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Bridge Across the District

Summer 2016

D20 players score in Reno

Several District 20 players had top finishes in national and regional events at the Spring NABC in Reno.

Huub Bertens won the Jacoby Open Swiss and made it to the quarterfinals of the Vanderbilt. **John Lusky** was third in the Silodor Open Pairs and eighth in the Jacoby Swiss. **Chris Gibson** and **Chris Wiegand** placed 13th in the

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North American Pairs Flight A and 27th in the Platinum Pairs. **Marc Zwerling** of Portland and **Wolfe Thompson** of Vancouver WA were third in the Lebharr IMP Pairs.

Ed Lee, **David Green**, **Connie Coquillette** and **Sherwin Moscow** made it to the quarterfinals of the 10K Knockout. **Jeff Roman** placed eighth in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs. **Godfrey Chang** of Honolulu placed ninth in

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Tech upgrades progress; Reno again a big draw

We enjoyed a very nice trip to the Spring NABC in Reno, a tournament that once was in our district but no longer is. With a total of 11,643 tables that included plenty of District 20

players, the event was the largest Spring NABC since 2010, the last time it was held in that city.

With attendees lodging at the Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus hotels and playing at multiple sites, there was some confusion.

However, the Reno

Convention Center turned out to be an excellent choice for the main events, with plenty of space and good lighting. Dining choices among the three hotels and many downtown restaurants were excellent as well.

The ACBL will probably schedule a future tournament in Reno, downtown again or perhaps back to the Grand Sierra.

Membership is up slightly

As of the end of January, ACBL membership stood at roughly 168,400, an increase of more than 700 members over the prior year. With one fewer regional held, there was a 2% reduction in regional table count. Sectional table count was also down 3%

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Real dads of D20

Players who are fathers balance work, family, bridge, life

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Last year, we paid tribute to the many bridge moms in our community. Now, we're giving a special shoutout to the fellas. In honor of Father's Day, we'd like to recognize a few of our favorite bridge dads. Let's hear it for the boys!

Brian Breckenridge

Our first bridge dad is a computer engineer with two adoptive daughters, Iris, 12, and Siri, 16. As a "weekend dad,"

Brian Breckenridge of Corvallis has his children every other weekend, plus extra time during the summer.

He was inspired to adopt in college, although the process wasn't easy. "Anytime you are dealing with governments, there is plenty of frustration and it ended up being about a 9-month process — just like a pregnancy," Breckenridge said. "But when you first have a child in your arms, it doesn't matter if they are minutes old or almost reaching their first birthday."

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From the CIA to immigration from Canada, Ian and Charlene Martindale have led interesting lives.

The trail to Boise

Pioneers came one way; bridge players will soon go another.
Ian and Charlene Martindale found their own path

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

It started with a ride from the airport, a favor to the unit president.

It was August 1986 and bridge players in District 18 were headed to the Red Deer Regional, 90 miles north of Calgary, Alberta. Some were flying into the Calgary airport — among them district director Phyllis Burke, who later served as ACBL president in 1989.

As a member of the local unit board in Calgary planning to go to the regional, Ian Martindale was asked to give Burke and her partner, Charlene Wells, a ride to Red Deer.

An ex-CIA officer who had started playing bridge while stationed in Germany in the 1960s, Charlene was a business pro-

fessor at Idaho State University in Pocatello and the local campaign manager for an ex-governor seeking to return to the statehouse 10 years after having left to serve in the Carter administration. Three months before the election, she took a break to play bridge in Red Deer. Less than a year later, Ian and Charlene were married.

Her candidate won, and Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed Charlene director of the Idaho Office of Aging, which required her to move to Boise shortly before the wedding. It was another six months before Ian's green card allowed him to join her. After leaving his work in computer distribution in Canada, Ian started a business that sold point-of-sale software to local retail outlets.

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Sunriver turnout is up 11%

Attendance was good at the second ever **High Desert Regional** in Sunriver OR near Bend in May. The table count of 1,143 was 11% over the 2014 figure, and there were 561 players, almost 15% more than at the first one.

Sunriver is a spectacular venue, with golfing, hiking, biking, horseback riding and other activities for away-from-the-table recreation.

The weather also cooperated, most of the time. For five days straight we enjoyed sunny and warm days and cool

nights. That changed Saturday, with a heavy hailstorm right before the afternoon session. I've never experienced such a storm with hail stones about 5/8 of an inch in diameter — see the picture courtesy of tournament photographer Chip Cleveland on page 11. A little rain followed, but soon thereafter the skies cleared up.

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Plan now for Boise Regional

On the road again. Just can't wait to get on the road again!

What wonderful news from the **Oregon High Desert Regional** in Sunriver this year: with 1,143 tables, attendance was up by 11% over our 2014 event there.

Many of you told me what a splendid time you had, both at the table and at the ice-cream-sundae party on Friday night. I hope you will join us when we head back to Sunriver in 2018.

Now is the time to plan your trip this summer to Boise ID, for the **Great Potato Regional**, Aug. 8–14. This year is District 20's first time to host this event, and I'm sure you'll want to show your support for the Boise community by attending.

The tournament will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, conveniently

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Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director

Chip is and will always be the greatest editor

Putting together this first issue of The Trumpet with the new editorial team has been a lot of work, but in the best sense. The support of the contributors, unit reporters, District 20 board and general bridge community has been outstanding. **Martha** has earnestly edited nearly every word, and when you consider the wide range of submissions we receive, that is not an easy task.

And **Chip**. You guys, there are no words to describe what Chip is continuing to do for this publication. "Editor at large" does not do Chip justice. He is very much a part of District 20; his heart appears to still be in the Pacific Northwest. He will continue to claim District 20 as his home.

When he moved, I thought, somewhat relieved, that my days of competing against Chip were over. Not so. My team lost to his in the GNT Flight B event. The good news is Chip is still representing our district. The bad news is for those playing against him, as he finds a way to win no matter what.

I have learned many Trumpet-related things from Chip over the past few months. I am a self-taught computer user, and I do fairly well considering. Chip blew my mind showing me the "find and replace" tool in Microsoft Word — very helpful for formatting tournament results.

But perhaps the most useful advice was when I was lamenting my performance for the Player Roundup (page 19). I just kind of asked around casually at the table what

people do to prepare for a game. I was telling Chip how most were reluctant to share anything, especially when they realized they were going to have their picture taken and used in the Trumpet. His advice? "Go to the bar."

Usually that would not be a problem for me, but I skipped out on the post-session cocktails in Sunriver. Rookie mistake. I will make sure to start a tab at the next regional and have a good question to ask everyone.

My 'state of the union'

Communication is a cornerstone of bridge. During the auction we are essentially using language to convey our hand to the table; on defense we can scream and shout using 2s or

10s, or shrug our shoulders with 6s, to tell partner what to lead. Whether we are speaking, writing, emailing, texting, tweeting, posting online or bidding, there is always the risk we will be misunderstood. Our voices can get lost or distorted. Jumping to conclusions can be costly.

There are a lot of people trying to communicate to you, the players, about all of the club, unit, regional and national news. There are many different, sometimes conflicting, places to get that information. One of my goals is to maintain the Trumpet as a resource for this wide-ranging district to stay connected and prosper. I find myself keeping my copy close by and checking the calendar or ads. I use the District 20 website quite a bit too.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

Fear not: your beloved editor is still with you

Y'all didn't think you were getting rid of me that easily, did you?

As nice as it would be to come back by popular demand, I never left the Trumpet. We just changed the organizational structure a bit, and I have to say I love it. Never before have I had so much help.

I liken my new role to that of Dick Cheney in the Bush administration. While **Amy** (Bush) goes around to tournaments gathering story ideas, **Martha** (Rumsfeld) battles our contributors' grammar, and my sister (Condoleezza) writes main features, I'm free to plot takeovers of foreign countries to gain control of the world's oil supply. And write more.



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

As for District 20, while technically I physically left the territory, clearly I left my heart there. No offense to District 10, but having my membership temporarily reassigned made me feel like I could understand what trans people experience — being labeled one thing when you know you're really something else. It was a matter of identity. I decided I had to come out — as District 20 for life — and everything felt better when they changed it back.

So I left my heart, and possibly my brain as well. Let's talk about Reno, where I brought great shame upon D20 by failing to qualify for the second day of North American Pairs flight B, causing **Merlin Vilhauer** to lose betting money.

The curse of Scotland

The ♦9 is known as the curse of Scotland, but in the second qualifying session, it was the curse of Chip and Amy's chances of moving on. After a subpar first session,

we received a number of gifts early in the second session that put us back in it. During that stretch came this board.

Dlr: North	♠ 8 4		
Vul: N-S	♥ J 7 5 2		
	♦ J 10 4		
	♣ K Q 8 7		
	♠ J 10 9 7 3	♠ K 2	
	♥ 4	♥ A K Q 9 8 6 3	
	♦ 7 6 2	♦ 9	
	♣ A J 10 9	♣ 6 3 2	
		♠ A Q 6 5	
		♥ 10	
		♦ A K Q 8 5 3	
		♣ 5 4	
Opp	Amy	Opp	Chip
	Pass	1♥	2♦
Dbl	3♦	4♥	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

When I bid 5♦, I was thinking I didn't need much from partner to make it, and her free raise suggested she might have it. When dummy came down, I was glad to see she did, but entirely too many hearts.

The ♥4 was led; East won and returned the ♥6. Although the contract looks good (and Deep Finesse blesses it), it's not clear that five top diamonds will provide enough rounds of control. I think it was likely five spades that enticed West to show the suit despite meager values, so I will need to ruff two spades high in dummy before pulling trump. Then, if diamonds are the likely 3-1, I'll need my ♦AKQ to pull them.

If I had the ♦9, I could ruff with the ace confidently, but alas I don't have it. If I know for sure that the lead is a singleton — and I should — ruffing high and taking my chances for diamonds to break is the only hope. But I convinced myself it could be a doubleton (where is the ♥3?) and ruffed low. Overruffed, with the ♣A yet to lose.

Since becoming managing editor, I have traveled to Albany, **Sunriver** and the Eugene sectional — three tournaments I have previously never attended. I am also looking forward to **Boise**. I think it's important to support as many tournaments as possible.

The last two years I've spent on the unit board has taught me that putting on a sectional that is poorly attended is like throwing a party that no one shows up to. So take a look at the calendar, ask your favorite partner for a game and take a little trip outside of your town to visit a neighboring unit and support their game.

GNT: Always a bridesmaid

I also participated in two GNT events this year, Flights A and B, finishing second in both. Kind of the bridge equivalent of "always a bridesmaid, never a bride." I won't sugarcoat the B event — it was rough — and long waits for the next round to start proved frustrating for all involved.

But more important, the whole district was able to play against one other without having to travel. It was not perfect, by a long shot, but it was and is the best way for our spread-out area to compete. And I trust most issues can be fixed. Even though I was frustrated, it will not prevent me from participating in future online events.

So we may win and we may lose, but to paraphrase Tennyson, "'tis better to have played and lost than never to have played at all." See you at the table!

By the way, I don't write the headlines.

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Down one doubled was a zero. Meanwhile, someone in our section made 5♦ not doubled for 42 out of 43 matchpoints. Guess how many matchpoints making 5♦ doubled will fetch. Yep, I blew all of them on a top-or-bottom decision at trick 2.

We missed qualifying by 15 points, so clearly 43 would have been enough.

As it turned out, the ♦9 was falling on the first round, so my ♦8 would have been high on the third round of the suit.

This same lie of the cards was probably what drove Macbeth to murder all those people back in medieval times. Actually, there are several theories for why the ♦9 came to be called the curse of Scotland. But I'm running out of space.

GNT: Take 3

I wasn't at first looking for an opportunity to redeem myself when I signed up for the GNT. I'd heard **Bob** and **July** didn't have a team despite really wanting to try it again before they reach the upper limit of B. My goal was to help them place high enough to make them an attractive choice as an additional pair to the winning team.

But as the day drew nearer, I started to want it. And when the day came, it happened — we won. So now I have a fourth chance to represent District 20 at nationals.

It's a lot of the same crew from last year. As Ben Bomber said of **Jake Olsen**, "You replaced me with a ringer." **Amy**, my partner in crime in these pages, is also coming again. We were very impressed when she and **Paul Wrigley** finished second in not just B but also A. But Paul turned us down, so **Dawn Campbell** will take his place.

If you're thinking of putting money on us to advance, we won't let you down.

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A chance to play against the best

One of the aspects of competitive bridge is that we get to compete against the best players in the world at their specialty. There is nothing I can do to compete in a meaningful way against world champions such as **Steph Curry**, **Jordan Spieth** or **Usain Bolt**. However, I did get to play against world and national champions in our District 20 online Grand National Teams.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

Often winning bridge is a matter of making the fewest mistakes. Sometimes the best players just make great plays. **Huub Bertens** made such a play against **Stan Sather** and me in the Open finals.

Dlr: East ♠ A 9 3 2
Vul: N-S ♥ A 10
♦ K 9 7 6
♣ A 7 3

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

♠ K Q J 7 6 5
♥ K 4 2
♦ 8 5 2
♣ K

Stan was South and opened 1♠. After a Jacoby 2NT sequence and several control bids, we got to 6♠.

Huub (West) knew from the auction that the ♦K was on his left. Holding ♦A Q J 3, he led the queen. When Stan did not cover in dummy, Huub had beaten the slam. His lead gave us a choice, putting us in a "heads he won, tails he broke even" situation. This time he won. The best often do.

After reaching the final in the open flight GNT, **Hal Montgomery** and teammates won flight A. He can be reached at dewitt@imaginata.com.



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Deaths

Dick Arenz — 93, of Salem OR died Feb. 6, 2016.

Georgene Bailey — 81, of Beaverton OR died Jan. 30, 2016.

Bolek Brant — 76, of Portland died June 2, 2016.

Marilyn Buchanan — 89, of Florence OR died May 4, 2016.

Edward Doheny — 74, of Vancouver WA died April 21, 2016.

Paul Gabalis — 83, of Woodland WA died May 18, 2016.

Darlene Hamar — 78, of Kelso WA died May 28, 2016.

David Moody — 93, of Bend OR died March 4, 2016.

Jane Robertson — 96, of Grass Valley CA died May 12, 2016.

Joe Varga — 71, of Vancouver WA died April 21, 2016.

Gayl West — 75, of Ocean Park WA died March 10, 2016.

NAP AND GNT

Four teams qualify for Washington NABC

By Hal Montgomery
D20 NA Events Coordinator

Over the last two weekends in May, District 20 held the Grand National Teams finals. A total of 29 teams competed online from locations throughout the district. The winners of each flight earned the right to represent D20 at the summer nationals in Washington DC.

Winners are listed with their pictures. District 20 provides in excess of \$1,800 in subsidies for each of the winning teams.

We had players competing from sites in 10 cities. The first weekend the open and B teams experienced substantial technical difficulties that were unpleasant for many. The second weekend in the A and C teams everything went smoothly. The second weekend could have been an advertisement for everything wonderful about online bridge.

Without making light of the problems, I would like to remind everybody what we accomplished. There were high school players on the winning teams in flights B and C. Our teams competed from five states across five time zones and everybody was home sleeping in their own beds at the end of the day. No one had to drive hours over or rent rooms in some distant city.

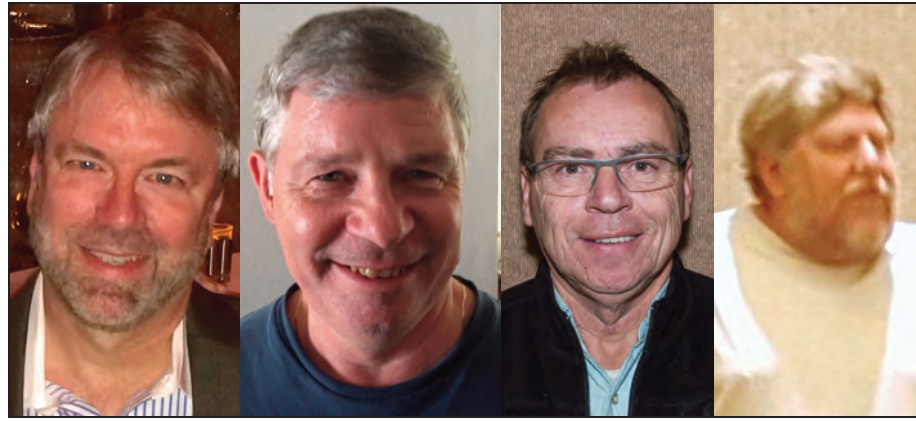
We have a challenge ahead of us to make online play work better for everybody. I will be working extensively with the D20 board to try to understand the causes of the problems and how we can do better in the future. One of the answers will be education. We ran a practice match for the Flight C teams on the day before they played. Many players took advantage of the opportunity to become more familiar with the process. I intend to offer future practice sessions before NAP and GNT events.

Playing against and watching the best can elevate your game. Many people around the district were interested in the event. It was easy for them to log into BBO to check the standings, follow their favorite team and watch the play. Online play benefits not only the participants but spectators as well. There were times when there were as many as 50 kibitzers watching the finals in the open and A flights.

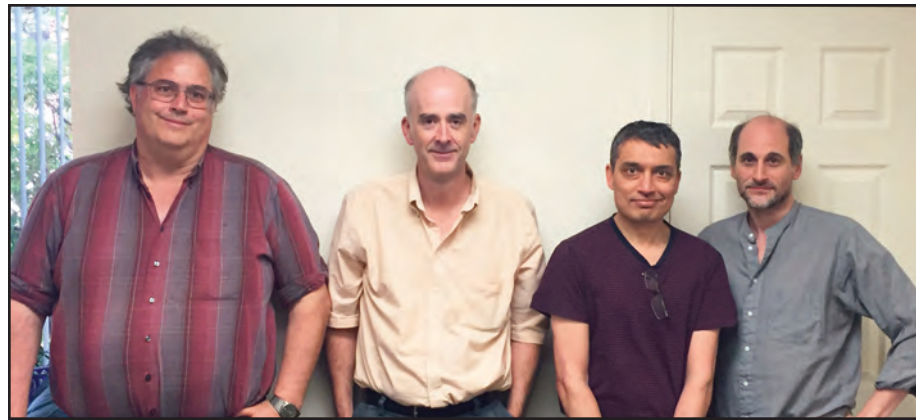
I hope you play online in our NAP district final in October or our GNT next spring. We will do everything we can to improve the experience.

I would like to identify players that our entire district is indebted to: the **Ratleys** in Redding, the **Newmans** in Nevada City, the **Clevelands** in Bend, **Arun Savara** in Honolulu, **Molly Harris** in Portland, **Sue Kroning** in Seaside, and the Bridge Cooperative in Boise. Their efforts hosting playing sites benefited all of us. I encourage you to email or write. I will try to incorporate suggestions and criticisms to make our events more appealing to our players in future years.

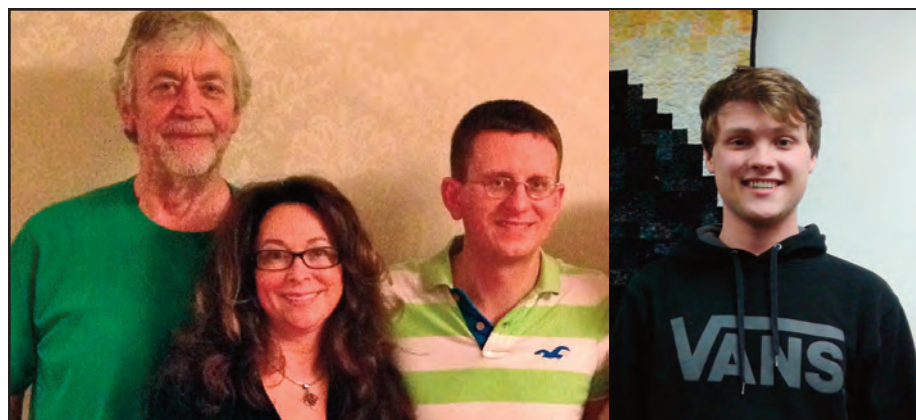
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Championship Flight: Eric Stoltz, Roger McNay, Huub Bertens and Jeff Roman.



Flight A: Hal Montgomery, David Straub, Atul Khare and Ed Freeman.



Flight B: Bob Wierman, July Ratley, Chip Dombrowski and Jake Olsen.



Flight C: David Muller, Roy Wilkinson, Louis Beauchet and Kevin Marnell.

District Board

Board makes plans for '17; hikes GNT fees

Seagram visit is sought; early start for next OTR

By Marie Ashton
D20 Business Manager

Your volunteer board worked very hard at the District 20 annual meeting held between sessions of two days at the Oregon Trail Regional in February. These meetings cover lots of ground with reports from committee heads for education, intermediate/newcomers, North American events, the Trumpet and the bylaws. In addition, the tournament coordinator reports as do the tournament and business managers.

Once a year, prior to the annual meeting, the finance committee reviews the operations of the district, including the financial report for the year and the proposed budget for the following year. The committee's recommendations are presented at the annual meeting and voted on by the board. This process is labor-intensive and everyone involved takes it very seriously. As district members, we can all be very thankful for our volunteers!

As alluded to by Rich Carle in the last Trumpet, the district had a loss last year (\$4,856) and expects to sustain a loss this year of nearly \$10,000. If we have a loss this year, it will be losses three years in a row, which reduces our cash reserves.

The reserves were \$187,659 at the end of the year, which is still in excess of the stated goal of \$175,000. Our reserves are necessary not only for contingencies, but also to give us a strong negotiating position for our tournament venues. We will be investing some of our reserves in Treasury securities to increase income.

The good news about our loss last year is that it was substantially smaller than projected. Our tournaments in Medford, Eugene and Seaside were all more successful than we guessed, and the North American events were, too.

Plans for 2017 regionals

The board approved inviting the popular speaker Barbara Seagram to the **Emerald Empire Regional** in Eugene in August 2017.

It also voted to increase the per-table fee for Grand National Team club-qualifying games from \$7 to \$8 per table and to slightly increase fees for district final participation.

We also now have a policy on the timing of expense reimbursements for the district winners in the North American events: Requests must be submitted by the end of the year of travel. It has always mystified me that some players delay submitting their forms.

Following a few other regionals across the country, District 20 will be in the forefront of trying a Monday afternoon game. The first trial will be at the **Oregon Trail Regional** in 2017.

Did you know that District 20 has a Facebook page? It is **The Trumpet - ACBL D20**. Find it at [facebook.com/d20trumpet](https://www.facebook.com/d20trumpet).

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the **Great Potato Regional** in Boise, Idaho.

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Teachers' Corner

Software lets students practice specific skills

Reno teachers meeting discusses ACBL resources

A roundtable for teachers and club owners was held at the Reno NABC. This was an informal meeting, headed by Patty Tucker, where we brainstormed problems and solutions with teaching veterans such as Barbara Seagram, Betty Starzec and **Chuck Hodel**. This event was well-attended and great resources were exchanged.

Tucker, the ACBL's 2016 honorary member, is the developer of the Learn Bridge in a Day? program.

One thing that came up in the roundtable discussion was how to help new bridge students practice skills they have just learned. The ACBL has a "Learn

to Play Bridge" website. The consensus was that the software by itself is not the best place for a brand new player to learn bridge — we still need teachers. However, modules within the software where a student can practice specific skills, such as the Stayman convention, are good for reinforcing lessons.



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

That site is www.learn2play-bridge.com. To see its convention-specific modules, click the "Learning Map" link on the left side of the home page, which will display a tree of the modules. Plans are in the works for more modules to be added.

Mary Alice Seville, my predecessor, began hosting teacher breakfasts at District 20 regionals years ago. These gatherings are a fabulous way to meet

other bridge teachers who are passionate about sharing their love for the game.

They also provide an opportunity to hear feedback from other teachers about what they are teaching, to receive a sympathetic ear regarding any problems that you may be having, and most of all to find support from kindred spirits. I plan to continue this tradition. At each regional, check the bulletin for time and location. We welcome all bridge teachers.

There are plans for another roundtable at the Summer NABC in Washington, D.C. It is scheduled for Monday, July 25, at 9:30 a.m. I strongly recommend that any bridge teachers and club owners who are in Washington set aside a couple of hours and attend this informational breakfast.

Deborah Lackey can be reached at Deborah@DeborahLackey.com.

THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Summer sectionals

Salem

The Salem Sectional will be held June 24–26 at the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center in Keizer OR. See acblid20.org or the spring issue for details.

Portland NLM

The Portland Summer NLM Sectional will be held July 16–17 at the Portland Bridge Club. See ad page 6 for details.

Medford

The Rogue Valley Summer Sectional will be held July 29–31 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad this page for details.

Yuba City

The Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held Aug. 5–7 at Whiteaker Hall in Yuba City CA. See ad page 5 for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Summer Sectional will be held Aug. 19–21 at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 5 for details.

Boise

The Boise Harvest Sectional will be held Sept. 9–11 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boise ID. See ad page 6 for details.

Eureka

The Eureka Sectional will be held Sept. 9–11 at the Humboldt Grange in Eureka CA. See ad page 7 for details.

Portland

The Portland Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 9–11 at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas OR. See ad page 7 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Boise Sweetheart (140 tables)

- 1 29.82 Michael Hurt, Boise ID
- 29.82 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 3 20.91 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 20.91 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 5 17.38 Jim Thomas, Boise ID
- 6 17.09 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 17.09 K.C. Jones, Boise ID
- 8 15.55 Shirley Tschannen, Twin Falls ID
- 15.55 Peggy Hackley, Twin Falls ID
- 10 11.42 John Zamboni, Caldwell ID
- 11 10.86 Lorinda Pearson, Ontario OR
- 12 10.64 Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID
- 13 10.57 Douglas Bullock, Boise ID
- 14 9.86 Leila Brauner, Meridian ID
- 9.86 Kathy Downen, Boise ID

Maui Snowbird (101 tables)

- 1 20.77 Norton Rimer, Kihei HI
- 20.77 Judy Rimer, Kihei HI
- 3 15.67 Ronald Resnick, Kula HI
- 4 14.77 John Millard, Kihei HI
- 5 14.57 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
- 6 13.43 Satish Gupta, Reno NV
- 7 13.33 Margaret Winslow, Dalton MA
- 8 11.97 Bruce Martin, Paia HI
- 9 9.61 Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI
- 10 9.27 Gary Donner, Bluffton SC
- 9.27 Christopher Young, San Diego CA

Big Island (95 tables)

- 1 14.23 Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
- 2 13.88 Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI
- 3 13.82 Richard Lanke, Honolulu HI
- 4 13.64 Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI
- 13.64 Mary Dee Overton, Waikoloa HI
- 6 11.99 Jim Cheney, Hilo HI
- 7 9.40 Barbara Kallaus, Kailua HI
- 8 8.98 Gary Post, Vancouver BC
- 9 7.94 Merle Wall, Victoria BC
- 7.94 David Buckman, Victoria BC

Honolulu (117 tables)

- 1 21.63 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 2 20.69 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 3 20.34 Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI

- 4 19.62 Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
- 5 17.10 Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
- 6 15.21 Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
- 7 14.22 Wallace Young, Honolulu HI
- 14.22 Alain Schreiber, Bellevue WA
- 9 13.26 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
- 10 12.50 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
- 11 11.29 Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
- 7 8.94 Carol Huston, Chico CA
- 8 8.91 Don Johnson, Smartville CA
- 8.91 Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA
- 10 8.89 Jenni Boles, Chico CA

Redding Spring (79 tables)

- 1 19.96 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 2 16.99 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 3 12.14 Marilyn Avey, Redding CA
- 4 12.11 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 12.11 Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 6 11.30 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
- 11.30 David Wilmington, Eureka CA
- 8 11.22 Gail Lonnberg, Redding CA
- 9 11.18 Jack Woodard, Chico CA
- 11.18 Danny O'Brooklyn, Yuba City CA

Vancouver Spring (95 tables)

- 1 18.17 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 18.17 Connie Coquille, Vancouver WA
- 3 16.23 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 4 10.36 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
- 5 9.68 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 9.68 David Brower, Portland OR
- 7 9.01 Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 8 8.17 Janie Percy, Vancouver WA
- 9 8.13 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 10 8.05 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 8.05 Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR

Rogue Valley Spring (107 tables)

- 1 17.66 James Lopes, La Quinta CA
- 2 15.54 Ed McClure, Klamath Falls OR
- 3 13.53 Sharon Fauss, Central Point OR
- 13.53 Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR
- 5 13.05 Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR
- 6 12.64 Kemble Yates, Ashland OR
- 7 11.09 Michael Pavlik, Ashland OR
- 8 10.66 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 10.66 Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 10 10.52 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA

Seaside (185 tables)

See page 13 for these results.

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2016/2017 North American Pairs ACBL District 20

Win a subsidized trip to Kansas City, Mo.! Three pairs in each flight will earn the privilege to compete at the spring NABCs NAP Finals.

NAP club qualifying games are held in June, July, and August. Two such games per sanctioned session are permitted: each pay ½ Red-½ Black masterpoints at sectional rating. Players qualify as individuals and can form new partnerships for the D20 Finals. Check with your club for dates of qualifying games.

District Finals

The District 20 NAP Finals are online at various sites around the district.

Date	Event	MP limits
Saturday, Oct. 8	Flight A	unlimited
Sunday, Oct. 9	Flight B	under 2500
Saturday, Oct. 8	Flight C	NLM (< 500)

Start times: 8 a.m. in HI, 11 a.m. PDT in OR, noon MDT in Boise.
Format: All flights play two sessions with combined scoring across the field.
Venues: Playing sites are planned in Boise, Bend, Honolulu, Medford, Portland, Redding, Vancouver and other cities at clubs or at other places where participation warrants. At least two pairs and a monitor are required at each site. Contact your club, NAP Coordinator or D20 Area representative in your area for details.
Conventions: The ACBL Mid-Chart conventions may be used in Flight A and D20 allows Mid-Chart defenses to the opponents' INT openings in all events.
Awards: The Finals pay gold points for overall awards and red points for sectional places.
Fees: Player entry fees are \$22 per pair per session.

National Finals

The top three pairs in each flight will be invited to compete in the National Finals against the other district finalists. These pairs receive subsidies from both D20 and ACBL including free entry fees. The National Finals will be held during the Spring NABCs in March 2017 at Kansas City, Mo. Visit http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/kansas-city-mo-spring-nabc-2017-march-9-19/

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Look on the ACBL website for additional details, including the Conditions of Contest, at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf> Or, contact the district NAP Coordinator Hal Montgomery at dewitt@imaginata.com, phone (503) 777-3037.



Unit 484

GRAND RE-OPENING!

Summer Sectional

**Friday-Sunday
July 29-31**

*at the newly refurbished
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center!
4149 S. Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon
Reception Friday after the second session!*

SCHEDULE

Friday, July 29 (single sessions)

- 299er Pairs (0-300)*10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Stratified Open pairs10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 30 (single sessions available)

- 299er Pairs (0-300)*10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Stratified Open pairs **play through**10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 31

- Swiss Teams, stratified by avg. MPs10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Afternoon sessionTBA

Lunch available between sessions

*299er games depend on player availability

HOSTS AND INFORMATION

Director: Steve Kaessner
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Partnerships: Gee Gee Walker,
 541-292-3474, ggwalker@gmail.com
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Special bridge rates at America's Best Inns & Suites, 300 Pear Tree Lane, Phoenix, Ore. (go east off of exit 24); \$70+tax. RV parking and hook-ups available behind hotel. Call 541-535-4445, ask for bridge rates.

PLAYER FEES

\$9 per player per session (\$12 non- and unpaid ACBL members); \$8 per player with fewer than 50 MPs (\$11 non- or unpaid ACBL members).

DIRECTIONS

From north or south, take exit 24 off of I-5 near Medford, go west on Fern Valley Road, turn right at S. Pacific Hwy., go one block to bridge center on the right.

STRATIFICATIONS

- A = 1500+
- B = 750-1500
- C = 0-750

Sanction No. 1607039

The Bidding Toolbox

How RKCB bidders ask about the queen of trumps

We all use some kind of ace-asking or keycard-asking bid in search of a possible slam. Instead of the plain-vanilla Blackwood, many players use some version of **Roman KeyCard Blackwood**. An important advantage of RKCB is that it incorporates a queen-ask component.

A keycard, of course, is any ace and the king of trumps. There are two popular versions of RKCB, both using 4NT as the asking bid. In the original version, the first step (5♣) indicates zero or three, and the second step (5♦) indicates one or four. This is sometimes called 3014.

In 1430, the first two steps are reversed; the first step (5♣) shows one or four keycards and the second step (5♦) shows three or zero.

In either version, the third step (5♥) shows two keycards without the queen, and the fourth step (5♠) shows two keycards with the queen. (The third and fourth steps can also show all five keycards, but such a response is rare considering that a player asking for keycards is highly unlikely to hold none at all.)

When responder replies in either of the first two steps, you don't know whether she has the queen. To find out, you simply bid the next suit up (but not the trump suit). Let's say the trump suit is hearts and partner responds to RKCB with 5♣. To ask about the queen, you bid 5♦.

If partner had responded to RKCB with

5♦, you would have to bid 5♠ (skipping the trump suit). Remember that if hearts or a minor is trump, the response forces the contract to at least the six level, so by asking you are telling partner you are interested in a grand.

Responding to queen ask

So how do you respond when partner asks about the queen of trumps?

If you have the queen, you bid your lowest-ranking king. Thus, if it goes 4NT – 5♣; 5♦ (queen ask), and you bid 5♠, you're saying you have the queen plus the ♠K. If, instead, you bid 6♣, you're saying you have the queen plus the ♣K, but you deny the ♠K.

If you have the queen and but no king, you simply bid six of the trump suit.

If you do not have the queen, you bid five of the trump suit: 4NT – 5♣; 5♦ (queen ask) – 5♥ (I don't have the queen). Partner is then free to leave the contract in five or bid the small slam.

In those cases when five of the trump suit has already been bypassed, sign off in six of your suit without the queen. If you have the queen, show a side king if you can, or jump to seven of your suit.

A hard-to-show king

If the trump suit is hearts and you have responded 5♦ to RKCB and partner bids 5♠ (queen ask), there is a wrinkle when you do have the queen but your only king is spades. In this case, bidding 6♠ forces the contract to the seven level. To avoid this scenario, bid 5NT instead. It says you have the queen plus the ♠K. It can't mean anything else. This gives partner the flexibility to stop in six or go to seven.

The same situation could occur when

your agreed trump suit is a minor, 5♥ is used as the queen-ask, and the only king you have is the ♥K. Since 6♥ would force to the seven level, 5NT can show the king of the suit that was used to ask.

Lying about the queen

There are situations when you say you have the queen when in fact you do not. For example, if you know your side has 10 or more trumps, you don't really need the queen. Partner's opening promised a five-card suit. If you have five or more in trump support, you can respond to the queen ask as if you had it.

Another option

There is one aspect of RKCB that fewer players use. That is when responder replies to 4NT with 5♣ or 5♦. You don't want to be in slam if partner has the lower number of keycards, so you bid five of your suit. When partner has the higher number, she can treat this as the queen ask. Even if the Blackwooder has the queen himself, he gains more information about the hand. It's a nice additional tool of RKCB.

Jim Flint is a member of Unit 484 and can be reached at pubathome@yahoo.com.



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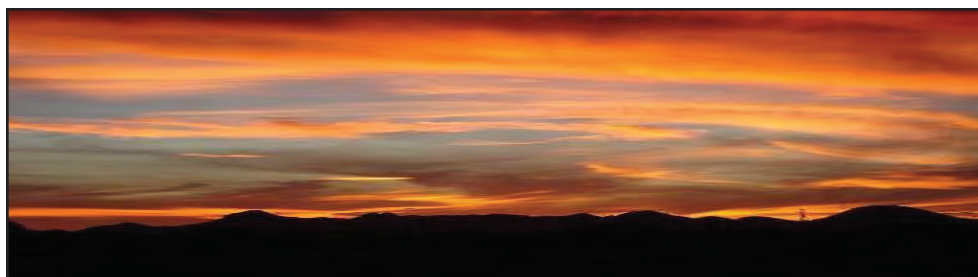
The Bidding Toolkit

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Welcome!

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"Smallest mountain range in the world"

Sutter Buttes Sectional Aug. 5-7, 2016

Whiteaker Hall: 44 Second Street, Yuba City, CA

Open Games

Strat A: 2,000 + mp

Strat B: 750 - 2,000 mp

Strat C: 0 - 750 mp

(Stratified based on pair average)

Entry Fees

ACBL member: \$10 per person per session

Non/unpaid member: \$13 per person per session

Lunch

Available for purchase on Sunday

Friday, Aug. 5

10:30 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)
299er Pairs*

3:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)
299er Pairs*

Saturday, Aug. 6

10:30 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (Double Session
Single-Session pairs welcome)
(Regionally-rated Fund Game)
299er Pairs*

3:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (Second Session,
Single-Session pairs welcome)
299er Pairs*

Sunday, Aug. 7

10:30 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams

Start Time for Second Session TBA.

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Sanction

#1608084

VANCOUVER USA SECTIONAL

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



Friday, Aug. 19

Stratified Open Pairs.....10 a.m.
Paul Gabalis Stratified Open Pairs.....3 p.m.
299er Stratified Pairs.....10 a.m.
299er Stratified Pairs..... 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Stratified Open Pairs.....10 a.m.: 3 p.m.
299er Stratified Pairs10 a.m.
Garland Wilson 299er Stratified Pairs.....3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Memorial Strati-flighted Swiss Teams..... 10 a.m. & TBA
*Stratified Fast Pairs (Single Session)10 a.m.

*Field stratified by director based on entries

Open Strats	299er Strats	Team Strats
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A = 2000+	A = 150-300	A = 3000+
B = 750-2000	B = 50-150	AX = 0-3000
C = 0-750	C = 50	B = 750-2000
		C = 300-750
		D = 0-300

Scoring: 20-Point Victory Scale

STRATS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE BASED ON THE
AVERAGE MASTERPOINT HOLDING OF THE PAIR OR TEAM

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Sanction Number: S 1608044

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Club Info: Phone: (360) 737-3772, Website: www.acbld20.org/vbc

Entry Fee: \$9; \$12 for unpaid and non-ACBL members, 0 – 5 masterpoints play free

FREE Coffee, tea, water and snacks



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The Portland Bridge Club invites you to the ...

Summer NLM Sectional

♥ SATURDAY, JULY 16 ♥

11 a.m. Stratified NLM Pairs (Session 1 of 2)*
 A: 200-500 B: 50-200 C: 0-50^

4 p.m. Stratified NLM Pairs (Session 2 of 2)*
 A: 200-500 B: 50-200 C: 0-50^

♥ SUNDAY, JULY 17 ♥

11 a.m. Stratified NLM Teams (Two Sessions) & TBD
 A: 200-500 B: 50-200 C: 0-50

* Single session entrants permitted. Please inform the director.
 ^ Stratifications are based upon the average of the pair/team's masterpoints. All players must be Non-Life Masters to participate in the event. Strat limits may be adjusted based upon attendance (lowest third=C, middle third=B, top third=A).

Complimentary snacks and beverages will be plentiful.

Stay after the game on Saturday for bridge discussion and refreshments with your hosts, Dave and Linda.

Linda's kitchen will be back in action, providing a tasty, home-cooked meal between sessions on Sunday. Cost: \$7

Sanction No. S1607099

Tournament Chair: Amy Casanova, 503.753.9395; amy@portlandbridgeclub.com
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 Director in Charge: Chris Wiegand

Table fees: ACBL members, \$9; non- and unpaid, \$12; New players (0-5) play free!

All events will be played at the Portland Bridge Club, 8383 NE Sandy Blvd., Suite 300.
 Space is limited; arrive early to ensure your space! www.portlandbridgeclub.com

Boise Unit 394 **Boise Fall Sectional**

Sept. 9-11, 2016
Wyndham Garden Hotel
 3300 S. Vista Ave.
 Boise, Idaho 83705
 (208) 343-4900



Friday, September 9
 1 and 6 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)
 1 p.m.: 0-100 pairs (single session)

Saturday, September 10
 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs (two-session play through)
 11 a.m.: 0-100 pairs (single session)

Sunday, September 11
 10 a.m.: Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
 10 a.m.: 0-100 Swiss Teams (single session)

Masterpoint Ranges
A=unlimited
B=500-1500
C=0-500

- Stratification for pair and team events by average masterpoints
 - \$10/session for ACBL members, \$13 for unpaid or non-ACBL player per session for pairs games
 - \$120 per Swiss team Sunday includes lunch
 - \$40 per 0-99 Single-session Swiss Teams

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the Rockwell and 14th in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. **Yasuko Shrenzel** of Honolulu was 12th in the IMP Pairs. In regional events, D20 players won three bracket 1 knockouts. The Boise team of **Suzanne St. Thomas, Carol and Duane Christensen** and **Kathy Downen** won the Monday-Tuesday Daylight KO. **Bob Wierman** and **July Ratley** of Redding won the Saturday-Monday Morning KO. **John Zamboni** of Caldwell ID and **Dan Hoekstra** of Portland won the Monday Compact KO. **Garth Gregory** of Chico CA won the Wednesday Daylight Open Pairs; **Ian Kirk** and **Margi Redden** were first in X. **Jeff Jacob** was second on Thursday during his break from directing. Two won Daylight Gold Rush Pairs events: **Clyde Coon** of Boise on Monday and **George Kuppler** of Brookings OR on Thursday. **Mark Phelps** and **Sharon Hebert**, both from Eureka CA placed second in two bracket 1 compact knockouts.

Only one can open: Why overcalls are different

Sherry Squirrel was so excited to be in Bend for the **High Desert Regional**. She could hardly wait to hear **Jeff Roman's** talk. She hoped to attend as many talks as possible.

She heard that there would be wine, beer and hard cider at the I/N party on Wednesday. With these thoughts in mind, she heads to find her table and new partner, **Sammy Snake**.

It is the first night, and here is her first hand (*Sherry's point of view*):

♠J 4 3 ♥Q 9 5 3 ♦A Q 9 ♣K Q 3



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Left-hand opponent passes, **Sammy** passes, and right-hand opponent opens 1♣! Dang, I was going to open that. Now what will I bid?

Balanced hand, but not enough for 1NT and I do not have five hearts. Maybe I will just "open" 1♦. Left-hand opponent makes a negative double

(sure glad I did not bid 1♥). My partner bids 2♦. Opener bids 2♠, and I "support" my partner with 3♦. I do have 14 points! Next, 3♠ is bid on my left, then pass, pass. I guess I may have bid enough, so reluctantly, I pass. This has been the auction:

Sherry	Opp	Sammy	Opp
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dbl	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

But now, what should I lead?

She opened a club on my right, he implied both majors, and **Sammy** and I bid diamonds. Good enough to bid, good enough to lead, I guess. I was told never to underlead an ace in a suit contract. So I pop my ♦A on the table. Partner signals that he likes it!

This is the dummy. Gosh, how many points can partner have?

♠K Q 5 2 ♥J 10 7 2 ♦8 6 3 ♣A 4

I continue with the ♦Q, at which point my partners' eyes narrow when opener wins with the king. Have you heard a snake hiss at the table? Well I could swear I heard it when **Sammy's** jack held later in the round. But nothing was said.

Here is the full hand. You can figure out what you might have done.

Dr: North	♠ K Q 5 2	♠ 10 9
Vul: Both	♥ J 10 7 2	♥ K 6
	♦ 8 6 3	♦ J 7 5 2
	♣ A 4	♣ J 9 8 6 5
	♠ J 4 3	♠ A 8 7 6
	♥ Q 9 5 3	♥ A 8 4
	♦ A Q 9	♦ K 10 4
	♣ K Q 3	♣ 10 7 2

For help, see Bidding and Leads. There you will find **Sammy Snake's** remarks, which he shared with me later — without the hissing — over a glass of wine.

For more fun, join the play in **Boise**, in August, where there will be a great I/N

Bidding and Leads

by **Sammy Snake**

You cannot "open" if someone else opens first. (Instead, you can overcall.)

Convenient minors do not work for overcalls. An overcall promises at least five in the bid suit.

If you have no bid you most likely should pass (in tempo).

I supported your suit with only 5 HCP, but only because I had four of your diamonds, so I counted the distribution.

In my humble opinion, the negative double was the only correct bid after opener's, and that includes my own 2♦. I didn't have enough to bid, but once I did, opener didn't have enough to make an unforced second bid.

If you hold an ace-queen combination, do not lead either of them. If declarer holds the king, you are giving them a trick. Leading the ace promises either the king or shortness in that suit.

party. **Seaside** in the fall will be total kick-in-the-pants bridge, because it attracts both beginners and pros. It might rain or it might not, but who cares if we are at the card table?

This year looks to be a busy one for District 20! Write me, Margi, if you have any questions about **Sherry Squirrel**. All characters are fictitious, but the hands and auction were real.

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



Unit 458 Presents Eureka California Sectional* Sept. 9-11, 2016

Humboldt Grange Hall, South Eureka
(Humboldt Hill Road exit 701 off U.S Highway 101; hall on left across from Country Club Market)

Friday, Sept. 9

11 a.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, single session

4 p.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, single session

Saturday, Sept. 10

12:30 & 6 p.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, double session play through with option of playing only one session

Sunday, Sept. 11

10 a.m. & TBA — Swiss Teams
Catered sandwich lunch for a fee

Cost: \$10 per session;
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Stratification — A: open,
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FRIDAY, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m., single session pairs
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Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

FRIDAY, Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

SATURDAY, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m., Pairs
Stratiflighted Open Pairs, two-session playthrough (but single session entries welcome)
Flight AX (plays separately), A=3000+, X=0-3000
Flight BCD: B (1250-2000), C (750-1250), D (0-750)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified), one session events
Novice pairs (0-100, play separately if # of tables permit)

SATURDAY, Sept. 10, 3:30 p.m., Pairs
Stratiflighted Open Pairs, two-session playthrough (but single session entries welcome)
Flight AX (plays separately), A=3000+, X=0-3000
Flight BCD: B (1250-2000), C (750-1250), D (0-750)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified), one session events
Novice pairs (0-100, play separately if # of tables permit)

SUNDAY, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (AX, BCD) VPs
Flight AX (A=3000+, AX=0-3000), plays separately
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/AX.

All brackets determined by average masterpoints of team

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All pair STRATS determined by average masterpoints of pair, but AX, BCD & non LM masterpoints limits apply

ACBL players (0-5) play FREE! (non-members \$3)

*Down-graded sectional; silver points 65% of normal silver points

Gibson, Wiegand take overalls in NAP, Platinum Pairs in Reno

By Chris Gibson
The Trumpet

I went to the nationals in Reno, planning on playing every day in national events unless we were knocked out. The first two events, the North American Pairs and the Platinum Pairs, I played with my regular partner, Chris Wiegand. She and I play a Precision variant, with a 1♦ opener that could be as short as zero diamonds, five-card majors and a 14-16 INT.

NAP Flight A – first qualifying

During the first qualifying session, Chris and I scored just under a 55%. We were aided by opponent mistakes — for example, our opponents were among several who bid 7♦ off the ♦K, and the finesse was off.

Opponents gave us a complete top when they decided to bid 3NT at all red over my big club opening. I had 20 HCP:

♠AJ1054 ♥AJ ♦QJ5 ♣AQJ.

Declarer in 3NT had:

♠K8 ♥K3 ♦AK97642 ♣K4.

I doubled. Partner led a club and found dummy with a zero count. I took the ♣A and forced out the ♣K. Declarer played off the ♦A-K and a diamond to me, and then was squeezed when I cashed the third club, having to throw a winning diamond to maintain a guard in both majors. At this point I just played ♥A and a heart, and declarer was endplayed into giving us the last two spades.

Against a contract that had to be anti-field, there was no need to try for more than down two by going after spades. Indeed, we were one of only four North-South pairs in our section to go plus; even setting it one would yield a top.

NAP – second qualifying

During the second qualifying session we had an even better game than the afternoon, with a 59%, propelling us into the fifth place qualifying spot. Here we scored all of our trump on defense.

Dir: South ♠AQJ963
Vul: E-W ♥107
♦962
♣108

♠2 ♠K74
♥KJ98 ♥AQ543
♦5 ♦AKJ107
♣J965432 ♣—
♠1085
♥62
♦Q843
♣AKQ7

Wiegand	Declarer	Gibson	Dummy
Pass	1♣	Dbl	1♣
2♥	2♠	4♣	Rdbl
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

At my last turn, I should have made a forcing pass to show that I was even better for offense than my 4♣ showed, but I



Photos by Peg Kaplan

Chris Gibson, left, and Chris Wiegand placed 13th in NAP Flight A and 27th in the Platinum Pairs in Reno.

made a mistake and doubled. I started off with the ♦K (showing the ace).

Partner followed with the ♦5, and declarer with the 6. We play upside-down count and attitude with count being a priority in this situation (Q in dummy), so I knew that declarer had another diamond — partner would have signaled with her highest diamond with three of them to make sure that her signal was clear, and the ♦9 was missing.

I continued with my ♦A, and was relieved when partner pitched a middle club. When I continued the ♦10 (forcing the ♦Q), partner was able to read the hand/my signal and gave me a club ruff with the ♣9. I underled my ♥A-Q to partner's ♥K, and she played back the ♣J, giving me a ruff and asking for a heart return. I decided to trust partner's suit-preference signal, and underled a second time to partner's ♥J. Chris finished the defense by playing a third club, which declarer ruffed with the ♠Q, and was overruffed.

Upon looking at the recap, it was actually important for us to get 1100, because two pairs were in 5♥ doubled making six, for 1050. Of the pairs in 6♥, two made it and one didn't; several also were held to 5♥ when they didn't bid slam, as there is actually quite a bit of work to do to get rid of West's clubs, so in retrospect we may have gotten to the spot with the best risk-reward ratio.

NAP – first final

The first final we were a touch over average, and dropped to eighth place overall. One of the highlights was a coup pulled off by Chris.

Dir: North ♠4
Vul: None ♥3
♦A1072
♣A1097652
♠985 ♠AQ1072
♥A10987 ♥KQJ62
♦KQ83 ♦—
♣K ♣Q43

♠KJ63
♥54
♦J9654
♣J8

Wiegand Opponent Gibson Opponent
3♣ 4♣ Pass
5♥ All Pass

She held the West hand, and over my Michaels bid, she chose 5♥ — which we play a general slam try saying that she had too much to bid 4♥, but not enough to force to slam opposite a minimum. I didn't have a hard decision, since I had already overbid my hand.

Her LHO led the ♣A, looked at dummy and scowled. He continued with a club, playing his partner for the singleton. Chris played low, ruffed in hand, and pulled trump in two rounds ending in dummy.

She then played the ♣Q, pitching a spade, played the ♠A, throwing her 9, and played a low spade. RHO ducked smoothly, not wanting to set up an easy ruffing finesse by playing an honor, and was shocked when Chris came up with the ♠8, stealing the 12th trick (one club, three spades including the long one, and eight trump tricks with three ruffs in each hand).

NAP – second final

Both Chris and I were struggling, though we still had some successes. We scored a 47%, which dropped us to 13th overall, only the second time I've ever placed in a national pairs event, and also my highest.

Platinum Pairs – day 1

The next day Chris and I started the Platinum Pairs, which is the toughest national pairs event on the calendar. In the first qualifying session, I made one of the biggest mistakes of the entire event.

Dir: East ♠AK852
Vul: N-S ♥10862
♦97
♣Q6
♠J10764 ♠—
♥973 ♥KQ54
♦3 ♦AKQ65
♣K1085 ♣A974
♠Q93
♥AJ
♦J10842
♣J32

Opponent	Gibson	Opponent	Wiegand
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
Dbl	All Pass	Pass	Pass

When 2♣ was passed to me, I couldn't stand it and balanced with 2♥ on my crappy four-card suit, hoping to hit part-

ner with a fit. I decided that LHO's double was for penalty (they had no agreement), and when it came back to me, I corrected to 2♠, which was also doubled.

East led the ♦K, which held, and followed with the ♦Q, upon which RHO pitched a heart. Lefty, reasonably thinking I had five hearts for this auction, continued with the ♦A, allowing his partner to shake another heart while I ruffed low. I then led a heart up to the ace, LHO splitting his honors, and RHO following with his third heart.

I had a reasonable picture of the hand at that point — I reasoned that spades were 5-0. The heart pitches and auction made sense if RHO had three small hearts, so that gave LHO 0=4=5=4 shape, and RHO 5=3=1=4 shape.

I decided to lead my good ♦J off dummy, giving RHO a problem — he had to ruff, weakening his trump holding. He decided to ruff with the ♠6, allowing me to over-ruff with the ♠8. I then led a heart to the jack, lefty taking his other heart honor. Now LHO gave his partner another problem by underleading the ♣A.

When I played low, RHO, having seen 14 HCP come out of his partner's hand, made the decision to play me for the ♣A and inserted the ♣10 instead of the king. I gratefully took my ♣Q and returned a club. Lefty won his ♣A and returned a diamond, ruffed by his partner with the ♠7, as I pitched a heart.

The ♠J came back, which I won in hand, then ruffed the ♥10 with the ♠Q in dummy; now I had a trump coup (or finessing) position with my ♠A-5 over RHO's ♠10-4, to take the final two tricks and score up my doubled contract.

So given that we made 2♠ doubled, what was my big mistake? It was sitting north; I entered the score as the opponents making 2♠ doubled instead of us, a swing of a full board. Luckily our opponents turned in a score correction even before we did, boosting us up to a 52% on the session.

In the second session we had a 56%, mostly capitalizing on opponents' mistakes, and easily qualified for day two.

Platinum Pairs – day 2

On day 2, we started off with a 52% session. I was relegated to south for the rest of the tournament due to my day one mistake. I picked up:

♠Q3 ♥A9872 ♦AKJ7 ♣Q3.

This is actually a problem hand for me playing Precision; our 1♥/1♠ openers are limited to 15 HCP, but if I do open 1♣, partner is going to force to game on too many hands where it is inappropriate to be there given my short-suit queens. I decided to compromise by opening a 14-16 INT, and played it there, buying this dummy:

♠J64 ♥43 ♦10965 ♣10742.

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Bend star completes year on new team with two NABC wins

As part of the high-powered team sponsored by Richie Schwartz, Huub Bertens of Bend has won national events at each of the last two NABCs — the Jacoby Open Swiss in Reno and the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match in Denver last fall. Last summer, in his first NABC playing on the Schwartz team, he had a front-row seat to the beginning of the infamous cheating scandal, as his team's loss in the quarterfinal of the Spingold prompted teammate Boye Brogeland to investigate opponents Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz. Here, Huub recounts his experiences since the Trumpet last featured him three years ago.



Huub Bertens

By Huub Bertens
Special to The Trumpet

After leaving my home in the Netherlands, I arrived in Bend in late 2012, with my wife Jeanne van den Meiracker and plans to play in three national events. Before I knew it, I was also participating in regional events, winning often. Jeanne began part-time work directing ACBL

tournaments. And we both fell in love with beauty of our desert surroundings.

I also became good friends with Curtis Cheek, one of the best players in the United States. He and I agreed to become partners starting at a future date, and given that we both had other commitments, decided that date would be sometime in 2016.

In the three years between then and now, Curtis and I played together on occa-

sion when we could. One opportunity came when we were invited to play in the 2014 U.S. Open Trials to represent the United States at the 2015 Bermuda Bowl. Although we lost the quarterfinals, we must have made a good impression because we were then asked to represent Team USA in the 2014 World Mind Games in Beijing. Thanks to the outstanding play of our teammates, we managed to win a silver medal.

In early 2015 I learned that the Spring NABC would be my own team's last game under the sponsorship of our then-longtime client. It was a big setback, but in less than a week I had three offers for the next cycle. I agreed to one of them, but for only one year because of my commitment to Curtis.

Thus began my play on the Richie Schwartz team that included Allan Graves, Boye Brogeland, playing with Espen

Lindqvist, and Canada's top player, Daniel Korbel. At our first NABC, in Chicago, we easily reached the quarterfinals of the 2015 Spingold. In a truly amazing match, playing against the powerful Jimmy Cayne team, we came out winners by a single IMP.

Those of you familiar with this story know what happened next. A protest was lodged by the Israeli pair of Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz, whose earlier decision to join the Cayne team had opened up the slots on the Richie Schwartz team that Daniel and I filled. We lost the appeal.

When we reviewed the boards that night, we discovered a number of disturbing things — misclaims, unlikely bids and leads, and more. Boye decided to look deeper into the whole matter.

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Aug. 8-14, 2016



SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUG. 8

Charity Pairs
(part of Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series)
Stratified Charity Swiss

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

Snake River KO Teams
Morning Side Game Series

City of Trees KO Teams
Stratified Pairs
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
Boise Side Game Series

City of Trees KO Teams
Stratified Pairs
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series
Ontario Stratified Swiss

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

Snake River KO Teams
Morning Side Game Series

City of Trees KO Teams
Three Strat Open Pairs
♦ Gold Point Pairs
Boise Side Game Series

City of Trees KO Teams
Three Strat Open Pairs
♦ Gold Point Pairs
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

Snake River KO Teams
Morning Side Game Series

Treasure Valley KO Teams
Stratified Pairs
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs
Boise Side Game Series

7 pm THURSDAY, AUG. 11 (CONT.)
Treasure Valley KO Teams 2 of 4
Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs 1 of 1
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 4 of 6
Shoshone Stratified Swiss Teams 1 of 1

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

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FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Sawtooth Swiss Teams 1 of 2
Morning Side Game Series 4 of 5
Treasure Valley KO Teams 3 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
Boise Side Game Series 4 of 5
Treasure Valley KO Teams 4 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 5 of 6

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

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2 of 2
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SATURDAY AUGUST 13
Sawtooth Swiss Teams 2 of 2
Morning Side Game Series 5 of 5
Hells Canyon Compact KO Teams 1 of 2
Three Strat Open Pairs 1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
Boise Side Game Series 5 of 5
Hells Canyon Compact KO Teams 2 of 2
Three Strat Open Pairs 2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 6 of 6
Lewis and Clark Stratified Swiss 1 of 1

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Two sessions 10 am & TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams BCD



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STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Pairs: Open/2000/1250.
Gold Point Pairs: 750/300/200.
Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750.
299er Stratified Pairs: A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X: (20 vp; plays alone) A: 3000+; X: 0-3000.
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams BCD: (20 vp) B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500.
♠ Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.

♣ Midchart Conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/AX & top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events.
♣ One bracket KO may be handicapped.
♥ Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events
♦ Speakers, Mini-lessons, Party, Prize beads



TABLE FEES

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Dads: Diverse families include biological, adopted, foster children, grandchildren

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On a weekend when he has his girls, family commitments absolutely come first. Between homework, dance, gymnastics and soccer, Breckenridge says there's really no time for bridge on those weekends. "My time with the girls is limited, so when they are with me, I rarely get away," he says.

And since Breckenridge is also a working dad, he has less free time than most bridge players. "Luckily, here in the valley, we do have night and weekend games available, so I can end up playing pretty frequently." But tournaments are another story.

"Vacation time is very limited, so every year I have to decide which tournaments I am able to put on the schedule," he said. "There are always ones I would like to attend but can't make time for." Pentiction is one particular tournament that he's hoping to get to someday. "They always hold it over Father's Day weekend," he says. "The girls are now in sixth and 10th grade, so maybe I'll be able to get up there within the next decade — hopefully."

Irva Neyhart, his partner and girlfriend, says Breckenridge is always excited when he gets to play. But family is his priority. "As a dad, he very much enjoys spending time with his daughters," she said. "I think they know how much they are loved. He does sacrifice his own activities to allow them to do things they want to do."

Like most bridge parents, Breckenridge says he would be more than happy to pass the game along if they ever showed interest. He's tried with Siri, but "she is too interested in other things."

Hal Montgomery

Hal Montgomery of Portland and his wife, Kate, have been foster parents for the last nine years. In that time they've provided a transition to 26 young men coming from Oregon Youth Authority.

"We both enjoyed raising our own three children and thought that this would be something useful that we could do for the community," he said. "The kids who are with us now are young men who have completed treatment and are just about ready to transition out into the real world."

As you can imagine, parenting foster children requires a lot of time away from the bridge table. But not as much as raising their own children.

"With our own kids we went to every PTA meeting, every back-to-school night and all of their performances," Montgomery said, noting all the school sporting events and club tournaments. It continued in college. "One weekend we saw five games: Phoenix, Berkeley, Phoenix, Berkeley and Santa Clara," he said. As a result of all of this traveling, he says they stopped playing bridge for about 18 years.

"Hal was a very active bridge player until his children appeared on the scene," said Mark Tolliver, who has known Hal for 30 years. "Hal virtually disappeared, putting in only occasional appearances until the children were all grown and off on their own."

Now, as foster parents, Hal says he and Kate continue to put family first. "With our foster boys, we are required to know where they are supposed to be at all times," he said. "We have to know they are home every night."

Although their foster kids are older and often working, the Montgomerys have gone to many graduations, court hearings and foster parent picnics.

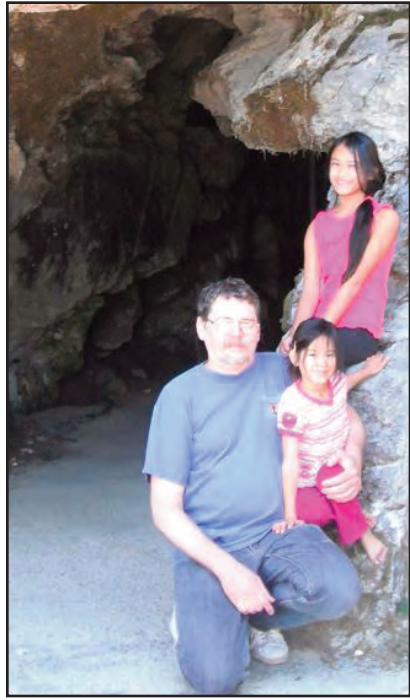
"There is plenty of time for bridge," he said. "There are too few family events."

The Montgomerys foster as a transition house. The boys are with the couple for 3 to 18 months as Hal and Kate help them learn to budget their time and money, how to shop at grocery stores, how to cook "real meals," and how to get a job — among other things.

And their efforts haven't gotten unnoticed. They've been featured in the Oregon Foster Parents magazine.



Kevin Kacmarynski has a 10-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.



Brian Breckenridge, left, with his daughters; Jim and Pam Wheeler with two grandsons who live with them.



Because of the enormous commitment they've taken on, Hal says Kate hasn't played much recently. When they go to tournaments, it's usually one at a time so someone is with the boys — unless they come along: three of them have been cad-dies. Hal has been playing a little more, at least locally, and has found another reason to be at the club. "I have started teaching some beginning classes. I have been enjoying it."

Beyond his love for the game, Montgomery has greatly appreciated the support he's seen from his friends in the bridge community. "Our friends have listened with sympathy, caring and understanding as they have shared their problems."

Kevin Kacmarynski

Our next busy bridge dad has two school-aged children at home, something that sets him apart from most bridge players. "My kids, like kids of non-bridge players, have plenty of school-related activities as well as extracurricular activities that my wife and I want to attend," said Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth, Ore.

Between his family, bridge and career as a process improvement expert for HP, Kacmarynski has a lot to manage. "Juggling work, family, and bridge does take some work," he said. But Kacmarynski makes it work, often bringing one (or both) of his children to his Sunday unit game. "Part of this is to see if I can get them interested in the game and part of it is to ensure that my wife doesn't need to manage more than one child on her own while I'm gone for six hours," he explains.

His children are well-behaved at the club, which makes it easier to blend his family life with his bridge life.

"My 7-year old likes to sit on my lap and help me turn the cards when my hand is dummy," he said. "I insist that whichever child is with me on a given day needs to kibitz for a few rounds before I allow them to play quietly on the side of the room."

ing the seed of the kids learning bridge for the past year. "Bridge is a wonderful game for developing planning, problem-solving and math skills," he explains. "It also teaches the importance of teamwork and reinforces the drive for continuous personal improvement in all of these areas. And it helps develop these skills in a fun way."

Garvin notes Kacmarynski always has up-to-date photos of his kids at the ready.

Jim Wheeler

For this bridge dad, it's actually his role as grandfather that keeps him busy. Jim Wheeler of Ridgefield, Wash., and his wife, Pam, have their daughter, son-in-law and their two boys — Quentin, 9, and Cameron, 5 — living at home with them. Wheeler, a mostly retired social worker, says his role as dad and grandfather helped him learn the value of patience, which is often needed at the bridge table.

Wheeler says he's always been a high-energy person. "In the past, while working full time and raising a family, I was president of organizations such as a high school booster club, chaired our church auction and participated in the Lions Club, while still finding time for bridge," Wheeler explains. "Sometimes, it is a juggling act, but I am fortunate in that I can get along without a lot of sleep."

Juggling has often meant missing games and tournaments because of family commitments, but Wheeler is OK with that. "While I love the game, family is still more important to me," he says. Judy Kay has known Wheeler for 19 years and describes him as "optimistic, energetic, caring, ambitious and understanding." And while Wheeler has had to cancel games with Kay from time to time, she says he always lets her know in advance.

So would Wheeler ever pass the game onto his kids and grandkids? Why, of course. "It is a wonderful game and has added so much enjoyment to my life," he says. "Not just the game, but the wonderful friendships that have been made as a result of playing the game."

But for now, he's content having his kids and grandkids close by. "We absolutely love having them and are hoping that they will never move out."

Mark Smith

Our last bridge dad became a father much later in life. Mark Smith of Portland was 52 when his daughter, now 15, was born. Smith, who has been playing bridge for over 40 years, spent his career working first in lumber sales, then software sales. He has since come out of retirement to ensure his daughter can continue her private education.

And while he says it's much easier to find time for bridge now that his daughter, Erin, is older, his role as a dad has certainly affected his bridge game. "Yes, I have missed games, tournaments and party bridge engagements, too," Smith says. "My family comes first."

Smith thinks both his wife, Jenny, and his daughter would enjoy bridge. Bridge runs in his wife's family. Both her mother, Sally MacIntyre, and her aunt, Katie Cunnene, owned bridge clubs in Portland.

Smith says makes time for bridge during the normal work week while his wife is at work and daughter is at school, but often has to miss sectionals and tournaments on the weekends, which conflict with his work schedule. "I appreciate both of my regular bridge partners, Rich Carle and Don Tofte, who are quite accommodating to my schedule," he says.

Carle says Smith often cancels their regular Wednesday game because of family commitments, but it doesn't bother him in the slightest. "My impression is that Mark puts his family first, and that's how it should be," Carle said. "A great dad."

Trumpet senior writer Jen Smith is based in Austin, Texas.



Mark Smith and daughter Erin.

But when it comes to his children's extracurricular activities, family always trumps bridge. "I was only able to play the Friday sessions at the recent Albany sectional, because we took my son to a chess tournament on Saturday and to a birthday party on Sunday," he explains. "Last year, I missed the entire Salem Sectional — my home club — because we had already pre-arranged a camping trip for that weekend."

Rick Garvin, an occasional partner and Kevin fan, has noticed that Kevin often schedules his bridge games around family commitments. "At a tournament, he told me that he was available for Sunday afternoon — but not morning — because his family was at the tournament and they were attending church together," Garvin said. "There was not an ounce of regret in his voice — just a firm statement of his priorities."

At the end of the day, it's all about balance. Kacmarynski says his pendulum is currently swinging much closer to family than bridge. "I love playing bridge, and I love my family so much more that it's very easy to make this choice," he says.

Kacmarynski he has been actively plant-

Martindales: Boise awaits discovery

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They discovered the local bridge club, run by well-known bridge professionals Brenda Keller and Bruce Ferguson, and spent the next 29 years becoming pillars of the Boise bridge community. Both have been unit board members, presidents and tournament chairs. Ian served as secretary and president of District 18 and later on the D20 board. He also ran the club as co-owner for eight years after Keller and Ferguson left in 2002. In 2011 the Martindales spearheaded the effort to move their unit into D20.

If you've played at a few or more District 20 regionals in the past 10 years, there's a good chance you've been at a table with the Martindales. This summer they'll welcome the largest contingent of D20 players ever to Boise as it hosts its first D20 regional in August.

"A large number of players have told me they're coming," Ian said. "They'll discover us."

Boise, population 250,000, is home to a university, major corporations such as Micron and Albertsons, and diverse restaurants. It offers a wide range of cultural and sporting opportunities, including many miles of developed paths along the river and in the foothills. The area boasts numerous wineries and breweries, with ski resorts 15 miles away.

"We enjoy a moderate desert climate including sunny summers; local markets are a cornucopia of vegetables and fruits; traffic is moderate, particularly now after a 10-year freeway project; so we are basically content here," Charlene said.

Boise's geography retains evidence of its historical link to Oregon via the Oregon Trail, a portion of which many going to the Great Potato Regional will trace in reverse. The area is a river valley that the Boise River has cut into a staircase-like series of plains called benches, each about 60 feet higher than the one before.

The Martindales' home offers a view to the drop from the Second Bench that the Oregon Trail pioneers traversed from the high desert down to the Boise River. "If you know where to look for it, you can see it from our living room," Charlene said.



"The ruts cut by the emigrant wagons are still visible within the Boise city limits."

These geographical and historical connections led the Martindales to think District 20 might be a better fit for Boise. Their experiences at D20 tournaments solidified that conclusion. "We were impressed with what we observed and with the genuine warmth of the players," Ian said, explaining that not all districts have a professional tournament manager to ensure things run smoothly. Another benefit: The Trumpet. Charlene had been editor of the District 18 Wasumi for 10 years before it was shut down in 1990.

In August 2011, the Boise unit president contacted ACBL staff to learn the procedure for moving from one district to another. "In less than two weeks, we collected the requisite signatures of over 50 percent of unit members and sent them off," they said. The neighboring Nampa-Caldwell unit also petitioned to move, and the change was approved at the next meeting of the ACBL board that fall.

The change has greatly increased Boise players' participation in out-of-town regionals, as shorter distances to Oregon sites brought more opportunities within reach. "Our newer players simply did not travel; now they flock to sectionals and regionals throughout Oregon," they said. In February, more than 10 Boiseans attended the Oregon Trail Regional; even more journeyed to Sunriver in May.

District 18, meanwhile, is holding another Red Deer Regional in August. It might have been an occasion for the Martindales to revisit the place where they met 30 years ago, but they won't be in attendance. It's the same week as the Great Potato Regional, Aug. 8-14.

Carle: Hail interrupts sunny week

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Many thanks to tournament manager Judy Davis, director-in-charge Matt Smith and his staff, and the local committee headed by Nelda Linman. They all contributed to a smooth-running and enjoyable player experience.

The popular Friday evening ice cream event was a big success, although players pointed out that snacks and fresh-brewed coffee during the games fell short. We will be sure to address that issue for the next one, so make your plans now to attend in May 2018.

The District 20 board did not meet in Sunriver. We will report ongoing committee work when we meet next, in Boise.

The NAP club-qualifying period is in progress. Take advantage of these games at your local club where you can earn red points and qualify to play in the district finals in October. We will share updates in the next issue of the Trumpet.

We look forward to the **Great Potato Regional** in Boise, Aug. 8-14. This will be the first time our district has held a regional in Idaho, since the Nampa-Caldwell and Boise units joined us a few years ago. This venue replaces our former Reno tournament, and we are eager to welcome players to the Treasure Valley, as the region is known locally. See the ad on page 9 for details.

Remember: play bridge; have fun!

District 20 president Rich Carle can be reached at acbl20@hotmail.com



Dime-size hail fell at the Sunriver Resort on Saturday of the regional.

Regionals: A potato bar is planned

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near the airport, with free daily shuttle service. Book your room now to take advantage of fabulous room rates, starting at just \$81, that are guaranteed through July 24. Why wait?

If you've never been to Boise, or you just need a little bridge break, check out this valley city with its beautiful, relaxing gardens. Sign up for a guided walking tour or see the sites on your own. You also will enjoy the city's many architecturally interesting buildings including a cathedral with rare Tiffany-glass windows, a weaponry museum inside the Old Idaho

Penitentiary and a Corinthian-style capitol building with displays on agriculture, forestry, and mining products and processes. And, of course, plenty of bridge at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Something for everyone.

I'm planning a potato-bar extravaganza that you will not want to miss. Also, the August weather should be fabulous.

McKenzie Myers is the director in charge and his staff will include John Gram, Jeff Jacob and Eric Bell.

We'll see you in Boise. Enjoy the games!

Tournament manager Judy Davis can be reached at judyldavis@comcast.net.

Bertens: Team wins at past two NABCs

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Within three months Fisher and Schwartz were exposed as cheaters, as were Italians Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes; Alex Smirnov and Josef Piekarek of Germany; and Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski of Poland. For me it was a big relief to know those pairs were gone. I had always felt there was something wrong with them.

The rest of that national cycle went great for us. We won the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match in Denver and the Jacoby North American Swiss in Reno. That was probably the best one, winners with a match to go during the last tournament that I played as part of Richie's international team.

Driving home from Reno I received a call from Richie. He was so happy with the results of last year that he wanted to give us all a bonus. That made the ride home very pleasant. After arriving back in Bend, I received another call from Richie. He wanted Curtis and me to play in the USBF Open Trials in May, with Americans Mike Passell and Chris Compton in place of our usual Norwegian teammates. The winner would represent the United States in the world championships in Poland later in the year. Curtis and I must have been doing something right. (*The team reached the USBC quarterfinals.*)

People often ask me for advice on how to become a world-class player and win big events. Actually it's very simple: find

the best partner you can, let him play all the hands, and celebrate victory together.

Here is an example from when Curtis and I played at the World Mind Games in Beijing:

Dlr: East	♠ Q J 10 7 4	
Vul: N-S	♥ K 10 8 6 2	
	♦ —	
	♣ K Q 2	
	♠ 8	♠ A 5 3 2
	♥ Q	♥ A 9 4
	♦ 9 7 6 5 2	♦ A K 4 3
	♣ A J 10 8 7 3	♣ 5 4
	♠ K 9 6	
	♥ J 7 5 3	
	♦ Q J 10 8	
	♣ 9 6	

The bidding was easy. East opens a strong INT, you pass, West bids something for the minors, partner shows both majors, and I do not know how it happened but Curtis, sitting north, became declarer in 4♥ doubled. If East could have seen all the cards he would have led the ♠A, but as most people would do, he led the ♦A. Curtis ruffed the first trick and started thinking. We would lose three aces for sure, so he needed the ♥Q in west. His only problem was reaching the dummy. He could get there with a spade, but the odds were high that the opponents could make a ruff. After thinking for a little while he tabled the ♥K, followed by ace, small, queen.

And that is how you become a world-class player.

Vilhauer: Cost-cutting measures OK'd

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with seven fewer sectionals held. On the upside, STaCs remained popular and many more such events were added last year.

Technology continues to be a budget priority, and upgrading headquarters infrastructure is moving along well. We have updated software and equipment and moved much of our data and programs to the cloud. This endeavor includes updates to the ACBLscore program to reflect rate increases for tournaments and club games. We also have hired a new staffer for program maintenance as our current programmer has just retired.

A major challenge over the past year is reporting results, and we are happy to see improvements there. With ACBL Live, post-tournament results are available sooner than before, and Tourney Trax is being updated for easier use.

Decisions at Reno

At our meeting at Reno, the board agreed to allow ACBL tournament directors to hear and rule on all appeals filed at NABCs. We took the vote after considerable discussion, with strong arguments on both sides. This is the approach taken for many years at the world championships, where it seems to have been successful.

Because the current ACBL counsel is retiring this year, we agreed to abolish the position and replace it with a full-time in-house counsel employee at headquarters. We established a committee to search for candidates beginning in August. If you or anyone you know might be interested in the job, please contact ACBL headquarters or me.

We modified the volunteer dinner held at the NABC. The local committee will now be able to choose between the traditional fancy dinner or \$5,000 to spend directly on volunteer hospitality. This will save the ACBL about \$7,000. The first district to be given this choice, Washington D.C.'s District 6, unanimously decided to take the money to spend on their workers.

We voted to establish an anti-cheating commission. We appointed several board members and outside ACBL members to this commission.

To cut costs, we agreed to reduce the funds spent on the Cooperative Advertising Program. This includes reductions to the reimbursement percentage as well as the total amount over the entire ACBL. If you participate in this program, be sure to apply early, as it is my understanding that it is first come, first served, and the funds will run out.

For additional details, go to acbl.org.

Up for reelection

Now in the third year of my second term, I have decided to file for re-election to a third and final term. It has been an honor for me to serve District 20 the past six years, and I hope to serve for three more.

Now that we have completed our Sunriver tournament, District 20 holds two more regional tournaments this year: Boise in August and Seaside OR in September-October. We hope to see you at the tables, playing well and supporting District 20.

If you have questions, news, or suggestions, please let me know.

District director Merlin Vilhauer can be reached at MerlinV@msn.com. As no one else filed by deadline, he was re-elected.

The Oregon Coast Regional

at Seaside

SCHEDULE

MONDAY September 26

7 p.m.Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Open Charity Pairs
(evening side game series 1 of 6)
7 p.m. ...♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

TUESDAY September 27

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 & 7 p.m.Gearhart Bracketed KOs
(continues 1 & 7 p.m. Wednesday)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Razor Clam Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)

WEDNESDAY September 28

9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams
(continues 9 a.m. Thursday)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 & 7 p.m.Astoria Bracketed KOs
(continues 1 & 7 p.m. Thursday)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Coho Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)

THURSDAY September 29

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 & 7 p.m.Lewis and Clark Bracketed KOs
(continues 1 & 7 p.m. Friday)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Chinook Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)
(Thursday continues - see next column)

THURSDAY September 29 (continued)

1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)

FRIDAY September 30

9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams
(continues 9 a.m. Saturday)
9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 & 7 p.m.Sand Dollar Bracketed KOs
(continues 1 & 7 p.m. Saturday)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Oyster Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)

SATURDAY October 1

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
9 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 & 7 p.m.Jellyfish Compact KOs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.♦ **Steelhead Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)
1 p.m.♦ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)
7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6)

SUNDAY October 2

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

STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Pairs: Open/2000/1250

Gold Pairs: 750/300/200

Other Stratified Events:

A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

♦ **299er Events:**

A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100

♦ **99er Events:** A: 50-100; B: 20-50; C: 0-20

Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams:

A: 3000+; X: 0-3000; (plays alone; 20 VP).

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:

0-2000; teams play in groups of 7-9 by MP range; gold points in each bracket; (20 VP).

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
- Midchart conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/AX events and top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings are allowed in all events.
- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
- ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events.

TABLE FEES: ACBL members \$12; non and unpaid ACBL members \$16; age 25 & under \$5.

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INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

- ♦ Saturday prize games.
- ♦ Between session party.
- ♦ Tips for Tops: Daily speakers 6:15 p.m.
- ♦ Mini-Classes: Wed. - Sat. 12 - 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ Morning, afternoon and evening 299er games Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 99er games Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Gold Pairs Daily Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Sunday Bracketed Flight B
- ♦ Swiss Teams' lowest bracket(s) will accommodate 299ers. Gold points!
- ♦ Prize beads!

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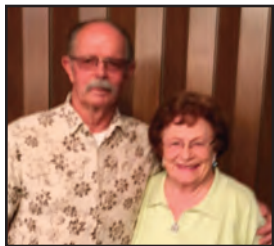
ACCOMMODATIONS

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- **RIVER INN AT SEASIDE:** Riverfront; 1 block; 503-717-5744; \$109-\$129.
- **RIVERTIDES SUITES:** Riverfront condo hotel; ½ block; free breakfast & evening reception; \$124-\$224; 877-871-8433. Cutoff date 8/26/2016.
- **SHILO OCEANFRONT RESORT:** Oceanfront; 2 blocks; continental breakfast; shuttle to convention center and other places; \$89-\$159; 800-222-2244 or 503-738-9571. Cutoff date: 8/26/2016.
- **SHILO EAST:** ½ mile; continental breakfast; shuttle to convention center; \$72-\$79; 503-738-0549. Cutoff date 8/26/2016.
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AROUND THE UNITS

Pair hits stratosphere: 83%

Mary Jo Rode and Roy Youngblood had one of the biggest big games ever in April. Although they rarely play together, they scored a spectacular 83.2% on April 13. It was not a small event – there were 9½ tables. It left them both speechless. In the last three years, there have been only seven higher scores published in the Bridge Bulletin’s Big Games column. Roy also recently attained the rank of Ruby Life Master.



Roy Youngblood and Mary Jo Rode

Our snowbirds are back from their winter hideouts in Arizona and the “Great Partner Reshuffle” has begun.

The Ontario club has made great strides in recruiting new members. At present we have a side game twice a month to encourage newcomers. Two of our novice pairs



Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

discovered to their delight they can play the game while traveling. **Dauna and Jerry Henggeler** were welcome guests at the Duncan Bridge Club in Yuma AZ, and also had a good game in Mexico. **Anne and John Oglevie** took lessons at the Arizona Wild Stallion Dude Ranch; judging by their enthusiasm, those lessons paid off!

Our thanks go to **Joyce Whittet**, who once again worked hard in scheduling our yearly sectional tournament. Many members went out of their way to supply delectable morsels so players could keep up their strength.

Big games: LaVaughna Cary and Jim Batchelor scored 70% on Feb. 22; LaVaughna managed another 70% game two days later with **Lorinda Pearson**.

Advertising pays off: 14 new players



Boise



By Ian Martindale

Between March and April we were pleased to welcome more than a dozen new players to the Bridge Cooperative of Boise. They are proving the effectiveness of a seven-week advertising program that we undertook to promote the club and a new series of lessons taught by two of the club’s owners, **Judy Stauffer** and **Kay Read**.

We celebrated a number of milestones at our recent unit game and especially our newest Life Master, **Larry Chase**.

Milestones: Don Robinson, Bronze Life Master; June Horsley, Silver Life Master.

Promotions: We also honored new Junior Masters Perry Brown, Karen Jean Boss, Cheryl Maderazo, Pat Reiman and David Smith; new Club Master Lindy Hamilton; and new Sectional Masters Barbara Chat-



Judy Stauffer and Kay Read sign up new members at the Bridge Cooperative of Boise.

tin and Tim Kempf.

We extend our congratulations to all these players and look forward to announcing their next new rankings.

We look forward to welcoming players from all over District 20 to the **Great Potato Regional**, Aug. 8-14.

Play under the palapa; players do charitable work in Mexico

It is no longer debatable that old age has reached The Dalles. In our small playing space we find ourselves surrounded by canes, wheelchairs and walkers, and owners with replaced knees, hips, teeth and other body parts. Where can I find a replacement to the part of the brain that seems to consistently over- or underbid?

Janet Meader is now at partnerships and, with the help of backup **Marylee Webber**, has done wonders for our club.

Janet and **Lynn Rosen** won the money for the club championship. Both said it was their craziest day ever at bridge.

Bridge in the Baja

Once you get hooked on duplicate bridge, you keep looking for more of it. In Amsterdam some years back, **Alyce Dunn** and I veered off a river cruise to get to a game in a restaurant basement. This year, in La Paz, Mexico, my home away from home, I played at Todos Santos, a sanctioned game in an open-air restaurant under a palapa roof. The six tables seated players from Chicago, Nova Scotia, Wash-



Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

ington, Oregon, Alaska and British Columbia. Director **Lorna Logan** hails from southern Oregon.

Also in La Paz there is Mary’s Bridge at the Dock, a game started by one Mary Shroyer, who with her husband, Mac, sailed their own vessel from California to Baja in the early 1970s. They wound up moving to La Paz, where Mac built and updated commercial fishing boats and later Mac and Mary oversaw the construction of the first marina in Baja California, which today has 130 slips. They also contributed money and time to the surrounding community. Mary has worked with local proprietors to organize and deliver food donations to rural families. She also has worked with local merchants as well as “live-aboard” sailors passing through to

bring area kids gifts at Christmas.

Mary and Mac were later joined by other U.S. expats Pete and Judy Petersons and community volunteers. Judy started a foundation to help local kids through their education, and she and Pete built a library.

At one point, Mary also got the idea to start a bridge game involving the live-boards, other expats and visitors. That became Mary’s Bridge at the Dock. I’ve been attending for almost 20 years; other local players have included **Janet Meader** and **Dave Slegel**.

Be warned that they are not big on conventions at Mary’s Bridge at the Dock, as it took me about five years to introduce Stayman. Plus, Mary is sometimes interrupted for business, such as the time when a yacht owned by Steve Jobs needed refueling. But what a fun and pleasant way to play, with a full view of the Sea of Cortez.

Everyone is welcome at Mary’s Bridge at the Dock, so if you are considering a visit to La Paz, please stop in the Dock café. Please also consider bringing clothing or

other donations for the kids that Mary has served with such commitment for so long.

Even if a visit to La Paz isn’t on your calendar, I strongly urge you to consider making a donation toward the work that Mary, Judy and their husbands have done and are doing with such dedication. This includes not only helping families with food and kids with education, but also providing training for EMTs, helping to ensure clean water, providing technologies to help individual fishermen ply their trade, and more. When you donate, please note that you heard about the organizations here.

To donate

Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz:
www.lapazninos.org
Club Cruceros de La Paz:
www.clubcruceros.net

Results

Unit Game, February — 1: Dave Slegel – Marilyn Carmichael; 2: Bev VanNice – Colleen Fredrickson; 3: Elaine Rife – Peggy Oberst.

Unit Game, March — 1: Fay Lemuel – Anne Bialous; 2: Darlene Kemper – Gary Cotter; 3: Dave Slegel – Janet Meader.

Caldwell players score big in Boise, Ontario

In my last report I threatened to start playing more tennis and less bridge because I wasn’t receiving any masterpoints. Well, I guess tennis will have to wait, because my partner, **Sonya Shue**, and I received a total of 10.23 points in the Sweetheart Sectional in Boise in February, and the Ontario Sectional in March!

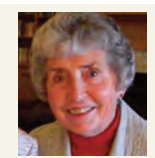
On top of the points each of us also managed to win a bottle of jam as a prize. Score! Even better, we had supper that



Sonya Shue and Marilyn Tripple

evening with a couple of really big winners: my friends from Twin Falls, Shirley Tschannen and Peggy Hackley, who won the Friday afternoon open pairs and garnered a total of 15.55 points at the Boise tournament.

Club members **Carol and Duane Christensen** placed third and fourth in the Boise tournament with 20.91 points, and Carol won a beautiful hand-crafted necklace, made by Boise member **Gary Crup-**



Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

per, for being the high-point lady of the tournament!

Carol and Duane were also part of a team, along with **K.C. Jones** and **Suzanne St. Thomas**, that won the Sunday stratified Swiss teams. At the Ontario tournament, Carol and Duane teamed up with **Ian** and **Charlene Martindale** to win the Swiss teams.

Not to be treating them like red-headed stepchildren, I would like to acknowledge other winners from our club who shared the spotlight in both the Boise and Ontario tournaments: **Erik and Anita Hansen** and **John Zamboni** playing with Riley Burton of Twin Falls in Boise; **Leila Brauner** with partner **Lorinda Pearson** of Ontario also in Boise; and **Peggy Lou Faylor** with partner Gary Crupper at the Boise tournament. Our Nampa-Caldwell unit is always well represented.

We’re busting the buttons on our shirts

being proud of our local players!

Crowds return, all well at last

We have finally weathered the “sickness storm” at our Caldwell games on Mondays, with those who endured pneumonia, surgeries and “the creeping crud” now back in the saddle. On April 18, we enjoyed a packed house with 14 tables, including newcomer **John Cramer** and recently returned snowbird **Jackie Ingles**. We love our new players and our long-lost buddies who abandon us in the winter.

I would like to cast a vote of thanks to **Bruce Thornburg** and **John Pearson**, each of whom does a fine job as director when Duane is not available (probably playing in a tournament somewhere). Bruce and John are always greatly appreciated.

Milestone: John Zamboni has achieved the rank of Gold Life Master for reaching the 2500-masterpoint mark: way to go!

Welcome to Amy Casanova, the new Trumpet managing editor.

Goodnight John Boy, goodnight Grandpa. see you in the funny papers.

Results

Unit Game, April 18 — N/S 1: Kathy Downen – Carol Christensen; E-W 1: Jill & Bill Wood.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

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Seaside (185 tables)

- 1 36.65 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 2 27.71 Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR
- 3 25.54 Irene Pickett, Portland OR
- 4 17.17 Flo Savage, Beaverton OR
- 5 15.59 Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 15.59 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 7 15.01 Douglas West, Ocean Park WA
- 8 14.48 Dee Steil, New Westminster BC
- 9 13.48 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
- 13.48 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA
- 11 13.22 Stu Swan, Portland OR
- 12 13.15 Sharon Crapko, Seaside OR
- 13 13.05 Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR
- 14 12.74 Ed Ulman, Portland OR
- 15 12.47 Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR
- 16 12.11 Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC
- 17 11.44 Tuba Unlu, Portland OR
- 18 11.15 Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 19 10.94 Marie Ashton, Portland OR
- 20 10.18 Randy Pickett, Portland OR

Fall sectional chairs

Please post tournament flyers by July 8.

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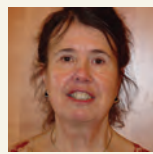
Hobbies include poll work, road maintenance

Do you know **Bill** and **Erezia Connell**? He's the laconic fellow with the Jimmy Stewart manner and she's the bubbly one who will have you laughing in a minute. They have played bridge together for over 35 years: not too surprising, considering they were married in 1974. In fact, they met because Bill's bridge partner introduced them.



Erezia and Bill Connell

Bill has been playing in a Eureka club from time immemorial. He started out playing at the Swim and Tennis Club on Edgewood Avenue. Anyone else remember that? After he and Erezia were married, Bill gave up bridge



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

www.acbdld20.org/unit458

— for four months. Then the director called and asked Erezia if it would be all right if Bill could resume. Erezia told Bill, "There are many things I expect you to give up, but cards isn't one of them." Not long after, she took up bridge herself. They are good players: Bronze Life Masters.

Bill grew up in Dubuque IA, where his mother, a Life Master, taught bridge, and earned a degree in law from Stanford University. After a stint in the army, he served as a public defender in Humboldt County for 32 years. He does much volunteering: monitoring polls during elections, doing

mediation for families and juveniles, serving as a member of the Mad River Community Honor Guard, and helping out wherever needed at St. Joseph hospital.

Erezia graduated from San Jose State University with a bachelor's in psychology. She has worked as a probation officer, a night dispatcher, and a counselor in juvenile hall. She also volunteers at St. Joseph hospital as a concierge — a liaison between doctors and the public.

As a hobby, Erezia learned how to fix potholes, and she maintained their road for some time. Their son, Lucus, doubted that she would be able to shovel asphalt out of a truck. She showed him!

Bill and Erezia play Saturdays and in unit games. Chat them up. They're worth it!

And don't forget to make your plans for the Eureka Sectional, Sept. 9-11, at the Humboldt Grange. Mark your calendars!



Redding



By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

Lessons a success

Now that spring lessons are done, we thank our teachers, assistants and students, who attended in impressive numbers. Special thanks go to **Judy Ratley** as well as **Bob Wierman**, **Marlene Lamoreaux** and others who donated their time and talents to help out. We also thank past-lesson teachers **Bud Hamilton** and **Dolores Mackey**. Lessons are vital to helping our club grow and improve, and we will start more in September.

Attendance at our spring sectional wasn't quite what we wanted, but otherwise the tournament was a huge success. The food was great, the event was well run, and everyone seemed to have lots of fun. We had additional new-player tables and would like to add more for our fall sectional, scheduled for the first weekend in November. We urge all area players to make plans now to attend.

Results

Unit Game — 1A/1B: Jeff Speer — Joan Sullens; 2A/2B: George Clark — Jerry Clarke; 1C: Norm Hagey — Polly Dense; 2C: Shorty Armstrong — Michael Hollins.

Club Championship, Redding Monday — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 2A/1B: Jerry Clark — Jan Joiner; 2B: Carole Schmitz — Ken Murray; 1C: Kim & Jeff Speer; 2C: Barbara Hobson — Bill Kurz. Restricted 1D: Sjrlean Duntsch — Katherine Clowdis; 2D: Leanna & Larry McGowan.

Club Championship, Redding Thursday — N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 2A/1B: Jim Commons — Dave Klasson; 2B: Jerry Anderson — Jan Joiner. E/W 1A: Carole Schmitz — Marvin Grudem; 2A/1B: Pat Ashton — Gerri Wolfe; 2B: Tony De Napoli — Bud Hamilton.

Junior Fund Game, Redding Monday — N/S 1A: Joan Corbeau — Florence Hungerford; 1B: Diane Norton — Cindy Huntington; 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman. E/W 1A: Dolores Mackey — Ken Murray; 1B: Pat Ashton — Gerri Wolfe; 1C: Pen Boehm — Dave Klasson. Restricted 1D: Capri Pearce — Fred Nelson; 2D: Arlene Janssen — Mary Lou Schmidt.

ICC Game, Redding Club — N/S 1A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford; 2A: Bob Wierman — Judy Ratley; 1B: Ken Murray — Marilyn Avey; 2-3B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom, Jim Commons — Dave Klasson. E/W 1A: Gene Biek — Joan Sullens; 2A/1B: Mike Hollins — George Clarke; 2B: Gail Lenz — Gerri Wolfe.

Swiss Team Game, Redding Thursday — 1A: Carole Schmitz — Ken Murray — Ken King — Diane Prettyman; 1B: George Clarke — Mike Hollins — Gail Lenz — Gerri Wolfe.

Membership Game, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Marilyn Avey — Terry Dell; 2A/2B: Jim & Carol Reed; 1C: Jeff & Kim Speer; 2C: Gail Lenz — Jeanne Pedersen. Restricted 1D: Ray & Aloma Butler; 2D: Jeanne & Keld Sorensen.

Swiss Team Game, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey — Bob Wierman — Judy Ratley; 2A: Diane Prettyman — Ken King — Pat Ashton — Gerri Wolfe; 1C: Dave Klasson — Pen Boehm — Keld Sorensen — Jeanne Sorensen.

Membership Game, Redding Thursday — 1A/B: Joan Corbeau — Terry Dell; 2A/B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz.

Senior Game, Redding Monday — 1A: Marv Grudem — Mike Hollins; 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford; 1B: Bud Hamilton — Ken Murray; 2B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom; 1C: Shorty Armstrong — Jeanne Pedersen; 2C: Joann Perkins — Gail Lenz. Restricted 1D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan; 2D: Arlene Jansen — Mary Lou Schmidt.

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Tournamania goes viral

Where better to warm up for our own Almond Blossom Sectional than in Reno at the 10-day sleep-deprivation rodeo called the nationals? And in fact, our tiny Chico contingent punched well above its weight in that teeming arena of conventioners.

Braving a 600-pair field in the prestigious Silodor Open Pairs — which featured many international champions — **Doug Jacobs** and partner **Carl Oeser** soared past assorted bridge demigods to place 17th in the qualifying round. The wax on their wings melted a bit in the finals but, unlike Icarus, they landed safely in the top half and absconded with enough platinum to build their own catalytic converter. Until the ACBL starts awarding antimatter points, that's as rare as it gets.

A big kudos goes to former Trumpet reporter **Mark Bloom** who, aided by partner **Carol Huston**, panned enough gold to become the unit's newest Life Master. The gallant Bloom later presented Huston with an armful of flowers for her part in their success.

Dr. **Garth Gregory**, on the other hand, found himself orphaned when his scheduled partner was waylaid by a snowstorm en route from Sacramento. Turning to the triage unit of the partnership committee, he was delighted to be accommodated with another M.D. for a partner, Dr. Russell Samuel of Long Island NY. It didn't hurt that Dr. Samuel is a



Doug Jacobs and Garth Gregory



Chico/Paradise



By Doug Jones

nationally ranked player. This ad hoc adjunct of Doctors Without Borders then undertook a six-hour operation in the Wednesday Open Pairs, successfully removing 32 gold points by winning the event. Above all, do no harm, gentlemen.

Continuing his winning ways, Gregory then went on to top the leaderboard at the Chico Sectional in March partnering primarily with **Steve Sellers**. Also doing well in the tournament were locals **Carol Huston** and **Jenni Boles** as well as **Joan Maxwell** and **Judith Vaughn**, who finished first in the Friday morning 299er pairs.

Finally, in the belief that he who rests on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place, the good doctor, teaming up with **Randall Paul** this time, led all scorers at the Redding Sectional in April. This may have been a bridge too far. The villagers are getting restive. How do we stop this guy? How about: "Dr. Gregory, you're wanted in anesthesiology. Lie down and count backwards from 7NT. Dr. Gregory?"

Coming up

Plan now to attend our annual Summer Bridge Bash at the Butte Creek Country Club, June 26. Luncheon and bridge, \$20; bridge only, \$9. For more information, contact Sherri Faroki at 530-636-4940 or sherroky@comcast.net.

Results

Unit Game, March 20 — 1A/1C: Mary Ely — Gale Alvestur; 2A: Jack Woodard — Danny O'Brooklyn; 2B: Pete & Doris Roth.
Unit Game, April 17 — 1A/1B: Mary Mayfield — Pat Pommerenck; 2A: Gale Alvestur — Carol Myers.

Generous players benefit club; new game planned on Fridays

We have added two regular tables thanks to members who have given generously of their time and experience. **George Kuppler** has been teaching seven or eight players after the Monday games, helping them to improve their leads, conventions and general competitiveness. And someone working anonymously has generously contributed fresh, new inserts for 16 bidding boxes.

The club has planned a new Friday noon game to be held at the Betty McCormick complex, recreation room. It is expected to be up and running by the time you read this.

We have enjoyed plenty of visitors over



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By Dottie Ellis

the past three months. A few of them include **Pat** and **Susan O'Neil**, from northern California; **Pat Werlich**, Medford; **John Engleman**, **Shirley Ferrarie**, and **Diane Rowley**, Brookings; **Dyrel** and **Judi Faulstick**, Nevada and Brookings. Judi snapped photos of everyone for her scrapbook and brought prints to share. Now, how nice was that?

Thanks all for coming to our club. Please come back soon. Which, by the way, should become a little easier for visitors or regulars now that the huge sinkhole on Highway 101 has been filled.

Our point leaders for the past three months are **Al Wilson**, **Kirk Roberts**, **Ruby Bryson**, **Claudia Kemper**, **Ray Shipman**, **Bill Waddle** and, believe it or not, yours truly. As a director I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting and playing with some great players.

Big games: **Kirk Roberts** and **Ruby Bryson** scored 72.9% on March 3; **Bill Waddle** and **Ray Shipman** scored 70% on March 10; a few others scored in the high 60s.

That's the news from our end of the southern Oregon coast for now. until next issue, be good to yourself and others and may all your days be Grand Slams.

Results

Unit Game, Jan. 28 — 1: Al & Genevieve Wilson; 2: Bill Waddle — George Kuppler; 3/5: Claudia Kemper — Ned Flaxington, Kirk Roberts — Ray Shipman, Dottie Ellis — John Engleman.

Unit Game, Feb. 28 — 1: Ray Shipman — Kirk Roberts; 2: Bill Waddle — George Kuppler; 3: Ned Flaxington — Claudia Kemper.

ACBL-wide Senior Game, March 7 — 1: Warren & Dee Glaze; 2: George Kuppler — Dottie Ellis; 3: Bill & Sandy Waddle.

Club Championship, March 24 — 1: Claudia Kemper — Ned Flaxington; 2: Al & Genevieve Wilson.

Unit Game, March 28: 1A: Al & Genevieve Wilson; 1B/2A: Pat & Susan O'Neil; 3A/2B: George Kuppler — Bill Waddle; 3B: Dottie Ellis — Ken Rothery; 2C: Pat Werlich — Debbie Grasham.

AROUND THE UNITS

DVBC is refurbished; plans for Longest Day



Jackson County
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By Jim Flint

www.unit484.org

Please join us June 20 for The Longest Day, when the Phoenix Rising Bridge Club takes part in the fourth-annual ACBL fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association.

That event, happening at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix, will offer two games. The first game starts at 9 a.m. and offers upgraded masterpoints. The entry fee is \$6 per player, with all the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association. After that we will serve a light lunch and hold an afternoon game separated into open and 199er sections. The afternoon game costs \$9 per person, with half the proceeds going to the association.

You can contribute to the cause not only by attending on June 20, but also by taking part in raffles and auctions at Monday games leading up to it. As club owner **Bob Fox** explains, 100% of the proceeds from such activities will be donated, as part of a goal to raise \$1,600 for the group.

"To help us reach our goal, we also happily accept cash donations," Fox adds.

Bridge center refurbished

If you do attend The Longest Day or another event at The Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, you'll notice it has a bright, new look. Center operators **Leah** and **Mark McKechnie** have installed new carpet, added a tiled area around the refreshment center, put on a fresh coat of paint, and rearranged the director's and buy-in tables. The Unit 484 board contributed \$1,000 toward the new carpet.



New carpeting and fresh paint spruce up the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center.

Clubs use the center five days a week.

Unit supports area bridge

Unit 484's board voted to support two Grand National Teams qualifiers and three North American Pairs qualifiers in 2016.

The board has also approved spending up to \$800 in support of a beginners' class launched by board member **Gee Gee Walker** and serving an average of 30 students. Walker, along with **Neal Smith** and **Bob Fox**, is part of a board-appointed committee to encourage emerging players.

We also extend a big thanks to Walker, and others, for work on the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional: she worked with **Jill Wolcott** on hospitality while **Bob Scott** served as tournament chair.

Big games: Kemble Yates and **Scott Foster** scored a scorching 76% on St. Patrick's Day. Two days later, sisters **Cheryl** and **Kay Bain** scored 71% in the NLM game. In May, **David McKee** and **Jim Flint** had a lucky Friday the 13th, scoring 71%.

Spring Sectional results

Friday Morning Open Pairs — 1A: Ed McClure – Harvey Bush; 2A/1B/1C: Phillip Frankel – Chris

Copple. 199ers — 1D: Robert Pantel – Lawrence Diamant; 1E: Hedy Schoonover – Dennis Powers.

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs — 1A: Kemble Yates – James Lopes; 2A/1B: Edward Goldman – David Bryant.

Saturday Open Pairs — 1A: Brian Breckenridge – Irva Neyhart; 2A: Molly Tinsley – James Lopes. 1B/C: Dawn Guenther – Kim Larson. **199ers**

— 1D/E: Hedy Schoonover – Dennis Posers. **Sunday Swiss Teams** — 1A/1B: Michael Pavlik – Mary Lindley – Ted Marconi – Charles Harrison; 2A: Harvey Bush – Bobby Thompson – Douglas Higgs – Ed McClure; 1C: Dennis Kendig – David McKee – John Cowles – Maynard Vitalis.

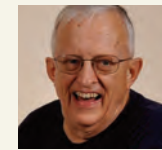
Rogue Valley Summer Sectional

Players who plan to attend the Rogue Valley Summer Sectional July 29–31 are in for a treat: the sectional will coincide with the grand reopening of the refurbished Dan Voorhies Bridge Center.

Games begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., leaving evenings free for casual dining or area activities. "The Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Britt Music Festival will be in full swing then," notes Sharon Fauss, tournament chair.

A reception will follow the second session on Friday. There, you can compare results and talk bridge with fellow competitors in a relaxed environment.

For more information, including event schedule, stratifications, prices, partnership and tournament chair contacts, host hotel information and directions, see the ad on page 4.



Klamath Falls
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By Bobby Thompson

www.unit482.org

Snowbirds home for KF sectional

We at Unit 482 extend a big welcome to new Trumpet editors **Amy Casanova** and **Martha Maroney** and say, "Howdy, ladies."

We also welcome back to the KF bridge group our 14 fair-weather players from the deserts of California and Arizona. We have run from three to a maximum five tables January through April and finally are happy to say, "Goodbye, Howell; hello Mitchell!"

We are also happy to report that a number of our players had a fine time at the **High Desert Regional** at Sunriver and at recent sectionals in Chico, Redding and Medford.

Make your plans now to attend our Top Gun Sectional June 17–19. As last year, the tournament will be held at Elmer's Restaurant, 3030 S. 6th St., and Steve Kaessner will direct. Our host motel, the Cimarron Motor Inn, is located next to the playing area.

Teddy Romtvedt scored wins in both March and April unit games, partnered by **Dick Halousek** (March) and **Reid Sherwin** (April). Earlier, the month of February was good to **Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure**. They not only won the February unit game but also scored two big games that month: a 72% on Feb. 11 and a 76% on Feb. 23.

Griffith and McClure also were among our point-parade winners for January, along with **Doug Higgs** and an intermediate group headed by Sherwin, **Ethel Rust** and **Ruth Porterfield**. February leaders included **Keith Thorp**, McClure and **Dale Taylor**. The intermediate group featured Taylor, **Jo Ann Koenig** and Rust. In March, Taylor topped both categories followed by Thorp and **Bobby Thompson** in the overall group, with Porterfield and **Patti Collom** following Taylor in intermediate play.

Just under the deadline **Harvey Bush** returned from wintering in Arizona and tossed a 77% win with Thompson in the spring club championship. Welcome back!

Results

Club Championship, Feb. 11 (3.5 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 2A: Doug Higgs – Bobby Thompson; 3A: Jo Ann – Keith Thorp; 1B: Ruth Porterfield – Ted Gessner.

Unit Game, Feb. 14 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 2A/1B: Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp; 3A/2B: Mark & Leah McKechnie; 4A: Randall Paul – Doug Higgs.

Unit Game, March 6 (4 tables) — 1A: Teddy Romtvedt – Dick Halousek; 2–3A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 2–3A/1B: Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp.

Unit Game, April 3 (5.5 tables) — 1A/1B: Teddy Romtvedt – Reid Sherwin; 2A/2B: Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp; 3A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 3B: Gary & Pat Florence; 1C: John & Judy Woodward; 2C: Rosemary Myers – Ted Gessner.

Club Championship, April 19 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Harvey Bush – Bobby Thompson; 2A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 3A/1B/C: Neal & Judy Shelton; 2B: Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp.

Late teacher was decorated veteran; 199er club expands

Thanks to the players, directors, spouses and families who attended our recent **High Desert Regional** in Sunriver last month. It was a great tournament, and a special tip o' the hat to the volunteers who made it happen. All the hard work pays off when everyone has such a fun and (hopefully) rewarding experience. To all those who attended the director and/or teaching courses, go forth and get to it!

Since the last issue, a champion bridge teacher, jazz aficionado and naturalist who graced our unit in his later years has passed: **David Moody**.

Before becoming a Silver Life Master, David started a distinguished military career in 1941 serving as an aerial gunner's mate and earned 18 medals and three combat air citations while based in the Pacific on the USS



David Moody



Bend/Redmond
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By Frank Larson

www.bendbridge.org

Minneapolis.

After retiring, David honored his fellow servicemen on Veterans Day by wearing his uniform to club games. He mentored many younger bridge players in both the Big Bear Lake area of California and Central Oregon, and many of his Oregon students and partners remember him as a patient and wonderful teacher and an excellent card reader who played old-fashioned bridge. Thanks, David, for sharing 93 years with us, and for your service to our country and our bridge communities.

Judy Davidson's Ace of Hearts 199er club has been doing a great job bringing new players into the ACBL. Expanded to a

weekly game in January, the club averages eight tables per session and now hosts quarterly unit games. Many players find it a friendly atmosphere to learn about convention cards, Bridgemate scoring and general duplicate protocol. Some players are also starting to participate regularly in the local club games and tournaments. Keep stokin' the fire, Judy.

Results

Cascade Club

Unit Game, February — 1: Dee Cockfield – Nelda Linman; 2: George & Willa Watts.

Unit Game, March — 1: Nancy Serne – Richard Gettman. 2: Frank & Gayle Larson.

Club Championship, March — 1: Joy Jones – Mark Hickman; 2: Don Crozier – Glen Bates.

Club Championship, April — 1: Don Crozier – Mark Hickman; 2: Nancy Serne – Richard Gettman.

Redmond Club

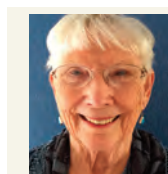
Unit Game, March — 1: Gary Quanstrom – Kent Franklin; 2: Larry Smith – Frank Larson.

Unit Game, April — 1: Donna Jackson – Karen Davis; 2: Lorraine Rodich – Susan Stanton.

GP players book early for 2017 OTR; new classes start soon

As reported in the previous Trumpet, a number of our club members attended the **Oregon Trail Regional** in Vancouver in February. **Doug Merritt**, **Connie Sloper**, **Myra Falletta** and **Donna Andrews** decided to play in the Columbia River Bracketed Knockouts on Tuesday. On Wednesday they won bracket 3. On Thursday morning they started back in the Beaverton KOs, reaching the semifinal Friday. They applauded the skill of their opponents and figured it is always useful to "play up."

Between games, these players enjoyed some excellent dining at downtown



Grants Pass
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By Bobbie Tolliver

restaurants such as the Jerusalem, which specializes in Mediterranean dishes, and Thai Orchard. One player recommended Tommy O's Pacific Rim Bistro for a thirst-quenching happy hour. The experience was so much fun overall that a few of us have already made hotel reservations for

next year's Oregon Trail Regional. Do you want to join us?

Also in February, the club celebrated **Walt Ensminger's** 96th birthday and **Mike Coster's** 92nd. They both have played in local bridge clubs for decades. The rest of us can only hope we are still playing bridge in our 90s.

Big game: Nancy Hitchcock and **Leslie Coster** scored a 70.2% on March 19 in the Pro-Am game. This is a popular, well attended event.

Doug Merritt, a member of the education committee and instructor for our Play

of the Hand series earlier this year, starts a new, 10-week class this month: Defense in the 21st Century.

Nancy Hitchcock and **Mary Louise Hendricks** continue offering games for our newer club members, two Saturdays each month. These games consist of about 20 boards in a fun, casual and informative atmosphere. Thanks to the educational efforts of Nancy and Louise, the club has increased the number of tables being played in our more competitive afternoon games. Let's keep up the good work toward growing our numbers.

AROUND THE UNITS



Seaside/ Astoria/Ilwaco

By Sue Kroning

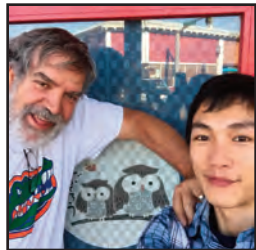
www.seasidebridge.net

Seaside slumps, but locals score

Attendance at the Seaside Spring Sectional was down this year a disappointing 22%, probably due to April sectionals in both Vancouver and Portland bookending ours, and the upcoming Sunriver Regional in May. Hopefully, the spring air, the balmy weather, and the lure of beach and ocean will bring our numbers back up next year.

It was still a wonderful weekend of bridge! **Gil** and **Ann Gramson**, **Sandy Baker** and **Sue Kroning** remain the well-oiled "tournament team" they have been for over 10 years. Thanks also are due to **Ray** and **Jane Lowe**, **Irene Harowitz**, **Penny Smith**, **Carol Brown**, **Jane Swynenburg** and **Rick Gardner**.

Manny Suarez won three I/N events with three different partners — **Joe Bakkensen**, **Tom Stanley** and **Jed He**. **Doug West** and **Sharon Crapko** attained 2A/1B in the Saturday two-session



Manny Suarez and Jed He

Farewell to Gayl

We were very sad to lose one of our most loved members, **Gayl West**, in March. Many players made the long drive to Ocean Park to a moving graveside celebration of life. **Doug** and **Gayl** ran the Monday game at Long Beach together, and **Gayl's** culinary treats were always divinely delicious and presented like works of art.

Teachers hard at work

The lesson series run by **Ann Gramson** and **Sandy Baker** is continuing with Play of the Hand, and **Sue Kroning** is reinforcing concepts from those lessons with a weekly supervised-play game. Kudos to **Don Amend** who taught both his wife **Jan** and son **Steve** to play. All three now play regularly in local games.

Volunteers are tops

Thanks to **Lew Richardson** who has taken over as webmaster of *seaside-bridge.net*, and to **Manny Suarez**, who posts all the game results. Thanks too to **Ray Lowe**, who makes up three sets of boards every week on the dealing machine at no charge. We have such a special unit with so many people making things run smoothly, and we are often complimented on the friendliness of our games. We always love to see visitors in Seaside! Check us out at *seasidebridge.net*.

Redding

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Club Charity Game, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey; 2A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson; 1C: Shorty Armstrong — Jeanne Pedersen; 2C: Nick Jancich — Rosalie Langston. Restricted 1D: Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz; 2D: Larry & Leanna McGowan.

Awards Day — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 2A: Joanne Weilbrenner — Marv Grudem; 1B: Wilhelmina White — Carol Schmitz; 2B: Jan Joiner — Jerry Clark; 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman; 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer.

ACBL Charity Game, Redding Thursday — 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Hilary Prince; 2A: Pat Ashton — Joan Sullens; 1B: Wilhelmina White — Bud Hamilton; 2B: Dorothy Hoots — Carol Sandberg.

New board weighs sectional site; clubs prosper

In April the Portland unit welcomed new board members **Janet Linebarger**, **Ron Root** and **Nancy Swanson**. We thank outgoing board members **George Crawford**, **Peter Hepokoski** and **Chuck Swart** for their years of service.

The election party was fun, as always, partly because of our "no established partnerships" rule for one of the games. In the morning open game, players are required to match up with someone they have not partnered with before. It's interesting to look around the room and see who played with whom. See results below for the most successful first-time partnerships.

The board got right to work with a meeting the following week. **Nancy Jonske**, who had been appointed to fill the remaining two years of **Judy Davis's** term, was unanimously re-elected as president of the unit. This will provide much-needed continuity as we cycle board members in and out. **Nancy** does a great job, and Portland is very lucky to have such dedicated individuals volunteering their time for bridge. Other board members' positions can be found on the unit's website.



Portland

By Amy Casanova

www.acbld20.org/unit487

In that board meeting we discussed the ongoing challenge of tournament location. Attendance has been flat since moving to Camp Withycombe. The facility is great temperature-wise and aesthetically, but still happens to be in Clackamas, which is too far for many, and most easily accessible via I-205, which can be a traffic nightmare. We are still working on a solution for future sectionals.

It's not just those of us responsible for tournaments who struggle with high rent, building issues and traffic. Local bridge clubs battle with landlords, and relocating is a difficult proposition with rents skyrocketing. The amount of parking required makes finding a suitable location a daunting prospect. Whether it's for a sectional, regional or a permanent club, finding a spot for us all to play bridge is getting

harder and harder as the area grows.

On the bright side, both Portland-area clubs are finding wonderful ways to entice people to play. Lessons abound, clubs are providing excellent food, and there are games for every level, specials, and STaCs. The Ace of Clubs held a Pro-Am game in April. It was a huge success, with 37 pairs competing. We thank **Eric Stoltz** and **Roger McNay**, who stayed after the game to answer questions and discuss hands.

At a bridge club, the work is never done. To run a functioning club, directors, managers and owners have to stay on top of tasks that many players are not even aware of. It is truly a labor of love. Thank you to those who work so hard to offer a place for us to play. Please continue to support them by showing up.

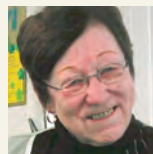
Results

Election Party, April 3 — 1A: David Brower — John Lusky; 2A: Alan Johnson — Katherine Morris; 1B — Amy Casanova — Jim Wheeler; 1C: Bolek Brant — David Doerner.

NLM — 1D: Pat Munro — James Hart; 2D: Monty Garrett — Greg Clemmons; 3D: Charles Guse — Donald McConnell.

Pro-Am, Ace of Clubs, April 23 — 1: Patty Walters — Roger McNay.

VBC awaits Longest Day; our tireless teacher



Vancouver/ Longview

By Sarah Reuter

www.acbld20.org/vbc

Mark your calendars now for the Vancouver Bridge Club's most important event of the year: The Longest Day, June 20, when the ACBL works to raise funds to fight Alzheimer's disease. Play sharp, contribute and be thankful you are able to help people afflicted with this illness and their families.

A poem by Michele Hilsher of Houston illustrates the importance of this cause (see box).

Other events, new Life Masters

Our Grass Roots Fund Games take place June 9, 23 and 30, and throughout July. For those dates, check the VBC calendar or email me at *sarah_reuter@yahoo.com*.

Our member appreciation and awards party is July 24. This fun event honors the folks who are playing well and provides an incentive for the rest of us to play better.

Among our members doing quite well of late are **Mariam Saner**, who became a Life Master at the Oregon Trail Regional, and **Wayne Winther**, who achieved both Life Master and Bronze Life Master rank at the Seaside Sectional.

We say a sad goodbye to **Joe Varga**, who died April 21. Joe was a good friend

Momma, Oh How I Miss You

by Michele Hilsher

Momma, oh how I miss you.

It seems so long ago that you were smiling and happiness filled your heart.

Now the emptiness in your eyes and the loss of words keeps us so far apart.

Momma, oh how I miss you.

Though you're here every day and I see your face; it's just not the same as before.

For you don't have the thoughts and the words don't come, so I get up, leave the room and close the door.

Momma, oh how I miss you.

and loyal supporter of the Vancouver bridge community, and we will miss him.

August is the only month of the year with no holidays. But you can still celebrate! The Vancouver Summer Sectional happens Aug. 19-21. Grab your favorite partner and snatch some silver points.

Meet us

Deborah Lackey is an inspiring bridge teacher, excellent player and tireless volunteer with an infectious laugh and great

sense of humor. Deborah started her bridge career in the mid-'70s playing social bridge where she worked, then was dragged kicking and screaming into a duplicate game. She made a partial masterpoint in that first game and was hooked. The person who coerced her into duplicate became a best friend. Fast forward a few years, and Deborah made Life Master.

Deborah considers friendships the best part of bridge. "Even duplicate is essentially a social game," she says. "I can't even count the number of friends I've made at the bridge table."

What would she change about the game? "Opponents couldn't use preemptive bids — although my partner and I could!"

Deborah also has some hints for new or newer players. "Spread your wings and play in an open game. You will meet great players who can teach you. For example, you might have a 4♠ contract making six and then learn after the game that others bid six. So ask them how they got there. You will learn and become a better player."

Tournament winners

We had many winners in the Reno NABC, and lots and lots in the Vancouver Spring Sectional. Space limitations preclude me from mentioning all, but we congratulate them!



Deborah Lackey



Joe Varga

Gibson: Portland pair reaches final day of Platinum Pairs

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♠J64 ♥43 ♦10965 ♣10742

♠Q3 ♥A9872 ♦AKJ7 ♣Q3

Against 1NT, RHO led the ♥3, which went to his partner's ♥Q, and which I decided to duck (with the 7), hoping they would continue hearts. It got better, though, as now his partner returned the ♥10, me ducking again with the 8, trying to look like a man with ♥A-8-7 instead of ♥A-9-8-7-2. Her partner looked at it, overtook with the ♥J, and returned the ♥K, with his partner following again — he had led from a three-card suit, it turned out.

Well, that made my life easier, so I took my ace and cashed two more hearts,

pitching a diamond and a club from dummy. I then played diamonds from the top, and the ♦Q came down doubleton — I was actually going to make this contract, which is way more than I thought when I first saw dummy. Opponents also gave me a spade in the end, allowing me to make two for a 23 out of a 25 top (though making one would score nearly the same).

In the evening session we were having a fantastic set until I decided to double Bobby Levin twice in two boards, him scoring it up each time. We finished with a touch under 50%, which was enough for us to qualify for the finals.

Platinum Pairs — day 3

The final day of the platinum pairs both

Chris and I hit a wall — I had trouble holding my cards and following suit. It is a testament to Chris that she was able to play through it for scores of 48% and 44%, but we finished 27th out of the 28 remaining in the field — still worth 33.33 platinum points, as getting to the final day was enough to place in the event. Rightfully so; every pair who came to our table save one had someone who had won a national championship.

We did cream Eddie Wold on a 1NT contract, though. (Details on this and later events will be included in a follow-up story on the Trumpet's Facebook page.)

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AROUND THE UNITS

Unit recovers deficit; new night game starts



Albany/Corvallis

♣♦♥♠
By Bob Peery

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Our Heart of the Valley Sectional was successful in generating both fun and a small positive cash flow. As a result, the unit is financially now back in the black. Club and unit elections are over and all have settled down to the usual uproar. Under new directorship the Albany Bridge Club has started a Wednesday night open game. So far they have hosted four regular tables, though it appears that attendees are not quite as regular as at the Thursday afternoon game. Time will tell if the new game becomes a permanent addition to the schedule. It is nice to see the enthusiasm at the Albany board meetings. Under the direction of president **Darrell Christenson** they have taken a page from the Corvallis board's playbook, engaging more volunteers to spiff up the local club and move it in the right direction. For the real treat of this report, I invite you to read the commentary by my wife, Janie. Sound familiar to any of you?

Sectional results

Friday morning pairs — 1A: Dennis Harms – Irva Neyhart; 1B: Mary Vance – Carol Harms.
Friday afternoon pairs — 1A: Hon-Chung Ko – Charles Rethlefsen. **Saturday open pairs** — 1C: Maureen Gosda – Frances Hewes.
Louise Wang Swiss — 1B/1C: Walt Thies – Terry Hill – Jan Petroski – Jerry Bauman.

If I knew then what I know now

By Janie Peery

If I knew how much time my husband, Bob, would devote to the game of bridge, would I have suggested he take up bowling or golf instead? You see, my husband directs bridge three days a week, plays three times a week and has recently begun directing one evening a week. Not to mention those weekend-or-longer tournaments! That is the life of a bridge widow. For over 20 years Bob has lived and breathed duplicate bridge, and for most of that time I preferred to stay on the sidelines. I'm a decent party-bridge player, but the quiet, serious atmosphere of a duplicate game was never for me. If I'm in a room for over three hours with a dozen or so other people, I want to socialize. I want to talk with them, about flowers, about grandchildren, travels, scrapbooking, the neighborhood, Saturday market, you name it. I'm not competitive. I don't like games that involve a lot of math. But about two years ago, I decided to give it a try. On Bob's urging I signed up for a Learn Bridge in a Day? class. For the following couple of months a group of us learners plus several sea-



Janie Peery

soned bridge players got together for a weekly game. And then I signed up for more classes, and more, and today I have collected a grand total of 5 masterpoints! I also understand now why people don't talk (much) while playing. It's simply too hard to concentrate on all the complexities of the game. So what if I did know then what I do know now? I think if I had known and understood the game of duplicate bridge, our lives would have been richer. It's a fun and interesting game, and it can be what one wants it to be. For Bob, that's being a Gold Life Master. For me, it's enjoying the challenges of the game and the chance to do at least a bit of socializing with the other players. For both of us, it's an occasional game together that's really fun. When he comes home after a tough day at the bridge table, I understand what he's telling me. I have a greater appreciation for his dedication and knowledge. I enjoy observing him teach a class. I respect him as a player, a teacher and a director. Most of all, I understand his love of the game and I'm proud to be a part-time bridge widow.



Eugene/Springfield

♣♦♥♠
By Don Marsh

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EBC raises \$4400 for food bank

I am a firm believer in the concept of synergy, where working together helps us accomplish much more than we could working separately. We see this in the recent support our unit has shown for the local food bank, Food for Lane County. Thanks to **Jeff Taylor**, the Emerald Bridge Club has made a tradition of sponsoring the food bank each April during ACBL charity month. This year we collected nearly 400 pounds of food and a staggering \$4,382. Wow! Throughout Unit 479 we extend a big welcome to new president **Paul Craviotto**, newly elected board members **Terry Nagel** and **Cindi Palman** and re-elected member **Judy Nevell**, who join current members **Steve Pessin** and **Ralph Zack**, vice president **Jim Fitzgibbons**, secretary **Betsy Ovitt** and treasurer **Beth Bartel**. The recent election reminds me of the remarkable evolution of our unit board over my 30 years in this bridge community.

As a newbie on the scene back in the late '80s, I would occasionally drop in on board meetings, and to say that I was underwhelmed is an understatement. No doubt the folks involved were working hard and doing the absolute best job they could, but to me the meetings felt perfunctory and lacked energy. The same was true for the annual elections, where even just fielding a full slate of candidates was a challenge.

Around the time that **John Bergland** became president, things started to change. Under John's leadership, the board redefined its role in supporting and promoting duplicate bridge in our area. Elections began drawing fields of more candidates running than positions to fill. Board members made concerted efforts to put the unit on solid financial footing and to clarify the by-laws and the roles and duties for the various offices and positions.

Later, president **John Wolf** and our current president **Paul Craviotto** stepped up to ensure that the energy trending upward continued. They were joined by a host of other qualified and competent folks who took their turns and made countless contributions.

Today, the Eugene/Springfield bridge community is stronger than ever. Cooperation between the unit and the Emerald Bridge Club is exemplary. There is tremendous spirit and energy toward promoting the betterment of bridge in our area. And all of it is thanks to the positive evolution and growth of our unit board.

For the amazing work our board and others in the unit have done, I want to reflect on how far we have all come and acknowledge lots of folks for their efforts. We are blessed.

Central Oregon Coast

♣♦♥♠

www.unit572.org

Coast area still there, we think

In the nearly two years that this lovely unit has been without a reporter, it hasn't fallen into the ocean, as far as we know. Anyone willing to verify this a few times a year should contact a member of the unit board. We miss you.

Corvallis takes trophy; Salem gets webmaster

Simply stated, so far it can't be done. No matter how hard one tries, this report exceeds 140 characters. So, no tweets for you.

Win some, not others

April 17 was a sad, sad day for Unit 490. We lost. Host Albany-Corvallis Unit 477 wrested away the revolving trophy in the biannual Interunit Championship. We were outpointed 551.51 to 543.06 in the special scoring system we use (based on percentages). The 8.45% difference is about 38.79 matchpoints, explains Unit 490's **Kevin Kacmarynski**, who helped Unit 477's **Dennis Harms** tally the scores. The good news was the overall first-place finish taken by **Randy Naef** and **Stew Drew**, both of McMinnville, on behalf of Unit 490.

"Our advantage in the A strat was countered by their strong showing in the B strat," Kevin K. says. "We then got nicked-and-dimed to death in the C strat."

We plan on retaking the trophy in the October rematch in Salem.

New webmaster

We have a new webmaster for the jointly



Salem

♣♦♥♠

By Tom McGuire

www.salembridgeclub.org

operated salembridgeclub.org website. She is **Jennifer Cabbage** (aka Mrs. Kevin Kacmarynski), who brings a wealth of web experience to the task. She replaces **Dick Pitzer**, who stepped down last fall, and interim webmaster **Loren Meyer**.

"I'm actually kind of giddy," Jennifer C. says. "It's been awhile since I've done website stuff. I'd forgotten how much I like it!"

Winners afield

On the tournament trail, three unit members had wins in the first quarter. **Kevin Kacmarynski** and **Tom McGuire** teamed with **Krista Garver** and **Katie Leonard** of Portland to take first in the D strat of the B/C/D Swiss teams at the Portland KO Sectional. **Don Pitt** paired with **Glenda Fleming** of Albany for a win in the Friday afternoon 299er pairs at the Oregon Trail Regional.

Comings and goings

The unit welcomes transfers **Stewart Trimble**, formerly of San Francisco, and **Sandy Syrett**, formerly of Silicon Valley.

New ACBL members include Karen Crooch, Marshall Murray, Hayward Reed, George and Shirley Silva, Fredrick Goll and Carolyn Orr.

We bid adieu to **Dick Arenz**, who passed away Feb 6. He was 93.

Fran Friesen has moved to Moraga CA, to be closer to family.

Promotions

Congratulations to players who have advanced in rank: Claudia Burton and Sharon Douglas, Junior Life Masters; Kathy Hafdahl and Joyce Judy, Club Masters; and Chris Myers, Sectional Master.

Masterpoint races will be updated when mid-year results are in, space permitting.

The early leaders for the Katheryn Lewis Memorial award for the most masterpoints won in Unit 490 games during a calendar year are **Tom McGuire**, 14.23; **Norma Stofiel**, 8.68; and **Ellie Hall Pitzer**, 7.22.

Results

Unit Game, Feb. 7 (9 tables) — 1A/B: Tom McGuire – Norma Stofiel; 2A: Susan Palmer – Bill Anning; 3A: Ellie Hall-Pitzer – Glenda McPherson.

Unit Game, Feb. 17 (4 tables) — 1A: Kevin Kacmarynski – Mike Sweet; 2A: Jerry Gordon – Shain Oleson; 3A: Miriam Brand – Tom McGuire.

Unit Game, March 13 (8 tables) — 1A/B/C: Randy Naef – Michael Green; 2A/B: Tom McGuire – Norma Stofiel; 3A: Susan Palmer – Bill Anning.

Unit Game, March 16 (5 tables) — 1A: Stan Page – Randy Jordan; 2A: Chris Sawyer – Tom McGuire; 3A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge.

Unit Game, April 3 (9.5 tables) — 1A/B: Tom McGuire – Norma Stofiel; 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski – Rick Dellenback; 3A: Susan Palmer – Bill Anning.

Unit Game, April 20 (3.5 tables) — 1A: Chris Sawyer – Randy Jordan; 2A: Tom McGuire – Paul Graham; 3A: Ellie Hall-Pitzer – John Peterson.

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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Paul Penland, Eagle ID
Barbara Perkins, Nevada City CA
Jean Pierce, Portland OR
Lynn Poole, Bend OR
Philip Porter, Vancouver WA
Jancy Potterf, Eugene OR
Lannes Puruell, Vancouver WA
David Reingold, Portland OR
John Richardson, Portland OR
Judi Roberts, Tigard OR

Joseph Robinson, Portland OR
Becky Rodriguez, Kula HI
Lynda Rogers, La Center WA
Stacy Rutledge, Vancouver WA
Glen Schmeling, Honolulu HI
Jean Schultz, New Meadows ID
Richard Shipley, Yuba City CA
Joal Smith, Bend OR
Michelle Smith, Medford OR

Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR
Penny Storry, Neskowin OR
Daniel Toomey, Chico CA
Laurita Turner, Honolulu HI
Martha Vorhees, Milwaukee WI
Nancy Walsh, Coquille OR
Leslie Weaver, Bend OR
Randy Wentross, Kailua HI
Barbara Willey, Portland OR
Billie Willis, Ontario OR
Marcia Wolly, Portland OR

Welcome!

Please recycle this copy of the Trumpet.



Ask John

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

Both vul ♠ 7
♥ 3
♦ AKQ85
♣ J106432

Opp Partner Opp You
1♥ Pass ?

Dear John,

The hand above had lots of different results the other day.

After partner opens 1♥, how do I begin? Say I respond 1NT and LHO overcalls 2♠, partner passes, RHO passes, back to me. Now what? Do you agree with 1NT? Is 2♦ a better call?

— How does the story start?

Dear Once Upon a Time,

If I faced the situation that you describe, I would bid 3♠ and pull partner's 3NT to 4♣. As to part two, Monty, aware that I might get a Zonk, I'll take door No. 3 and bid 2♣, game forcing in my system. I prefer to think of all the good things that might happen.

Perhaps partner will either raise clubs or bid 2♦. He might rebid 2♥, so I can imagine an oasis after he follows my rebid of 3♦ with 3NT. If partner rebids 2NT and continues with 3NT over my 3♦, at least my dummy is likely to produce five tricks.

Certainly, 2♣ could backfire. Partner's patience may be taxed if, on lead against a doubled spade contract, he emerges with a triumphant ♣K, only to see ♣Q-x-x-x in dummy as a triumphant declarer wins his singleton ace.

True, an original 2♦ would avoid that embarrassing scenario, and a forcing 1NT would keep us out of some poor game contracts. However, my personal style, driven by an enjoyment of winning tricks with low cards, is, with foot firmly on the gas pedal, to bid suits in order of length. Consider a suitable, but not great, hand for partner, such as:

♠A104 ♥KJ865 ♦J3 ♣A95.

This would make 5♣ a favorite to make, with little or no play for 3NT.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

Dear John,

As a newer player I often find my more experienced opponents taking what seems to be an incredibly long time to play their cards. This can be either on defense or as declarer. It really rattles me, I find it difficult to focus and pay attention, which is already hard enough! What should I say if I think the tempo is being deliberately manipulated?

— Clockwatcher

Dear White Rabbit,

An important part of bridge, particularly at the top level, is attempting to construct hands that the opponents might hold consistent with the bidding and early card play. This mental process can be time consuming.

At last spring's Masters Golf Tournament, Jordan Spieth, undoubtedly one of the world's top players, repeatedly walked away from shots to consider factors that the vast majority of us would never notice. At one point, his entire group was "put on the clock" to see that they maintained timely progress in their round.

In a bridge game, the director has that responsibility. I know most, if not all, of the top players in District 20, and I think that your fear of being an intended victim is misplaced. If, however, in your estimation, a player is being unbearably slow in either the auction or in the play, you are perfectly within your rights to summon the director to voice your concern.

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



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

JUNE 2016

17-19
24-26

Klamath Falls Sectional
Salem Sectional

Elmer's Restaurant, Klamath Falls OR
Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR

JULY 2016

15-17
16-17
29-31

Honolulu Sectional
Portland Summer NLM Sectional
Rogue Valley Summer Sectional

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Portland Bridge Club, Portland OR
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

AUGUST 2016

5-7
Aug 8-14
19-21
22-28

Sutter Buttes Sectional
GREAT POTATO REGIONAL
Vancouver Summer Sectional
Western Conference STaC

Whiteaker Hall, Yuba City CA
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
Local clubs

SEPTEMBER 2016

9-11
9-11
9-11
16-18

Boise Harvest Sectional
Eureka Sectional
Portland Fall Sectional
Honolulu Sectional

Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
Humboldt Grange, Eureka CA
Camp Withycombe, Clackamas OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

Sept 26 - Oct 2

OREGON COAST REGIONAL

Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

OCTOBER 2016

8-9
15-16
21-23
21-23
27-30

North American Pairs
Vancouver NLM Sectional
Nampa-Caldwell Sectional
Gold Country Sectional
Central Oregon Coast Sectional

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

NOVEMBER 2016

4-6
5-6
18-20
19-20

Redding Fall Sectional
Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional
Honolulu Sectional
Vancouver Fall Sectional

Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

DECEMBER 2016

5-11

Western Conference STaC

Local clubs

JANUARY 2017

14-15
20-22

Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional
Garden Isle Sectional

Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI

Jan 23 - 29

HAWAII REGIONAL

Pacific Beach Hotel, Honolulu HI

FEBRUARY 2017

10-12
10-12

Maui Snowbird Sectional
Boise Sweetheart Sectional

Kenolio Recreation Center, Kihei HI
TBA, Boise ID

Feb 20 - 26

OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA

MARCH 2017

3-5
10-12
17-19
24-26

Honolulu Sectional
Ontario Sectional
Heart of the Valley Sectional
Rogue Valley Spring Sectional

Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
Clarion Inn, Ontario OR
Linn County Fair/Expo Center, Albany OR
Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

June 13-19 **Penticton Regional BC**
June 20-26 **Anchorage Regional AK**
July 8-10 Anacortes Sectional WA
July 15-17 Seattle Sectional, Bellevue WA
July 29-31 Bremerton Sectional WA
Aug. 22-28 **Lynnwood Regional WA**
Sept. 2-5 Olympia Sectional WA
Sept. 2-5 Spokane Sectional WA
Sept. 16-18 Seattle Sectional, Kent WA
Nov. 7-13 **Whistler Regional BC**

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

June 29-July 3 Palo Alto Sectional, Mountain View CA
July 15-17 Castro Valley Sectional CA
Aug. 6-7 Sonoma Sectional CA
Aug. 17-21 Reno Sectional NV
Aug. 30-Sept. 5 **All-Western Regional**, Santa Clara CA
Sept. 9-11 Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
Sept. 24-25 Gilroy Sectional CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

June 24-26 Butte Sectional MT
Aug. 8-14 **Red Deer Regional AB**

Aug. 19-21 Idaho Falls Sectional ID
Aug. 26-28 Missoula Sectional MT
Sept. 9-11 Bozeman Sectional MT
Sept. 16-18 Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Oct. 3-9 **Helena Regional MT**
Oct. 5-7 World Senior Games, St. George UT

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

July 8-10 Denver Sectional, Golden CO
July 29-31 Los Alamos Sectional NM
Aug. 15-21 **Phoenix Regional**, Scottsdale AZ
Sept. 2-4 Northern Colorado Sectional, Loveland CO
Sept. 16-18 Cheyenne Sectional WY
Sept. 22-25 **Tuscon I/N Regional AZ**
Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Taos Sectional NM
Oct. 10-16 **Colorado Springs Regional CO**
Oct. 21-23 **Phoenix I/N Regional**, Glendale AZ

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Aug. 5-7 San Diego Sectional CA
Aug. 12-14 Santa Barbara Sectional CA
Sept. 5-11 **Irvine Regional CA**
Oct. 24-30 **Ventura Regional CA**
Dec. 12-18 **Palm Springs Regional**, Rancho Mirage CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 21-31
Nov. 24 - Dec. 4
March 9-19
July 20-30

Summer 2016
Fall 2016
Spring 2017
Summer 2017

Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC
Swan & Dolphin, Orlando FL
Westin and Sheraton, Kansas City MO
Convention Center, Toronto ON