lonnberg, 3A: P.J. Gans — Jeanne Carpenter, 2B/1C: Joan Corbeau — Lucille Muns, 3B/2C: Chuck — Sandi Cook.

Local Charity Game, Redding Thursday Club — 1A: Jim & Diane Norton, 2A/1B: Bud Hamilton — Wilhelmina White, 3A: Florence Hungerford — Mary Hawkins, 2B: Ken Murray — Carol Schmitz, 3B/1C: Lorraine Dumont — Sandi Cook, 2C: Gail Lenz — Gerri Wolfe, 3C: Bill & Arlee Street.

Bridge Werks Club Championship, Friday — 1A: Jerry Anderson — Jeanne Carpenter, 2A: Jim & Diane Norton, 3A/1B: Norm Gundy — Mickey Thomas, 2B: Carole Schmitz — Ken Murray, 3B/1C: Aloma & Ray Butler, 2C: Colleen Thomas — Christine Gundy, 3C: Jan Thieleman — Joseph Jannuzzi.

ACBL Charity Game, Bridge Dreams, Nov. 5 — 1: Marilyn Avey — Marv Grudem, 2: Sue McKown — Dolores Mackey.

Club Championship Game, Monday Club — 1A: Phil Konnberg — Sue McKown, 2A/1B: Lucille Muns — Saurin Chakrabarti, 3A: Wilhelmina White, Marv Grudem, 2B: Diane Norton — Carol Sandberg, 3B: Lorraine Dumont — Sandi Cook, 1C: Gail Lenz — Shorty Armstrong, 2C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen — 3C: Chuck Cook — Hal Muns.

Club Championship Game, Thursday Club — 1A: Bob Wierman — July Ratley, 2A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens, 3A/1B: Hal Muns — Dorothy Hoots, 2B: Ken Murray — Bud Hamilton, 3A/1C: Mike Hollins — Saurin Chakrabarti, 2C: Kim & Jeff Speer, 3C: Gail Lenz — Joann Perkins.

Memories of Reno's holidays past

The last D20 Reno Holiday Regional is over and for those of you that were able to attend I hope you enjoyed every moment. I didn't get to attend the last few extravaganzas in Reno; however I have many fond memories, beginning in the early 1970s, of the fun we had at the Reno tournament.

Beginning downtown Reno 40+ years ago it was blast at the Pioneer Auditorium and other downtown facilities. Then, in need of more space, it moved out to the MGM Grand (now the Grand Sierra). Many friends were made during those years with the wonderful Reno folks.

Since the last issue of the Trumpet our games are getting a little smaller with the snowbirds heading to warmer climate. They will return in late April and May.

Doug Higgs and **Harvey Bush** were victorious in the Fall Open pairs while **Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure** captured the October Sunday contest. **Randall Paul** and **Bobby Thompson** claimed the Club Appreciation title as well as the November Sunday game. Pro-Am winners included **Bridget Burns**, **Judy Shelton**, **Ted Gessner** and **Neal Shelton**.

Big game scores were by the bushel. **Ed McClure** and Thompson had two (70.0 and 71.7), **Gary Florence** and Thompson (70.7), **Patsy Florence** and **Keith Thorp** (71.6), Bush and Thompson (71.4) and Higgs and Thompson (71.0).

Point parade winners in October were Thompson, Bush and Higgs with the in-



Klamath Falls



By Bobby Thompson

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termediate group going to **Dale Taylor**, **Duane Weiss** and **Jim Myers**. November leaders were Thompson, Griffith and Mrs. McClure in the open race while Gessner, **Ruth Porterfield**, and Taylor topped the non-life master group.

Finally, the Klamath Falls Unit wishes to one and all a very Happy New Year and may 2015 be a great year for all of us!

Results

Unit Game, Oct. 12 (6 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Doug Higgs — Randall Paul; 3A: Rosella Wilde — Ruth O'Connor; 1B: Keith Thorp — Dale Taylor; 2B/1C: Neal & Judy Shelton; 3B/2C: Duane Weiss — Rhoda Bennett.

Club Appreciation Game, (7.5 tables) — 1A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Ed & Carol McClure; 3A: Doug Higgs — Harvey Bush; 1B: Rosella Wilde — Duane Weiss; 2/3B: Dick Halousek — Charles Duncan; 2/3B/1C: Tom & Petra Gellner; 2C: Winnie Duncan — Millie Miller.

Fall Open, (6 tables) — 1A: Harvey Bush — Doug Higgs; 2A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp; 3A/2B: Gary & Patsy Florence; 1C: Duane Weiss — Jo Ann Koenig; 2C: Don Messner — Marge Narramore.

Club Championship, (7 tables) — 1A: Ed McClure — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3A: Harvey Bush — Randall Paul; 1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp; 2B/1C: Neal Shelton — Ted Gessner; 2C: Bridget Burns — Ethel Rust.

Unit Game, (5 tables) — 1A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3A/1B: Ruth Porterfield — Ted Gessner; 2B/1C: John & Judy Woodward.

Snow, sleet and a belated big score

Two things that can never bore you: the game of bridge and the weather in Central Oregon. Already this season (and as of writing, it is technically not yet even winter) we have had meaningful snow, rain, sleet, freezing rain, more ice than one can imagine, sun, impressive winds and a plethora of school snow days!

Bridge games have been lively — miss our snowbirds who have gone south for the winter — but the golfing locals have returned to the bridge table in full force.

In the last Trumpet, I was so focused on reporting our clubs' scores in the 70s that I totally missed the 80% game scored by Jeff Roman and Huub Bertens on Sept. 12. While it is true that this partnership has an incredible number of masterpoints between them, it's also true that an 80%



Bend/Redmond



By Debbie Cole

www.bendbridge.org

game is darn impressive.

Hoping that everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday season. Here's to a new year full of bid and made grand slams and remembering when your partnership systems are on or off over interference!

Results

Redmond Club

Unit Game, October — 1: Linda Johnson — Dorothy Tokerud; 2: Judy Davidson — Stefanie Whitcomb.

Unit Game, November — 1: Donna Jackson — Dorothy Tokerud; 2: Patricia Black — Julie Johnson.

Cascade Club

Unit Game, October — 1: Debbie Cole — Mark Hickman; 2: Don Crozier — Joy Jones.

Unit Game, November — 1: Lorraine Rodich — Rosemary Segall; 2: Roz Black — Don Crozier

ACBL-wide Charity Pairs, Nov. 5 — 1: Berta & Chip Cleveland; 2: Richard Gettman — Nancy Serne.

AROUND THE UNITS



**Seaside/
Astoria/Ilwaco**
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By Manny Suarez
www.seasidebridge.org

Seaside award honors teachers

We are happy to report that even though many of our members travel to California or Arizona for the winter, our games are still going strong, six days a week and sometimes on Sundays.

Bridge players from the entire Northwest are invited to join us. We have many guests from Portland stopping in on the Friday and Saturday games. Give the directors a call and we can greet you at the door or find you a partner. Spend the weekend on the beach, play a little bridge and meet some new friends. Coffee and snacks are always available thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Directions, details and results can be found at seaside-bridge.net; see schedule below.

Unit Goodwill Awards

At the Christmas Party at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, the annual Goodwill Awards for Outstanding Service to Bridge were presented to our two terrific teachers **Sandra Baker** and **Ann Marie Gramson**. Presenting the awards on behalf of the newer players, **Vernon Fowler** and **Cindy Gould** cited their service to the unit on the board, their work at tournaments, their lessons and games to bring in new players and their efforts to purchase a dealing machine (lesson profits, raffles, donations and a 50% grant from the ACBL Educational Foundation).

Volunteer of the Month

Club directors thank **Joyce Haller** for bringing snacks to the Wednesday Seaside game.

Big game: **Patti Patton** and **Manny Suarez** scored 75% on Dec. 6 at the Seaside Bridge Club.

Christmas party

Once again we had our very popular Christmas party on Dec. 14, held at the Astoria Country Club. A good time was had by all. After a session of bridge, we sat down for a wonderful dinner. The Unit 491 annual meeting was also held with president Fred Lundin. New board members were decided.

Coming events

Valentine's Day party at the Astoria Country Club on Friday, Feb 13. Free entry with a poem about your bridge partner.

Manny's corner (the Tall Cuban)

Happy New Year! We all make resolutions. Try this one. Whether you are a rookie or a veteran, try to go back and just enjoy playing the cards. Remember why we are playing bridge, to enjoy the company of others. Where you rank at the end of the session does not really matter that much. Friends are forever.

Results

Unit Championship, Nov. 21 — Sally Mannex — Denise Holman.

Club schedule
Mondays: Long Beach WA, 11:30 a.m., Peninsula DBC.
Tuesdays: Astoria, 12:30 and 6 p.m., Astoria-Warrenton DBC.
Wednesdays: Seaside, 1 p.m., Lower Columba DBC.
Thursdays: Astoria, 12:30 p.m., Astoria-Warrenton DBC.
Fridays: Seaside, 1 p.m., Seaside DBC.
Saturdays: Seaside, 9:30 a.m., Seaside DBC.
Sundays (monthly): Warrenton, 1 p.m., Bridge Games R Us (299ers).

New owners take over Portland Bridge Club



Portland
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By Amy Casanova
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There's new ownership and management at the Portland Bridge Club.

After months of planning, **Dave Brower** and **Linda Wiener** bought the club from **Paul O'Brien** and **Ouida McCullough**, and **Chris Wiegand** has taken over as club manager.

All three are well-known in the D20 bridge community.

Dave Brower has been playing bridge for over 30 years, in Portland since 1998. In his "real" life, Dave has worked for CMedia as an independent programming contractor and has now moved into data analytics. Dave grew up in Canada and was chosen for their junior team in 1999 (yes, he was that young then!).

Unorthodoxy is Dave's middle name. He is well-known to be an aggressive and creative bidder (see partner Chris Gibson's recent contribution, "Dave Brower Does Not Bid Like You"). You always know Dave is at the club because his booming laughter fills the room. If he doesn't make you laugh at least once during a session, it is only because you never sat at his table.

Linda Wiener has been playing bridge for over 20 years, all in the Portland area. She has served on the unit and district boards and the Board of Governors. In addition to playing bridge, Linda spent a good part of the 2000s trying to solve the world's problems. She loves to cook and looks forward to providing some scrumptious meals for all of you.

With her partner, Dave, she has gone to two world championships and at least 20 nationals, spreading their particular brand of joviality along the way. After a brief hiatus from bridge, Linda has turned her attention more toward teaching than playing. Running a bridge club should be less of a challenge than fielding Dave's curveballs at the table!

Chris Wiegand (nee Carmichael) started her duplicate "career" in New Jersey on a phone book, literally, as it was the only way she could see dummy. With the help of many great players who were willing to mentor her, she became a Life Master seven (incredibly long) years later.

School and life inter-



Chris Wiegand



Dave Brower



Linda Wiener



Ouida McCullough and Paul O'Brien

fered with many of her bridge aspirations, but fast forward to the Junior Team Trials of 1998, when she was set up to play with Dave Wiegand, a Reed College alumnus. They were successful in the trials and he was successful in luring her to Northeast Portland, where they have since resided with their two daughters Samantha, 13 and Melanie, 10.

When she is not playing or watching bridge, Chris is usually cheering for Dave in Scrabble, helping schools and parents in her role as treasurer of the Oregon PTA, or volunteering at her daughters' schools.

Dave, Linda, and Chris are thrilled to be starting anew as Portland Bridge Club. While you can expect most things to stay the same for the first few months, you can look forward to many changes aimed at making the club better than ever. If you have ideas or suggestions, they would love to hear from you!

And a few words from **Paul O'Brien**: "Ouida and I have enjoyed our tenure as owners and will treasure all the friends we have made. As Robert Hunter wrote, 'Thank you for a real good time!'"

Split Sectional

The first Portland Willamette Split-Site Sectional was held this past November, and we're choosing to call it a success! The open games averaged 19 tables, while the Battle of the Willamette Trophy game featured 16 tables, a significant increase over last year.

Joann Sziemias and **Bev Walters** — two

Portland Bridge Center stalwarts — won the Battle Of the Willamette Pairs with a 61% game at November's Willamette Sectional. Their names will appear on the plaque (which will remain at the PBC for the year).

There is definitely room for improvement, so please consider giving us some feedback, either in person to your unit board member or drop us a line at pdxunit487@gmail.com.

New OBTY editor

Did you happen to get a copy of the latest OBTY? Thanks to new editor **Martha Maroney** it looks better than ever and is crammed with information, schedules, results and the like. If you missed grabbing a copy at the club, please visit the unit's website at acbld20.org/unit487.

Time change

Please note the time change for the Portland Winter Sectional! The first session begins at 10:30 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday morning is an Open Pairs game, a three-session knockout begins Friday afternoon through Saturday, and then the Sunday Swiss, so grab your favorite partner and teammates (and dress in warm layers) and head on down to the Kliever Armory.

PBC's Players of the Month:

October — Bob Law, Kent Livingston (non LM), and Dalice Bromfield (rookie).

November — Elwin Dversdal, Susan Crawford (non LM), and Nely Johnson (rookie).

South Waterfront Players of the Month in November — Marilyn Hill, Susan Crawford.

Sectional Results

Saturday Morning IMP Pairs — 1A: Alan Johnson — Judy Kay, 2A: Bob Johnstone — Jeff Taylor, 3A: Ron Frazier — Ethel Birnbach, 1B: Tim Rilling — Don Herring, 2B: Judy Davis — Toni Heitkamp, 1C: Ira Grifel — Lucy Gregory.

Battle of the Willamette Trophy Game — 1D: Beverly Walters — Joann Sziemias, 2D: Diane Mackenzie — Carolyn Murphy, 1E/3D: Mike & Judy Stoner, 1F: JoAnn Tsohonis — Sally Miller, 2F: Vince Winters — Bruce Backup.

Saturday Afternoon IMP Pairs — 1A David Brower — Stan Sather, 2A: Ethel Birnbach — Ron Frazier, 3A/1B: Elinor Hood, Donald Weber, 1C/2B: Ira Grifel — Lucy Gregory.

Saturday Afternoon Non-Life Master Pairs — 1D: Beau Hovda — Larry Henderson, 2D: Diane Mackenzie — Carolyn Murphy, 3D: Nancy Swanson — Peggy Brom, 1E: Zack Woodbury — Ryan Porter, 2E: Mike & Judy Stoner.

Sunday Swiss Teams — 1A: David Brower, Mike Redden, Linda Wiener, Joel Datloff; 2A: Robert Johnstone, W Ronald Frazier, Laurie Rowe, Jeffery Taylor; 3A/1B: Ron Root, Don Herring, Charles Burns, Tim Rilling; 1C: Dave & Marie Pinch, Peter & Mary Hepokoski.

Sunday NLM Swiss — 1D/1E: Aaron Cohen, Zack Woodbury, Mike & Judy Stoner.

Vancouver gets new board; mourns volunteer

Ahh, the beginning of a new year! Did you make resolutions? Are you going to keep them? Me either ... not going on a diet, not going to exercise more — but I am resolved to play more bridge! That's an easy peasy one!

There are games at the VBC six days a week, and once a month on Sunday. Need to improve your game? Try the mentor game on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; there is a brief lesson before the game, and it's limited to beginning players. You will learn lots of good stuff! Please arrive about 6, so the director can arrange a mentor for you.

The results are in! **Darrel Graham**, **Garland Wilson** and **Linda Tubbs** are board members for 2015. They are all well qualified and will do a great job.

We have new members! It's always exciting to greet new people. Dian and Fred Poujade, Susan O'Hara, Diane Roberts,



**Vancouver/
Longview**
♣♦♥♠
By Sarah Reuter
www.acbld20.org/vbc

William Phillips, Richard Banner, Sharon Crow and John Shelley. Resolve to give a warm welcome when you see these folks.

With great sadness, we say goodbye to **Sue Maly**. She was a tireless worker for the club — a past president; a food and/or partnership chairperson for our big events; and the most pleasant bridge partner or opponent. If something needed to be done, she raised her hand. She was a role model for the ACBL's



Sue Maly

Zero Tolerance policy. Our condolences go to husband Ray, her family and many bridge friends. She will be missed.


You and your partner arrive at a contract. Opponent makes the opening lead. The dummy goes down. How do you play to win the hand? Not sure? There is a new 8-week course dealing with strategy. I know I need that! It is Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. starting on Jan. 13, taught by **Marie Gemulska** and **Deborah Lackey**. For more info or to sign up, please call Deborah Lackey at 360-216-7484.

Do you have friends that don't play bridge? "Learn Bridge in a Day" is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Registration is limited; to reserve a space, call Deborah Lackey at 360-216-7484.

There are lots of exciting events coming in January and February. Resolve to come to the VBC to find out about them. See you at the bridge table.

AROUND THE UNITS

Player makes ethical choice; class sees 4 tables



**Eugene/
Springfield**
♣♦♥♠
By Don Marsh
www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

We had a great example of Active Ethics this last month at EBC. **Gayle Helfrich** calls me to the table and indicates that she has “doubled” her partner’s bid. After the standard, “So you don’t think your partner can make her bid?” comment, we sorted things out and made a ruling that ended up benefiting the non-offending E/W pair.

What was interesting is that the opponents, trying to be “nice guys,” had initially told Gayle, “Oh don’t worry about it. Just take your double back and bid whatever you want to.” Gayle indicated that she thought they might have some options and that the right thing to do was to call and make sure they were protected. And indeed that turned out to be the case. They ended up with a better result than had I not been called to the table. Kudos to Gayle.

We should all strive to be actively ethical players all the time. Law 16 deals with “Authorized and Unauthorized Information” and is one with which all players should be well-versed. As a club owner and director, there is nothing more frustrating or irritating than to see players, especially experienced players, violate this rule. When you provide unauthorized information to your partner by “a remark, a question ... unmistakable hesitation, unwanted speed, special emphasis, tone, ges-



Wendy Saville and Vicky Fine were STAC winners.

ture, movement or mannerism,” you are not only creating a difficult situation for your partner, you are cheating. Laws 73 and 74 are also worth a look.

Irva Kay Neyhart brought down **Paul Hochfeld** and **Carol** and **Dennis Harms** from the Albany-Corvallis Club to play in our Club Championship on Nov. 24. EBC proved to be great hosts as Dennis and Carol placed 5th overall while Irva and Paul had 75.7% to win first overall going away.

Vicky Fine and **Wendy Saville** were a “red letter” pair in the STaC game on Dec. 11. They were 1C/2B with 69.58%. They actually were not far out from winning the entire event — 5th overall out of almost 500 tables.

Lots more good news and kudos to hand out.

First goes to **Janet Walsh** for such a well-run introductory bridge class on Nov. 8. Janet hosted four tables of new players and introduced them all to the basics of duplicate. Several board members attended, serving as mentors.

Next would be **Jim Fitzgibbons** on attaining his Life Master status playing at EBC Nov. 20. Jeff Taylor and I are taking full credit for Jim reaching his goal. In the last round, eschewing our nine-card spade fit, we decided to play in our seven-card diamond fit at the three-level for down two and an absolute top for Jim and his partner. This was just enough to put Jim “over the top.” Jeff and I think you owe us a very nice glass or two of our favorite Pinot, Jim.

Speaking of **Jeff Taylor**; How about Jeff and his partner Craig Robinson winning the Super Senior crown at the recent Fall NABC in Providence; pretty impressive for two old guys.

And lastly we want to recognize and acknowledge **Laurie Rowe** who is the new representative to District 20 from Salem, Albany-Corvallis, and Eugene-Springfield. We are grateful for Laurie being willing to take on this important job.

Sherri Morgan and I want to thank **Kim Larson** for taking over running the club while we took a little break. And thanks also to **Judy Nevell** and **Jon Neimand** for lending support. The reports about everyone’s work were most positive. Most folks, in fact, suggested that maybe we should take more time off.

Speaking of taking time off, this will be my last edition as reporter for Unit 479 for The Trumpet. I have enjoyed the opportunity. My wish for the bridge community is that it be about community first and bridge second so that, in the very long run, the community that is the bridge community may live long and prosper and realize, that ultimately, it is all about relationships.



**Albany/
Corvallis**
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By Bob Peery
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One of these is not like the others

Every day when I come home from the bridge club my wife greets me with “Hi hon, how was your day? Are there any human interest stories today?”

“Good Lord, woman! They are bridge players. When there are cards on the table, they are neither human nor interested. There’s blood to be let and throats to be slit.”

As an example of the attention to non-bridge details, when the newly elected board members were announced, the president welcomed them with a hearty “Welcome to the Albany Bridge Club board of directors, ladies.” The new members are **Ruby Miller**, **Martha Dukes** and **Bob Peery**. *Hmmm!*

In November the Unit 477 NLM sectional was held at the Corvallis club’s new digs. Although the turnout was small, a good time was had by all (58 players earned silver points). With the usual one or two minor glitches, the tournament ran fairly smoothly with the help of **Eileen Milligan** as an understudy director.

A new wrinkle was put into place this year that has not been so in the past. With the use of a local director for these limited tournaments instead of a full tournament director, the points awarded are only 65% of full sectional rating. Perhaps the tradeoff is reasonable as the cost of a full tournament director would mean that many of these types of limited tournaments would not be possible.

In October, Newport held their annual sectional. The top five winners from our clubs were **Irva Kay Neyhart**, **Brian Breckenridge**, **Terry Hill**, **Stan Blascow** and **Mark Rowe**.

Doug Thayer passed away Nov. 7 in Lebanon. He was a very good player but hasn’t been able to attend games but once or twice since we were holding the games at the First United Methodist Church after the American Legion burned down. His longtime partner, **Jack Mayfield** from Eugene, moved to the Phoenix area and so he did not play much afterwards.

My fondest memory of Doug was when his wheelchair tire blew out one Tuesday evening while playing at the Albany Senior Center. It sounded just like a gunshot and brought the whole game to a standstill for a minute until we determined no one was shooting at us and the game resumed.

One incident epitomized Doug’s never-give-up attitude. He had been into the Corvallis Hospital for a routine exam and the doctor stepped out of the room to check on some of Doug’s paperwork when Doug accidentally rolled off the examining table and broke or cracked a couple of ribs. This resulted in some supposed minor surgery. “Not many people can claim they had their 49th surgery on their 49th birthday!” was Doug’s claim with a smile and a chuckle.

299er Sectional Results

Saturday Morning — 1: Zack Woodbury – Aaron Cohen, Portland, 2: Karen McCuaig – Ann Mills, Corvallis, 3: Vicky Howard – Elizabeth Burdick, Albany.

Saturday Afternoon — 1: Zack Woodbury – Aaron Cohen, Portland, 2: Judy Francis – Laura Slemp, Eugene, 3: Joan Beck – Ann Mills, Corvallis.

Sunday Morning Swiss — 1: Randy Naef – Mike Green – Susan Braden – Ann Teal, McMinnville.

Sunday Afternoon Swiss — 1st/2nd (tie): Randy Naef – Mike Green – Susan Braden – Ann Teal; Gayle Peterson – Ryan Porter – Zack Woodbury – Aaron Cohen.

Salem club moves to new location, saves rent

It’s a move that needed to be made. For the past four years, maybe more, the Salem Bridge Club and Unit 490 had been hosting Wednesday night games — SBC had Open Pairs and 490 its Third Wednesday Unit games — in a money-losing proposition. Low turnouts (two tables, anyone?) and increasing rents to go along with standard director fees brought mounting losses. In SBC’s case, it was in excess of \$2,000 last year.

The boards of directors of both groups faced two choices: drop the Wednesday night games, or move away from the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors building to another, less expensive location.

SBC already had a Friday Night Open Pairs game at the Capital Manor Retirement Community in West Salem in a rent-free environment, plus 13 mostly active Unit 490 members reside there. A move to Capital Manor became obvious. Away SBC and the Unit went, successfully, drawing four-to-six tables in October and November and keeping the Wednesday night bridge-playing option alive in Salem.

Meanwhile, we have other reasons to rejoice: three of our members became Life Masters. **Allen Carter** of Salem and **Tricia** and **Paul Mock** of McMinnville have moved into that exalted territory.

Promotions: Margaret Drips of Salem, Club Master; and Joan Page of Salem, Regional Master.

Big game: Phyllis Hann and Art Duraski scored 72% Oct. 21 at Salem Bridge Club.

We welcome new ACBL members **Shaohua (Dan) Chen**, **Jeanne** and **Ross Hibler**, and **Nancy Cole**, all of Salem; and two transfers into Salem: **Regina Ann Cain** from Palm Springs CA, and **Diana Truitt** from the Central Coast.

We mourn the passing of Life Master **Barbara Bennett** of McMinnville.



Salem
♣♦♥♠
By Tom McGuire
www.salembridgeclub.org

On the tournament trail

Unit 490 players went far and wide during October and November to score victories in sectionals and regionals.

Suzanne St Thomas of Salem partnered with **Harvey Bush** of Klamath Falls for an overall win in the Friday Afternoon Open Pairs at the Rogue Valley Fall Sectional in Medford, then with **KC Jones** of Boise won another Friday Afternoon Open Pairs at the Boise Harvest Sectional. She and Jones also won the Scaredy Cat II Open Pairs at the Nampa-Caldwell Sectional.

Allen Carter and **Bob Cannon**, both of Salem, were Flight B winners in the Saturday Afternoon NLM Pairs at the VBC Fall NLM Sectional in Vancouver. **Randy Naef** and **Ann Teal** of McMinnville and **Mike Green** of Yamhill, plus **Carol Hardwick** of Portland, were 1B at the Sunday NLM Swiss Teams in Vancouver.

Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth teamed with **Bob Law** of Portland and **Steven Pessin** and **Ginny Stark** of Eugene for two firsts at the Central Oregon Coast Sectional: the Newport KO’s Bracket 1 on Saturday and (in a tie) the Sunday Swiss Teams. Naef and Green, along with **Becky McKenzie** and **Karen Nelson** of Corvallis, won 1C in the Sunday Swiss.

Naef then moved on to the Fall Senior Sectional in Vancouver for a 1C with Portlanders **Betsy McCormick**, **Margaret Evenson** and **Ginny Kopacz** in the Sunday Swiss Teams.

Naef, Green and Teal plus **Susan Braden** of McMinnville collected two wins

in the Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional in Corvallis: the Sunday Morning Swiss, then (in a tie) the Afternoon Swiss.

Two unit members ventured, separately, into a District 19 regional in Olympia WA to collect wins. **Joan Page** of Salem partnered with Marcia Cramer of Tacoma to top the Wednesday Evening 199er Pairs. Then Kacmarynski partnered with John Crutcher to take top honors in the Friday Morning Side Pairs.

Masterpoint races

Here are the Unit 490 point leaders as of Nov. 6 in the Mini-McKinney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs races for 2014:

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Margrit Angeloni, Salem, 6.10; (5-20) Bill Cobb, Salem, 20.58; (20-50) Ann Teal, McMinnville, 35.55; (50-100) Jan Petroski, Woodburn, 42.58; (100-200) Mike Green, Yamhill, 80.19; (200-300) Randy Naef, McMinnville, 84.17; (300-500) tie, Martha and Jack Farmer, Salem, 58.68; (500-1000) Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth, 152.17; (1000-2500) David Astle, Salem, 80.53; (2500-5000) Suzanne St Thomas, Salem, 282.75.

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs — (same unless listed); (200-300) Bill Anning, Salem, 51.71; (300-500) Sue Baarsch, Jefferson, 46.4; (500-1000) Tom McGuire, Salem, 72.60; (1000-2500) Susan Palmer, Keizer, 69.21; (2500-5000) John Gram, Salem, 55.15.

Kevin Kacmarynski has moved ahead of **Tom McGuire** with two December games to play in the run for the Kathryn Lewis Memorial Award for the most masterpoints earned in Unit Games during 2014, leading 23.36 to Tom’s 22.97. Shain Oleson has moved up to third at 17.54, with Jackie Mishler at 17.41 and Carl Brown at 16.17

Results

Unit Game, Oct. 15 (6 tables) — 1A: Carol Brown – Tom McGuire, 2A/1B: Wing Yung – Jerry Gordon, 3A/2B: Sue Baarsch – Shirley Scofield.

Unit Game, Nov. 2 (10 tables) — 1A: Carol Brown – Zina Galaka, 2A/1B: Bill Anning – Susan Palmer, 3A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge.

Unit Game, Nov. 19 (6 tables) — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson – Kevin Kacmarynski, 2A: David Astle – Paul Graham, 3A/2B: Jerry Gordon – Wing Yung.



Ask John
Retired national tournament director John Ashton answers your questions on play, bidding or directing.

Opponents vul

♠KQJ98
♥A4
♦A72
♣AQ3

Partner Opp You Opp
1♣ 2♥ 2♠ 5♥
Pass Pass ?

Dear John,
It's hard to imagine a hand partner could have opened on that won't deliver 13 tricks in at least one of the black suits. If this is true, though, then the vulnerable opponents have bid themselves to the five level with no tricks outside the heart suit. What do you do?
— One who has options

Dear Eeny,
Unless the opponents are lifetime disciples of Timothy Leary or newly graduated students from David Brower's bidding class, something very odd is going on here. Because I think partner should double with two small hearts to discourage me from bidding more, I believe he has a void or singleton there. If that is true, he probably would have bid 5♠ with prime support (certainly four to the ace, maybe ace third). Therefore, I conclude that he has 10 or 11 cards in the minors with longer clubs. Because most opponents play to avoid large negative numbers, they should have extra distribution on this deal. If I lead ace an another trump, their side might win seven total heart tricks and possibly a diamond for +800 for the good guys. I am going to hope that their extra distribution entitles them to a trick on defense. For example, five spades to the ♠10 or ♣J10 (♣J9) fourth could produce a trick. My choice of 6♣ will probably be enough if partner has a minimum opener like: ♠A6 ♥J ♦KQ84 ♣J87642. If partner does, in fact, have spade support, he can correct to 6♠ or cuebid 6♥ on the way there with a heart void and a decent hand. A wise man once told me not to bid a grand slam unless I can count 13 tricks. Even a normal opening hand from partner like ♠A84 ♥Q6 ♦Q104 ♣KJ1075 will not produce the required number.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

Opponents vul

♠J7
♥KQ1063
♦752
♣QJ9

You Opp Partner Opp
1♣ 2♠
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Dear John,
How badly do you want partner to know about your fifth heart? The vulnerability seemed right (this is pairs) for a stretch to 3♥, but that seemed less right when 4♥ went down 3 on the bad breaks that tend to turn up when the opponents preempt. Partner's 14-count (with three small hearts) suggests it should be our hand, but as it turns out they can make 3♠.
— One who doesn't

Dear Moe,
This hand is not worth 3♥ in the Wonderland Novice Pairs. That bid is 100% forcing, and this meager collection is an ace away from that threshold. Opponents who preempt often cause trouble, but it is rarely proper strategy to join with them in confusing partner further. Just make a negative double and later look for an opportunity to show your extra heart. For example, not many would argue with 3♥ if partner rebids either 2NT or 3♦.

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



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

JANUARY 2015

8 – 9 Jan 19-25 23 – 25	Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional HAWAII REGIONAL Portland Winter KO Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA Hawaii Prince Hotel, Honolulu HI Kliever Armory, Portland OR
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FEBRUARY 2015

6 – 8 6 – 8 Feb 16-22 20 – 22 Feb. 27 – March 1	Boise Sweetheart Sectional Maui Snowbird Sectional OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL Big Island Sectional Heart of the Valley Sectional	Boise Hotel and Conference Center, Boise ID Maui Bridge Club, Kihei HI Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA Makua Lani Christiam Academy, Kailua Kona HI Linn County Fair/Expo Center, Albany OR
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MARCH 2015

13 – 15 27 – 29 27 – 29	Ontario Sectional Almond Blossom Sectional Honolulu Sectional	Clarion Inn, Ontario OR Eagles Hall, Chico CA Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
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APRIL 2015

10 – 12 10 – 12 11 – 12 17 – 19 25 – 26	Redding Sundial Spring Sectional Garden Isle Sectional Vancouver Spring Senior Sectional Seaside Sectional GNT Championship and Flight B	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR Online at various locations
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MAY 2015

2 – 3 4 – 10 May 11-17 29 – 31	GNT Flights A & C Western STAC ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL Portland Spring Sectional	Online at various locations Local clubs Inn at the Commons, Medford OR Kliever Armory, Portland OR
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JUNE 2015

5 – 7 19 – 21 26 – 28	Eugene Sectional Klamath Falls Sectional Salem Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR Elmer's Restaurant, Klamath Falls OR Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR
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JULY 2015

17 – 19 July 27 – Aug 2	Hood River Cherries Jubilee Sectional EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL	Best Western Inn, Hood River OR Valley River Inn, Eugene OR
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AUGUST 2015

7 – 9 14 – 16 28 – 30	Rogue Valley Summer Sectional Vancouver USA Sectional High Desert Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR Fairway Village Clubhouse, Vancouver WA Bend Senior Center, Bend OR
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SEPTEMBER 2015

7 – 9 14 – 16 Sept 28 – Oct 4	Eureka Sectional Portland Fall Sectional OREGON COAST REGIONAL	Humboldt Grange, Eureka CA Kliever Armory, Portland OR Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
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OCTOBER 2015

16 – 18 17 – 18 22 – 25 23 – 25 31 – Nov. 1	Rogue Valley Summer Sectional Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional Central Oregon Coast Sectional Gold Country Sectional North American Pairs	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA Shilo Inn, Newport OR Elks Lodge, Nevada City CA Online at various locations
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TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

Feb. 6-8	Bellingham Sectional WA
Feb. 13-15	Bellevue Sectional WA
Feb. 25-March 1	Anchorage Sectional AK
March 27-29	Arlington Sectional WA
April 13-19	Victoria Regional BC
April 24-26	Haines Sectional AK
May 1-3	Richland Sectional WA
May 12-17	Anchorage Regional AK
June 15-21	Penticton Regional BC

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

Feb. 10-16	San Francisco Regional, Burlingame CA
Feb. 21-22	San Francisco Spring Sectional CA
March 7-8	BER Sectional, El Cerrito CA
March 21-22	Santa Rosa Sectional CA
March 27-29	Santa Clara Valley Sectional, Saratoga CA
April 8-12	Reno Sectional NV
April 18-19	Diablo Valley Sectional, Danville CA
April 25-26	Marin Sectional, Larkspur CA
May 1-3	Orangevale Sectional CA
May 25-31	California Capital Regional, Sacramento CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

Feb. 19-22	Great Falls Sectional MT
March 6-8	Salt Lake City KO Sectional UT
April 20-26	Bozeman Regional MT
May 11-17	First Jackpot Regional, Jackpot NV

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

Jan. 19-25	Albuquerque Regional NM
Feb. 13-16	Phoenix Sectional AZ
Feb. 23-Mar. 1	Tucson Regional AZ
March 12-15	Sedona Sectional AZ
March 23-27	Las Vegas Sectional NV
March 26-29	Colorado Springs Sectional CO
April 6-12	Mesa Senior Regional AZ
May 1-3	Santa Fe Sectional NM
May 19-25	Denver Regional CO

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Feb. 2-8	Riverside Regional CA
Feb. 27-March 1	San Luis Obispo Sectional CA
March 27-29	Palm Springs Sectional CA
March 30-April 5	San Diego Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 12-22	Spring 2015	Marriott, New Orleans
August 6-16	Summer 2015	Hilton, Chicago
Nov. 26 – Dec. 6	Fall 2015	Sheraton, Denver
March 10-20	Spring 2016	Silver Legacy, Reno NV