



# THE DISTRICT 20 TRUMPET

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Bridge Across the District

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## Low turnout is costly for Hawaii NABC

The Fall NABC for the ACBL was hosted by District 20 in Honolulu. Having a tournament in beautiful Hawaii was great. Unfortunately it was poorly attended. The playing site is terrific with plenty of playing



**Merlin Vilhauer**  
D20 District Director

space, well lit, and the volunteers did a tremendous job.

**Muriel Stitt** from Honolulu was the tournament chair. **Marie Ashton** was the hospitality chair. These terrific women were honored with the ACBL district award for service to the ACBL.

The tournament agreement was signed more than 10 years ago with an estimate of 8,000 tables attending. The ACBL committed to a room block at the hotel for this attendance. The attendance was about 6,000 tables. ACBL was on the hook for the rooms and lost several hundred thousand dollars.

In the past, ACBL has signed contracts years in advance and we need to change our way of doing business.

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## Hawaii results

Numerous District 20 players from Hawaii and a few from the mainland won regional and 299er events at the Fall NABC in Honolulu.

In the national events, the district's best event was the Super Senior Pairs, where **Ed Ulman** finished third playing with Jean Barry, followed by **John Ashton** and **Dennis Metcalf** in fourth.

The team of **Sherwin Moscow**, **Connie Coquillette**, **Lisa Fishman**, **Bob Johnson** and **Ed Lee** placed fifth in the 10K Swiss Teams. Moscow and Coquillette also placed 11th in the Mixed Swiss.

**John Lusky** played on a team that was eighth in the Reisinger, and **Yasuko Shrenzel** was on the team that was fourth in the Marsha May Sternberg Women's BAM.

In regional events, **Mark Bennett** won the Tuesday Open Pairs, and Ashton and **Merlin Vilhauer** won the Friday Open Pairs. **Tom** and **Katie Fagan** placed first in B in the Saturday Daylight Open Pairs, and **Patrick** and **Penny Kallaus** were 1B in the Sunday Fast Open Pairs. **Arun Savara**, **David Wong** and **Harjinder Ajmani**

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## OTR breaks trend; turnout up 5%

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

Although inclement weather bookended this year's tournament, the week of the **Oregon Trail Regional** was fairly mild and even occasionally sunny, allowing local

players to commute with only the traffic impeding them. For the first time in two years, attendance was up at one of our regionals. With a gain of 70 tables, the turnout was up 5%.

Tournament organizers adjusted the schedule to include three sessions of Gold

Rush pairs, a two session play-through in the morning and afternoon and an evening session horizontally over two days, with single sessions welcome. The KO that begins Monday night and traditionally

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Ginny Kopacz, Suzanne St. Thomas and Jim Wheeler are new members of the Goodwill Committee.

## A Good(will) start to 2019

Three members added to ACBL's Goodwill Committee

By Jen Smith  
The Trumpet

Good things come to those who give back to the bridge community. In this case, Goodwill appointments have come to three players who are all known for going above and beyond for their clubs, fellow players and the bridge community at large. Meet your new 2019 Goodwill members and see what earned them this esteemed honor.

**Jim Wheeler**

First up, tournament manager and goodwill-doer, Jim Wheeler of Ridgefield, Wash.

Bob Hormel met Wheeler playing bridge about 10 years ago and was immediately drawn to him. "I liked what I saw in him and determined I wanted to be his friend," Hormel says. When asked what Wheeler has done for the bridge community to deserve this honor, Hormel says,

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## Neyhart takes third Clubs race

**Irva Kay Neyhart** of Corvallis has won the national Ace of Clubs race for the third time in three successive brackets, this time 5000–7500. She was also seventh in her Mini-McKenney bracket and second in all brackets in District 20 behind **Roger McNay**.

Two of Neyhart's regular partners placed third in Ace of Clubs races: **Brian Breckenridge** in 1500–2500 and **Dennis Harms** in 2500–3500. In the Mini-McKenney for that



Irva Kay Neyhart

bracket, **July Ratley** of Redding CA was seventh.

**Louis Beauchet** placed sixth in the youth race for players under 20.

Last year's Rookie of the Year, **Brenda Biermann** of Roseburg OR, also placed third in her Ace of Clubs race for 50–100 and ninth in the Mini-McKenney.

**Eileen Boal** of Albany OR placed fifth in the 1000–1500 Ace of Clubs.

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## Charity is part of mission

I love that we in the bridge community also do charity donations as a part of our mission. With two major fires in our district, I am pleased that we have been able to



**Laurie Rowe**  
D20 President

support Paradise and Redding.

I almost moved to Paradise when I moved to Eugene in 1980, as I had a brother and sister who lived in Paradise.

I just learned that Amazon donates to charities and it is

very easy, took less than two minutes to register. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Amazon will donate a percentage of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your

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## See what's new at Medford Regional

I am really looking forward to being your tournament manager for the 2019 **Rogue Valley Regional** at the Inn of the Commons in Medford in May. This has been one of our

smaller D20 tournaments, so I have come up with some ideas that I hope will encourage you to make a date to come to this year's tournament.

Starting times are 10 and 3 daily, except we have added two evening games on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday you are on your own in the evening to dine out, go to a play in Ashland, see a movie or just relax.

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# Logistical problems, meet creative thinking

What is the first award you remember winning? For me, I was in elementary school and I participated in The Optimist International's essay contest. The topic was "Optimism: A Way of Life." I was selected to read my essay aloud at the Village Inn Pancake house in a conference room in front of the organization's local representatives. I got a medal. And breakfast.

Thankfully, that's about all I remember, although I believe the message has stuck with me throughout my life. Or maybe it was there all along. I think it's in my nature to be an upbeat, positive person. I like to problem solve and help others. I tend to feel grateful even in the midst of adversity and generally feel like it'll all be OK in the end.

Depending on where you look these days, it would be hard to find a bright side regarding bridge. Table counts are down. The ACBL seems to be mismanaging, well, pretty much everything. There are cheaters and dopers. Has everything gone awry?

In our fair land of District 20, through my rose-colored glasses, I think things are looking pretty good. The board is strong, with new area representatives and **Laurie Rowe** serving a second term as president. **Jeff Jacob** is doing a great job providing board members with information and helping them make good decisions to plan better tournaments. **McKenzie Myers** is back in our area. With his extensive experience and insight, perhaps things will

get even better.

I see a lot of new faces. The schedule and variety of games being offered is reflective of the diversity of skill level and maximizes opportunity for those wanting to play. In Portland my local club offers lessons, assisted-play games, several limited games concurrent with open games, and is wonderfully crowded and full of energy. Often the limited games outnumber the open.



**Amy Casanova**  
Managing Editor

Being a relative youngster in the game of bridge, I sometimes hear things like, "Back in the old days ..." or, "We have always done it this way ..." While I certainly respect the history and commitment so many have made over the years, it may be time to look at new ways of doing things, especially since there are many new players who don't necessarily have the same expectations.

It is definitely not a time for a one-size-fits-all approach. What people want is as varied as the people themselves. That is why I think offering food at large tournaments, especially when the bill is footed by the district or the ACBL (read: players) is a bad idea. I know bridge players get hungry, and they really like free stuff. At the nationals I was astounded when I saw hotel staff rolling out a buffet at 11 p.m. I was astounded and I wasn't expecting it. Eating is important, and to me, what I eat is important. So guess what? I bring my own stuff.

I know there are extenuating circumstances, like hotel contracts and negotia-

tions, that go into making these decisions, but thinking creatively and coming up with alternatives is what bridge players do. We could think of it as discovering a 5-0 trump split and coming up with a different line of play.

We can keep trying marketing strategies and surveys, but let's face it: it's a tough game to learn. It takes years — 10,000 hours minimum. Say you worked at it like a full-time job — that's over three years! Even the best players in the world make mistakes and get things wrong. A pessimist might think, "Why bother? I'll never get good at this." An optimist? "It's never too late to learn, to get better, to reach a goal, to make a change."

This year why don't you try to win an award? In this issue look at how the masterpoint races are split into categories, plus divided into total points and club points. You don't have to go to tournaments. Play locally and crush the Ace of Clubs category for your rank.

My hat is off to **Brian Breckenridge**. We were neck-and-neck in 2018 and I thought I had a chance to win the Mini-McKenney, especially now that road warriors **July Ratley** and **Dawn Campbell** moved into the next rank (congratulations!) but Brian won the Newport sectional and I could not catch up. I wasn't even disappointed, because I know there's always next time. It's not too late to start, and if you keep trying you might even win a medal.

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## Election notice

### District director

The office of district director, who represents District 20 on the national ACBL board and also serves on the D20 board, is up for election this year. Duties include attending board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year.

Any ACBL member residing in D20 is eligible to run for the three-year term, 2020-22. To declare candidacy, you must send notification to ACBL at [elections@acbl.org](mailto:elections@acbl.org) or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake MS, 38637-9902.

Include your name and player number. The declaration must be received by 3 p.m. PDT May 31, 2019. If two or more declarations are received, an election will be held with the units having the vote.

Current district director Merlin Vilhauer has filed for re-election.



**Merlin Vilhauer**

## Deaths

**Albert (Ray) Barbour** – 90, of Salem OR died Nov. 13, 2018.

**Terry Drennan** – 75, of Redding CA died Nov. 14, 2018.

**Charles Duncan** – 92, of Klamath Falls OR died Dec. 13, 2018.

**Kenneth Duncan** – 92, of Malin OR died Dec. 6, 2018.

**Joan Holbrook** – 85, of Longview WA died March 5, 2019.

**Katherine Jackmond** – 85, of Salem OR died Dec. 17, 2018.

**Earl Love** – 99, of Redding, CA died Nov. 11, 2018.

**Rosemary Myers** – 86, of Klamath Falls OR died Nov. 10, 2018.

**Vern Nafus** – 103, of Boise ID died Jan. 10, 2019.

**Bob Paley** – 93, of Redding CA died Oct. 10, 2018.

**Joe Winter** – 93, of Salem OR died Nov 8, 2018.

# Finally, a national with no flights required

Remember when I went months playing hardly any bridge? That hasn't been a problem lately.

Let's start with Hawaii. The trip there was long. I realized I hadn't planned well for the length of the flight when I finished the only book I'd brought halfway through the second flight (from Minneapolis to Los Angeles) with the longest leg still to come — not to mention the trip home. And I ended up at a tiny terminal in LA that didn't have a bookstore. Or food within my diet, but I survived that too.

I had requested one session off to play in an afternoon side game. But my partner for that fell through. I trudged back to the office, just in time to find the directors desperately trying to recruit a fill-in team for the first session of the Mitchell Open BAM. So, I got to play that afternoon after all, and for the first time in an event of that level, on a team with three ACBL board members. The bridge did not exactly go well — I played *horribly* — but it was nice to be there. The best part was meeting some cute European guys.

I spent a total of two hours on the beach, one on the first day and one on the last day. This was two more hours than I've spent on the beach at any other NABC — so let it be noted that I, too, am an optimist. And I would have had more than an hour the last day except I needed to go to the mall to find a bookstore, knowing it would be important to find something to read before arriving at the airport the next morning. Arriving at an airport early in the morning is hard enough.

Back home, I was showing up at the bridge club a lot more as I was practicing with a new partner in preparation for the Sin City Classic in Las Vegas in January. Normally, when I discuss a card with a new partner, we both offer a lot of options we don't end up playing, because nobody wants to try too many new things. But this time, with Tony, I found someone who agreed to basically everything. It was a lot

of new conventions for him to learn, but he did really well with them — except when they came up at the table.

### Sin City Classic

In Las Vegas, I was reunited with several friends from Portland and New York, which was nice. And we came in second a lot. There were still some bidding snafus, but they didn't detract from my enjoyment — or our scores, really. Finally, in the Sunday afternoon game, the last one playing with Tony, we won. I stayed an extra day and added another second place to my collection.



**Chip Dombrowski**  
Editor at Large

Then I almost had to stay another day when my flight was canceled. You knew we weren't going to get through all of this without any flight troubles, right?

It was too late in the day for any other flights back to Memphis, and they wanted me to start over the next day. But I managed to persuade them to let me fly to Atlanta that night, where I'd at least be a lot closer to home when I started out the next day.

Since then, I've been to the club a couple of times for a monthly pro-am Swiss to play on a team with some fellow ACBL employees. I also played in a Memphis sectional for the first time in a year and a half. And there was also a quarterly game at headquarters recently.

All of these produced interesting hands that I hope to write about for online articles. Watch the Trumpet's Facebook page. I don't have room to write about them here, but we can get started with some bidding problems. See the box at right.

### Come to Memphis

Next is the Spring NABC here in Memphis. Because it's in our backyard, staffing is more flexible than usual for an NABC. They're giving me a couple days off to play, and Tony is relearning our system. I hope you'll come visit.

If you are going to be in Memphis and have a day to sightsee, I highly recommend the National Civil Rights Museum. If

### Chip's trouble hands

From the Mitchell Open BAM, you hold (vulnerable):

♠K 7 2 ♥2 ♦QJ 8 ♣AJ 9 5 4 2

Opp	Partner	Opp	You
Pass	1♦	3♥	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	?

From the Sin City Classic, you hold:

♠8 ♥K ♦AK 10 9 8 6 ♣K 10 9 6 5

Opp	Partner	Opp	You
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	?

(1) 0 or 3.

From the Memphis Sectional, you hold (matchpoints):

♠A 10 4 ♥K 9 4 ♦Q 6 2 ♣K 10 3 2

Opp	Partner	Opp	You
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
3♥	Pass	Pass	?

(1) Limit raise or better in clubs.

From the ACBL Headquarters Pro-Am Swiss, you hold (vulnerable):

♠A 9 ♥9 4 3 2 ♦QJ 10 8 ♣A 8 6

Opp	Partner	Opp	You
1♥	3♦	3♥	?

there are a few other things you'd like to do, don't try to cram them all into one day. Built on the site of Martin Luther King's assassination, the Civil Rights Museum will take about five hours to go through, but it's worth it. And the iconic Central BBQ is right across the street. I can't eat there, but you can.

I also recommend the ACBL Bridge Museum and the Rock 'N' Soul Museum, which is curated by the Smithsonian and offers an audio tour that also comes with access to a playlist of 100 songs. You can listen to the informational guide or just listen to the music. It's right at the end of the main block of Beale Street, so be sure to take a walk down Beale on the way.

And of course, say hi to me.

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## NAP AND GNT

# ACBL expands GNT field for B, C flights

More teams can qualify if enough compete

There have been substantial changes to our online GNT finals. In Honolulu the ACBL board of directors opened up the national finals for flight B and C for a second team to represent districts. To be eligible, the district must have eight or more teams in the district finals. Twice as many B and C teams can represent D20 and win gold points in Las Vegas this summer.

There also are changes at the district level. Flights A, B and C are now all one-day events. The only two-day final is in the open. So, come join us at clubs and bridge parties around the district and win the right to represent us in Las Vegas this summer.

The A and C finals will be held on Saturday, May 4. The B finals are on Sunday, May 5. The open is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. However, because that is also Easter week-

end and the end of Passover, provisions have been made for teams to postpone the Sunday KO to a mutually agreeable time.

It is the district's policy to encourage players to compete in multiple finals. This year a precocious B player could play in three. I usually advise against C players playing in the open, but some have. The district subsidizes our representatives. However, the B and C subsidies have not been finalized because at the time of this writing our D20 board has not met since the national changes were made. The new subsidies will be available on our D20 website soon.



Hal Montgomery  
NA Events Coordinator

We have wonderful clubs throughout the district that have hosted our online events. It is pretty easy. All that is needed is reliable internet and somebody to serve as a monitor to ensure compliance with ACBL online conditions of contest.

Monitors need not be directors and may not make rulings. The district com-

pensates hosts with rent and monitors with free plays as long as there is a minimum level of participation.

We also have had our online finals in parties at private residences. Players get together at a friend's house and compete districtwide online to represent us at the nationals. The requirements are the same. Bridge parties need reliable internet and monitors.

Our online finals are regionally rated events in which you can win gold and red points. We encourage you to play in them even if you don't intend to represent us at the nationals. These are additional regional events you can play with no substantial travel required. It's a chance to play locally but compete regionally.

Please contact me if you need help forming teams or finding a place to play. Find a team. Find a venue. Have fun. Win points. And win a subsidized trip to Las Vegas to compete against players of similar strength as D20 representatives.

Hal Montgomery can be reached at [dewitt@imaginata.com](mailto:dewitt@imaginata.com).

## District Board

# Board budgets for \$6,000 loss, third straight

Increase in table fees will offset decline in turnout

By Marie Ashton  
Business Manager

Please join the board in welcoming three new Area Representatives and thank them for their commitment for terms of three years. **July Ratley** will represent Area 2, Northern California; **Pete Grice** joined for Area 3 in Idaho, and **Jon Gustafson** is the new rep for Area 6 on the coast.

The board thanked **Mark Tolliver** for his long and brilliant leadership of the Finance Committee after he resigned in preparation for his move to Colombia. That's South America, not Missouri! Mark leaves an open position on the committee. If you are interested in this position, contact **Laurie Rowe** at [district20pres@gmail.com](mailto:district20pres@gmail.com).



Mark Tolliver

Sadly, the year ended with a \$22,540 loss for the district, which shows the need for the \$1 increase in fees voted for last year. Total tables for the year were 5,817, down 453 from estimate, which accounts for the loss.

We started off this year with attendance at the Oregon Trail that exceeded last year. Hopefully, you all will enjoy this year's other offerings. **Jim Wheeler** is planning interesting outings for Medford, and after are the ever-popular Eugene and Seaside tournaments.

The budgets for 2019 were approved, with one exception, for another projected net loss. The loss at about \$6,000 is smaller than previous years, due to the fee increase, but still a loss. The North American events budget remains to be approved, as a study is in progress regarding the expense reimbursement allocations among teams.

The board approved purchase of 50 Bridgemates and is entering into a contract with **David Taylor**, our equipment supplier to maintain and transport the machines. District 19 will also purchase 50, so that both districts have enough for their larger tournaments. This is a large outlay for the district, about \$6,000, which will further deplete our reserves.

Two new committees will study ways to decrease expenses and increase revenues. If you have any suggestions, you can forward them to me or to the committee members: **Roger Thomas, Jim Wheeler, Irva Neyhart, Sam Asai** or **Mike Eyer**.

The district's STaC held in January was a success, with proceeds of about \$1,500, which will be shared with District 19, as they accounted for about one third of the total tables.

Since ACBL no longer allows us to give the proceeds from the Monday charity game to local charities, the board voted to send it to the Grass Roots Fund at the ACBL Foundation. This will enhance the amount we receive to support our North American players attendance at the NABC finals.

Lastly, the board reelected **Laurie Rowe** as president for another year, as well as **Mike Eyer**, vice president, and **Rich Carle** as secretary. **July Ratley** was elected as the new treasurer, replacing **Duane Christensen**, whom we thank for a great job.

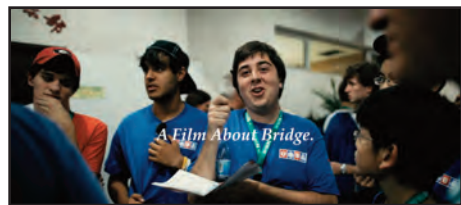
## Movie Reviews

# 'Double Dummy' aims at recruiting youth

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

In January, the Portland area got its own screening of John McAllister's independent documentary about bridge, "Double Dummy." Inspired by a brainstorming session on how to get more young people involved in the game, McAllister has devoted much of the last several years producing and promoting the film.

The main story line follows the USA1 U-21 team in its bid for USA's first medal in the 2012 World Youth Team Championships. Tom Carmichael is the nonplaying coach and the team includes partnerships Adam Kaplan and Zach Brescoll, Adam and Zach Grossack, and Richard and Andrew Jeng. A backstory on these young competitors is provided, and viewers get a first-hand glimpse into comparing scores, decisions on player rotations, and the pressure of traveling and playing at an intense level.



Arjun Dhir and Adam Grossack in "Double Dummy."

Throughout the film, star-studded cameos explain and narrate subtle aspects that might be lost on a non-bridge playing viewer. The challenge of delivering complex material and maintaining interest is achieved with careful editing and the innate desire to root, root, root for the home team. My 11-year-old son, who staunchly declares he will never play bridge, stated at one point toward the end of the movie, "I still don't care about bridge, but I want to see if they win."

No spoilers here because this was an event that occurred seven years ago. Anyone who regularly reads The Bulletin or

goes to NABCs knows that these young kids have become older kids who can really play the game, and several have gone on to win national championships.

So how do we promote the game to young people? McAllister's film is a solid start. Perhaps if teachers showed it in their classrooms along with lessons after school it might stick to a kid or two. There are so many levels at which bridge can be played, and much more to it than just a game. "Double Dummy" illustrates that it's about community, growth, and connection just as much as it's about logic, statistics, bidding and play.

Although technology might be a way to hook a younger player, at its heart bridge is about sitting down with real people from all over the world and sharing a common interest. If each of us dedicated a fraction of McAllister's time, energy, and resources into attracting more players, our game's future would be bright indeed.

# 'Aces & Knives': New film is slick as a knave

By Chip Dombrowski  
The Trumpet

Several bridge-related documentary films have been in the works recently, and some are still in production. News of these films has been watched eagerly at the ACBL, where hopes are that they will serve as marketing tools that can draw people who might be interested in learning the game.

"Aces & Knives" from filmmaker Jackie Paré of New York is the most sophisticated of the bunch to date, especially from a technical standpoint. The production values, sound effects and graphics enhance the storytelling to make for compelling viewing.

Focusing on top-level bridge, the film is divided into two parts, each referenced in the title. There are the "Aces" – world-class and high-profile players who share their love of the game – and the "Knives," the players involved in the 2015 cheating scandals that have inspired much of the

media attention on bridge since then.

While an early graphic presentation that explains the mechanics of the game is the only portion aimed directly at non-bridge players – and an exceptionally well done one at that – the story is accessible and, I would think, engaging to them as well.

The Aces section is especially enjoyable. Top-level bridge is full of interesting people, and we don't get enough opportunities to hear from the likes of Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood or Steve Weinstein. Bill Gates brings some celebrity caché, and sponsors such as Vinita Gupta and Mike Levine offer unique perspectives.

Across these and other interviews, there's a lot of focus on how difficult the game is. It certainly gives you some perspective to hear five-time world champion Gail Greenberg say how often she thinks perhaps she isn't smart enough for bridge and should take up an easier game. Will those considering taking a bridge class be intimidated and change their mind? "Aces & Knives" comes

down on the side of honest advertising.

One part that stuck with me compared bridge to the other mind sports. Whereas chess, backgammon and go are all individual games, bridge is the only one that is a partnership game. Intellectual ability is necessary to succeed at any of them. What sets bridge apart is that communication and social skills are also critical.

The Knives section also has its highlights. Boye Brogeland and Brad Moss talk about how important it was to them to crack the codes used by the cheaters who have been convicted. For those unfamiliar with the story, it should make the film interesting. If, on the other hand, you've already read several articles and endless online discussion about the scandal, half of this hour-long film may seem like more than you need.

"Aces & Knives" will premiere at the Spring NABC in Memphis with two showings on March 25. Distribution plans are still in discussion, so wider release is uncertain.

# Laws of the Game Dummy's limits

So you think it's easy to be the dummy when your partner plays a hand? In fact, dummy has many responsibilities, and even some rights. But there also are important limitations. Here's an overview.

### Preliminaries

A player becomes dummy when a facedown lead by a defender is turned face up and the next player tables any of his cards. Note that if the opening lead is from the wrong hand, the tabling of even one card by the intended declarer makes him now the dummy. You can prevent this from happening by promptly calling the director when there is a lead out of turn.



**Dennis Kendig**  
Trumpet Contributor

Who is responsible for dummy? What happens, for example, when one of dummy's cards has fallen unseen on the floor, or a diamond is hidden among the hearts, and there has been an unjustified revoke or other misplay? In duplicate, the declaring side is solely responsible for dummy. Thus, any irregularity caused by a mistake in displaying dummy's cards will cause the declaring side to be "offenders" and the defenders "non-offenders."

### What May Dummy Do? (Law 42)

♦ Draw attention to a trick pointed incorrectly, but only before the lead

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# THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

## Sherry's timely play: There goes my stopper

Sherry is feeling sorry for herself. "Why am I playing this game?" Seems like whenever she understands something like what an overcall is, then something else falls out of her head. Is it possible there's a limit to how much "bridge" fits in her brain?

At the beginning, it seemed like it was just a language, but now it seems like there's some logic that is just escaping her! Counting trump, stopping at the first trick to make a plan, leading your partner's suit — that seems so simple. When will I become good at this game?

Last year she gave up on a partner who would not lead her suit on opening lead. She really enjoyed her as a person and she enjoyed talking to her, but if you cannot lead your partner's suit — really? And when she signaled her partner that she liked her suit or lead, she switched! OMG, how could she continue playing with her?

That partner is gone. It is a partnership game and how can I be the best partner I can be? Back to my own problems, besides attempting to be a better partner.

This is a particularly painful admission.

Today I bid 1NT holding ♠Qxx, and my partner passed, the expected spade lead appeared on the table. I sat and thought and counted my tricks. My lovely partner had put down the ♠Jxx, so I played small

spade from dummy. The 10 appears to my right, and I played small. What? They took the first five spade tricks. Everyone at the table laughed at me. What was I thinking?

A couple of hands later came this:

Dir: North     ♠J 8  
 Vul: N-S     ♥A 8 5 3 2  
               ♦Q 9 5  
               ♣K 4 2

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

              ♠K 6 5 3 2  
               ♥K Q 7 6  
               ♦K 10  
               ♣J 5

Opp	Partner	Opp	Sherry
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Partner raised my second suit to game, and what a perfect bid it was.

If only I had played towards strength as I had been taught.

If you are a sensible animal, you stop and either count winners or losers before you play the first card. They led a trump. All I have to do is collect trump and lead toward my kings. What was I thinking?

So, on this one if you lose one spade, one diamond and one club, you make your contract. It just requires that you lead toward strength and the bridge gods will reward you.

### Stephanie Owl's Advice

I will take a trick when offered it. I will lead toward strength. This year the wuss is not playing in my head. I will treat it as a partnership game and only bid my hand. I will try to compliment partners and opponents for fine plays. I will try to play in tempo.

If I do not lead toward strength in the future, just take me out back and shoot me. I made a 0 percent play and led toward the ♠J. How many spades am I losing now?

Sometimes I imagine my partner to have the perfect hand to make slam. Then in the same round I can't imagine why I don't bid game because I'm being a wuss. This year I'm going to resolve not to be a wuss.

So, you pick up:

♠Q 5 3 2   ♥Q 6 4 2   ♦Q 5 4 2   ♣K

Opp	Partner	Opp	Sherry
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	?

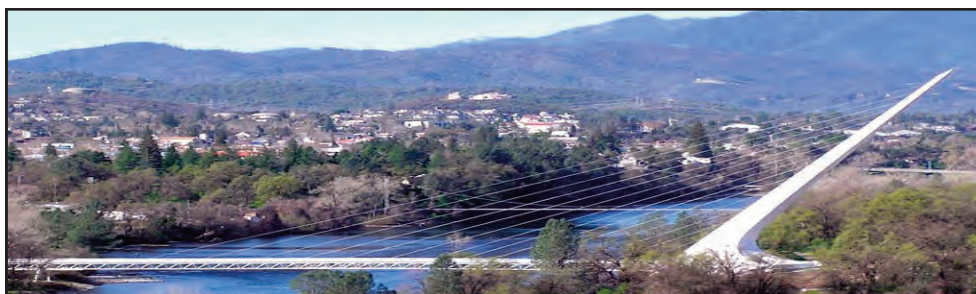
Why do I not bid 3NT? Just being a wuss.

This year I shall live up to the promises I made myself. I will not play with any partner who doesn't return my lead. If you do not lead my suit, it is because you are void or have a better lead. I am going to make the bids that tell partners something and let them make the decision. No more jumping to game or slam when I can just describe my hand.

D20 I/N Coordinator Margi Redden can be reached at d20incoord@yahoo.com.



**Margi Redden**  
D20 I/N Coordinator



Redding Unit 464 Presents

## The Sundial Bridge Sectional April 12-14, 2019

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

Ask for bridge tournament rate (deadline March 28): \$99/double occupancy Thursday and

Sunday; \$109/double occupancy Friday and Saturday

530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; [www.winriver.com](http://www.winriver.com)

### Friday, April 12

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

### Saturday, April 13

299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (two session event)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.

(Single session pairs welcome)

### Sunday, April 14

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

(Lunch will be provided between sessions)

Per-session fee of \$10 per player • \$5 extra for new or expired ACBL members

This is a Z-T policy event • Players with 0-50 points: \$5 per session

### Stratifications

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

### Director:

**Steve Kaessner**

Chairperson:

**Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694**

Partnerships:

**Wilhelmina White, 530-917-0259**



Sanction No. 1904057

## Vancouver Spring Sectional

April 13-14, 2019

### Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs (AXY & BCD)

Novice Pairs (0-100 Stratified, # of tables permitting)

### Saturday, April 13, 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs

NLM Pairs (0-500 Stratified)

**All pair Strats determined by average MPs of pair, but AXY, BCD and NLM limits apply**

### Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. & TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams

Flight A=5000+, Flight X=3000-5000, Flight Y=0-3000

Flight BCD: B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300

\*Stratified Fast Pairs (10 a.m., single session)

\*Field stratified by director based on entries

### Open Strats

A=2000+  
 B=1000-2000  
 C=0-1000

### NLM Strats

A=300-500  
 B=100-300  
 C=0-100

### Stratified Pairs

A=4000+    B=750-1500  
 X=2000-4000    C=300-750  
 Y=0-2000    D=0-300

A team with any player over 1500 masterpoints plays in Flight A/X/Y; all brackets determined by average MPs of team

FREE coffee, tea & snacks

**Head Director: Jeff Jacob**

**Tournament Chair: Mariam Saner, 858-603-0050,**

[mariamsaner@me.com](mailto:mariamsaner@me.com)

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\$10 per session. \$14 for lapsed ACBL members.

New ACBL member (0-5 MP) play free!

Sanction No. S1904058

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**Welcome to Seaside Unit 491's 72nd-Annual Sectional combined with our 2nd Intermediate/Newcomer 0-750 NLM Regiona**

April 26-28, 2019

# The Golden Clam I/N Regional and the Seaside Sectional

**Popular times! 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 10 a.m.

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
 Sand Dollar Stratified Open Pairs (SILVER).....(single session)  
 0-750 NLM Continuous Pairs (1 of 4) (GOLD/RED).....(single session)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 3 p.m.

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(second session)  
 Crabcakes Stratified Open Pairs (SILVER).....(single session)  
 0-750 NLM Continuous Pairs (2 of 4) (GOLD/RED).....(single session)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 10 a.m.

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
 Pacific Ocean Stratified Open Pairs (SILVER)...(2-session playthrough)  
 0-750 NLM Continuous Pairs (3 of 4) (GOLD/RED).....(single session)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 3 p.m.

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Pairs (GOLD/RED).....(second session)  
 Pacific Ocean Stratified Open Pairs (SILVER).....(second session)  
 0-750 NLM Continuous Pairs (4 of 4) (GOLD/RED).....(single session)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 10 a.m. & TBA

0-750 NLM **Gold Rush** Swiss Teams (GOLD/RED).....(2-session playthrough)  
 Gearhart Stratified Swiss Teams (SILVER).....(2-session playthrough)  
*On the road by 6 p.m.*

#### GOLDEN CLAM I/N REGIONAL STRATS

Each player must be a non-Life Master with less than 750 mps.  
**Gold Rush Pairs & Teams:** A: 300-750; B: 100-300; C: 0-100.  
*Pays 25% gold and 75% red for section tops and overall winners.*  
**Continuous Pairs:** A: 100-750; B: 50-100; C: 0-50. *Two chances to win gold (if you play in any 2 or more sessions of 4); either by winning Strat A or in the Overalls (your two best results are averaged).*

#### SEASIDE SECTIONAL STRATS

**Stratified Open Pairs & Teams:**  
 A: 2500+; B: 1250-2500; C: 0-1250. *Pay silver points.*

**Table fees:** ACBL members, \$10 per session, lapsed ACBL members, \$14. Under age 25, \$5.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS CLOSE TO THE PLAYING SITE

(Ask for the bridge rate)

- The Inn at Seaside, 441 2nd Ave. (opposite the Conv. Ctr.) 800-699-5070
  - The Rivertide Suites, 102 N. Holladay Dr. (riverfront 1/2 block) 503-717-1100
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 415 First Ave., Seaside, Ore.

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**I/N Coordinator:**  
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*Dig for:*  
**Gold Points!**  
**Red Points!**  
**Silver Points!**

# THE SECTIONAL SECTION

## Ontario

The Ontario Sectional will be held April 5-7 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario OR. See winter issue for details.

## Eugene 299er

The Eugene 299er Sectional will be held April 12-13 at the Emerald Bridge Club in Springfield OR. See ad page 15 for details.

## Redding

The Redding Spring Sectional will be held April 12-14 at Win-River Hotel & Casino in Redding CA. See ad page 4 for details.

## Vancouver

The Vancouver Spring Sectional will be held April 13-14 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 4 for details.

## Seaside

The Seaside Sectional and I/N Regional will be held April 26-28 at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside OR. See ad page 5 for details.

## Eugene

The Eugene Sectional will be held May 31-June 2 at the Morse Event Center at Northwest Christian College in Eugene OR. See ad this page for details.

## Portland

The Portland Spring Sectional will be held June 8-9 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 7 for details.

## Salem

The Salem Sectional will be held June 28-30 at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center in Keizer OR. See ad page 7 for details.

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

### Redding Fall (65 tables)

- 1 15.71 July Ratley, Redding CA
- 15.71 Bob Wierman, Anderson CA
- 3 14.30 Russell Rector, Oakland CA
- 14.30 Alden Spowles, McKinleyville CA
- 5 13.16 Sharon Hebert, Eureka CA
- 13.16 Mark Phelps, Eureka CA
- 7 12.47 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 12.47 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 9 12.27 Rodney Paxton, Ashland OR
- 12.27 Henriette Mufich, Ashland OR

### Nampa/Caldwell (105 tables)

- 1 26.70 John Cissel, Boise ID
- 26.70 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 3 11.83 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 11.83 Kathy Dowen, Boise ID
- 5 10.64 Pete Grice, Boise ID
- 10.64 Darrel Mooney, Boise ID
- 7 9.73 Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID
- 9.73 Max Thompson, Twin Falls ID
- 9 9.30 Steve Nafus, Boise ID
- 9.30 Don Gile, Boise ID

### Battle of the Willamette NLM (31 tables)

- 1 4.07 Jackie Sanders, Beaverton OR
- 4.07 Eileen Norris, Portland OR
- 3 3.06 Richard Zier, Vancouver WA
- 3.06 Jill E.J. Ferrier, Woodland WA

### Battle of the Willamette Open (59 tables)

- 1 13.56 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 2 11.85 Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 11.85 Cecil Chan, Portland OR
- 4 9.62 David Brower, Portland OR
- 5 9.45 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 9.45 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR
- 7 8.11 Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 8.11 David Castles, Portland OR

### Corvallis I/N (42 tables)

- 1 4.10 Will Pearson, Redmond OR
- 4.10 Joan Young, Redmond OR
- 3 3.59 Ted Overman, Corvallis OR
- 3.59 Dale Overman, Corvallis OR

- 5 2.99 Shirley Layne, Salem OR
- 2.99 George Foust, Woodburn OR

### Medford I/N (12 tables)

- 1 1.88 Carol Wilder, Ashland OR
- 1.88 Bill Lamb, Dunedin FL
- 3 1.87 Christine Vitalis, Medford OR
- 1.87 Cheryl Cullen, Ashland OR

### Vancouver Fall (126 tables)

- 1 22.94 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 2 21.03 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 3 20.05 Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA
- 4 18.66 Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 5 14.27 Charles Swart, Portland OR
- 6 13.04 Edward Lee, Portland OR
- 7 11.24 Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR
- 8 10.43 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 9 10.18 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
- 10.18 David Brower, Portland OR
- 11 9.99 Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA
- 9.99 Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA
- 13 7.86 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 7.86 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR

### Honolulu November (100 tables)

- 1 22.71 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 2 19.36 Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
- 3 17.78 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 4 14.46 Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
- 5 12.37 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
- 6 11.97 Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
- 7 11.53 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
- 8 11.42 Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI
- 9 11.10 Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
- 10 10.35 Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI

### Vancouver I/N Winter (55 tables)

- 1 7.31 Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR
- 2 5.95 Paul Rubin, Memphis TN
- 5.95 Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA
- 4 4.96 John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA
- 4.96 Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA
- 6 4.83 Kathleen Hart, Portland OR
- 7 3.95 Sally Miller, Portland OR

### Pacific States STaC (1248 tables)

- 1 31.43 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 2 22.52 John Adams, Cheney WA
- 3 21.72 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 4 21.27 John Dumont, Oliver BC
- 5 19.96 Carol Huston, Chico CA
- 6 18.71 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 7 18.39 Jack Woodard, Chico CA
- 8 17.51 Jon Neimand, Eugene OR
- 9 17.22 Dixie Duncan, Kamloops BC
- 17.22 Craig Hamilton, Kamloops BC
- 11 17.11 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 12 16.81 Michael Sandahl, Oakland OR
- 16.81 Janice Cook, Roseburg OR
- 14 16.40 Stan Sather, Ridgefield WA
- 15 16.25 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 16.25 Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA
- 17 15.75 Allan Young, Hilo HI
- 18 15.70 Chris Class, Sequim WA
- 19 15.35 Robert Scott, Ashland OR
- 20 15.33 Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 15.33 Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 22 15.26 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 23 15.11 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 24 14.78 Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA
- 14.78 Claudia Kemper, Brookings OR
- 26 14.76 Charles Bennett, Spokane WA
- 27 14.64 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 28 14.46 Joe Grafe, Kihei HI
- 29 14.19 Roger Miller, Highlands Ranch CO
- 14.19 Patricia Miller, Highlands Ranch CO
- 31 14.13 George Boettger, Kihei HI
- 32 14.06 Mari Livingston, Portland OR
- 14.06 James Flint, Ashland OR
- 34 14.02 Pamela Hudson, Hilo HI

### Garden Isle (51 tables)

- 1 13.61 Roger Passal, Woodside CA
- 2 12.25 Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI
- 3 12.20 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
- 12.20 Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
- 5 12.13 Sunand Bal, Tucson AZ
- 12.13 Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH

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## American Bridge Association Northwestern Section

# SPRING TOURNAMENT

May 16-19, 2019

Ramada Inn & Suites  
6221 NE 82nd Ave.  
Portland, OR 97220

King/double queen: \$64 + tax  
Reserve your room ASAP to ensure you get the kind of room you want; call 503-255-6511 for reservations  
Refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot in rooms  
Free wi-fi, free airport shuttle; call 503-528-4620 for shuttle

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<b>Thursday</b>	Ocener West Open Pairs	2:30 p.m.
<b>May 16</b>	NWS Scholarship Open Pairs	7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Karen Tillis Open Pairs (1st of 2)	9:30 a.m.
<b>May 17</b>	Karen Tillis Open Pairs (2nd of 2)	2:30 p.m.
	Edward L. West, Sr. KO (1st round)	7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Edward L. West, Sr. KO (2nd round)	9:30 a.m.
<b>May 18</b>	Side Game	9:30 a.m.
	Edward L. West, Sr. KO (Finals)	2:30 p.m.
	Open Pairs	2:30 p.m.
	NWS Membership Meeting	6 p.m.
	Open Pairs	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Memorial Service	9 a.m.
<b>May 19</b>	Eunice Tillis Swiss Teams (1st session)	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12:30 p.m.
	Eunice Tillis Swiss Teams (2nd Session)	TBA

**Table Fees:**  
\$11 per session

**Co-chairs:** Brenda Polk, 503-703-7365, and Clariner Boston, 503-590-3814  
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**Tournament Director:** Henry 'Hank' Irwin



## Eugene Sectional

May 31-June 2, 2019

Known for our Hospitality & Fabulous Food

Northwest Christian University  
Morse Event Center  
828 E. 11th Avenue, Eugene

### Friday May 31

- 11 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
- 4 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)

### Saturday, June 1

- 10 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
- 3 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)

### Sunday, June 2

- 10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
- Second Session - TBA

Teams Stratified by Average

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

\$10 Per Player Per Session (\$14 Lapsed Members)

Nonmember: additional one-month membership of \$7.99 required

Partnerships: Leigh Wells [leightont1@yahoo.com](mailto:leightont1@yahoo.com) 541-653-8747  
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### Directions from 1-5:

- Take the I-105 exit west toward downtown Eugene
- Take Exit 2 (Eugene City Center, UO)
- Stay left and proceed south onto Coburg Road
- Get into the left lane and continue over the bridge
- Stay in the right lane and go 5 blocks
- Turn right at the turnout just past Phoenix Inn
- Turn right on E. 11th Ave.
- The parking lot is just ahead on the right

Do not park in U of O lot



# Play of the Hand

## Stumbling into a cold grand

This hand was played in a national knockout team event. It is indelibly imprinted in my brain because of the bidding misunderstandings, the seemingly impossible contract, and the giddiness of making the grand slam.

Take a look at the bidding. I showed a balanced 22+ HCP, and my partner used Puppet Stayman to ask about my majors.

My 3♦ bid promised at least one four-card major, but no five-card major. Pard's 3♥ bid showed spades, and I confirmed the fit with my 3♠ bid. It was then that things went off the rail. Here's an explanation of the subsequent bids:

4♣: "What are your key cards?" (I thought he was showing a club control.)

4NT: "What are YOUR key cards?" (But he thought 4NT was an answer to HIS key card ask, telling him that I had two plus the ♠Q.)

5♠: "I'm signing off!" (But I thought 5♠ was his answer to MY key card ask, saying he had two plus the ♠Q.)

7♠: Looked like a no-brainer to me.

Dbl: West thinks he has a sure spade trick.

The dummy was tabled and I got the bad news. I took the opening lead with my ♥K and led a spade to the 9, East showing out. More bad news.

There was a glimmer of hope. After finessing West twice in spades, if I could strip the hand without West trumping in, I could make his "sure" spade trick disappear.

I cashed a second heart, three diamonds and three clubs, ending in my hand.

Here is the three-card ending:

Dlr: South  
Vul: All  
Lead: ♥9

♠K J 10 9  
♥10 6 3  
♦A 5 3 2  
♣K 9

♠Q 5 4 3 2  
♥9 2  
♦10 6 4  
♣8 5 4

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

♠A 8 7 6  
♥A K  
♦K Q 9  
♣A Q 7 2



**Jim Flint**  
Play of the Hand

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
Dbl	All Pass		

♠K J  
♥—  
♦2  
♣—

♠Q 5 4  
♥—  
♦—  
♣—

♠—  
♥Q J  
♦—  
♣J

♠A 8  
♥—  
♦—  
♣2

When I led the ♠2, West was helpless. No matter what spade he played, I would play higher and take the last two tricks with the top two trumps, ruffing dummy's diamond with my ♠A, West following with his underruffs.

There are 13 tricks in notrump, too, but this was more fun.

# Laws: What dummy can and can't do

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to the next trick is made.

- ♦ Ask declarer, but only declarer, about a possible revoke.

- ♦ Attempt to prevent an irregularity about to occur such as declarer leading from the wrong hand, by reminding declarer where the lead is. (But see the second bullet under "What Dummy May Not Do" below.)

- ♦ Give information, in the presence of the director, as to what happened at the table.

- ♦ Draw attention to any irregularity after the play of the hand, including calling the director at that time. This includes objecting to a claim or concession.

### What May Dummy NOT Do? (Law 43)

- ♦ Initiate a director call unless one of the other players has already drawn attention to the irregularity.

- ♦ Call attention to an irregularity during the play, including pointing out a revoke or telling declarer that he has led from the wrong hand once the lead has been made. (The irregularity has already occurred.)

Similarly, if declarer calls for a card from dummy (Law 45B), dummy should not correct the play. Note: either defender may accept a lead by declarer from the wrong hand, either by LHO playing to the trick, or either defender announcing acceptance of the lead. (Law 55A.)

- ♦ Touch or play a card from the dummy before declarer calls for one. (Law 45F) Nor should dummy hover over a card or suit or suggest in any way what card should be played. Even if there is only one card on the board in the suit led, the dummy should wait for the card to be called.

### Other limitations

In addition, dummy should not:

- ♦ Ask for a review of the auction.
- ♦ Request an explanation of a specific bid.

- ♦ Request an explanation of the defenders' carding agreements.

- ♦ Ask a defender about a possible revoke during play.

### What Card to Play (Law 46)

How does dummy know what card to play when declarer does not specifically describe the card?

- ♦ If declarer calls "high," she is deemed to have requested the highest card in the suit.

- ♦ If declarer says "play," dummy shall play the lowest card of the suit.

- ♦ If declarer says "win the trick," dummy shall play the lowest card that will take the trick.

- ♦ If declarer names a suit, but not the rank, she is deemed to have called for the lowest card in the suit. ("Play a heart" means play the lowest heart.)

- ♦ In leading from the board, if declarer calls for a rank ("Play the jack"), he is deemed to have continued the suit with which dummy won the preceding trick.

- ♦ If declarer says "play anything," either defender may designate the card to be played from dummy — unless the director determines that declarer's intent was incontrovertibly different from what escaped his mouth.

The Laws may sound complicated, but they're based on simple logic and ethical behavior.

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## PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

June 8-9, 2019

### Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, single session  
Limited Pairs (0-750, Stratified)  
Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified,  
# of tables permitting)

Montgomery Park  
2701 NW Vaughn St.  
Portland, OR 97210  
(503) 228-7275  
I-405 to Hwy 30W to Vaughn

All open pair strats:  
A=2000+  
B=750-2000  
C=0-750

Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats and brackets determined by average of pair or team.

### SUNDAY, June 9, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams, VPs  
(Unlimited/4000/2500)  
Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams, VPs  
One Session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500),  
Win/Loss

Note: a team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight A/X

All strats determined by average MPs of team



Lunch available for purchase between sessions

FREE Coffee & Snacks



Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Manager: Alan Johnson, 971-998-4261, [apeace01@comcast.net](mailto:apeace01@comcast.net)

Partnership: George O'Leary, 503-807-0123, [go2leary@comcast.net](mailto:go2leary@comcast.net)

\$12 per session. \$16 for new or lapsed ACBL members. Sanction #S1906119

\$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. and ACBL membership



ACBL players (0-5) play FREE!

# Salem Summer Sectional

June 28-30, 2019

## Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center

930 Plymouth Drive NE  
Keizer, OR

Sanction Number I606047

Unit 490 hosts a special free reception for 299ers between sessions on Saturday, June 29. There will be snacks and ice cream and lots of discussion about your favorite game.

Friday, June 28

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Stratified Open Pairs—Single Sessions  
299er Pairs\*

Saturday, June 29

11 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Stratified Open Pairs—Playthrough and Single Sessions  
299er Pairs\*—Single Sessions

Friday morning/Saturday strats: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+  
\*3-table minimum; if no 299er Pairs, strats are 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+  
(New players with 0-5 masterpoints play for free)

Sunday, June 30

11 a.m. and TBA  
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, two sessions, VPs  
Flight AX (A=3000+, X=0-3000), Flight A plays separately  
Flight BCD (B=1000-1500, C=500-1000, D=0-500)  
(Strats based on average. A teams with any player over 1500 plays in AX)

Director: Mike Weber

Tournament Contact: Shain Oleson, 206-818-2944

Partnerships: Gayle Goodman-Wilkins, 503-371-3556

Salem Bridge Club: 503-463-7165, [salembridgeclub.org](http://salembridgeclub.org)

☛ Free coffee and cookies ☛  
☛ Lunch available between sessions Sunday ☛

\$10 per player per session • \$14 lapsed ACBL member

Sanction No. S1906118

Teachers' Corner

# Breakfasts are opportunities to share ideas

Teaching bridge is exciting!

Some teachers work with retired adults and others with pre-teens in middle school.

Some work with students on an individual basis, or teach to classrooms.



**Nancy Jonske**

D20 Education Liaison

District 20 schedules an opportunity at the D20 regional for bridge teachers to share their programs, questions, suggestions and best practices.

If you are teaching and would like to share your ideas

with others, please email Nancy Jonske at [naeljo@aol.com](mailto:naeljo@aol.com) to have your name and email added to the list. It is great fun to share your ideas and adventures over a complimentary breakfast at the regional. Join us!

District 20 education liaison Nancy Jonske can be reached at [naeljo@aol.com](mailto:naeljo@aol.com).



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Strategic Thinking

# A power ratings system for bridge players

I would like to discuss a tricky subject that concerns all ACBL players, but also divides them: rating systems for players.

We currently have two ways to rate players in the ACBL. We can use the official and well-known masterpoint system, or we can use its lesser-known, unofficial alternative, Chris Champion's Power Ratings. The former is based on how many points you accumulate while playing over a certain period of time (one year for the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs races, lifetime when it comes to determine your flight). The latter is based on your average matchpoint performance over the past two years and is similar to the Elo chess ratings.

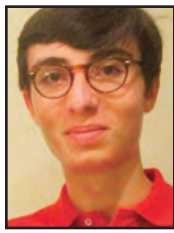
Unfortunately, it appears that a large majority of ACBL members follow exclusively the masterpoint system and are unaware of Champion's. Yet, both systems have advantages and are complementary. My goal is to make the Power Ratings more popular among ACBL members, which I think would be beneficial to our bridge world. Here is why.

The current masterpoint system fulfills different missions. It creates a fun and relatively easy-to-understand challenge for everyone, from rookies to Grand Life Masters. It stimulates the attendance (if you don't play, you can't win masterpoints and masterpoint races) and is therefore a powerful marketing tool for the ACBL. It also helps with the seeding by giving you a vague idea of a player's level of play.

But this is where the main flaw of the masterpoint system appears: it only gives you a vague idea of a player's real level. We all know that our masterpoint earnings are not only linked to our level of play, but also to the level of our partners, our avail-

ability or our ability to travel to tournaments; not mentioning the influence of on-line play, where thousands of ACBL masterpoints are won each year. For those reasons and many more, it is pretty much impossible to measure a player's current level of play using masterpoints. And that's a huge downside of that system.

I wish the ACBL would use a dual method to rate players, just like the English Bridge Union does. In addition to the masterpoint system, the ACBL could use a real rating method, where each player is given a rating based on recent performances, therefore measuring with a great accuracy their current level of play. The truth is, such a rating system already exists, but most players are unaware of it. If you would like to learn more about it, google "ACBL Power Ratings" or go to [www.bridgepowerratings.com](http://www.bridgepowerratings.com).



**Louis Beauchet**

Trumpet Contributor

The Power Ratings were created several years ago by Champion, a Colorado-based player, who also realized the importance of having a true rating system for ACBL members. Since then he has been using all the matchpoint games from ACBL tournaments as well as some club games to give active players a rating.

Your rating is based on three factors: your game percentage, your partner's rating (the better your partner is, the less credit you will get for a good game), and the strength of the field or degree of difficulty (the stronger the field is, the more credit you will get for a good game and vice-versa).

These ratings appear to have a sound statistical basis. Another advantage of those ratings is that they measure your current level of play, as they are only based on your performances from the

past 24 months. They can go up or down, with 50 the average rating. Being above 60 means you are a very good player.

The website also offers ratings for regular partnerships, using the same formulas. Those pair ratings are very interesting for a partnership game. I encourage you to check out this website, where you will find more definitions and explanations.

Of course, the Power Ratings system also has its flaws (team games are not included in the formulas, not all club games count, players who play very rarely don't have a rating, because it's difficult to evaluate their level of play), but it is still useful and more accurate than anything else.

The reason all club games are not included is because many club owners don't send their results to Champion. If you are among them, please take a few minutes each month to send him your game files. The website needs data.

So, until the ACBL is ready to develop a true rating system for bridge players, we can use these Power Ratings as a side rating system. Masterpoint awards and races will remain the same, with their benefits and their flaws; but being aware of the Power Ratings will at least give you a chance to measure with better accuracy your true level of play, no matter how much you can afford to play, in what events you play and with whom you play.

If we want to attract more younger working players, we need an accurate rating system, where playing only on weekends can be enough to have a high rating (assuming you are a good player). I can only see benefits in using both masterpoints and the Power Ratings as two parallel systems, each measuring something different but useful.

Louis Beauchet, 18, is a Silver Life Master.

## ACBL District 20

# Grand National Teams 2019 Finals

Win a trip to the summer North American Bridge Championships in Las Vegas!

Play in the D20 GNT Finals online. Winning teams in each of the four flights are eligible to advance and receive a subsidy of up to \$2,000.

### District Finals

All matches will be played **online with BBO** at locations throughout D20. Pre-qualification is required; **registration deadline is April 14** (see conditions online for details)!

Flight	MP limits	Day and date
Championship	Unlimited	Sat-Sun, April 20-21, 2019
Flight A	Under 6000	Saturday, May 4, 2019
Flight B	Under 2500	Sunday, May 5, 2019
Flight C	NLM (< 500)	Saturday, May 4, 2019

Morning sessions start at 8 a.m. in Hawaii, 11 a.m. PDT in Oregon, noon in Idaho; 2nd sessions TBD

**Format:** Two-session Round-Robin, Swiss, or KO (2nd day is KO in 2-day events).

**Advancing:** Winning teams will advance to the GNT Finals in Las Vegas.

**Venues:** Competition will take place at multiple sites all over District 20.

**Awards:** Gold points are given to overall placers; red points are given for match wins.

**Fees:** Entry fees are \$52 per team per session.

**Conventions:** The ACBL Mid-Chart conventions may be used in the Championship and Flight A. D20 allows Mid-Chart defenses to the opponents' INT openings in all events.

### National Finals

Winning teams advance to the GNT National Finals against the other district finalists. Amount of subsidy depends on number of teams entered; additional amounts from Grass Roots Funds may be available. National Finals will be held at the Summer NABC at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas. GNT starts July 17, 2019; NABC play starts on July 18, 2019. All four flights are 2-session Swiss Qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. Visit the ACBL web page for schedule details: <https://nabc.acbl.org/vegas/play/>

### Need more information?

Look on the district website for additional details, including the D20 Conditions of Contest: <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2019/05/1905645.pdf>

Or contact the Coordinator, Hal Montgomery, at [dewitt@imaginata.com](mailto:dewitt@imaginata.com), phone (503) 583-3717.



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Summer NABC 2019 • July 17-28

The ultimate entertainment destination awaits you. Tour the famous Las Vegas Strip, see the dazzling lights and take in a world-class show when you visit this desert oasis. Don't forget to sample the tasty dining options!





# Rogue Valley Regional

May 13-19 • Inn at the Commons, Medford, Ore.

## Schedule

### MONDAY, May 13

7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Charity Pairs (1 session)  
(part of the Grants Pass Side Game Series) (1 of 5)  
7 p.m. ....Gold Hill Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)

### TUESDAY, May 14

10 a.m. ....Klamath Falls Bracketed KOs  
(winners continue at 3; and 10 & 3 Wednesday)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. .... ♦ Jacksonville Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Yreka Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m. ....Grants Pass Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
3 p.m. ....Grants Pass Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
3 p.m. ....Ashland Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### WEDNESDAY, May 15

10 a.m./3 p.m. .... ♦ Central Point Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Lakeview Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m. ....Grants Pass Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
3 p.m. ....Grants Pass Side Game Series (5 of 5)

### THURSDAY, May 16

10:a.m. ....Medford Bracketed KOs  
(winners continue at 3; and 10 & 3 Friday)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. .... ♦ Mount Ashland Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Talent Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m. ....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (1 of 6)  
3 p.m. ....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (2 of 6)  
3 p.m. ....Paisley Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### FRIDAY, May 17

10 a.m./3 p.m. .... ♦ Crater Lake Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Diamond Lake Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10:00.....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (3 of 6)  
3 p.m. ....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (4 of 6)

### SATURDAY, May 18

10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Chiloquin Stratified Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. .... ♦ Canyonville Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m./3 p.m. ....Riddle Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
10 a.m. ....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (5 of 6)  
3 p.m. ....Rogue Valley Side Game Series (6 of 6)

### SUNDAY, May 19

9:30 a.m. & TBA ....Last Chance Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
*(NOTE EARLY START TIME; half hour break; on the road by 4:30 pm.)*

## Stratifications

♦ *Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events. Three Strat Open Pairs:*  
0-1250/1250-2000/2000+

♦ **Gold Rush Pairs:**  
0-100/100-300/300-750

**Stratified Open Pairs and Teams:**  
0-750/750-2000/2000+

**Bracketed Swiss Teams**  
Teams play in groups of 7-9 by masterpoint range; gold points in each bracket; (20 VP). Can play up.

**Eligibility for flighted events** based on top player's total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.

**Side Game Series:** Play two times to qualify for gold points.

## Table fees

**Table fees:** ACBL members - \$13;  
Lapsed - \$17; Under age 26 - \$6.

## Inn at the Commons

200 North Riverside Avenue,  
Medford, OR 97501

### RESERVATIONS

1-866-779-5811

541-779-5811

**Room rates:** \$89 single & double. Poolside room \$99; executive suite \$105. Room block cut-off date is April 12, 2019, or when block is full.

**Complimentary** hot breakfast buffet, hotel parking, Wifi, and discounts to Larks restaurant. (Event parking available at the public parking lot adjacent to the hotel.)

## Tournament contacts

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## Races

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The District 20 winners of all races are shown on page 13. Players from Albany/Corvallis Unit 477 won six of 15 brackets in both the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs, dominating the B level.

## Regionals

### See 'Hairspray' during tourney

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Friday evening, I have arranged for you to be able to see the musical "Hairspray" at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. And Saturday evening you can enjoy a wine tasting paired with hors d'oeuvres at a nearby wine tasting room. Both require that you sign up by April 1 and only the first 40 can attend. You can attend either or both. Please see the second page of the Rogue Valley Regional flyer for more details.

The weather should be perfect, with the average daily high temperature in Medford during May at 77. Don't forget to pack your swimsuit!

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

## Hawaii

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won the bracket 1 Friday-Saturday KO.

Other regional event winners include Justin Beck, Ayako Nagayama, Patricia Berg, Lisa Derock, Doug McCalla, Dileep Bal, Patti Moore, Mimi Levison, Stuart Vance, Loring Harkness, Alan Arakawa, Harry Rogers, Blair and Judith Curry, Ruben Paet, Sam Aucoin, Jim Chaney, Eric Stoltz, Everett Fukushima, Ronald Resnick, Jack Patnode, Beverly Walker, Susan Freider and Dorsie Glen.

Winners of Gold Rush events include Edwina Moscatelli, James Keefe, Gail Buck, Dickie Motherwell, Dee Fulton, Tor Thorsen, David Larsen and Judy Blankenfeld.

Winners of 299er events include Luanne Stoltz, Gordon and Penelope Riddick, Kathleen and Greg Manchuk, Susan Kaneta, Alice Goo, Judy Pearce, Helen Slaughter, Janis Rodden, Hazel Theodore, Karen Wilson, Ethelyn Stisher, Louise and Kurt Weidner, Naomi Nortman and Carmen Von Sydow.



## Goodwill: Three are honored for contributions to bridge



**Jim Wheeler**

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"Jim is a person who helps without being asked."

Partner Ron Senn agrees, saying Jim is the type of person who will do what others won't. "He's a great organizer and attacks tasks with a vigor that you rarely see without complaint. He is very active in the bridge community and often will sacrifice his playing time to help the game of bridge."

Wheeler, who started playing bridge in 1965 while serving in the Peace Corps in Turkey, says he was really surprised and honored to receive the recognition.

Contracts manager and longtime former tournament manager Marilyn Vilhauer has known Wheeler for 30-plus years. "This honor is about goodwill and if you know Jim, you know how friendly and helpful he is to everyone," she says. According to Vilhauer, as a tournament manager, Wheeler looks beyond just playing cards and wants everyone to have a good time. She describes Wheeler as a 75-year-old with the energy of someone half his age.

Hormel notes that Wheeler is also an active member, often raising his hand to participate in events within the club and bridge community. "He currently is very active in all Ace of Clubs activities," says Hormel.

When asked what he loves most about this group, Wheeler says, "My bridge community is like family."

### Ginny Kopacz

Next up, a bridge player who goes out of her way to educate others on the game — Ginny Kopacz of Portland.

Longtime friend Terry Strand has known Kopacz for more than 57 years, so she's pretty much an expert in her friend's qualifications to be a Goodwill member. "Ginny is a tireless worker and does a good job with whatever she undertakes,"



Jim Wheeler, Ginny Kopacz and Suzanne St. Thomas are new members of the Aileen Osofosky Goodwill Committee.

says Strand. "She spent many hours teaching students at Catlin Gabel School the basics of bridge, often giving up opportunities for her own games."

Nancy Jonske, who is also involved with the Catlin Gabel Middle School teaching program, agrees, saying Kopacz is known to encourage others to become even better players. "Ginny was ecstatic to become a Life Master and has continued to take lessons, encouraging others to do the same," Jonske says.

Jonske also used the word "tireless" to describe Kopacz's efforts as a member of the Unit 487 board. "She could amazingly organize hospitality for 200, and still volunteer to get all the pencils sharpened."

Kopacz says it was serving on the Unit 487 board as hospitality and education chair that first sparked her interest in doing more. "It was during this time I realized that more needed to be done to encourage and support newer and younger players. I remembered when I was a newer player how intimidating it was going to a club or tournaments. If we want bridge to continue to grow, we must continue to find ways to encourage our newer players."

On top of all her extracurricular work within the bridge community, Kopacz is also known to be a bright spot at the table. "Ginny is a very friendly, social person. She greets other players, and is truly interested in their lives," Jonske says.

Strand says Kopacz is a very thoughtful person and sensitive to the needs of others. "Bridge is her passion. She well deserves recognition for her efforts in our bridge world!"

Kopacz, who began playing bridge in college, says it's become an integral part of her retirement. "I have met new and interesting people as well as made wonderful new friendships. The game is always a challenge and an ongoing learning experience."

"A very large thank you goes out to those who nominated me and felt that I was worthy of this," says Kopacz. "I am very grateful for this honor."



**Suzanne St. Thomas**

Finally, another player with a reputation for encouraging up-and-comers is Suzanne St. Thomas of Boise.

Friend and opponent Irva Kay Neyhart met St. Thomas at the bridge table during one of her first duplicate games about 15 years ago. "She was a top-rated player and was so nice to me as a novice," Neyhart says. "I continued to admire her demeanor at the bridge table over the few opportunities I had to play against her."

Dave and Kathy Astle, who have known St. Thomas for more than 30 years, say she is a very generous and enthusiastic. "Suzanne was active in supporting our club, including helping us find new playing areas when we needed to move," the Astles said.

Neyhart also commends St. Thomas on always encouraging her. "I definitely think Suzanne deserves to be recognized by her peers by receiving this award as someone who has done so much to promote and encourage other bridge players," Neyhart says.

When asked why she goes above and beyond for the bridge community St. Thomas says, "I always try to play with anyone who asks, and I am always thinking of ways to have fun!"

But for St. Thomas, it was a total surprise. "I felt especially honored to receive it after knowing all those who have received it and what they have meant to the bridge community," she says.

On top of being an all-around good person, St. Thomas also has fun away from the game. "We always had dinner at great restaurants between sessions and I found out that Suzanne was just as nice away from the bridge table and a very fun dinner companion," Neyhart said. The Astles agree, saying, Suzanne is always looking for reasons to celebrate. "In other words, she's a lot of fun!"

St. Thomas confirms this point in one statement: "My personal philosophy is that all we have is each other. And we need to have all the fun we can."

## Vilhauer: New president, executive director; GNT field expands for B, C flights

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In today's market and with the internet, bridge players find other places to stay other than the host hotels. It is difficult for ACBL to plan for this.

### Board meeting

Russ Jones from District 10 (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and most of Tennessee) was elected president of the ACBL for 2019. Russ has chaired the Bridge Committee for the past several years and was a former ACBL tournament director.

After an extensive search for a new ex-

ecutive director, the board hired Joe Jones. Joe has been the acting ED and was the CFO for ACBL the past six years.

The board voted to establish a masterpoint committee to oversee the changes in masterpoint awards. The committee will have ACBL staff members and three at-large members.

The board decided not to change the opening notrump announcements, so keep announcing those ranges.

A motion was passed to increase the GNT teams to two per district if more than eight teams play. This is for Flights B and

C only. Let's encourage teams to participate and get two teams qualified. If this is a success, maybe we can do it for the other flights as well.

For the past several years, discussion on knockouts has been ongoing. We now allow reductions of bracket sizes to make the competition fairer without disproportionate reduction in masterpoint awards.

The board has been under a lot of pressure to reduce expenses and the size of the board. Some suggestions are to reduce the board to 9-15 directors. This would require some adjustments on how

districts are represented at the national level. We will keep you posted.

### D20 tournaments.

District 20 has four tournaments this year: Portland/Vancouver in February, Medford in May, Eugene in August, and Seaside in September/October.

If I can answer any questions or you just want to pass along any news or suggestions you can contact me at [district20director@acbl.org](mailto:district20director@acbl.org).

District director Merlin Vilhauer can be reached at [district20director@acbl.org](mailto:district20director@acbl.org).

# OTR

## More Swiss events offered

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continues at 9 a.m. Tuesday was cut to three sessions instead, and I don't think I heard anyone complain about that!

Two-session Swiss events seemed to be popular, and segregating into AXY, BCD and 299ers allowed most to find a comfort level.

Jean Johannson did a wonderful job as tournament manager, as did all of the volunteers, directors and district officials.

The hospitality for this particular regional included apples, candy, ice cream bars, convention card holders, stickers, and the ever-popular beer, wine and cheese party Friday night.

What do you like to see offered at your local regionals? We are listening!

Become involved in making D20's tournaments better reflect what you and your friends are looking for.

# Carr Fire hits home for EBC

## Redding transplant inspires Eugene to participate in charity

By Don Marsh  
The Trumpet

The reality of the Carr Fire, as reported in the last issue of The Trumpet (Winter 2018-19) became more real to all the members of the Emerald Bridge Club when one of the victims of that tragic event relocated to Eugene and started playing at our club.

Carole Schmitz, one of the individuals featured in The Trumpet article, and her husband Marion, lost everything but their cars and the few clothes they were able to pack. After the smoke had cleared and the last embers were extinguished, Carole and Marion made the decision to move north.

It has been our good fortune to be



The Emerald Bridge Club raised \$900 for the Carr Fire. Carole Schmitz, who lost her home in Redding to the fire and moved to Eugene, holds the pot.

able to welcome Carole to our bridge community. If there can be the slightest silver lining in all of this tragedy, it is that this wonderful lady is now a regular at our tables and a truly great addition to our bridge family.

It also provided us with a little more incentive to participate in District 20's fundraiser for the victims of the fire. A special game for that event was played at EBC in December and \$900 was raised.

Carole, partnering with EBC owner Sherri Morgan, finished first N/S. Somehow that just seemed like what should have happened.

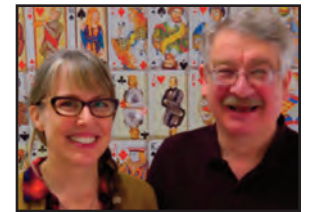
# Impressive auction finds low-HCP 7♠

By Steve Tubbs  
For the Trumpet

Bridge is a competitive exercise involving positive and negative reinforcements. A great deal of learning stems from exercises in errors of judgment, swiftly dealt with by vigilant opponents. Failures to cover; not leading partner's bid suit; or "What? Oh, darn! I forgot that dang Drury again!"

But sometimes you get a score of zero through no fault of your own. It's one thing that agonizingly occurs when the opposition manages to fumble their way into the only makeable contract that defies standard bidding conventions. Rueful rabbits! But once in a while, you must simply stand by and admire the bidding and play of a pair that has decided to "fix" your score, but good!

Here's a hand where (rotated) I was sitting East and my wife Linda was West. Trumpet Managing Editor Amy



Amy Casanova, Paul Wrigley

Casanova was dealer, sitting South, and her partner was Paul Wrigley.

Dir: South ♠A Q J 10  
Vul: N-S ♥A 8 6 5 4 3  
♦—  
♣Q J 6

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

West Linda	North Paul	East Steve	South Amy
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Following Amy's opening and Paul's game-forcing response, I, noting the favorable vulnerability and holding a good diamond suit with a stiff spade, enter the fray with a call of 3♦. That passed around to Paul, who set trump, prompting Amy to show her club control. They each cuebid their voids, followed by two more rounds of controls. Paul, now with a grasp of the hands firmly in mind, bids 7♠! They are the only ones there.

Next, the play. Linda dutifully leads a small diamond, Paul's cuebids notwithstanding. The diamond is ruffed with dummy's ♠10. Next, a small heart is ruffed. So far, so good. Then a club to dummy's queen. A second small heart is then also ruffed.

OK. Now a small spade to dummy's jack. A third heart, which is ruffed with the king. The ♣AK are now unnecessary, as Amy has a full count on the hearts, which are splitting 4-3. Her last spade is led to dummy's queen, and Linda follows, while I discarded. The ♠A draws Linda's third and final trump. The ♥A then drops my king, and the remaining hearts are good for the balance of tricks.

A grand slam bid and made, with 29 HCP. Twelve of those points in Amy's hand, the ♦KQ and the ♣AK, score NO tricks! Essentially, it was a 17-HCP grand.

Full credit and congratulations to Amy and Paul for their bidding and play. Well done. And next time, please be the pair that skips our table!

# Boise celebrates life of Vern Nafus

By Nancy Feldman  
The Trumpet

Vern Nafus was playing cards at the duplicate bridge club in Montana when his daughter was born, a fact that his wife teased him often about over the years. But for Vern, who played his last hand of bridge last fall at the age of 103, the bridge club was like a home away from home. So, it was not an unusual place for him to be for that important family event.

Vern died Jan. 3, leaving a life well lived. On Jan. 25, the Bridge Cooperative of Boise - with four of Vern's five children present - gathered to celebrate his life and share stories about him.

Gretchen Wiggins recalled Vern asking her three years ago to go to dinner one Wednesday evening. Since then, they met weekly at the same restaurant, where Vern would tell her stories from his past 100 years.

Peggy and Gerry Silvester met Vern in the mid-1970s when Vern's wife Marty was still alive. Peggy's bridge day with Vern was the third Friday of the month. She remembered Vern telling her that when his wife took ill, Vern would go to the nursing home daily to feed her lunch and dinner and what a privilege it was for him to care for her.

Kay Read played with Vern the third Wednesday of the month for years. She would brag to all of her friends about how bridge keeps your brain active, using Vern



Vern's children, from left, Joanne Deyo, David Nafus, Steve Nafus, Donald Nafus (and not pictured, Judy Marr) with a watercolor painted for Vern by Candy Bonowitz when he turned 100 in 2015.

as her example. Gary Cupper recalled that he was playing with him when Vern got his 2500th point for his Gold Life Master rank. Marilyn Edwards will miss him on her day. Anita Babineau's husband Al played regularly with Vern. After their game Vern would always call the house to see how they placed.

Daryl Sallaz noted that he was living proof that Vern would play with anybody! If Vern called him to play, he would make sure to shuffle his schedule to fit in an extra bridge game. Julia Christensen said he never lost his cool at the table and

could calm those of us who did. She also knew him from a Fit & Fall class. He knew the value of exercising and stretching to stay sharp and healthy. Rebecca Rodenbush never played with Vern but respected him as an opponent and admired him for how he lived his life.

When Vern turned 100, club member Candy Bonowitz painted a watercolor of him and his son Steve at the bridge table. He cherished it and

hung it in his bedroom. His children brought the watercolor to the club and hung it by his special table.

Once Vern asked Marian Hendrix how old she was. When she said that she was 74, Vern replied, "I've been playing bridge longer than you've been alive." Was bridge the secret to his longevity? He told Ian Martindale that the secret to his long life was that he never drank, never smoked, and always voted Democratic.

Whatever his secret was, he will be remembered as a great bridge player, an intelligent and thoughtful man, and a class act.

# Rowe: Committees will examine expenses, revenue ideas

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choice. If you have no favorite, consider the ACBL Charity Foundation.

## Dual schedules boost OTR

Please know that your area representatives are listening to you regarding game times for our regionals. We get feedback from both sides, some requesting a 10 and 3 schedule and some in favor of 1 and 7. The different schedules for the Vancouver regional received positive feedback and the proof was in increased attendance.

If you are a fan of the 10 and 3 schedule, please put Medford on your May agenda. On Friday night, there will be a bus to see "Hairspray" in Ashland. Med-

ford is wonderful in May with plenty of restaurants within walking distance.

The next district board meeting will be at the Eugene Regional in August. The district continues to lose money. Last year we lost \$22,000 and this year our projection is to lose \$5,000. We fortunately had good reserves but we need to address those losses.

I've designated two committees to work on these major concerns. One with Irva Neyhart, Jim Wheeler and Roger Thomas will be looking at ways to reduce expenses. The other committee with Sam Asai, Mike Eyer and Roger Thomas is assigned the task of coming up with ways to increase revenue. Feel free to share ideas with any of these committee members

and/or your area rep.

## The importance of good behavior

When in Vancouver, I had some former District 20 members share with me a problem they faced. Each of them moved outside of District 20 and found a non-welcoming bridge club. What a loss for that community.

It's a reminder for each of us to actively practice zero tolerance when it comes to rude behavior. Yes, this is a competitive game and we want to do our best. Yet, we need to be kind - to our opponents and to our partners. Have fun at the table, but always practice good manners.

District 20 President Laurie Rowe can be reached at [district20pres@gmail.com](mailto:district20pres@gmail.com).

# Emerald Empire Regional

**Aug. 5-11, 2019**  
**Eugene, Oregon**

## SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7 p.m. .... Blue Heron Bracketed KOs  
 (winners continue Tues. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
 7 p.m. .... Open Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)  
 (part of Evening Side Game Series, 1 of 6)  
 7 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9 a.m. .... Morning Stratified Swiss Teams  
 (continues Wed. at 9 a.m.)  
 9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... McKenzie River Bracketed KOs  
 (winners continue at 7 p.m.; and Thur. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)  
 7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)



### THURSDAY AUGUST 8

9 a.m. .... Valley River Compact KOs  
 (winners continue Fri. at 9 a.m.)  
 9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... Weekend Bracketed KOs  
 (winners continue at 7 p.m.; and Sat. at 1 & 7 p.m.)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)  
 7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)  
 7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

9 a.m. .... Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
 1 p.m. .... Willamette Valley Compact KOs  
 (winners continue at 7 p.m.)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 & 7 p.m. .... ♦Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
 1 p.m. .... Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
 7 p.m. .... Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)  
 7 p.m. .... Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

### SUNDAY AUGUST 11

10 a.m. & TBA... Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams  
 10 a.m. & TBA... Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams  
 (both 2 sessions)  
 10 a.m. .... ♦299er Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

## LODGING

### INFORMATION

**Valley River Inn**  
 1000 Valley River Way,  
**Eugene OR 97401.**  
**800-543-8266**  
**or 541-743-1000**

- Located on the banks of the Willamette River, next to the Valley River Center.
- On-site restaurant, Sweetwaters on the River.
- Complimentary guestroom Wifi, outdoor pool and 24-hour Fitness Center.
- Deluxe (single or double) -109.
- Pool View/Suite (single or double) - \$119.
- Up to four per room. Additional people may be added for \$10 each per night.
- Reservations guaranteed until July 8, 2019, or until "bridge block" is full.
- Early departure fees will apply.

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 Caddy Master: Laurie Rowe.  
 Hospitality: Martin and Ali Nice.  
 Photographer: Ellen McCumsey.

## STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Events: Open/3000/ 1500  
 ♦Gold Rush Events: 750/300/200  
 Stratified Open Events: Open/2000/750  
 ♦299er Events: 300/100/50  
 Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Swiss Teams:  
 Open/ 4000/2500 (Plays alone; 20 VP)  
 Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams: 0-2000 (n  
 player over 2000); teams play in groups of 7-9 by  
 MP average; gold points in each bracket; (20 vp).  
 ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N)  
 Events.  
 • Eligibility for flighted events based on top  
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## ELIGIBILITY, TABLE FEES

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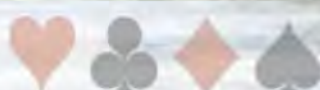
Table Fees: ACBL members \$13;  
 lapsed members \$17; underage 26, \$6.

## INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAM

I/N reception on Wednesday with  
**D20 I/N Coordinator:**  
 Margi Redden  
[D20incoord@yahoo.com](mailto:D20incoord@yahoo.com);  
 503-805-2103



D20 web site  
[www.ACBLD20.org](http://www.ACBLD20.org)



# District 20 Mini-McKenney winners for 2018



Doris Homan



Randall Shaw



Paul Walker



Brenda Biermann



Roger Thomas



Linda Smith



Sandy Syrett



Dick Jarvinen



Eileen Boal



Brian Breckenridge

## 0-5

1. **Doris Homan**, Payette ID 49
2. Patrice Stewart, Vancouver WA 43
3. Stephen Prokop, Brookings OR 41
4. Linda McCalla, Kalaheo HI 40
5. Hugh Homan, Payette ID 38
6. Raymond Teller, Bend OR 33
7. Wing Yung, Salem OR 32
8. Brian Taylor, Lake Oswego OR 28
9. Joseph Morgan, Vancouver WA 28
10. Care Parker, Portland OR 27

## 5-20

1. **Randall Shaw**, Honolulu HI 55
2. Kurt Weidner, Kailua Kona HI 48
3. Louise Weidner, Kailua Kona HI 48
4. David Ouyang, Waianae HI 47
5. Joud Kaikhia, West Linn OR 47
6. Bev Britton, Penn Valley CA 46
7. Daniel Evans, Portland OR 44
8. Karen Douek, Portland OR 43
9. John Muno, Fortuna CA 38
10. Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR 37

## 20-50

1. **Paul Walker**, Oregon City OR 103
2. Mark Jansa, Portland OR 97
3. Keith Kalway, Honolulu HI 93
4. Judy Blankenfeld, Hilo HI 67
5. Jayne James, Boise ID 56
6. Laura Herman, Roseburg OR 56
7. Terry Hart, Salem OR 56
8. Charles Carter, Brookings OR 55
9. Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR 52
10. Shirley Layne, Salem OR 52

## 50-100

1. **Brenda Biermann**, Roseburg OR 180
2. Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR 127
3. Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR 101
4. Herbert Nakagawa, Honolulu HI 96
5. Kay Alspaugh, Boise ID 82
6. Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID 73
7. Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Salem OR 72
8. Sandra Waddle, Brookings OR 71
9. Judd Robbins, Ashland OR 67
10. Gregory Said, Boise ID 67

## 100-200

1. **Roger Thomas**, West Linn OR 189
2. Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR 188
3. Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID 137
4. Tor Thorsen, Kailua Kona HI 130
5. Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR 127
6. Bill Bergmark, Bend OR 127
7. Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR 123
8. Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA 116
9. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 111
10. Paul Penland, Eagle ID 109

## 200-300

1. **Linda Smith**, Corvallis OR 144
2. Patricia Berg, Princeville HI 136
3. Mike Goffe, Portland OR 133
4. Lisa Derock, Princeville HI 119
5. Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA 118
6. Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA 113
7. Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA 113
8. William Fry, Fairview OR 106
9. Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR 103
10. Joan Shafer, Pahoa HI 94

## 300-500

1. **Sandy Syrett**, Corvallis OR 274
2. Kevin Marnell, Portland OR 171
3. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 166
4. David Muller, Vancouver WA 156
5. Deanna Birch, Portland OR 148
6. Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR 144
7. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 139
8. Jane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR 131
9. Gayle Gross, Keizer OR 129
10. Allison Evans, Corvallis OR 128

## 500-1000

1. **Dick Jarvinen**, Corvallis OR 248
2. Allan Selberg, Albany OR 214
3. Gene Hval, Portland OR 192
4. Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR 174
5. William Grady, Albany OR 173
6. Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA 172
7. Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA 167
8. Larry Chase, Boise ID 162
9. Leo Williams, Honolulu HI 162
10. Michael Green, Newberg OR 151

## 1000-1500

1. **Eileen Boal**, Albany OR 413
2. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 379
3. Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI 280
4. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 252
5. Jim Wiser, Portland OR 245
6. Mark Bloom, Chico CA 230
7. Pat Moore, Corvallis OR 226
8. Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA 217
9. Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR 214
10. Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR 209

## 1500-2500

1. **Brian Breckenridge**, Corvallis OR 507
2. Amy Casanova, Portland OR 461
3. Ray Robert, Portland OR 317
4. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 314
5. Rick Prouser, Portland OR 283
6. Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI 260
7. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 257
8. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 248
9. Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI 247
10. Jerold Wershba, Portland OR 243



July Ratley



Joel Datloff



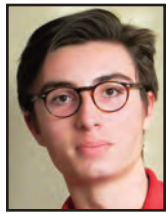
Irva Kay Neyhart



John Ashton



Roger McNay



Louis Beauchet

## 2500-3500

1. **July Ratley**, Redding CA 758
2. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR 555
3. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 511
4. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 465
5. Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR 313
6. Robert Hope, Honolulu HI 277
7. Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR 277
8. Arun Savara, Honolulu HI 258

## 3500-5000

1. **Joel Datloff**, Vancouver WA 550
2. Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR 404
3. Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA 379
4. Carol Christensen, Boise ID 376
5. Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR 369
6. Duane Christensen, Boise ID 363
7. Robert Johnson, Beaverton OR 330
8. Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA 315

## 5000-7500

1. **Irva Kay Neyhart**, Corvallis OR 1005
2. Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR 613
3. Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID 584
4. Hal Montgomery, Portland OR 520
5. J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA 431
6. Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR 410
7. Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR 400
8. David Brower, Portland OR 310

## 7500-10,000

1. **John Ashton**, Portland OR 664
2. Rich Carle, Longview WA 446
3. Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI 332

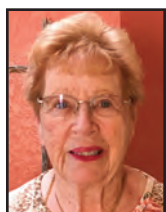
## Over 10,000

1. **Roger McNay**, Beaverton OR 1039
2. Michael Levy, Tucson AZ 644
3. Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR 572

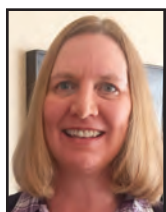
## Juniors

1. **Louis Beauchet**, Sherwood OR 379
2. Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA 125
3. Zach Collins, Portland OR 14
4. Jiadi He, Astoria OR 10
5. Sarah Emmons, Kamuela HI 6
6. Avital Wahba, Portland OR 3

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2. Joud Kaikhia, West Linn OR 36
3. John Muno, Fortuna CA 35
4. Randall Shaw, Honolulu HI 32
5. David Ouyang, Waianae HI 32
6. Bonnie Larson, Vancouver WA 30

## 20-50

1. **Terry Hart**, Salem OR 50
2. Laura Herman, Roseburg OR 49
3. Charles Carter, Brookings OR 49
4. Paul Walker, Oregon City OR 45
5. Keith Kalway, Honolulu HI 44
6. Judy Blankenfeld, Hilo HI 41

## 50-100

1. **Brenda Biermann**, Roseburg OR 137
2. Ellie Lathrop, Longview WA 55
3. Herbert Nakagawa, Honolulu HI 52
4. Kay Alspaugh, Boise ID 51
5. Sharon Douglas, Salem OR 50
6. Alfred Deichsel, Longview WA 48

## 100-200

1. **Tor Thorsen**, Kailua Kona HI 106
2. Bill Bergmark, Bend OR 101
3. Kurt Browning, Grass Valley CA 80
4. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 74
5. Harold Baas, Waikoloa HI 69
6. David Kaber, Payette ID 68

## 200-300

1. **Alan Ludwig**, Yuba City CA 90
2. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 81
3. Patricia Berg, Princeville HI 81
4. Lisa Derock, Princeville HI 70
5. Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA 64
6. T. Paul Adams, Blodgett OR 63

## 300-500

1. **Sandy Syrett**, Corvallis OR 133
2. Allison Evans, Corvallis OR 111
3. Gayle Gross, Keizer OR 110
4. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 100
5. Jeff Gunn-Smith, Grass Valley CA 91
6. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 83

## 500-1000

1. **Dick Jarvinen**, Corvallis OR 178
2. William Grady, Albany OR 153
3. Allan Selberg, Albany OR 119
4. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 114
5. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 109
6. Larry Chase, Boise ID 108

## 1000-1500

1. **Eileen Boal**, Albany OR 279
2. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 192
3. Lorinda Pearson, Ontario OR 172
4. Mark Bloom, Chico CA 152
5. Donald Crozier, Bend OR 148
6. Jim Wiser, Portland OR 131

## 1500-2500

1. **Brian Breckenridge**, Corvallis OR 329
2. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 209
3. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 178
4. Jerold Wershba, Portland OR 160
5. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 141
6. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 135



Dennis Harms



Ric Soohoo



Irva Kay Neyhart



Rich Carle



Mike Levy



Don Lowry

## 2500-3500

1. **Dennis Harms**, Corvallis OR 373
2. Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR 203
3. Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI 175
4. Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI 155
5. Bill Lawrence, Happy Valley OR 150
6. Douglas West, Long Beach WA 146

## 3500-5000

1. **Ric Soohoo**, Vancouver WA 200
2. Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR 199
3. Helen Henning, Penn Valley CA 149
4. Marge Roe, Grass Valley CA 120
5. Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA 117
6. Dolores Echanis, Ontario OR 114

## 5000-7500

1. **Irva Kay Neyhart**, Corvallis OR 611
2. Janie Percy, Vancouver WA 169
3. Jean Choi, Honolulu HI 96
4. Verda Toner, Vancouver WA 95
5. Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR 94
6. Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR 89

## 7500-10,000

1. **Rich Carle**, Longview WA 133
2. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 122

## Over 10,000

1. **Michael Levy**, Tucson AZ 172
2. Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR 167

## Online

1. **Don Lowry**, Wilsonville OR 285
2. Pete Grice, Boise ID 284
3. Jeff McKee, Banks OR 282
4. Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI 251
5. Stephen Nafus, Boise ID 250
6. Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI 237

# AROUND THE UNITS



The Boise unit board: Don Robinson, Kay Alspaugh, Maryon Evans, president Cheryl Maderazo, Janet Matthews and Art Crawford; not pictured, Kathy Luft.

## Boise poised for a banner year

One hundred card sharks turned out for the annual holiday party and Unit 394 annual meeting in December in downtown Boise.

Leaving the board after their two-year terms were **Leslie Crawford** (president), **Gene Girard** (treasurer) and **Phil Emerson** (vice president). Under their leadership the unit has continued to thrive and grow.

Staying on the board are **Cheryl Maderazo** (president), **Don Robinson** (vice president), **Janet Matthews** (treasurer) and **Kathy Luft** (hospitality). New board members include **Maryon Evans** (secretary), **Kay Alspaugh** (membership) and **Art Crawford** (tournaments).

Some goals for 2019 include keeping the monthly unit game fee at \$5, lessons for "advanced" beginners on Thursdays prior to the afternoon game, offering bridge lessons to the public and The Longest Day fundraiser. Table numbers continue to rise in Boise as more people move into the area. The club maintains a friendly yet competitive atmosphere.



### Boise



By Nancy Feldman

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#### Boise seeks challenge for Longest Day game

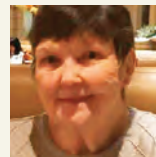
If your District 20 club thinks it can raise more money for the Alzheimer's fundraiser, the Boise Bridge Cooperative and Unit 394 want to challenge you to a showdown.

Last year we raised almost \$6,000. If you accept a challenge and do better, we'll send you a basket of Idaho made items. And if we win? You'll just have to come up with something as nifty!

To jump-start your fundraiser, we'll send you four free plays to this fall's sectional you can raffle along with an Idaho item. Will you send us something for our silent auction, too?

If you're up to the challenge, contact Nancy Feldman at [mnfeldman@cable-one.net](mailto:mnfeldman@cable-one.net) or 208-440-9739.

## Ontario enjoys lunch in Caldwell



### Ontario



By Billie Willis

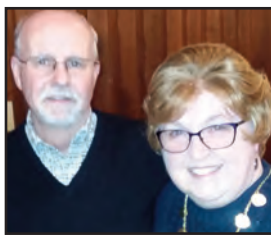
For the last several years, members of our club have enjoyed being invited to the Caldwell ID club for its holiday luncheon and bridge. This year was no exception. Thanks for a lovely afternoon.

The Christmas party and prime rib dinner was its usual success and provided an enjoyable evening of bridge and fellowship.

At our Jan. 2 game, the winners of A, B, and C in section and second overall A

and first in B and C were a pair of novice players, **John Ogilvie** and **Linda Simmons**. Great job.

Our main focus at this time, other than playing bridge, is preparing for our sectional to be held in April. Come join us the first weekend of the month.



John Ogilvie, Linda Simmons

## Chico seeks recruiting ideas

Recruitment of new members can be a major concern of many units and clubs. Perhaps a bit less obvious is player retention. Success in these areas may rely heavily on everyone becoming a member missionary.

One suggestion is that all players reach out to newer players, or those with declining interest. Our unit has ranked highly in new member gains, but ranked very low in retention. We have some ideas, but would appreciate input from other D20 units.

In the Western Conference STaC in December, Chico Club's **Carol Huston** and **Chuck Hodel** placed second at 69.8% for the Friday afternoon game of 515 tables and earned 17.80 masterpoints. Also, **Doug Jacobs** and **Garth Gregory** placed sixth in the same session.

Unit leaders in the two lowest brackets of the Mini-McKenney are: (0-5) **Alberta Simic** and (5-20) **Gary Stromberg**. In club play, the top point getter across all

brackets was **Mark Bloom** with 152.42. **Alan Ludwig's** 89.66 was fourth overall, a standout for the 200-300 bracket.

At our holiday party we had a very nice turnout. First place pair was **Marge Roe** and **Helen Henning** with **Phil** and **Nancy Cooke** close behind. We are looking forward to our annual Almond Blossom Sectional held around the time this issue comes out, March 15-17. We will have a beautiful new location in Chico for this event. See the D20 website for details.

We give our deepest thanks to the countless club members who gave support after the recent local fire tragedies with prayer, necessities and resources.



### Chico



By Rick Shipley

## Reporter, partners on a streak

This report will be a little different from usual. I'm going to tell you about me and my bridge partners. I guess if you don't "toot your own horn," who will?

**Sonya Shue** and I have been flattered to be able to play in all Swiss teams games held at our club with the twosome of **Bill** and **Jill Wood**. Their game is certainly at a higher level than ours, but we seem to make a good team. Swiss teams are usually held at our club when there is a fifth Monday. On Dec. 31, the club held a Grand National Teams game with 13 teams. We won (see results below).

**Ron** and **Shirley Shaw** moved to the area from Michigan. When they came to my table and recited their names, I piped up with, "Oh, I have cousins named Shaw," and from then on we were "cuzins"! I had never played with Shirley, but on the occasion of the sectional the Nampa/Caldwell club sponsored, held in Nampa in November, Shirley and I teamed up to play in the Saturday morning open pairs with 18 tables. We managed to win. Exciting!

Then, at our annual Christmas party, hosted by our Nampa/Caldwell unit and held at the Elks Club in Caldwell, Shirley and I teamed up again in a 21-table game,



### Nampa/ Caldwell



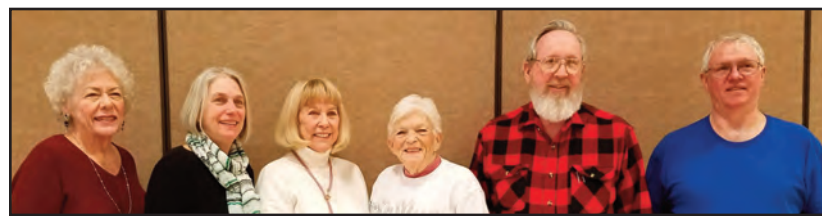
By Marilyn Tripple

again winning. At that point, Shirley joined ACBL, which she and Ron had not done in the past. Something else Shirley and I shared during this time period is that both of our husbands are undergoing treatments for cancer. Maybe the bridge gods thought we needed something good to happen to us for a change.

We celebrate birthdays on the third Monday with cake and a rousing vocal rendition of "Happy Birthday," much of it offkey! Also, on the third Monday, my partner is **Gene Gerard**, and there were several of us who had a pretty good day at the bridge table. **Larry Chase** and **Carol Christensen** led a competitive field, scoring 72% with 14 tables in play.

#### Results

**GNT qualifier**, Dec. 31 — 1: Marilyn Tripple — Sonya Shue — Bill Wood — Jill Wood; 2-3: John Zamboni — Paul Penland — Trista Wells — Elazar (Les) Friedman, 2-3: Kay Read — Cindy Amos — Karen Boss — Rebecca Rodenbush.



The Bend unit board: Joyce Guhy, Lorraine Rodich, Susan Hoffinger, Diane Maffia, Chip Cleveland and Mark Hickman.

## A tour of the clubs in Bend

Welcome to all new members of Unit 476. We are so fortunate in the Central Oregon bridge world to have four different venues in which to play. There really are no excuses not to get a game!

First up this year is the election results for Unit 476. Returning board members are **Chip Cleveland** and **Lorraine Rodich**. New to the board are **Joyce Guhy** and **Susan Hoffinger**. The primary purpose of the unit is to run sectional tournaments every two years and to resolve issues at the club level. Please contact any board member if you have any questions or concerns about any of our clubs.

Officers for the new year are: president, **Lorraine Rodich**; vice president, **Mark Hickman**; treasurer, **Chip Cleveland**; secretary, **Joyce Guhy**; publicity and Trumpet reporters, **Susan Hoffinger** and **Dianne Maffia**; membership chair, **Connie Baker**.

We have many newer members in our unit, and we are, of course, looking to increase that number. If you know any new players or those returning to the game, please invite them to join us. We have lots of options for all levels of bridge expertise. The goal is always the same: a pleasant afternoon of bridge in the company of pleasant players.

Following is the list of games that are available to us and the contact person. All games start at 12:30 p.m. [www.bend-bridge.org](http://www.bend-bridge.org).

**Gentle Bridge**. This game is held on Fridays at Widgi Creek and is open to players with under 750 masterpoints. **Jim Tudor** runs this game and the cost is \$8. He also gives lessons before the game (cost: \$5). [jjmtudor2@aol.com](mailto:jjmtudor2@aol.com)

**Ace of Hearts**. **Judy Davidson** hosts this game on Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Golden Age Club. Tuesday games are limited to 0-499 players. The Saturday game is open to



### Bend/ Redmond



By Susan Hoffinger

[www.bendbridge.org](http://www.bendbridge.org)

those with under 750 points. Judy's games are \$5. [jdavidson1048@gmail.com](mailto:jdavidson1048@gmail.com)

**Redmond**. If it's Thursday, it must be bridge at the Senior Center in Redmond. **Pat Douglas** also charges \$5, and the game is open to all players. [pdouglas44@me.com](mailto:pdouglas44@me.com)

**Cascade Club**. Games are held at the Bend Senior Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are open to all levels. The cost is usually \$3 with certain games and charity events a little higher. No need to sign up in advance. Just show up on game day ready to play. The Cascade Club is the only one with its own governing board. The new officers for this year are: president, **Mike Thurlow**; secretary, **Connie Baker**; treasurer, **Berta Cleveland**.



Cascade Club board: Mike Thurlow, Joyce Guhy, Connie Baker, Berta Cleveland, Chip Cleveland

We are pleased to announce that there will be a sectional tournament in Bend this summer. The dates are Aug. 23-25. Check the flyers for more information on games and times. Kenwood School is the location, 701 Newport Ave. Connie Baker is the tournament chair. [connieb@bend-broadband.com](mailto:connieb@bend-broadband.com)

**Big game**: **Jim Tudor** and **Jerry Heck** scored a 71% at Gentle Bridge on Jan. 18.

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Two Medford tourneys set this spring

Months beginning with the letter “M” are a good time to be Southern Oregon with two tournaments on tap for the Rogue Valley.

First up is the Spring’s-a-Poppin’ Sectional March 29–31 at the Phoenix Bridge Center, just south of Medford at 4149 S. Pacific Highway. On the agenda are open games, 299er sessions, and a special 99ers session Saturday morning. Play times are 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

“Come enjoy our hospitality,” said tourney chair **Don Walker**, noting that there will be snacks all day each day, plus a complimentary reception following the Friday afternoon session, courtesy of Mark and Leah McKechnie, operators of the bridge center.

Director will be Steve Kaessner. For help finding partners or team members, contact Gee Gee Walker at 541-292-3474 or by email at [ggwalker@gmail.com](mailto:ggwalker@gmail.com).

Next up is the **Rogue Valley Regional** May 13–19 at the Inn at the Commons, 200 N. Riverside Ave., Medford. Jeff Jacob will be director in charge, with Jim Wheeler as tournament manager and Unit 484’s Michael Pavlik serving as local chair.

The tournament kicks off at 7 p.m. Monday with a stratified open pairs game and the first session of a stratified charity Swiss. For the rest of the week, start times are 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., except for the Sunday Swiss, which will get underway at 9:30 a.m. You’ll be on the road by 4:30 p.m., tournament officials promise.

See the district website, [acbl20.org](http://acbl20.org), for additional details.



**Jackson County**  
♠♦♥♣  
By Jim Flint  
[www.unit484.org](http://www.unit484.org)

### Unit 484 shines in STaC games

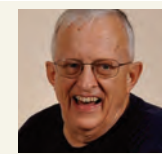
Rogue Valley players did well in the Pacific States STaC (Sectional tournament at Clubs) games Jan. 14–20. Some of the top finishers placed second in Districts 19 and 20. **Ed Miller** and **Molly Tinsley** were second in the Monday afternoon game, and **Jim Flint** and **Bob Scott** were second in the Wednesday afternoon game. See additional results below.

### Bridge lessons for beginners

With some success, Unit 484 has aggressively pursued new duplicate players the past few years to compensate for the loss of players due to attrition — aging of the membership, deaths and players moving from the area. That effort has combined recruiting from the party bridge crowd and grooming new players with lessons for beginners.

The most recent iteration of that effort was a series of beginner bridge lessons offered in two classes.

Beginning in mid-January, 10 weeks of two-hour classes were offered by **Mark McKechnie** on Wednesday evenings and by the team of **Dennis Kendig** and **Michael Pavlik** on Saturday mornings. Ads were placed in local newspapers, with co-op funds coming from ACBL, and flyers were posted in the area.



**Klamath Falls**  
♠♦♥♣  
By Bobby Thompson  
[www.unit482.com](http://www.unit482.com)

## The incredible shrinking unit

When I graduated from Oregon State University in 1964, Klamath Falls held its first annual ACBL sectional that June at the Winema Hotel with the director in charge Jim Chambers of Salt Lake City. At the time, we had around 80 players in our group.

I didn’t think much about numbers at the time. We had so much fun with players from as far north as Portland and south from San Francisco attending the tournament. Our local club games, playing four times a week, would have from 10–15 tables and our monthly Sunday unit game always had 12–16 tables. Life was good.

When 1998 came along we had dropped to 66 active members which didn’t faze anyone as we still had eight- to 10-table games that continued to 2005. We were aging gracefully; however, the vast majority didn’t want to play at night anymore and we went to two day games only. Many of our basin group from Merrill, Malin, Tulelake and Dorris had moved into town or were tired of the 40–50-mile round trips to play bridge. In 2015 we still had 48 active members with six and seven tables. We have had several members move to warmer climates and unfortunately several have passed away.

Today we have 24 active members, including our snowbirds. In 2017 we were thankful to pick up both **Linda Lilly** and **Bud Wakefield** and in 2018 **Gail Pfrimmer** and our newest member **Ralph Eccles**. We are becoming very familiar with the three- and four-table Howell movement.

In the month of November we lost **Rosemary Myers** and in December twin brothers **Charles** and **Kenneth Duncan**. Our condolences to all the families.

The fourth quarter point parade leaders for the Life Masters were **Laila Griffith**, **Doug Higgs** and **Carol McClure**. The NLM group frontrunners were **Reid Sherwin**, **Ethel Rust** and **Jo Ann Koenig**.

**Big games** were plentiful in the fourth quarter: **Laila Griffith** – **Bobby Thompson**, 73.2%; **Ed McClure** – **Bobby Thompson**, 72.2%; **Ed McClure** – **Doug Higgs**, 71.8%; **Laila Griffith** – **Carol McClure**, 70.8%; **Randall Paul** – **Reid Sherwin**, 70.8%; and **Ed McClure** – **Dale Taylor**, 70%.

## Redding club gets new flooring; lessons begin soon

The Redding Club had to shift locations for January. It meant setting up and taking down tables, making coffee, etc. It was a lot of extra work, but everyone who was able pitched in. It was very much appreciated. And now we have new flooring in our senior center building.

Beginning bridge lessons by **Marlene Lamoreau** are being taught at the library this spring. The hope is that these players will funnel into our club, which can always use new blood! Many of our stronger, more seasoned players are mentoring newer players. Kudos!

Our spring sectional comes up April 12–14. Time to get your partnerships lined up. We’re hoping to have enough newer players to run a separate game for them.



**Redding**  
♠♦♥♣  
By Joan Sullens  
[www.bridgescore.com/redding](http://www.bridgescore.com/redding)

We lost **Terry Drennan** suddenly. She was way too young. We also lost former members **Earl Love** and **Bob Paley**.

On the bright side, Carr Fire victims **Sue McKown** and **Fran Roberts** have new homes. **Jim** and **Faye Hickenbottom**’s home is starting to be rebuilt.

We had one big game this past quarter: **Sharon Dent** and **Carolyn Chandler** scored 71.5% to win top honors for the period.



New flooring was recently installed at the senior center where the Redding Club is located.

## Eureka cheers race winners

In 2018 we lost **Bobby Lorensen**, one of our best, longest playing and most gracious players. Soft-spoken and gentlemanly, he will be long remembered.

It was also a particularly tragic year for me, as I lost my husband of 52 years, **Ken Aalto**. Our longtime partnership made everything run smoothly, at the bridge table and elsewhere. Many kind people are agreeing to play with me, but it will be some time before I regain the confidence I had with Ken. We also heard that **Carol Moran**, who used to play in our club, passed away.

On a more cheerful note, many players racked up piles of points during the past year. In the Ace of Clubs masterpoint race, **Aleen Arbaugh** was the top winner in the 0–5 bracket. She is a newer player with plenty of spunk! **John Muno** was the clear winner in the 5–20 bracket, while **Christopher Scott** was the winner in 20–50. **Nick Frank** aced 50–100, while the **Olivers**,



**Eureka**  
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By Frederica Aalto  
[www.acbl20.org/unit458](http://www.acbl20.org/unit458)

**David** and **Linda**, captured the prize at 100–200. **Alden Sprowles** won 200–300, while **Chris Copple** captured the lead at 300–500. **Phillip Frankel** easily aced 500–1000 and **Lynn Jackson** headed up 1000–1500. **Mark Phelps** was the leader of those with 1500–2500, while **Leslie Reynolds** topped 2500–3500. No one surpassed **Suzanne Cook** in 3500–5000.

We are looking ahead to our sectional scheduled for the second weekend in September, and have already secured a new venue, which is more spacious and conveniently located between Arcata and Eureka. We have several upgrades in mind, and hope to see you there!

District 20 ACBL

### Eugene/Springfield 299er Sectional

April 12–13, 2019  
Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd  
Springfield, Oregon

<p><b>Friday, April 12</b> 9:30 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) 2 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday, April 13</b> 9:30 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) 2 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)</p>	<p><b>\$9 Per Player Per Session (\$14 lapsed ACBL Members)</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Third-annual 299er tournament!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-duplicated boards for all sessions, including Swiss Teams.</li> <li>• Mini-lesson on Swiss Team Strategy prior to the event.</li> <li>• Postmortem discussion on two or three selected hands after each session.</li> <li>• Lots of good things to eat.</li> <li>• Coburg Pizza across the parking lot.</li> <li>• Three strats: 200-299, 100-199 &amp; 0-99.</li> </ul>
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Information: Visit our website at [emeraldbridgeclub.net](http://emeraldbridgeclub.net) or contact Ellen McCumsey at [generosity1@live.com](mailto:generosity1@live.com) (541-321-2139) or Judy Nevell at [nevelljb@comcast.net](mailto:nevelljb@comcast.net) (541-228-4652)

Directions: From I-5, take Exit 194A to Springfield-126E. Proceed on 126 E to Mohawk exit. Exit right and proceed 0.4 mile to Centennial Blvd., which is the fourth light. Turn left. Look for Coburg Pizza on the left and turn into parking lot. Emerald Bridge Club is on your right.

# AROUND THE UNITS



**Vancouver/Longview**  
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By Ginny Griffiths  
[www.acbld20.org/vbc](http://www.acbld20.org/vbc)

## Unit spotlight: Chuck Burns

We'd like you to meet **Chuck Burns**, a director on Monday nights at the Vancouver Bridge Club. He was born in Hillsboro and was raised in Clark County. He has two children, Samantha and Jonathan, and six grandchildren.



Chuck Burns

Chuck retired as attorney for the state of Washington 16 years ago. He also taught cross-country skiing for 19 years and enjoyed backpacking.

He played some bridge while he was in college and law school. He started playing bridge on a regular basis in 2008 and has been a director since 2009. He usually gives a lesson before his Monday night. Chuck also enjoys gardening.

**Joy Fletcher** and **Kathy Mather** were recently elected as new board members.

A remodel at our bridge club was scheduled for February and are looking forward to the new look!

Congratulations to several pairs that placed in the overalls at the ICC game played simultaneously in clubs all over North America. In particular, **Steve Princehouse** and **Rick Loewen** who were in third place overall and first in flight C.

**Promotions:** New ranks for January were Joe Morgan and Val Vasks, Club Masters; Jill Ferrier, Susan Lane, Judy Scovil, Regional Masters; Beverly Walker, Advanced NABC Master; and **Fax Koontz**, Life Master.

Starting recently was a defense class on Wednesday and assisted play.

**Central Oregon Coast**  
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[www.unit572.org](http://www.unit572.org)

The reporterless Central Oregon Coast unit still has not fallen into the ocean, as far as we know. A new list of unit officers has appeared on their website, so it seems an election has occurred. Officers are **Lee Brackhahn**, president; **Dennis Manka** and **Barry Sorenson**, vice presidents; **Gloria Anderson**, secretary; and **Kari Steinke**, treasurer.

## Clubs collect for food drive; Wiener exits PBC

Congratulations to **Connie Marfell** and **Jay Roll**, who won the 1490-table ACBL-wide International Fund Game in December with a 75.6% score, playing at the South Waterfront.

Thanks to the organization and cheerleading of **Jean Johansson**, the combined efforts of the players at the Portland Bridge Club and Ace of Clubs collected over 400 pounds of peanut butter during their annual drive, which was donated to the Oregon Food Bank. This record-breaking amount will be difficult to top next year, but with Jean's encouragement and the generosity of our players it no doubt will be done.

When **Linda Wiener** joined with Dave Brower to buy the Portland Bridge Club,



**Portland**  
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By Amy Casanova  
[www.acbld20.org/unit487](http://www.acbld20.org/unit487)

they had a clear plan: nurture a warm, inviting atmosphere in the club, bring in new bridge players, and generally put the club on a great trajectory for the future. It is now four years later, their vision is achieved, and Linda is declaring victory and moving on to new projects. She has sold her share of the club to **Dave Brower** and **David Castles**, who are now equal co-owners, and who are committed to carrying on her great work.



Jay Roll and Connie Marfell

The Ace of Clubs' Saturday game, directed by **Louis Beauchet**, is growing. Check the calendar for special events including a Pro-Am game Sunday, April 7.

## Salem's new 'Swiss Mixers'; Hiblers honored



**Salem**  
♣♦♥♠  
By Kevin Kacmarynski  
[www.salembridgeclub.org](http://www.salembridgeclub.org)

Interested in a Swiss teams game? Don't have teammates? Looking for a relatively even field? Have we got a game for you. By popular demand, Salem Bridge Club has reinstated an occasional Saturday night team game. There's a twist, though. Rather than arranging for a team of four to come play, players are instructed to come as pairs and will semi-randomly be put into teams at game time in a Pro-Am style based on level of experience.

It's the brainchild of Saturday night game director **Kevin Kacmarynski**, who calls these games "Swiss Mixers." The initial game in October ("Gold Dust Swiss Mixer" in honor of Club Appreciation month) drew 10 pairs. December's game did even better with 12 pairs. These turnouts were up significantly from the normal three to four tables on a Saturday night. Come give one a try! They will generally be held on the third Saturday night of every other month. The next one is April 20. Game time is 6 p.m. at our west Salem playing site.

### Comings and goings

The last few months were unkind to the unit as several of our players passed away. Our thoughts go out to the families and friends of **Ray Barbour**, **Glenda McPherson**, **John Peterson**, **Joe Winter**, **Jackie Bacon** and **Katherine Jackmond**. That makes an even 10 deaths for current or former Unit 490 players in the past year.

Let's hope 2019 is a happier year than 2018 on that front.

In better news, the unit would like to welcome new member **Patti Regan** from McMinnville and **Margaret Meyer** who came to us from the Grants Pass area.

### Tournament tales

Most of the unit's tournament success this past quarter occurred in limited games. Congratulations to **Joanne Benkstein** and **Barbara Nelson** (tied for 1B at a Vancouver I/N sectional game) and the partnerships of **George Foust - Shirley Layne** and **Mike Fagan - Susan Braden** who each won overall honors in events at the Corvallis I/N sectional.

Open game successes for the unit came mostly at the Newport Sectional where **Don Pitt**, playing with **Glenda Fleming** of Albany, finished 1B on Thursday evening and **Kevin Kacmarynski**, playing with **Allison Walkingshaw** of Corvallis, won strat B in the Friday morning game.

In other events, **Isolde Knapp** (Woodburn) scored a strat win playing with three Portland-area teammates in the Vancouver Sectional Swiss Teams and **Kevin Kacmarynski** scored the unit's only overall open game victory for the quarter in the Swiss at the East Willamette Sectional.

The unit did see some successes in December and January SIAc games, by **Jim Gross**, **Ray Teng**, **Terry Hart**, **Kevin Kacmarynski** and **Lynne Hardin**.

### Unit party recap

The unit's annual meeting and end-of-year party was held at the Keizer Elks Club on Dec. 9. Dinner was followed by the meeting and a 17-table game (12 open, 5 NLM). At the meeting, Salem Bridge Club

awarded its annual sportsmanship award to **Jeanne** and **Ross Hibler**.



Jeanne and Ross Hibler

### Promotions

The unit would like to congratulate the following individuals on their ACBL rank increases: **Jim Boylan**, Wing Yung, Club Masters; **Sharon Douglas**, Sectional Master; **Britta Franz**, Dorothy Bechel, Regional Masters; **Jo Anne Georgi**, **Bill Georgi**, NABC Masters. Also, **Bronze Life Master Mike Green**, **Silver Life Master Shain Oleson** and **Gold Life Master David Astle**.

**Unit Games:** Each year, Unit 490 gives out the Kathryn Lewis Award to the member who won the most masterpoints at unit games during the year. **Shain Oleson** claimed his fifth Lewis victory by concluding the year with 25.65 points and a healthy four-point lead over **Tom McGuire**. Oleson previously won in '09, '11, '13, and '17.

### Results

**Unit Game**, Nov. 11 — 1A: Gayle & Jim Gross; 2A: Kathy & David Astle; 3A: Brian Breckenridge — Henri Jansen.

**Unit Game**, Nov. 28 — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan; 2A/2B: Judy Lathrop — Don Brockhaus; 3A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge.

**Unit Game**, Dec. 9 — 1-2A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge; 1-2A/1B: Roseanna & Jerry Gordon; 3A/2B: Britta Franz — Mabel Polley.

**Unit Game**, Dec. 19 — 1A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge; 2A/1B: Judy Lathrop — Don Brockhaus; 3A/2B: Wing Yung — Randy Jordan.

**Unit Game**, Jan. 6 — 1A: Steve Drew — Kevin Kacmarynski; 2-3A: Gayle & Jim Gross; 2-3A/1B: Tom McGuire — Norma Stofiel.

**Unit Game**, Jan. 23 — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Randy Jordan; 2A: Brian Breckenridge — Irva Neyhart; 3A/2B: Judy Lathrop — Don Brockhaus.

## NEW ACBL MEMBERS

Emilio Berwick, Portland OR  
Nancy Berwick, Portland OR  
Joanna Bomber, Corvallis OR  
Tom Bremser, Nevada City CA  
Pam Briggs, Portland OR  
Chris Brooks, Eagle ID  
David Calkins, Chico CA  
Nancy Calkins, Chico CA  
Paul Carmody, Honolulu HI  
Susan Chess, Portland OR  
Hugh Crilly, Honolulu HI  
Harold Dillon, Eugene OR  
Judy Dosier, The Dalles OR  
Ralph Eccles, Klamath Falls OR  
Betty Evans, Warrenton OR  
Karla Fitzwater, Portland OR  
David Galpine, Chester CA  
Mary Gilbert, Beaverton OR  
Carol Hanft, Brookings OR  
Lynne Hardin, Salem OR  
John Hardy, Corvallis OR

Samuel Hardy, Corvallis OR  
Donald Harner, Sisters OR  
William Hart Jr., Kailua HI  
Jana Hefer, Captain Cook HI  
Mark Helbling, Honolulu HI  
Howell Howard, Portland OR  
Janet Howard, Waimanalo HI  
Marianne Hultgren, Kailua HI  
Angela Jacob, Vancouver WA  
David Johnson, Springfield OR  
Michael Keeney, Salem OR  
Loretta Keesee, Brookings OR  
Richard Keesee, Brookings OR  
Tim Kelley, Kailua HI  
Tracey Kelley, Kailua HI  
Lila Kuykendall, Albany OR  
Kimberly Laustsen, Bend OR  
Russell Laustsen, Bend OR

Carol Lee, Kailua Kona HI  
Barney Leifeste, Yreka CA  
Lee Lucas, Sisters OR  
Gary Mahe, Sheridan OR  
Daniel Markham, Kula HI  
Robert Marks, Honolulu HI  
Victoria Marks, Honolulu HI  
Kathy Mason, Kailua HI  
William Mason, Kailua HI  
Bruce Melkonian, Vancouver WA  
Gianfrancesc Moscatelli, Honolulu HI  
Renee Motil, Vancouver WA  
Michelle Nurdyke, Honolulu HI  
Janice Peplow, Chico CA  
Donna Perkins, Kailua HI  
Tom Pierce, Camas WA  
Eric Poland, Kailua HI  
Barbara Pope, Eugene OR  
Joel Rappoport, Honolulu HI  
Lin Robbins, Ashland OR  
Terry Robison, Eugene OR

Laura Rose, Eureka CA  
Joy Ryan, Ridgefield WA  
Maya Schimpf, Boise ID  
Elizabeth Schuft, Corvallis OR  
Michael Schuft, Corvallis OR  
Shirley Shaw, Meridian ID  
Carolyn Southwick, Merlin OR  
Melissa Stark, Kailua HI  
William Stevenson, Honolulu HI  
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Marvin Thompson, Portland OR  
Connie Vancil, Beaverton OR  
Anita Waage, Portland OR  
Heather Wallenstrom, Kailua HI  
Richard Weinstein, Portland OR  
Joette Wheelon, Honolulu HI  
Hannah Wilkinson, Aiea HI  
Rhea Yamashiro, Kailua HI  
Dee Yates, Eagle ID  
Jin Yoo, Honolulu HI

*Welcome!*

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

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### Portland Winter (179 tables)

1	29.27	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
2	26.07	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
3	23.61	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
4	16.37	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
5	13.37	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
6	13.33	Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
7	13.12	Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
8	12.93	Raj Garg, Portland OR
	12.93	J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA
	12.93	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
11	12.83	Stu Swan, Portland OR
12	11.80	Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
	11.80	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
14	10.96	John Ashton, Portland OR
15	10.85	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
16	10.02	Cecil T.C. Chan, Portland OR
17	9.99	Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
	9.99	Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA
19	9.93	Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR
20	9.71	Renee Ferrera, Portland OR
	9.71	Laura Beal, Molalla OR



# AROUND THE UNITS

## 299er sectional is a wrap



### Albany/ Corvallis

By Kathi Downing

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Thanks to the efforts of many of our club members, this year's annual **Bob Peery** 299er tournament was a smashing success. This event has been named in honor of Bob for his renown in promoting bridge among the newer players through teaching, mentoring and generally being patient with us, as well as establishing the 299er tournament in 2009. Since then it has served as a comfortable venue in which novices can learn the ropes of tournament-playing while earning some silver points.

In November, 299ers from Unit 477 and surrounding areas in District 20 showed up to join in the fun at the Heart of the Valley facility in Corvallis. While the out-of-towners did not outnumber our local participants, their scores certainly bested ours. With 76 participants and two sections, the Saturday morning sessions was won by **George Foust** of Woodburn and **Shirley Lane** of Salem, followed by **Joan Young** and **Will Pearson** of Redmond and **Ann Teal** and **Kathleen McCrossin** of McMinnville.

The Saturday afternoon session, with 56 players, was won by **Mike Fagan** and **Susan Braden** of McMinnville, followed by Young and Pearson again in second and **Dorothy Bechel** and **Sharon Douglas** of Salem.

The Sunday Swiss Team game gave our Corvallis and Albany players their last chance for stardom. And they took it!

"The killer team of **Debbie Vanover**, **Diane Bending**, **T. Paul Adams**, and **Peter**



Working the partnership desk at the 299er sectional, Sue Fairchild greets Walter Dobek.

**Harr** won all four of their matches to dominate the Swiss game," said tourney chair Rich Turnbull.

But it wasn't all about winning or losing. The two-day event was more about camaraderie, having fun and of course, eating. Thanks to our food chairpersons, **Catherine Van Fleet** and **Jackie Grattan**, there was plenty of delicious food; and thanks to **Janie Peery**, there was coffee. Behind the scenes, making this all happen was Turnbull, assisted by co-chair **Mavis Tuten**. Aiding them were **Sue Fairchild** on partnerships, **Elaine Cull** with door prizes, **Gayle Peterson** on publicity and **Bryon VanFleet**, who organized set-up and takedown. Needless to say, countless other helped with baking, setting up and cleaning up. It takes a village.

Last, but not least, the 299er tournament could not have happened without the help of our more expert players, all of whom have supported novices to the max. Teacher/mentor **Eileen Milligan**, with help from **Bob Peery** and **Dick Jarvinen**, directed all of the games, despite the fact that her son was getting married right after the Swiss game on Sunday.

## Seaside honors four for goodwill



### Seaside/ Astoria/Illwaco

By David Wigutoff

bridgewebs.com/seasideunit491

Greetings. I am writing this article for the first time. My arm was twisted and I have agreed to be the temporary, short-term, interim and, I suspect, lifelong reporter for Unit 491.

Many thanks to **Jim Bernard** for being the Trumpet reporter for the past year. Jim began playing duplicate over 20 years ago with his child bride Cherie. Until his mid-80s, Jim worked summers at a fishing lodge, in Alaska. He captained one of the lodge boats, taking customers fishing daily. His customers caught fish.

### Goodwill awards

At our traditional holiday bridge game, unit annual meeting, and catered feast, goodwill awards were presented. **Doug West** received an award for directing. For several years, Doug has been directing for free our Monday game in Long Beach. He first directed in Mount Pleasant, Mich., in 1957. Doug's service to the Monday club has allowed that small game to remain financially viable.



Doug West

**Flora Law** received an award for her service as the treasurer of the Astoria Club Tuesday/Thursday game. I asked around, and Flora, 92, has been the treasurer for so long that no one remembers how long. She was born and raised in Astoria as part of the early Chinese community. She is retired from her work as a registered nurse.



Flora Law

After a lifetime of party bridge, 20 years

ago she took up duplicate.

Two others received awards, about whom I will report in the next Trumpet.

On Dec. 28, **Dorothy Hansen** became the newest member of our 90+ contingent. For 25 years Dorothy was the clerk of the circuit court in Astoria. In the 1950s she and three other young women friends taught themselves to play bridge using the book, Gordon's "Horse Sense Bridge" (1941). In 1958 she and her partner looked for stiffer competition. At a duplicate bridge club in Astoria, she and her partner came in first in their first session. She was hooked. She still plays twice a week.

We welcome to our unit a new and experienced player, **Betty Evans**. Betty is new to the Oregon Coast. She has been playing bridge for 55 years. She joined ACBL after coming to our unit games.

Our Seaside spring sectional is coming April 19-21. And it is not too early to start planning to attend our popular fall regional, Sept. 30-Oct. 6. We provide wonderful hospitality, excellent directors, and spacious playing areas. The beach is within walking distance. The seafood is plentiful and delicious. Seaside now has two gelato vendors and many ice cream outlets. Make your plans early to come support our unit in the sectional and help raise the regional in the attendance standings.



Emerald Bridge Club, new bridge home of Carole Schmitz, raised \$900 for the Carr Fire.

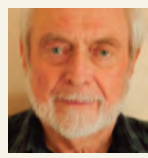
## EBC hand analysis event a hit; \$900 raised for fire victims

Without a doubt the most successful Real Time Bridge event ever was hosted by EBC in January with an 11-table turnout. **McKenzie Myers** and **Jeff Taylor** led the discussions and it was a very special event indeed.

Mac screened over 100 hands by playing them N/S and E/W on BBO and then did a brilliant write-up on the boards that were played. Jeff Taylor provided just the perfect balance as these two guys put on quite a show.

There were several tables of less experienced players present, but all said that they received great value from the event. This was due in large part to the clear, concise and comprehensible explanations that Jeff and Mac provided.

We are so fortunate to have such great resources in our midst. Kudos go to **Ellen McCumsey** and **Sherri Morgan** for their great work on the lunch. And, as always, **Judy Nevell** was hovering close by just to make sure it all came together.



### Eugene/ Springfield

By John Lean

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The next RTB with these two boys is scheduled for April 5.

EBC held a fundraiser for the victims of the Carr Fire, raising \$900. This was a very special event for us as **Carole Schmitz**, who lost her home to that catastrophic event, has relocated to Eugene and is a most welcome addition to our bridge community. We feel so fortunate that she and her husband have made the decision to make Eugene their new home.

EBC has big plans this year for the annual Food for Lane County fundraiser. The goal this year is to raise \$10,000 and 1,000 pounds of food. Start scouring your food pantries now. The date is April 23.

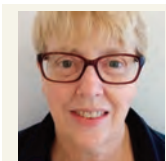
## Brookings player tries Blue Ribbon

We have just held our elections and the new board is looking forward to expanding our bridge base locally. We've held free Learn Bridge In A Day classes for the past two years and are excited about the new players we have attracted. We spend four Saturdays on the classes, about three hours each, and included are all learning materials, snacks, pizza and lots of new friends. Our club members come and help the beginners with the tricky bidding boxes, etc., as well as general questions.

At the same time, we also offer a set of lessons geared for those who have taken the basic set of classes. We have a small population in the area, but we are attracting interested players.

We plan on offering another set of classes later this spring. We now have several beginners who are regulars at our weekly games and average three tables at the two beginners' games we offer each month.

We have had six tables for regular games twice this year, which our president, **George Kuppler**, says has happened only one other time since he has been



### Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club

By Debbie Grasham

coming to this club.

George went to the nationals in Hawaii and got the opportunity to play in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs. George reports:

"It's not often that you get to play against the world's best. That is what I got a chance to do. Now keep in mind that my partner and I no doubt had the lowest masterpoint total of all participants in the event. The three-day event started with 206

pairs. Our first and only day of play in the event, we scored below 40% each of our two sessions. Needless to say, we did not qualify to move on. However, what an experience! The best part for me was playing two boards against the event winners, Joe Grue and Robert Levin."



George Kuppler

## Milestones

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### BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Eva Bodyfelt, Corvallis OR  
Gail Buck, Pahoia HI  
Ann Larson, Corvallis OR  
Christine Lynn, Sun City West AZ  
Lynn Perey, Beaverton OR

### SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Douglas McCalla, Kalaheo HI  
Diane Norton, Redding CA  
Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA

### RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Linda Brinton, Boise ID  
Jim Hitchcock, Grants Pass OR  
Margaret Jackson, Eugene OR  
Patricia Massler, Redmond OR  
Sabrina O'Hearn, Honolulu HI  
Lorinda Pearson, Ontario OR  
Michael Sandahl, Oakland OR  
Jim Wiser, Portland OR

### GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Amy Casanova, Portland OR  
Pamela Hudson, Hilo HI

### SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR  
Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI

### EMERALD LIFE MASTERS

Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID  
Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI

# WINNERS AT THE OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday Knockout



Tom Joyce, Jeff Taylor, Rick Prouser, Merlin Vilhauer

Bracket 1

### Monday, Feb. 18

#### Monday Evening Charity Side Pairs . . . . . (56 pairs)

- 1A Stu Swan – Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
- 2-3A Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Isolde Knaap, Woodburn OR
- 2-3A Bob Klein – Nancy Gunn, Santa Rosa CA
- 1B Louise Johns, Beaverton OR; Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 2B Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3B Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 1C Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR; Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR
- 2C Kimberly Dauphin – Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA
- 3C Brenda Wilson, North Saanich BC; Mel Zimmerman, Victoria BC

#### Monday Evening 299er Pairs . . . . . (9 pairs)

- 1D Barbara Utz, Vancouver WA; Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
- 2D Ginger McCarthy, Portland OR; Roger Speigle, Tualatin OR

### Tuesday, Feb. 19

#### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 1 . . (8 teams)

- 1 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Rick Prouser, Portland OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
- 2 Brian Glubok, New York NY; Harold Antonson, Olympia WA; Connie Heller – Dennis Heller, Clinton WA

#### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 2 . . (7 teams)

- 1 Arlene Matusow – JoAnn Marks – Leslie Kelinson – Kathleen Holohan, Portland OR
- 2 Mary Lou Denison – Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA; Nila Bhatia – Hemant Bhatia, Foothill Ranch CA

#### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 3 . . (6 teams)

- 1 John Guth, Days Creek OR; Brian Metke, Sequim WA; Roy Markham – Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA
- 2 Tim Berta, Sequim WA; Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA; Razon Johnson, Kingston WA; Susan Waggoner, Mercer Island WA

#### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 4 . . (6 teams)

- 1 Mike Ampacher, Vancouver WA; Heather Dolan, Beaverton OR; Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR; Margot Leonard, Portland OR
- 2 Michael Rickus – Kathy Kuebbing, Newport OR; Renee Arnold, Siletz OR; Jaci Bohms, Toledo OR

#### Columbia River Monday-Tuesday KO Bkt 5 . . (8 teams)

- 1 Carol Macleod – Virginia Griffiths – Joseph Morgan, Vancouver WA; Norman Haller, Camas WA
- 2 John Dove Sr. – Richard Zier, Vancouver WA; Marjorie Mandery – Roger Mandery, Mount Vernon WA

#### Tuesday AXY Swiss Teams . . . . . (21 teams)

- 1A J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB
- 2-3A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV
- 2-3A/1X/Y Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Tim Rilling – Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 2X Todd Werby, Tiburon CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD
- 3-4X Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Sandy Syrett – Joyce Dickerson – Richard Garvin – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 3-4X Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Carol Harms – Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR

#### Tuesday Open Pairs . . . . . (38 pairs)

- 1A/B Ray Robert, Portland OR; Barney Gorter, Milwaukie OR
- 2-3A Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Thomas Devine, Ferndale WA
- 2-3A Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 2B Crista Nell – Tony Marshall, Seattle WA
- 3B Steven Pessin – Ginny Stark, Eugene OR
- 1C Staci Christian, Lake Oswego OR; Joud Kaikhia, West Linn OR
- 2C Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA
- 3C Mike Annett – Lynne Annett, Hood River OR

#### Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (24 pairs)

- 1C Mike Goffe – Bruce Backup, Portland OR
- 2C/1D/E Ross Burwell – Diane Burwell, Olympia WA
- 3C/2D Brenda Wilson, North Saanich BC; Mel Zimmerman, Victoria BC
- 3D/2E Jim Kahan – Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR
- 3E Joanne Ruyle – John Seibert, Portland OR

#### Tuesday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 1 . . . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Laura Huss, Gresham OR; Renee Ferrera – Holly Hummel, Portland OR; Laura Beal, Molalla OR
- 2 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Judy Davis, Beaverton OR; Brian Thomas, Portland OR; Jim Windus, Vancouver WA

#### Tuesday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 2 . . . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR; Neil Swanson, Monroe WA; James Weider, Portland OR
- 2 Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Barbara Mikkelsen, Las Vegas NV; Angel Almanza – Kevin Marnell, Portland OR

#### Tuesday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 3 . . . . . (9 teams)

- 1 Sally Miller – Anita Thompson – Wendy Mednick, Portland OR; Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR
- 2 Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; Wayne Stann, Kelowna BC; Salena Johnson, Portland OR

#### Tuesday Morning Side Pairs . . . . . (18 pairs)

- 1A July Ratley, Redding CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 2A/1B Bob Law, Tigard OR; David Castles, Portland OR
- 3A Bob Morris, Houston TX; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX
- 2B/1C John Guth, Days Creek OR; Brian Metke, Sequim WA
- 3B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 2C Michael Thompson, Olympia WA; Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA

#### Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs . . . . . (20 pairs)

- 1A/B Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA
- 2A/B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 3A Kathleen Mather – Dick McCluer, Vancouver WA
- 3B Bob Law, Tigard OR; David Castles, Portland OR
- 1C William Moore, Lake Oswego OR; Alex Malter, Juneau AK
- 2-3C Benjamin Levy – Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA
- 2-3C Stephen Brown – Paul Sekulich, Olympia WA

#### Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs . . . . . (26 pairs)

- 1D Nigel Williamson – Audrey Mactier, Victoria BC
- 2D Karen Stone – Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR
- 3D Patricia Baham – Jason Metzker, Beaverton OR
- 1E Monte Garrett – Thomas Shaffer, Beaverton OR
- 2E/1F Linda Morgan, Portland OR; Judi Roberts, Tigard OR
- 3E/2F Tammy Barron – Lonnie Barron, Happy Valley OR
- 3F Isabel Knostman – Fredrick Knostman, Vancouver WA

#### Tuesday Evening Side Pairs . . . . . (10 pairs)

- 1A/B Benjamin Levy – Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA
- 2A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 3-4A Louise Kurzet – Carol Kilmer, Portland OR
- 3-4A/2B Linda Redman – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 3B Jeanne Schmidt – Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR

### Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams . . . . . (6 teams)

- 1A Janie Peary – Kathleen Mather – Dick McCluer, Vancouver WA; Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
- 2A/1B/C Barbara Pyles – Cynthia Brogan – Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA; Charles Mead, Sequim WA
- 2B Kristin Steinmetz – Mark Jansa – Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR

### Wednesday, Feb. 20

#### Wednesday Open Pairs . . . . . (48 pairs)

- 1A/B Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA; David Baer, Seattle WA
- 2A Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria
- 3A Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
- 2B Ray Robert, Portland OR; Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 3B Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK; James Lindemann, Spokane WA
- 1C Mike Annett – Lynne Annett, Hood River OR
- 2C Dorothy Guimont, Milwaukie OR; Frank Holmes, Haines AK

#### Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (40 pairs)

- 1C Paul Huntress, Auburn WA; Leigh Castoldi, Renton WA
- 2C Carol Juckeland – Sheila Moore, Portland OR
- 3C John Cunningham, Lake Forest Pk WA; Richard Kennedy, Seattle WA
- 1D/E Ginger McCarthy – John Seibert, Portland OR
- 2D/E Ross Burwell – Diane Burwell, Olympia WA
- 3D Francie Roberts – Maynard Smith, Homer AK
- 3E Paul Thompson, Chehalis WA; Michael Thompson, Olympia WA

#### Tuesday-Wednesday Evening Gold Pairs . . (18 pairs)

- 1C Stephen Brown – Paul Sekulich, Olympia WA
- 2C Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR; Benson Mitchell, Newberg OR
- 3C/1D Ben Tribelhorn, Portland OR; Sheri Markwardt, Milwaukie OR
- 2D Karen Stone – Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR

#### Wednesday Morning Side Pairs . . . . . (17 pairs)

- 1A/B Bob Law, Tigard OR; David Castles, Portland OR
- 2A/B Michael Rickus, Newport OR; Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA
- 3A/B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR

#### Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs . . . . . (36 pairs)

- 1A Katherine Morris – Richard Morris, Beaverton OR
- 2A Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; John Cox, St. Maries ID
- 3A/1B Otis Leathers – Evie Leathers, McCleary WA
- 2B Edwin Miller – Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 3B/1C Margot Leonard, Portland OR; Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR
- 2C Dennis Lee – Susan Lee, Smithers BC
- 3C Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR

#### Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs . . . . . (24 pairs)

- 1D/E Patricia Shaddix – Claire Doherty, Portland OR
- 2D Karen Stone – Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR
- 3D George Oleary – James Unterspan, Portland OR
- 2E/1F Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR; Susan Tear, Portland OR
- 3E/2F Rick Scherer – Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA
- 3F Ken Zeidman – Elliot Wahba, Portland OR

#### Wednesday Evening Side Pairs . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Joe Rottmann, Seabrook TX
- 2A Bob Morris, Houston TX; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX
- 3A Jennifer Ballantyne, Vancouver BC; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA
- 1B Darrel Davis, Covington WA; Miriam Goldberg, Seattle WA
- 2B Edwin Miller – Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 3B Kent Livingston – Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA

#### Wednesday Evening Open Swiss Teams . . . (12 teams)

- 1A Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA
- 2A David Green, Sherwood OR; Edward Lee, Portland OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR; Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
- 3A/1X Janie Peary – Kathleen Mather – Dick McCluer, Vancouver WA; Jack Marsh, Portland OR
- 2X/1Y Richard Garvin – Sandy Syrett – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Eileen Boal, Albany OR
- 3X Mary Lou Denison – Daniel Denison, Solana Beach CA; Nila Bhatia – Hemant Bhatia, Foothill Ranch CA

#### Wednesday Evening BCD Swiss Teams . . . (22 teams)

- 1B Nancy Swanson – Barbara Ball – Dorene Smyth, Portland OR; Maureen Schroeder, Kirkland WA
- 2B/1C Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – John Thomas, Eugene OR; Wendy Saville, Portland OR
- 3B/2C Mike Ampacher, Vancouver WA; Heather Dolan, Beaverton OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR; Barbara Mikkelsen, Las Vegas NV
- 3C/1D Cynthia Brogan – Pauline Bullert – Krista Kabacy, Vancouver WA; Charles Mead, Sequim WA
- 2D Glenda Fleming, Albany OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR; Wayne Stann, Kelowna BC; Walter Thies, Corvallis OR

### Thursday, Feb. 21

#### Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday KO Bkt 1 . . (16 teams)

- 1 James Elliott – John Lusky – Marc Zwerling – John Ashton – Randy Pickett, Portland OR
- 2 Paul Lewis – Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 3-4 Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
- 3-4 Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Marc Jacobus – Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV

#### Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday KO Bkt 2 . . (15 teams)

- 1 Demeter Manning – Jonathan Nowitz, Olympia WA; Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA
- 2 Karen Hudesman – Donald Stark, Seattle WA; Bradley Rind, Mercer Island WA; Elaine DeShaw, Federal Way WA
- 3-4 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Judy Davis, Beaverton OR; Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Brian Thomas, Portland OR
- 3-4 Richard Gettmann, Bend OR; Roy Grice – Karen Jean Boss – Kay Read, Boise ID

#### Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday KO Bkt 3 . . (16 teams)

- 1 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR; James Weider, Portland OR; Neil Swanson, Monroe WA
- 2 Laura Huss, Gresham OR; Laura Beal, Molalla OR; Renee Ferrera – Holly Hummel, Portland OR
- 3-4 Sharon Nordmark – Janis Trussell – Donna Janner, Longview WA; Wayne Winther, Kalama WA
- 3-4 Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA; Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC

#### Vancouver Wednesday-Thursday KO Bkt 4 . . (16 teams)

- 1 David Muller, Vancouver WA; Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; Mark Hickman – Nancy Serne, Bend OR
- 2 Bill Russell – Larry Liewer, Scappoose OR; Dave Pinch – Marie Pinch, Lake Oswego OR
- 3-4 Douglas Merritt – Donna Andrews – Connie Sloper, Grants Pass OR; Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR

### 3-4 Susan Taylor – Reinhard Bohme – Judith Stewart, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vasks, Camas WA

#### Thursday AXY Swiss Teams . . . . . (22 teams)

- 1A Francesca Stedman – Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
- 2A Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ed Freeman, Tacoma WA; Sandra Scholes – Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 3A George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Ed Ulman, Portland OR
- 1X Aaron Jones, North Bethesda MD; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC
- 2X/1Y Cynthia Glad – Sue Anderson – John Swanson – Reidun Decker, Seattle WA
- 3X/2Y Daniel Denison – Mary Lou Denison, Solana Beach CA; Nila Bhatia – Hemant Bhatia, Foothill Ranch CA

#### Thursday Open Pairs . . . . . (42 pairs)

- 1A Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Heights MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 2A Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR
- 3A Amy Casanova – Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 1B/C Thomas Kuehne, Berrington WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 2B/C Rebecca Turnbull, Springfield OR; William Julius, Olympia WA
- 3B/C Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR; Robert Miller, Haines AK

#### Thursday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (52 pairs)

- 1C Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR; Ben Mitchell, Newberg OR
- 2C Paul Huntress, Auburn WA; Leigh Castoldi, Renton WA
- 3C/1D David Weil – James Esterkin, Portland OR
- 2D Rich Crawford – Barbara Crawford, Lacey WA
- 3D/1E Ginger McCarthy – John Seibert, Portland OR
- 2E Patricia Kirkpatrick, Tacoma WA; Susan Vollmer, Federal Way WA
- 3E Jim Kahan – Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR

#### Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 1 . . . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Ron Senn – Dena Senn, Beaverton OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
- 2 Art Silvas – Lee Silvas, Renton WA; David Fulton, Burien WA; Steven Levy, Seattle WA

#### Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 2 . . . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Susan Waggoner, Mercer Island WA; Tim Berta, Sequim WA; Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA; Razon Johnson, Kingston WA
- 2 Patricia Moody – Steven Moody, Tualatin OR; Colin Hemsley – Anne Dudman, San Jose CA

#### Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 3 . . . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Nancy Swanson – Deanna Birch – Judith Wilkinson – Barbara Ball, Portland OR
- 2 Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; Brian Metke, Sequim WA; Roy Markham – Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA

#### Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 4 . . . . . (7 teams)

- 1 Kristin Steinmetz – Mark Jansa – Fran Henry-Jansa, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
- 2-3 Cynthia Brogan – Pauline Bullert – Krista Kabacy, Vancouver WA; Charles Mead, Sequim WA
- 2-3 Janet Meister – Karen Trenner, Bellevue WA; Mary Greeniaus, Redmond WA; Jolanta Janowski, Kirkland WA

#### Thursday Morning Side Pairs . . . . . (16 pairs)

- 1A July Ratley, Redding CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 2A/1B Terrance Hill – Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
- 3A/2B Bruce Brownfield – Susan Ohman, Graham WA
- 3B/1C Linda Medina – Susan O'Hara, Vancouver WA
- 2C Renee Arnold, Siletz OR; Jaci Bohms, Toledo OR

#### Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs . . . . . (30 pairs)

- 1A Kathleen Mather – Janie Peary, Vancouver WA
- 2A/1B Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Charles Hulse, Vancouver WA
- 3A/2B Sandee Canton, Washougal WA; Steve Tubbs, Vancouver WA
- 3B Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 1C Donna Jackson – Patricia Black, Bend OR
- 2-3C Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 2-3C Patricia Baham – Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR

#### Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1D/E Brian Taylor – Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D James Scovil – Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA
- 3D/2E Dean Gray, Vancouver WA; Gary Bowers, Vancouver WA
- 3E Judy Brown, Washougal WA; Susan Tear, Portland OR
- 1F Judi Roberts, Tigard OR; Susan Cirone, Lake Oswego OR
- 2F Isabel Knostman – Fredrick Knostman, Vancouver WA

#### Thursday Evening Side Pairs . . . . . (14 pairs)

- 1A Eugene Chan – Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC
- 2A Bob Morris, Houston TX; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX
- 3A/1B Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 2B Wayne Stann, Kelowna BC; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 3B Miriam Witters – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR

#### Thursday Evening Swiss Teams . . . . . (7 teams)

- 1A Nancy Jonske, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR
- 2A Janie Peary – Mariam Saner – Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 3A/1B/C Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA
- 2B Susan Taylor – Judith Stewart – Reinhard Bohme, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vasks, Camas WA

### Friday, Feb. 22

#### Friday Open Pairs . . . . . (54 pairs)

- 1A Dave Grubbs, Seattle WA; Stephen Hosch, Olympia WA
- 2A/1B Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA
- 3A Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; Rick Prouser, Portland OR
- 2B Patricia Dennis – Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR
- 3B Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 1C Frank Straulemann – Kevin Marnell, Portland OR
- 2C Lisa Korick, Vancouver WA; Janice Smith, Portland OR
- 3C Steven Levy, Seattle WA; David Fulton, Burien WA

#### Friday Gold Rush Pairs . . . . . (42 pairs)

- 1C Kim Larson, Springfield OR; Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR
- 2C Jon Greenfield – Lorelei Greenfield, Hillsborough CA
- 3C/1D/E Linda Rountree, Lake Oswego OR; Paula Koeller, Portland OR
- 2D Angel Almanza – Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
- 3D/2E Doug Johnson, Gig Harbor WA; Steve Gillett, Tacoma WA
- 3E Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR; Vince Winters, Beaverton OR

#### Thursday-Friday Evening Gold Rush Pairs . . (12 pairs)

- 1C Donna Jackson – Patricia Black, Bend OR
- 2C Lilla Wallace – Nancy Cole, Vancouver WA
- 3C Paul Sekulich – Stephen Brown, Olympia WA

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Heather Dolan, Beau Hovda, Mary Hovda, Mike Ampacher

# Player roundup

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Trail Regional, we asked players this question: *What kind of hospitality do you like to see offered at regionals?* Here are their answers.



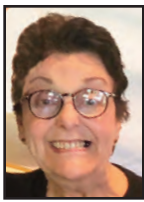
Irene Pickett

*I don't care about food. The convention card holders were a big hit, especially with newer players.*

**Irene Pickett**  
Portland OR

*Free coffee and tea would be nice.*

**Flo Savage**  
Portland OR



Flo Savage

*The beer, wine & cheese party is good. It's especially nice to have the craft beer. Pizza would be good too, although a healthy option might be better.*

**Bert & Carolyn Adams**  
Steilacoom WA



Bert & Carolyn Adams



*Coffee!*  
**Zack Woodbury**  
Portland OR



Mary Alice Seville

*I liked the candy bars when we used to do that. The hospitality suites that other districts are able to do seem like a good option. Non-alcoholic beverages at the beer, wine & cheese party would be nice.*

**Mary Alice Seville**  
Corvallis OR



Michael Pham

*I'm just here for the bridge.*

**Michael Pham**  
Portland OR

*I think lunch on Sunday would be a good idea.*

**Hal Montgomery**  
Portland OR



Hal Montgomery

## Tuesday Bracketed B Swiss Teams



Laura Huss, Holly Hummell, Renee Ferrera, Laura Beal



Randy Naef, Mike Green, Neil Swanson, James Weider

## Thursday Bracketed B Swiss Teams



Marta Cannell, Bonnie Fortune, Ron Senn, Dena Senn



Barbara Ball, Nancy Swanson, Judith Wilkinson, Deanna Birch

### Friday Morning Side Pairs (17 pairs)

- 1A Bob Morris, Houston TX; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook TX
- 2A/1B **Terrance Hill – Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR**
- 3A Andrew Dubay – William Dubay, Voorheesville NY
- 2B Bob Robbins, Reno NV; Bob Shelley, Bellevue WA
- 3B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1C **Phyllis Sutter, Portland OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR**
- 2C Margot Leonard, Portland OR; Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR

### Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (36 pairs)

- 1A/C **Margot Leonard, Portland OR; Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR**
- 2A/2B Wayne Stann, Kelowna BC; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 3A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Harriet Smith, Solana Beach CA
- 3-4B Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR
- 3-4B/2C Jolanta Janowski, Kirkland WA; Mary Greeniaus, Redmond WA
- 3C Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR

### Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1D/E Judy Scovill – Carol Vanderploeg, Vancouver WA
- 2D/E/1F **Emilio Berwick – Nancy Berwick, Portland OR**
- 3D John McClure, Port Hadlock WA; Stephen Prokop, Brookings OR
- 3E/2F Dean Gray, Vancouver WA; Gary Bowers, Vancouver WA

### Friday Evening Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A/B Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; **Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA**
- 2A/B Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 3A/B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA
- 1C **John Thomas – Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR**
- 2C Ronald Mundt – Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR

### Friday Evening Open Swiss Teams (11 teams)

- 1A Ray Miller – Michael Christensen, Seattle WA; Stanford Christie, Kirkland WA; Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA
- 2A Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA
- 3A/1X/Y **Jerold Wersbha – Felicia Wersbha, Portland OR; Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR; Molly Harris, Palm Springs CA**
- 2X Irene Pickett – Donald Tofte – Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
- 3X Janie Pearcy – Mariam Saner – Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK

### Friday Evening BCD Swiss Teams (8 teams)

- 1B Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA; Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
- 2B/1C/D **Mike Goffe – Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR; Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR**
- 3B/2C David Muller, Vancouver WA; Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; Nancy Serne – Mark Hickman, Bend OR

## Saturday, Feb. 23

### Mount Hood Friday-Saturday KO Bkt 1 (15 teams)

- 1 Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR; Eric Sieg, Seattle WA
- 2 Jean Barry, Livermore CA; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Ed Ulman, Portland OR
- 3-4 Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV
- 3-4 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR

### Mount Hood Friday-Saturday KO Bkt 2 (12 teams)

- 1 **Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR**
- 2 Elinor Hood – Brian Thomas – Donald Weber, Portland OR; Jim Windus, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 William Campbell, Mercer Island WA; Andrea James, Auburn WA; Bert Adams – Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA
- 3-4 James Reed – Carol Reed, Red Bluff CA; Robert Pfeiffer, Bend OR; Nelda Linman, Redmond OR

### Mount Hood Friday-Saturday KO Bkt 3 (12 teams)

- 1 **Cliff Allen III, Camas WA; Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Yuri Witala, Kirkland WA; Gert Witala, Port Angeles WA**
- 2 John Crutcher, Olympia WA; Slava Simice, Comox BC; Paul Hochfeld – Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Karen Hudesman – Donald Stark – Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA
- 3-4 Eileen Milligan – Becky McKenzie – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR; Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA

### Mount Hood Friday-Saturday KO Bkt 4 (12 teams)

- 1 Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; Brian Metke, Sequim WA; Roy Markham – Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA
- 2 Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR; Layne Benben – Cookie Hegge, Portland OR
- 3-4 Deb Wenneman – Gay Jungemann, Vashon WA; Colin Hemsley – Anne Dudman, San Jose CA
- 3-4 Susan Waggoner, Mercer Island WA; Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA; Tim Berta, Sequim WA; Razon Johnson, Kingstom WA

### Saturday A/X Pairs (38 pairs)

- 1A Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
- 2A Sherwin Moscow – Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
- 3A Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA
- 1X Kevin Cline, Seattle WA; Dong Yan, Sammamish WA
- 2X Kemble Yates – Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 3X Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR

### Saturday BC Pairs (14 pairs)

- 1B Sharon Gaunt, Tacoma WA; **Carol Kilmer, Portland OR**
- 2B Ed Canton, Washougal WA; Barney Gorter, Milwaukie OR
- 3B Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA
- 1C **Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR**
- 2C Russell Vaughan – Carroll Vaughan, Federal Way WA
- 3C Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR; Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR

### Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (36 pairs)

- 1C Miles Douglas – Linda Brown, Missoula MT
- 2C Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA; Bruce Backup, Portland OR
- 3C Judy Nevell, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 1D/E **Ruth Yokoyama, Portland OR; Vince Winters, Beaverton OR**
- 2D Michael Pham – Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
- 3D/2E Ken Ramage – Kathi Downing, Blodgett OR
- 3E Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR

### Saturday Morning Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A **Bob Law, Tigard OR; Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR**
- 2A Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 3-4A/1B **Terrance Hill – Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR**
- 3-4A/2B/C **Nancy Wetherson – Jack Wetherson, Keizer OR**
- 3B Steven Drew – Marion Hull, McMinnville OR
- 2C Kay Pankratz, La Center WA; Bill Strite, Vancouver WA

### Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1A/B **Teresa Duewer, Portland OR; Louise Johns, Beaverton OR**
- 2A/B/1C Basil Hakkli – Maria Hakkli, Marco Island FL
- 3A/B Bob Robbins, Reno NV; Bob Shelley, Bellevue WA
- 2C Donna Jackson – Patricia Black, Bend OR

### Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (21 pairs)

- 1D/E **Patricia Shaddix – Karen McCarthy, Portland OR**
- 2D/E/1F Nick Atanasov, Tigard OR; Leslie Hassberg, Berkeley CA
- 3D/E/2F Judi Roberts, Tigard OR; Tara McMahon, Portland OR
- 3F Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR; Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA

### Saturday Evening Side Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A **Donald Tofte – Edward Lee, Portland OR**
- 2A/1B/C **Patricia Black – Donna Jackson, Bend OR**
- 3A Dennis Harms – Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
- 2B/2C Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Dorothy Guimont, Milwaukie OR
- 3-4B Colin Hemsley – Anne Dudman, San Jose CA
- 3-4B/3C Anita Thompson – Gene Hval, Portland OR

### Saturday Evening Open Swiss Teams (11 teams)

- 1A Nancy Gunn – Bob Klein, Santa Rosa CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA
- 2A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III – Raj Garg, Portland OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 3A Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 1X/Y **Richard Garvin – Henri J Jensen, Corvallis OR; Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Nancy Serne, Bend OR**
- 2X Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Rick Prouser – Flo Savage, Portland OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT
- 3X John Cox, Saint Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR; Rodney Paxton, Ashland OR

### Saturday Evening BCD Swiss Teams (6 teams)

- 1B/D **Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA; Angel Almanza – Mike Goffe – Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR**
- 2B/C Becky McKenzie – Eileen Milligan – Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR; Barbara Pyles, Vancouver WA

### Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1 (11 teams)

- 1 **James Elliott – Marc Zwierling – Mark Tolliver – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR**
- 2 Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Marc Jacobus – Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV

### Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO Bkt 2 (10 teams)

- 1 **Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Patricia Dennis – Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR**
- 2 Sue Anderson – Cynthia Glad – Reidun Decker – John Swanson, Seattle WA

### Ridgefield Saturday Compact KO Bkt 3 (12 teams)

- 1 **Kenneth Hovda, Bothell WA; Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA; Heather Dolan, Beaverton OR; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR**
- 2 Marjorie Mandery – Roger Mandery, Mount Vernon WA; John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA; Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
- 3 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR; Lawrence Swanson, Monroe WA; James Weider, Portland OR

## Sunday, Feb. 24

### Sunday AXY Swiss Teams (31 teams)

- 1A **James Elliott – Mark Tolliver – Marc Zwierling – Eric Stoltz, Portland OR**
- 2A Ben Bomber – Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 3A John Ashton – John Lusky – Randy Pickett, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 1X **Kemble Yates – Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA**
- 2X/1Y **Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA**
- 3X/2Y Eurydice Nours – Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA
- 3Y Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Galen Hesson, Edmonds WA; David Binney – Dave Walker, Seattle WA

### Sunday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 1 (8 teams)

- 1 Robert Simpson, Ocean Shores WA; Roy Markham – Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA; **Tom McKenna, Eugene OR**
- 2 John Crutcher, Olympia WA; Slava Simice, Comox BC; Paul Hochfeld – Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR

### Sunday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 2 (8 teams)

- 1 Neil Swanson, Monroe WA; **James Weider, Portland OR; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID**
- 2 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Newberg OR; Becky McKenzie – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR

### Sunday Bracketed B Swiss Bkt 3 (8 teams)

- 1 **Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR; Stuart Director – Nely Johnson, Portland OR**
- 2 Kimberly Dauphin – Lilla Wallace, Vancouver WA; Kevin Marnell – Angel Almanza, Portland OR

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Bruce Backup, Mike Goffe  
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs



Dawn Guenther, Kim Larson  
Friday Gold Rush Pairs



Liz Fullerton, Ben Levy  
Tuesday Evening Side Pairs



Joe Rottmann, Eugene Chan  
Friday Evening Side Pairs



Brian Taylor, Tom Kroupa  
Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs



Zack Woodbury, Mike Pham  
1C Sunday Fast Open Pairs

### Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams (5 teams)

- 1D **James Unterspan – George Oleary – Margaret Matin – Louis Lee, Portland OR**
- 2D Diane Knudson – Marilyn Lindgren – Shelley Blair – Jan Miller, Portland OR
- 1E Care Parker – Steve Parker, Portland OR; Joseph Morgan – Patrice Stewart, Vancouver WA

### Sunday Open Fast Pairs (31 pairs)

- 1A/B **Patricia Dennis – Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR**
- 2A Jeffrey Taylor – Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
- 3A/2B Pete Covles, Lynnwood WA; Scott Chupack, Seattle WA
- 3B Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1C **Zack Woodbury – Michael Pham, Portland OR**
- 2C J. Miles Douglas – Linda Brown, Missoula MT

## Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 9863.52 earned by 771 players. Total attendance: 1451 tables.	28	52.65	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA	57	38.83	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	24.67	Holly Hummel, Portland OR	162	18.08	Roger Thomas, West Linn OR	13.91	Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR
1	104.00	Jim Elliott, Portland OR	57	38.83	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	111	24.33	Carol Kilmer, Portland OR	162	18.08	Roger Thomas, West Linn OR	13.91	Barbara Nelson, McMinnville OR
2	104.00	Marc Zwierling, Portland OR	58	38.66	James Weider, Portland OR	112	23.33	Carol Kilmer, Portland OR	164	18.05	Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR	13.81	Peter Grice, Boise ID
3	89.56	Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM	58	37.82	Stu Swan, Portland OR	112	23.33	Laura Huss, Gresham OR	164	18.05	Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR	13.81	Rich Gettmann, Bend OR
4	85.84	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	61	37.65	Sherwin Moscow, Vancouver WA	116	23.41	Nancy Serne, Bend OR	165	17.97	Layne Benben, Portland OR	13.71	Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR
5	79.64	John Ashton, Portland OR	62	37.60	Ed Freeman, Tacoma WA	117	23.25	Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA	167	17.72	Cookie Hegge, Portland OR	13.60	Bruce Backup, Portland OR
6	78.83	Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV	63	37.51	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	121	22.97	Edward Lee, Portland OR	168	17.70	Bob Law, Tigard OR	13.56	JoAnn Marks, Portland OR
7	78.83	Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV	65	36.76	Randy Naef, McMinnville OR	121	22.97	Edward Lee, Portland OR	169	17.55	Randy Pickett, Portland OR	13.56	Arlene Matosow, Portland OR
8	76.85	Eddie Wold, Houston TX	67	36.67	Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR	125	22.02	Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR	172	17.36	July Ratley, Redding CA	13.39	Jeff McKee, Banks OR
9	69.10	John Lusky, Portland OR	72	35.66	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR	126	21.77	Ben Bomber, Vancouver WA	172	17.36	Ryerson Schwark, West Linn OR	13.38	Donald Tofte, Portland OR
10	68.93	Amy Casanova, Portland OR	73	35.15	Irva Neyhart, Clackamas OR	127	21.54	Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	173	17.21	Deanna Birch, Portland OR	13.28	Louise Johns, Beaverton OR
11	65.97	Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	74	34.80	Brian Thomas, Portland OR	128	21.33	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR	175	17.00	Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA	13.20	Jerold Wersbha, Portland OR
12	65.94	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	80	33.71	Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR	129	21.19	Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR	176	16.97	Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR	13.20	Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR
13	65.25	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	80	33.71	Patricia Dennis, Beaverton OR	134	20.84	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	176	16.97	David Muller, Vancouver WA	13.20	Felicia Wersbha, Portland OR
14	62.37	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR	83	33.21	Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR	135	20.83	Eileen Boal, Albany OR	180	16.70	Mike Goffe, Portland OR	13.00	Nancy Swanson, Portland OR
15	61.06	Kim Eng, Issaquah WA	85	33.21	Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR	136	20.56	Elinor Hood, Portland OR	181	16.60	Donald Weber, Portland OR	13.00	Barbara Ball, Portland OR
16	60.92	Jeff Ford, Redmond WA	87	31.93	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	138	19.93	Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA	188	16.22	Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR	12.96	Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
17	60.92	Rick Prouser, Portland OR	88	31.78	J. Jay Roll, Kelso WA	140	19.52	David Brower, Portland OR	189	16.14	Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR	12.92	Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID
18	60.92	Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	96	27.95	Nancy Jonske, Portland OR	141	19.31	Kemble Yates, Ashland OR	190	15.86	Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR	12.78	Toni Heitkamp, Portland OR
19	60.81	Vladislav Ilvorski, Sofia Bulgaria	97	27.30	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	143	19.11	Justin Beck, Sherwood OR	197	15.27	Angel Almanza, Portland OR	12.78	John Guth, Days Creek OR
20	60.40	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	100	26.98	Gerard Haltee, Hillsboro OR	145	19.08	Margot Leonard, Portland OR	197	15.27	Sandy Syrett, Corvallis OR	12.53	Kay Read, Boise ID
21	59.38	Jean Barry, Livermore CA	102	26.27	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR	146	19.01	Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR	198	15.25	Mark Hickman, Bend OR	12.48	David Green, Sherwood OR
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## Chris's Corner

ACBL tournament director  
Chris Wiegand answers your  
questions on rulings.

**Q: I received a director ruling that was based upon a "peer poll." What does that mean?**

Many director rulings are fairly routine — things such as leads out of turn, re-voles, etc. Other rulings require far more judgment, such as situations that involve misinformation (MI) or unauthorized information (UI). In the past, the table director would use his own judgment about such situations to make a ruling about whether calls were (dis)allowed after UI or whether MI damaged the opponents. This means that the ruling would be based upon that director's bridge experience and judgment, which may be vastly different from the experience and bridge level of the player(s) in the "hot seat" at the table. While this may still be the case and a necessity at bridge clubs with a single (and possibly playing) director, at a modern ACBL tournament, we have different methods to solve these problems.

When tournament directors are presented with a situation that may involve judgment, they go through a checklist of items. First, they note the facts of the auction and the irregularity, for example, length of a hesitation causing UI, MI about agreements and what the actual agreements are for the partnership (if any), methods/system/style of the partnership both in the auction prior to the irregularity (choices available, which taken) and subsequent to it. Next, they determine the relative skill level/experience of the player(s) in the "hot seat" so that they can attempt to find other players of similar level/experience. Before they actually find those potential peers, they have to figure out what questions to ask. (This is frequently the most difficult part of polling.) Then they seek out players who are potential peers and ask questions.

They start them at the beginning of the auction. If at any point they vary from actions of the player(s) at the table, they may not be peers as they are not players who made the same previous choices. Assuming they are choosing similarly or can at least "live with" the previous decisions, they are presented with the information of the hand without the UI/MI so that the directors can get their unbiased decision at the critical juncture. Sometimes, once they get that unbiased opinion, they ask follow-up questions. That may be, "Suppose Bid X meant B instead of A as I told you before. Would your decision have changed?" or "Suppose partner took some time before selecting his previous call. Assuming the Laws would allow you to take any call you wished, would you still select the choice above or would another one become more attractive?"

Once the director gets a sufficient number of poll results (it varies), they tally the results to determine if "offenders" had logical alternatives or whether misinformation damaged "non-offenders" and attempt to determine if adjustments to the table result are warranted. Sometimes these adjustments involve a) leaving the table result as is, b) leaving it as is for one of the parties but adjusting for the other, or c) adjusting the result to a weighted average of other contracts/number of tricks taken.

And lastly, the director brings the results of the poll findings back to the players and make the score adjustment(s) as necessary. If a director pulls you aside and asks some questions, let me thank you in advance for helping with our polls — you are an integral part of making fair rulings for all of us. If you are interested in more information about polling, see [tinyurl.com/yckobmmz](http://tinyurl.com/yckobmmz).

Ruling questions for Chris? Email [chris.wiegand@acbl.org](mailto:chris.wiegand@acbl.org).



# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

## DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

### MARCH 2019

15 – 17	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis OR
15 – 17	Almond Blossom Sectional	Chico Women's Club, Chico CA
29 – 31	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

### APRIL 2019

5 – 7	Ontario Sectional	Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario OR
12 – 13	Eugene 299er Sectional	Emerald Bridge Club, Springfield OR
12 – 14	Redding Spring Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
13 – 14	Vancouver Spring Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
20 – 21	Grand National Teams – Open	Online at various locations
26 – 28	Seaside Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
26 – 28	<b>Golden Clam I/N Regional</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>

### MAY 2019

4	Grand National Teams – A & C	Online at various locations
5	Grand National Teams – B	Online at various locations
6 – 12	Pacific States STaC	Local clubs
May 13 – 19	<b>ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL</b>	<b>Inn at the Commons, Medford OR</b>
17 – 19	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

### MAY/JUNE 2019

31 – 2	Eugene Sectional	Northwest Christian College, Eugene OR
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### JUNE 2019

8 – 9	Portland Spring Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
28 – 30	Salem Sectional	Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR

### JULY 2019

12 – 14	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
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### AUGUST 2019

Aug 5 – 11	<b>EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL</b>	<b>Valley River Inn, Eugene OR</b>
16 – 18	Vancouver Summer Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

### SEPTEMBER 2019

6 – 8	Eureka Sectional	Ocean View Mobile Home Park, McKinleyville CA
7 – 8	Portland Summer Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
13 – 15	Boise Sectional	TBA
13 – 15	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
13 – 15	Rogue Valley Fall Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

### OCTOBER 2019

Sept 30 – Oct 6	<b>OREGON COAST REGIONAL</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>
TBA	North American Pairs	Online at various locations
18 – 20	Gold Country Sectional	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
19 – 20	Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
27 – 27	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR

### NOVEMBER 2019

1 – 3	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
2 – 3	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
9 – 10	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
15 – 17	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

## TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT 19: [www.d19.org](http://www.d19.org)

April 8–14	<b>Victoria Regional BC</b>
April 9–11	Walla Walla Sectional WA
April 26–28	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
May 2–5	Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
May 18–19	Sequim Sectional WA
June 7–9	Spokane Valley Sectional WA
June 10–16	<b>Penticton Regional BC</b>
June 17–23	<b>Anchorage Regional AK</b>
Aug. 19–25	<b>Lynnwood Regional WA</b>
Oct. 21–27	<b>Pasco Regional WA</b>

### DISTRICT 21: [www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com)

April 13–14	Larkspur Sectional CA
April 27–28	Sonoma Sectional CA
May 3–5	Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
May 17–19	Marina Sectional CA
May 27–June 2	<b>Sacramento Regional CA</b>
June 8–9	San Francisco Sectional CA
June 29–30	Walnut Creek Sectional CA
Aug. 27–Sept. 2	<b>Santa Clara Regional CA</b>
Oct. 7–13	<b>Reno Regional, Sparks NV</b>

### DISTRICT 18: [www.wasumi.org](http://www.wasumi.org)

April 12–14	Twin Falls Sectional ID
May 13–19	<b>Pocatello Regional ID</b>
June 7–9	Bozeman Sectional MT
June 21–23	Butte Sectional MT
June 21–23	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Aug. 12–18	<b>Red Deer Regional AB</b>
Sept. 16–22	<b>Butte Regional MT</b>

### DISTRICT 17: [www.d17acbl.org](http://www.d17acbl.org)

April 11–14	Tucson Sectional AZ
April 26–28	Scottsdale Sectional & I/N Regional AZ
May 3–5	Santa Fe Sectional NM
May 21–27	<b>Denver Regional CO</b>
Aug. 12–18	<b>Scottsdale Regional AZ</b>
Sept. 23–29	<b>Taos Regional NM</b>

### DISTRICT 22: [acbldistrict22.com/d22](http://acbldistrict22.com/d22)

April 15–21	<b>San Diego Regional CA</b>
May 3–5	Ventura Sectional CA
June 7–9	San Diego Sectional CA
Sept. 2–8	<b>Orange County Regional, Costa Mesa CA</b>

## NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 18–28	Summer 2019	Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas NV
Nov. 28 – Dec. 8	Fall 2019	Marriott Marquis, San Francisco CA
March 19–29	Spring 2020	Hyatt & Hilton, Columbus OH
July 16–26	Summer 2020	Palais des Congrès, Montreal QC