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Bridge Across the District

Fall 2017

D20's results from Toronto

More than 40 players from District 20 attended the Summer NABC in Toronto, many achieving noteworthy results.

The best showing came in the Grand National Teams, where the championship flight team of **John Lusky, Randy Pickett, Marc Zwerling, Jim Elliott, John Ashton** and **Dennis Metcalf** reached the semifinals (see story, page 8), and the teams in flights A and B reached quarterfinals (see page 3 for details). Lusky also placed 13th in the Wernher Open Pairs.

Huub Bertens reached the Spingold's round of 16, placed 15th in the Roth Open Swiss and won a regional Swiss. **Jeff Roman** placed fifth in the Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss.

Members of the GNT A team got overalls in the 10K Pairs: **David Brower** and **Linda Wiener** placed 14th, and **Hal Montgomery** and **Bruce Cuthbertson** placed 22nd.

In the experimental NABC Online Individual, **Chris Gibson** placed in the top 2% at 50th. And **Ellie Hood** placed 13th in the Bruce LM-6000 Pairs.

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ACBL board acts on Stop card, WBF funding

The trip to the summer nationals in Toronto was very nice. It's one of my favorite cities to visit for an NABC. Toronto has a great playing facility and there were plenty of restaurants nearby.

Tournament attendance was very good. The final tally of 13,289 tables was 6% above the projected 12,500.

GNT success

District 20 had some good and great success in the GNT in Toronto.

The championship flight team (**John Lusky, Randy Pickett, Jim Elliott, Marc Zwerling, John Ashton** and **Dennis Metcalf**) made it to the semifinals.

The flight A team (**Joel Datloff, Mike Redden, Linda Weiner, David Brower, Hal Montgomery** and **Bruce Cuthbertson**) made it to the round of eight. Nice job. The flight B team, **Rick Prouser, Ray Roberts, Jim Wiser** and **Chuck Swart**, also made it to the round of eight. I can't remember when we had three teams get that far.

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Merlin Vilhauer

D20 District Director

Before there was bridge

Have you ever stopped to think about who might be sitting next to you at the bridge table? Not their name or where they're from — but who they were in their past life?

In the first part of this series this summer, we profiled three players who had extraordinary careers — all in the private sector.

This time, we introduce you to three more players who put their bridge brains to work for the federal government in extraordinary ways.

Who knows? The next time you're sitting at a table with three other people, one of them might just be a brain surgeon. Or a rocket scientist. Couldn't hurt to ask.



As an engineer in the late '40s, **Ethel Birnbach** worked on designing McNary Dam near Hermiston, Ore.

Dam it, Ethel!

Meet the engineer who designed McNary Dam, fish ladders

By **Chip Dombrowski**
The Trumpet

McNary Dam in Eastern Oregon is part of a network of dams that generate more than 40 percent of Oregon's electricity, as well as providing power to surrounding states, including California. It was built between 1947 and 1954 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Among the engineers working on the project was Ethel Birnbach, a Portland woman who has played bridge longer than the ACBL has existed.

In 1950 Birnbach achieved her "claim to fame": "I was the first woman who had a professional license in Oregon."



The engineer:

Ethel Birnbach

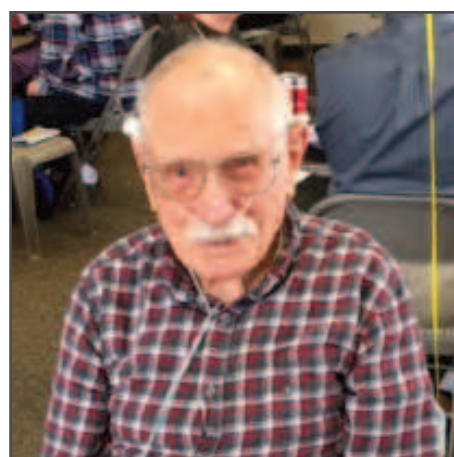
engineering in 1946, at 19 years old.

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The rocket scientist: **Al Wilson**



The food inspector: **Vern Nafus**

Regional turnouts continue to slide

The Eugene Regional had a disappointing turnout. The table count was 11% below our projections and 16% lower than the 2015 table count.

Barbara Seagram's workshops were well attended and I heard nothing but good comments from participants. I

attended the Wednesday evening I/N reception and heard enthusiastic comments from all of the attendees.

D20 financial statements indicate that we are close to our budgeted projections despite the disappointing table counts

in Medford and Eugene. I hope Seaside will show good attendance as it is our largest regional (over 3000 tables in 2016).

Deborah Lackey's resignation as education liaison was accepted.

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Seaside: Bridge, the beach, treats, seafood, stickers

Everyone's favorite District 20 tournament, the **Oregon Coast Regional**, starts on Oct. 2. We'll have all your favorite treats during the week along with a tournament gift and a sticker.

During breaks from the game, I hope you will enjoy a walk on the

beach, some great seafood, and a stroll through some of the local shops.

I will bid you farewell at the end of the tournament as I move on to new adventures and challenges. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement these past two years. It's been so much fun.

The district has a great lineup of tournaments for 2018. The **Oregon**

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Sam Asai
D20 President



Judy Davis
Tournament Manager

All of us can help make tournaments better

Declining tournament attendance seems to be a recurring theme. I've seen articles and posts on Facebook and Bridge Winners concerned with the downward trend in numbers.

Until recently most of my regional experience was only at the Seaside and Oregon Trail Regionals, both of which are fairly large. Although the 2017 OTR was actually slightly larger than the previous five years, it seemed kind of small compared to my memory of past tournaments — but honestly I never paid much attention until I became involved with The Trumpet.

I attend the board meetings and it's quite enlightening — in between the incredibly boring parts. Since I've been doing the newspaper, people seem to ask me stuff, assuming I know; or they tell me stuff, assuming I can do something about it. All I can do is open my big mouth and, believe me, I need no encouraging to do that.

So here is what I hear: Tournaments

that are not well-attended are universally disliked.

Obviously, rent's gotta get paid, so whoever is hosting the tournament risks losing money.

The venue doesn't like it if rooms aren't booked and the restaurant and bar are empty.

Attendees like mega-masterpoints; low table count equals smaller awards.

People don't seem to like "playing up," so more comfy brackets mean less chance of encountering pros. But that doesn't happen if no one shows up. A ghost-town tournament sets off a lot of nervous whispering. Even a small decline in attendance means fewer brackets.

Is it our responsibility as bridge players to get out there and support our district? I think it is. Are there too many tournaments and not enough players? Probably. Is there anything we can do to make it better? Well, you can be involved in the answer to that question.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

A glorious but too short return to District 20

Did everyone see the story I wrote in the September Bridge Bulletin, called "Extreme Achievers," about ACBL members with interesting accomplishments outside of bridge? This was, I believe, the national magazine's first attempt at what I call a Trumpet-style feature — a collection of independent profiles organized around a central theme.

Of all the innovations from my time as Trumpet editor, this one does me particularly proud. The stories, which highlight the humanity of our fellow players and are most often written by **Jen Smith**, continue to be among the best content in what we know is the best regional bridge publication.

One of my goals in my current job was to bring stories like that to a national audience, so I was delighted to finally have that opportunity with the achievers story this month. It could be a model for future articles in the Bridge Bulletin. We are considering expanding our human-interest content and exploring ways to do that; following the Trumpet's lead would be one possibility.

The series I've been writing about the ACBL website, which was inspired by a suggestion from **Amy Casanova** in one of her first Trumpet columns, will be ending soon, so I'll be looking for new ideas.

A wonderful trip

It was so nice to be back in Oregon for the Eugene Regional. Traveling for me, as my followers know, is always courting disaster. This trip, which also included a few days of working on the Daily Bulletin at the tail end of the Toronto NABC, lived up to expectations on that front, despite my making it to the airport on time each of my travel days.

The biggest disaster happened the night before I left. I'd considered skipping my regular Tuesday post-work swim so I could get home to eat, finish packing and get to bed earlier than usual the night before flying to Toronto. But knowing I would miss several swim days while traveling, I just couldn't miss that night. While I was swimming, my phone was stolen.

There isn't ever a good time to experience an incident like that — although the phone was three years old and I was planning to replace it soon anyway — but one thing that can make losing a phone much more complicated than it needs to be is international travel. It was almost 9 p.m. by the time I left the pool, and my limited options would be greatly constricted by

being in another country the next day.

It turned out the only way to reactivate my backup phone, a seven-year old clunker, was to make a quick stop at an AT&T store on my way to the airport in the morning — and get it done quickly enough to still make my flight.

I did, and made it to Toronto on schedule. From then, when disaster struck, it tended to be in my vicinity. My first night there, the Daily Bulletin crashed and failed to publish for the first time.

In between Toronto and Eugene, I stayed a couple of days in Coos Bay-North Bend and planned to play a club game with **Diane Caccamise**. On the way there, she got into a car accident (no injuries), which I hope is the most novel excuse anyone ever uses to get out of a game with me.

The following day, in Eugene, my plans to meet a friend for dinner got delayed a couple hours when he got lost on the way to Valley River from his workplace 10 minutes away. But eventually he found me, and things were good from that point through most of the second week of the trip.

Eugene Regional

Sure, there are always disasters at the bridge table. **Rich Carle** and I spent the first half of the first session of a knockout not realizing we were playing different convention cards. **Connie Marfell** and I got to the wrong place in a transfer auction. With **Jake Olsen**, I got to play a 1-1 fit, going down five in 3♠ when we were cold for 6♦. And all by myself I managed to go down in a making slam when I accidentally pulled the wrong card from my hand playing to the opening lead.

But none of that fazed me for long. I tend to laugh about those things anyway — it is a game — but that week I had such a good time playing with all of my partners and all of our opponents and was so happy to be back in Oregon that not much could bring me down.

The bridge highlight was getting to the semifinal of a knockout in the top bracket and taking a 35-20 lead in the first half, with 34 of those IMPs coming on three boards that made me look like a hero.

On one, I raised Rich to 7NT after he opened 2♣ while I held 16 HCP; the other table stopped in 6NT (win 11). On another, after making a takeout double of a 2♥ opening with 19 HCP and 4-4 in the minors, when Rich freely bid 3♣ over an opponent's interfering 2♠, I raised him to

Here's how.

Be a volunteer

There are four positions open in District 20: education liaison, district recorder, area representative in Northern California, and a spot on the finance committee. Put in your name for consideration (see ad, page 3 for more information).

There are many volunteers who make these tournaments possible; not just the ones with titles and positions, but the everyday players who pitch in and help without much thanks. Be one of those volunteers.

There are countless opportunities out there for all of us to contribute, officially and unofficially, to ensure the success of our tournaments, and the game in general, now and for the future.

Our silent thank you is to show up, and to be respectful to the directors, volunteers, opponents, staff and venue. And when it comes to respect, we might as well include our partners, too.

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game. The other table played 3♣ making five (win 10).

Perhaps the most interesting was the hand where I was 8-5 in the majors with only 5 HCP and made 4♣ doubled that was down one at the other table (win 13).

Dir: South
Vul: Both

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

I opened the South hand 4♠; East balanced with a double and it was left in.

At both tables, the ♠A was led and ruffed. In order to make it, I have to find a way to hold my heart losers to three despite missing the top five. No problem if they split 3-3, but I have to hope for a lot of crashing honors otherwise. While the lead makes dummy's ♣K good, the pitch doesn't do me any good and risks exposing that I don't have any diamonds to throw.

However, I decided to use it anyway, so I played a spade to the ♠K and cashed the ♣K, pitching a heart. I then called for a heart from dummy. I needed something good to happen in hearts, and boy did I get it on the next three tricks.

East went up with the ♥Q, which West overtook with the ♥A. West led back the ♥J, which East overtook with the ♥K. In order to signal for a diamond return, East led the higher of his remaining hearts, the ♥10, for West to ruff with the ♠9.

With six cards between them that could potentially take tricks — the five top hearts and the natural trump — they managed to play all six on the same three tricks!

West returned a diamond as instructed, but I ruffed and pulled the last trump, leaving me with spades and the good ♥9.

Opponents Steve Gross and Bob Bass came back in the second half to knock us out. They knocked me out again with a different team in the first round of Friday's KO, and again in the first round of Saturday's compact KO, and then beat us in the first round of the Sunday Swiss.

That's a lot of drubbing at the hands of the same pro, but I have no complaints. I can't wait until the next time I can afford to make such a trip.

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Toronto

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In regional events, **Bob Johnson** and **Merlin Vilhauer** won the Wednesday Open Pairs. **Hendrik Sharples** won the Tuesday A/X Swiss. Johnson also teamed with **Mike Redden**, **Joel Datloff** and **Roger McNay** to win the Saturday Evening Swiss.

Mary Alice Seville, **Eileen Milligan**, **Becky McKenzie** and **Eileen Boal** reached the final of a bracket 5 knockout the first weekend. **Ken** and **Mary Cornelius** and **Marc Franklin** and **Mary Lou Moriarty** were second in the second bracket of the Wednesday Daylight B teams.



Deaths

William Connell – 81, of Eureka CA died July 1, 2017.

Harriet Davis – 94, of Eugene OR died May 31, 2017.

Michael Kitzmiller – 71, of Salem OR died June 29, 2017.

Lee Manning – 77, of Weiser ID died June 24, 2017.

Diana Nagler – 85, of Marysville CA died July 1, 2017.

James Newfield – 67, of Vancouver WA died June 3, 2017.

Teddy Romtvedt – 83, of Kilkamath Falls OR died July 6, 2017.

Mary Wiese – 93, of Gearhart OR died May 23, 2017.



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NAP AND GNT

NAP is scheduled Dec. 9-10; register your venue and play

D20 was well represented in the GNT finals in Toronto. Our A and B teams came in fifth-eighth nationally and our open team came in third-fourth, losing only to the winners. All four teams reported positive experiences. Please read reports from **John Ashton** (page 8), **Ray Robert** (page 8) and **Roger Thomas** (right) in this issue.

The Grand National Teams finals are a different experience from playing locally. The finals start a day before the rest of the NABC. You are at the center of ACBL bridge. You get the best directors, the biggest room with the best light and air, and the newest cards. On Thursday in the GNTs, each KO match has its very own set of pre-duplicated boards; different from the boards being played in the other flights and by the other district. Starting Friday, you play behind screens and every table has its own set of pre-duplicated boards, so you don't even have to pass boards to the other table. On Saturday — well we lost on Friday, so I can't tell you what it is like to be on vugraph as the open players were, and to have the whole world watching you.

North American Pairs

The unique experience of playing at the nationals and being at the center of bridge is only available to those who qualify at their local clubs and then win the right to represent their district at their district's finals. The D20 online NAP finals are Dec. 9 for flights A and C, and Dec. 10

for flight B. The club qualifying period for next year's GNT is now open and goes through February.

These North American Events are for players of all ability ranges. We have three flights in our upcoming NAP finals and send 11 pairs. As Roger Thomas on our C team found out in Toronto, D20 provides larger subsidies than most other districts.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

Our online finals are an opportunity for players to win gold and red points without having to travel away from their home locations. I like to think of it as having a bridge party. Players from any part of D20 can apply to host a venue. All you need is a monitor and reliable internet. Your partner or teammates can play from the same or from a different location. We had 12 venues throughout the district in our GNT finals last

spring. You can get together at a friend's house, play bridge, eat your party food and win gold points. In Flight C our winners took home 10 gold/red points without having to leave their local area. Our flight B winners received 18 gold.

I hope we have bridge parties in 20 locations this fall in our online NAP finals. Eleven pairs will win the right to represent D20 at the 2018 spring nationals in Philadelphia. Join me and others across our district as we play locally while competing regionally.

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Despite qualifying reversal, C team is hungry for more

The first day of our GNT Flight C experience began with anticipation and a little anxiety, especially since for most of us it was our first NABC.

As my partner and I sat down to face our first team, an opponent's bidding box bottom gave way, sending most of her bid cards to the floor. With a smile on my face, I said that, per tournament rules, all bid cards that reached the floor could no longer be used in her bidding for the remainder of the session. After a brief pause, we all shared a moment of laughter and the ice was broken.

It would not be the last time we shared laughter with our opponents and, for the most part, everyone we encountered was quite friendly. The sessions ran longer than usual, with both sessions lasting more than four hours.

Throughout the rounds we bounced around from as high as 10th to as low as 20th. The top 16 earned a place in the next day's event. We didn't think we were going to make it, but when we saw the "Q" next to our team's number, we were feeling pretty good.

Unfortunately, a few minutes after the posting, our joy was dashed as the director indicated that there had been a scoring error and our Q was removed. (We finished 19th, not 14th.) We were left with the disappointment of not having qualified for the next round.

So, we played a variety of pairs events

throughout the week until our scheduled departure. My partner, Jon, and I chose to focus on the daily two-session open pairs, which provided us the opportunity to face, at times, some of the best players in the world. I can summarize that experience with one brief example.

On one board, we were proud to have bid and made a rather interesting game contract. Certain that this was going to be one of our better boards, we were astonished to see that we ultimately got a 6% score on the board (welcome to the big leagues). Undaunted, we merely continued to say "Thank you, sir, may we have another."

With the advantage of hindsight, would I have chosen not to go? Absolutely not. While the entire NABC event can certainly be costly, for those truly interested in the game of bridge, it is quite the experience. Furthermore, the \$2,000 team subsidy provided by District 20 was not only helpful, we learned through conversations with participants from other districts that it is also one of the more generous subsidies. One district provided each team member with a \$75 subsidy.

I am already looking forward to the next round of GNT qualifications for the 2018 NABC to be held in Atlanta next summer. Please join me, won't you?

Roger Thomas writes on behalf of teammates Jon Gassaway, Ben Levy and Beverly Walker.



Roger Thomas
The Real Roger Thomas

Teachers' Corner

Look at meaningful results: Focus on mistakes, not fixes

A student approached me recently exasperated with a scoring issue. He lamented a bottom board had resulted from opponents bidding and making a slam that no other pair in the room had found, edging him out of getting masterpoints.

His exasperation was understandable as he continued to explain that he and his partner did nothing wrong and had only six points between their two hands. I explained the common term for that scenario is "getting fixed." He thought it just wasn't fair, which if we are honest, there's not a bridge player that wouldn't agree after being on the receiving end of a fix.

After asking him if he had ever gotten a good board from opponents misplaying a hand or giving a favorable lead, he agreed that he had, indeed, received numerous such gifts. I told him that the fixes and gifts often even out and it's just a part of duplicate bridge. Solid bridge play statistically will win over time.

It made me proud that this new player had learned to look at results and understand what earns a good board versus a bad board. Many beginners have a difficult time analyzing the results of a game in order to improve their game. My recom-

mendations to them are:

- ◆ Ask for a summary at the end of a game and look at your low scores.
- ◆ Get a hand record, but don't take it very seriously. It is only a reference.



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

The double-dummy analysis is based on seeing all four hands. Sometimes the hand record says a hand will make an impressive contract, but there may not be a logical way to bid it.

- ◆ Discount your fixes — there's nothing you can do about that. Just move on.
- ◆ Concentrate on the boards where you and your partner did not bid game, but everyone else in the room got there. Could you and your partner have bid it differently? Or if you were off one trick, with the contract not making and everyone else made their contract, how could it be played to make?

◆ If a board has you scratching your head on the bidding or play, ask a player you respect what his thoughts are.

◆ If you learn just one thing during the session that improves your game, consider the game a success.

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Volunteers wanted!

District 20 is seeking:

- Education Liaison
- Finance Committee member
- Recorder
- Area 2 Representative California units 457, 458, 461 & 464

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THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Upcoming sectionals

Vancouver NLM

The Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional will be held Oct. 14-15 at the Vancouver Bridge Club in Vancouver WA. See ad page 6 for details.

Grass Valley

The Gold Country Sectional will be held Oct. 20-22 at St. Canice Center in Nevada City CA. See ad below for details.

Newport

The Central Oregon Coast Sectional will be held Oct. 26-29 at the Shilo Inn in Newport OR. See ad this page for details.

Nampa-Caldwell

The Nampa-Caldwell Sectional will be held Nov. 3-5 at the Hispanic Cultural Center in Nampa ID. See ad page 5 for details.

Redding

The Redding Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 3-5 at Win-River Hotel & Casino in Redding CA. See ad page 5 for details.

Portland: Battle of the Willamette

The Battle of the Willamette Sectional will be held Nov. 4-5, with open events at the Ace of Clubs in Lake Oswego and NLM events at the Portland Bridge Club. See ad page 6 for details.

Corvallis 299er

The Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional will be held Nov. 4-5 at the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center in Corvallis OR. See ad page 6 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Honolulu May (100 tables)		8 19.26 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR		15 9.01 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR	
1 19.74	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI	19.26	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	Honolulu July (106 tables)	
2 14.97	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI	10 17.72	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR	1 21.51	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
3 14.80	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI	11 17.59	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	2 20.87	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
4 13.37	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI	12 16.68	Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR	3 20.14	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
5 12.22	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI	16.68	Amy Casanova, Portland OR	4 19.63	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
6 12.09	Warren Fukushima, Pearl City HI	14 16.50	John Ashton, Portland OR	5 19.62	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
7 11.78	Leo Williams, Honolulu HI	16.50	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	6 16.03	Wallace Young, Honolulu HI
8 11.41	Wallace Young, Honolulu HI	16 15.76	Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR	7 15.15	Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
9 10.92	Barbara Linn, Honolulu HI	15.76	Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR	8 14.30	Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI
10 10.59	Arun Savara, Honolulu HI	18 15.66	Robert Law, Tigard OR	14.30	David Wong, Honolulu HI
Eugene (147 tables)		19 15.13	Raj Garg, Portland OR	10 14.18	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
1 25.73	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	20 13.67	Richard Carle, Longview WA	Rogue Valley Summer (85 tables)	
2 19.63	Steven Pessin, Eugene OR	21 11.82	Nancy Jonske, Portland OR	1 17.45	James Flint, Ashland OR
19.63	Ginny Stark, Eugene OR	22 11.68	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	2 16.51	Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ
4 18.52	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	23 11.35	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA	16.51	Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR
18.52	Irva Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR	11.35	Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Minneapolis MN	4 13.94	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
6 16.84	Michael Levy, Keizer OR	25 11.33	Jim Wiser, Portland OR	5 13.58	Bob Wierman, Anderson CA
7 13.88	Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	26 10.51	Flo Savage, Portland OR	6 13.28	Kemble Yates, Ashland OR
13.88	Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA	27 9.91	Joan Borberg, Portland OR	7 13.11	James Smith, Mapleton OR
9 10.85	Sandra Straus, Newport OR	9.91	Ginny Gainer, Portland OR	13.11	Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR
10.85	Christine Orchard, Yachats OR	Salem (142 tables)		9 13.08	Scott Foster, Medford OR
11 9.83	Deborah Duke, Eugene OR	1 18.47	Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	13.08	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
9.83	Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR	2 15.75	Robert Law, Tigard OR	Sutter Buttes (91 tables)	
13 8.09	Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	3 14.98	John Ashton, Portland OR	1 21.15	Judy Pede, Grass Valley CA
8.09	James Smith, Mapleton OR	4 14.03	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	21.15	Daniel Green, Reno NV
15 7.98	Pat Moore, Corvallis OR	5 12.68	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR	3 15.21	Garth Gregory, Chico CA
Portland Spring (271 tables)		6 11.82	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR	4 12.87	Richard Shipley, Yuba City CA
1 62.35	Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	11.82	Carol Harms, Corvallis OR	12.87	Bob Shuken, Auburn CA
2 35.53	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	8 11.39	Stu Swan, Portland OR	6 10.77	Kathryn Le Gro, Carmichael CA
3 26.57	John Sather, Ridgefield WA	11.39	Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR	10.77	John Chan, Sacramento CA
4 23.85	Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA	10 10.47	Ray Robert, Portland OR	8 9.67	Jack Woodard, Chico CA
23.85	David Brower, Portland OR	11 10.33	Jim Wiser, Portland OR	9 9.20	Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA
6 22.74	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA	12 10.31	Isolde Knaap, Woodburn OR	10 9.00	Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA
7 19.58	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	13 9.81	Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR		
		14 9.38	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA		

Vancouver

The Vancouver Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 11-12 at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 7 for details.

Deadline notice for Sectional Tournament organizers

Please submit tournament flyers to the ACBL website at least **six months** in advance of **all** tournaments to ensure timely inclusion in the Trumpet. Flyers for sectionals held in January, February and March are due in October.

Gold Country Sectional October 20-22, 2016

St. Canice Center,
236 Reward St.
Nevada City, CA 95959



Friday, Oct. 20
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 299er pairs - single sessions
- Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions

- 3 p.m. NLM Pairs <500 MP - single session

Saturday, Oct. 21
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 299er pairs - single sessions
- Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions
- 3 p.m. NLM Pairs <500 MP - single session

Pairs stratifications based on pair average:

A: 2000+; B: 750-2000;
C: 0-750 (NLM)

Sunday, Oct. 22
10 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.

- Sunday Swiss Teams
- 20 Victory point scale - afternoon session; short lunch on your own, sandwiches available for purchase
- A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500 based on average MP per team
- Single session teams allowed
- Strats for all events may be adjusted by the director based on the masterpoints of players in the event

Card fees per session

- \$10 ACBL members
- \$13 non- or unpaid ACBL members
- \$2 under 18

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Directions

Note: for locals, Reward St. is off Zion St. and within 1 block of SPD in Nevada City.

From Grass Valley, take Hwy CA 20 E/49 N toward Nevada City. Exit at Ridge Rd./Gold Flat Rd. Exit 185A. Turn left.

Drive .2 miles to roundabout. Turn right onto Zion St.

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Sanction #1710039

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Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	7 pm	10 am 3 pm	10 am 3 pm	
Bracketed KNOCKOUTS		3 pm (Round 1)	10 am (Round 2) 3 pm (Round 3)	
Stratified Swiss Teams (Two sessions)				10 am & TBA Victory Points
299er Swiss Teams (Single Session)				10 am Win/Loss

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KOs with only one bracket may be handicapped



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The Bidding Toolbox

How to handle interference in transfer auctions

Responses and rebids after opening 1NT – part 2

In part one of this three-part series on bidding after a strong 1NT opening, we talked about Stayman, four-suit transfers, and super-accepts.

In this column, we'll discuss what to do when the opponents decide to enter the auction after responder has made a Stayman or transfer bid.

We'll also talk about how to invite in notrump when playing four-suit transfers.

Interference bids

What if the opponents try to disrupt the auction after you transfer?



Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolkit

Sometimes an opponent will interfere by bidding his own suit.

Here are your options:

With only two in the transferred suit, you may pass. If partner retransfers, she is showing at least six and doesn't mind being at the three level even if you have only two.

Example:

After you open 1NT, partner bids 2♦ (transfer to hearts) and right hand opponent bids 2♣. With only two hearts, you pass. If partner, at her next turn, bids 3♦, she is re-transferring you to hearts: "Bid hearts, partner; I have at least six." She has an invitational hand.

After hearing that, opener can decide whether to go on to game, depending on his holding.

When opener doubles RHO's interfer-

ence suit bid after responder has transferred, it is a business double.

Example:

	<i>Partner</i>		<i>You</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♦
2♣	Dbl ⁽¹⁾	Pass	?

1. Kaboom!

The same principles hold when the opponent makes an interfering bid after partner has bid Stayman 2♣. You can pass with no four-card major, bid the major if you have it, or double the interfering bid for penalty. And, of course, redouble, inviting partner to play 2♣ redoubled because you (the notrump opener) have good clubs.

Interference double

If RHO doubles your partner's 2♦ transfer bid as lead directing, you can accept the transfer with three or more, or pass with only two. There is a third option, the nuclear option: Redouble! Here is a hand that would justify a redouble of your partner's doubled 2♦:

♠Axx ♥xx ♦KQJ98 ♣AK

You're telling your partner, "He doubled your artificial bid, but I am perfectly willing for you to play it redoubled with my holding." Partner can decide, depending on her holding, whether the better result is making the redoubled contract or bidding the game or slam she envisioned.

Again, when it's responder's turn, she can also choose to re-transfer.

Notrump invite

When you're playing four-suit transfers,

a response of 2NT is not available for an invitation to 3NT. In the sequence 1NT – (Pass) – 2NT, responder's bid is a transfer to diamonds.

To invite, responder must go through Stayman 2♣ first. After opener answers the 2♣ Stayman ask, responder can then bid 2NT, inviting to game. When responder bids 2NT in that sequence, partner must alert, and when asked, say, "Partner may not have a four-card major."

Coming next — Three-level responses to 1NT openings.

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GNT Flight B 'System triumph'

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table they used a regular 4NT key-card ask. Over the 5NT king-ask, the person holding my hand perhaps unwisely bid 6♠, his only king, boxing them into 7♥. Chuck opportunistically doubled with that trump stack for a nice pickup. But it wasn't enough and our tournament was over.

As always with a close loss, one can retroactively spot opportunities. Hopefully some day we can earn the right to return and finish the job.

Ray Robert writes on behalf of Rick Prouser, Chuck Swart and Jim Wiser.

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Nampa-Caldwell Harvest Sectional

Nov. 3-5, 2017

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Friday, Nov. 3

- Stratified Open Pairs – 1 and 6 p.m. (single sessions)
- Single Session 199ers – 1 and 6 p.m. (if attendance allows)

Saturday, Nov. 4

- Stratified Open Pairs – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (single sessions)
- Single Session 199ers – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (if attendance allows)

Sunday, Nov. 5

- Stratified Swiss Teams – 10 a.m. (2 session play-through)
(Seven 7 – board matches Victory Points)

Masterpoint ranges: A - 1500+ B - 500 to 1500 C - 0 to 500

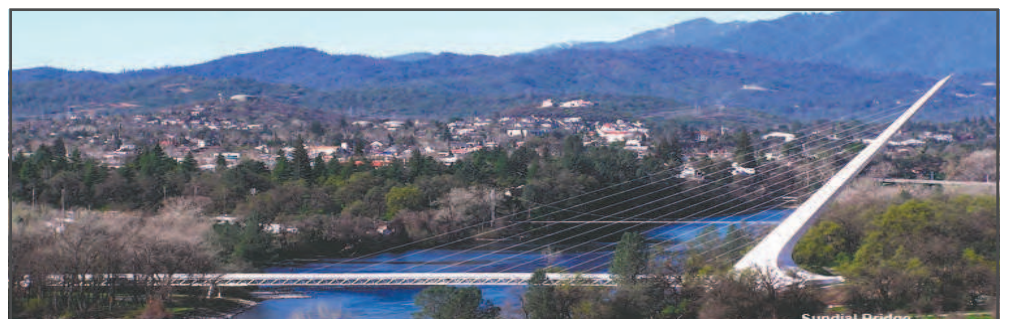
Stratification: By average masterpoints, pairs & team games

Entry Fees:

- Friday and Saturday:
 - \$10 per person (ACBL Members)
 - \$13 per person (Non- or unpaid ACBL Members)
- Sunday - \$120 per team – Includes lunch!

Information:

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

Saturday, Nov. 4

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Open Pairs (two session event) 10 a.m. 3 p.m.
(Single session pairs welcome; if 3 or more tables sign up for single session, a separate side game will be held)

Sunday, Nov. 5

Stratified Swiss Team (20 Victory Point scale) 10 a.m.
Two sessions play through
(Lunch will be available between sessions)

Per-session fee of \$10 per player • \$5 extra for non- and unpaid ACBL members
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Stratifications

A: 2000+
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C: 0-750 (NLM)
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 Oct. 14-15, 2017

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Saturday, 3 p.m.: Single session pairs (stratified)
Sunday, 10 a.m. & TBA: Two session Swiss Teams (stratified)

Stratifications:
 0-500 NLM: A=200-500; B=50-200; C=0-50

Strats are based on the average masterpoint holding of the pair or team.

Fees: \$8 per player per session
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 Sunday lunch: \$5 includes sandwich and salad

Director: Ian Kirk • **Tournament Chair:** Liz Fullerton, 360-258-1900, Liz4bridge@gmail.com •
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November 4-5, 2017

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Director: Eileen Milligan
 ACBL Sanction No. 1711035

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 \$12 non- or unpaid ACBL member

Saturday, Nov. 5
 10 a.m. 3 p.m.
 Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs
 (Two separate sessions, not play-through.)

Sunday, Nov. 6
 10 a.m. TBD
 2-session stratified Swiss Teams

Strat A: 100 – 300 MPs Strat B: 50 – 100 MPs Strat C: 0 – 50 MPs

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The West
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 Sanction No. 1711120
Location:
 Ace of Clubs
 Mountain Park Plaza
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 Lake Oswego, OR 97035
 (503) 646-8252
Schedule:
 Sat. Nov. 4
 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 IMP Pairs, Stratified
 (0-750, 750-2000,
 2000+)
 (single sessions)
 Sun. Nov. 5
 10:30 a.m. and TBD
 Swiss Teams,
 2 Sessions, VPs

The East
 Willamette Sectional
Location:
 Portland Bridge Center
 8383 NE Sandy Blvd.
 Suite 300
 Portland, OR 97213
 (503) 252-1318
Schedule:
 Sat. Nov. 4
 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 (10:30 a.m. is the Non-LM
 "Battle of the Willamette")
 • Non-LM Pairs (0-500),
 stratified
 • 0-100 Pairs
 (play separately if # of
 tables permit)
 Sun. Nov. 5
 1 p.m.
 Non-LM Swiss Teams
 (0-500)
 One Session, Win/Loss

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Both tournaments

- \$10 per session (\$13 for unpaid and non-ACBL members)
- \$5 students under age 26 with student ID (\$8 if non-member)

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THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Don't hide support for partner's suit

Sherry Squirrel was so excited, heading to the Eugene Regional where Franny and she had never played. Remembering conventions or your new agreements at the table is the hardest part. She hoped we would see some experts there. She heard that the intermediate-newcomer gathering



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

is a kick-ass party.

Her partner, Franny Fox, said, "This will be so much fun. I do enjoy playing with you."

Sherry is mentally reviewing all the maxims that made no sense when she was taking lessons: Count your cards before looking at them. Lead your partner's suit.

Support your partner if you have three cards or more in her suit and at least 6 HCP. Lead with your card face down and ask, "Any questions, partner?" Bid four-card suits up the line when responding.

They added support doubles and maximal doubles. Who knows if they will come up? Franny agreed with Sherry that a couple of new conventions wouldn't hurt.

The first hand she picks up is:

♠A 9 4 3 ♥K 3 2 ♦A K 7 ♣K J 3.

She has to decide whether to open a club or a diamond. She chooses 1♣. She was planning to rebid 2NT. When her partner bids 1♠, she wonders: "Should I support? Or should I tell her my points and distribution?" She thinks that is more important. So she puts down the 2NT card.

Franny bids 3♦ (new minor forcing).

Sherry puts down 3♠ and Franny bids 4♠. After the lead is down Franny says, "There has been a failure to alert." After she sees the dummy, she adds, "There has also been a failure to support." She shakes her head and purses her lips.

The next round Sherry picks up this hand and is so happy: she knows her bid and rebid!

♠K J 7 ♥A 8 5 ♦A Q 10 9 ♣A 9 3

Sherry opens 1♦ and Franny bids 1♥. There is a double on her right and Sherry bids 2NT with this hand, forgetting that she is the one who insisted that they should try support redoubles. Franny doesn't trust the support double concept and bids 3♣. Sherry thinks and thinks and decides that it is important to tell partner that her spade cards are in the right place, so she bids 3♠ and again Franny is confused. There was no support double, and she has denied hearts again, so this must be some kind of spade stop and Franny bids 3NT. The auction:

Sherry	North	Franny	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dbl
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1. Playing support doubles and redoubles, a redouble would show three-card support for hearts, and 2NT would deny three hearts.
2. Asking for three-card support (not believing Sherry has denied it).
3. Once again denying the three hearts in Sherry's hand and ostensibly showing four spades.

After the lead is down Franny says, "There has been a failure to alert."

The hand:

Dlr: West	♠9 5 3	♠10 6 2
Vul: None	♥9 6 2	♥K Q 10 7 3
	♦7 5 4	♦K 8
	♣8 7 5 2	♣J 10 6
	♠K J 7	♠A Q 8 4
	♥A 8 5	♥J 4
	♦A Q 10 9	♦J 6 3 2
	♣A 9 3	♣K Q 4

At the end of the game, they were exhausted. Both Sherry and Franny had a wonderful time but were happy to be heading to the pool at the tournament site. And they agreed, no hand reviews until they are sitting at happy hour with a glass of wine.

They laughed about when they learned new minor forcing, and about the time Sherry passed Franny in the other minor. When you learn new conventions it takes a few errors to get it down pat.

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

Franny's advice

It is nice to know your bid when you open — and your rebid. But listen to the auction. Your rebid may change.

Support your partner! If you have four-card support, tell her right away.

Support doubles and redoubles aren't for penalty. They say you have three-card support.

New minor forcing is in effect over a 2NT as well as a 1NT rebid. Partner wants to know whether you have two- or three-card support. Do not forget to alert NMF.



Carol Kato, right, partners with bridge expert and author Barbara Seagram at the Eugene Regional in August, a prize Kato won in a drawing to promote Seagram's workshops at the tournament.

Kato wins first in club game after playing with Seagram

By Jim Flint
The Trumpet

Would you be more nervous playing against a top bridge expert or playing with one?

It might be a toss-up. Just ask **Carol Kato** of Eagle Point in Unit 484. She won a drawing in which the prize was an opportunity to play at the Eugene Regional with bridge expert and writer Barbara Seagram ("25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know" and many others).

"I was nervous and didn't play that well, but I came away with a few valuable pointers," Kato said.

She attended Seagram's three-day seminar at the tournament and learned a lot there, too, she added.

"We spent a lot of time playing hands, so we could see how her tips could be applied."

She said during the tournament play, Seagram was very personable and seemed like an old friend.

"I have to tell you I think her lessons had an effect," Kato said. "Bill (New-Comb) and I came in first in Thursday's club game with a 61% score."

Vancouver USA Fall Sectional

November 11-12, 2017

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



Saturday, Nov. 11

Stratified Open Pairs (2 single sessions)10 a.m.; 3 p.m.

299er Pairs (2 single sessions).....10 a.m.; 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams.....10 a.m. & TBA

OPEN STRATS	299er STRATS	TEAM STRATS
A = 2000+	A=150 - 300	A = 3000+
B = 750 - 2000	B = 50 - 150	X = 0 - 3000
C = 0 - 750	C = 0 - 50	B = 750 - 2000
		C = 300 - 750
		D = 0 - 300

A team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight A/X
Strats for all events are based on average masterpoints of team or pair

Fees: \$10/session; \$13/session for unpaid and non-ACBL members.
Players with 0-5 masterpoints play free!

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District Finals

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Date	Event	MP limits
Saturday, Dec. 9	Flight A	unlimited
Sunday, Dec. 10	Flight B	under 2500
Saturday, Dec. 9	Flight C	NLM (< 500)



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TORONTO SUMMER NABC Dramatic comeback

How D20's top flight GNT team came from down 73 to reach semifinal

By John Ashton
The Trumpet

Twenty-three of the 25 districts in the ACBL were represented when play began July 20 in the open Grand National Teams in Toronto. Carrying the banner for District 20 were John Lusky – Randy Pickett, Jim Elliott – Marc Zwerling, and Dennis Metcalf – John Ashton.

The event began with a full day of Swiss teams to eliminate seven teams. The survivors competed in four days of knockout sessions with 60-board matches to determine a winner. The top four teams in the Swiss were allowed to choose their first opponent in the KOs from the teams that finished ninth through 16th. The fifth through eighth teams were randomly given the last four seeded spots in the bracket to face the four remaining teams, which were also assigned randomly.

We did very well in the Swiss and were the only squad to best 100 victory points, taking the top seed. Ignoring any home court advantage issues, we selected District 2, Toronto, as our initial opponents. There was no obvious choice, but we had blitzed the Maple Leafs in the Swiss.

Regrettably, there was no carryover. However, we jumped to a 35-IMP lead in the first quarter and added 14 in the second. We surrendered 8 in the third, but a solid final 15 boards saw us prevail by 55, 149-94.

Our next opponents were from District 10 (Memphis, Mississippi and Alabama). Bidding screens were in use from this point. Personally, I am not enthralled with this rendition of bridge, although it is routine in major ACBL events. My distaste for the conditions had nothing to do with the poor results that Dennis and I produced in the first quarter.

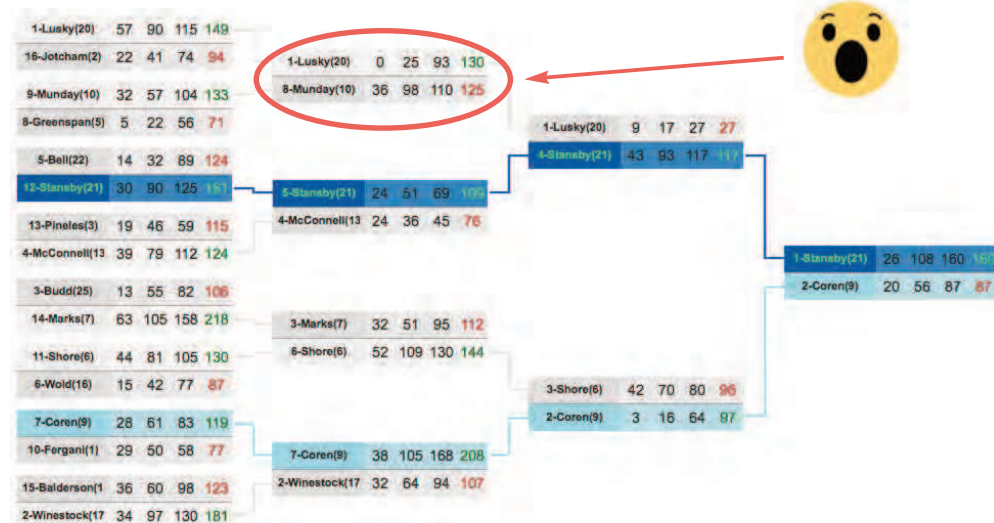
On an early hand, we both got into a cuebidding frenzy and reached 6♥. The opponents combined to hold three trumps including the queen and king. Dennis played ace and another trump, which, on a luckier day, might have ended the opponent forced to win the trick. It was not to be.

Later in the set, we were both uncharacteristically pessimistic and missed a cold vulnerable game. When we compared



GNT Championship Flight: John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, Jim Elliott, Marc Zwerling, John Lusky, Randy Pickett

GNT Championship Flight bracket



scores with our teammates, we ignominiously trailed 36-0.

Fortunately, the lineup that the team had agreed upon had Dennis and me sitting out the second quarter. The good news from boards 16-30 was that our team finally scored 25 IMPs. The bad news was that the opponents tallied 62, making the halftime score 98-25 for the bad guys.

There are two strategies about how to overcome a huge deficit. Some advocate a wild approach that may disrupt the opponents and occasionally hit a home run. More sensible in my view is to play normally, but to be a tad more aggressive, less reluctant to double the opponents, and to look for contracts and plays that are not frenetic but, perhaps, less than optimum. Under any circumstance, the hands must offer some action that you might handle better than your opponents.

The East-West hands on board 3 were:

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

Marc and Jim reached 6♠, declared from the strong side and easily made after a trump lead and facing no serious breaks. At our table, West declared 6♠ after a tortuous Precision auction. As North, I led a heart from three small and was ecstatic after declarer won in dummy and, after long consideration, called for the ♠Q. I could only deduce that in his reverie, he got a couple of tricks ahead of himself, as I won the onside king from my original ♠K 10 9. Things went from bad to much worse for declarer, who eventually went down three for 17 IMPs.

Having secured our first IMPs of the match, I wanted to Jack Nicholson-like put my head through the bidding screen aperture and say, "Here's Johnny!" I realized that would have been beyond inappropriate, particularly since we still trailed by 59 IMPs. On board 5, I picked up:

♠A ♥KJ 8 4 2 ♦A 3 ♣A 9 8 7 4

Vulnerable versus not, I opened 1♥ and rebid 2♣ over Dennis's forcing 1NT response. He raised to 3♣. I thought slam was a real possibility if he had five clubs to the king, a singleton heart, and another king. Thinking that the first requirement was very likely, I leaped to 4NT and bid 6♣ when Dennis showed one key card (the ♥A would have sufficed).

His hand was:

♠7 6 2 ♥7 6 ♦Q J 4 ♣K Q J 10 6.

The opening lead was a diamond, trapping the king, and both missing heart honors were in front of me, resulting in plus 1370 and 13 IMPs. Teammates' interference caused problems at the other table, and 5♣ was the opponents' contract.

On board 6, in fourth seat at favorable vulnerability, my hand was:

♠6 3 ♥8 4 ♦A K J 9 8 7 ♣A Q 7.

The auction went:

West	Ashton	East	Metcalf
		Pass	1♥
4♣	Dbl	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Rightly or wrongly and admittedly intrigued by the vulnerability, with three and a half quick tricks and no obvious fit, I doubled 4♣. To my surprise, Dennis pulled to 5♣. I deduced that he must have a two-suiter, at least 5-5 with no more than one spade. Hoping that he did not take too much liberty as a second-seat opener, I immediately raised to 6♣.

The defense started with two rounds of spades and Dennis, thankfully, ruffed the second. He quickly led a diamond to dummy and ruffed a diamond with the ♣J. He cashed the ♣K and led a club to dummy. Another diamond ruff established the suit, and declarer's ♥AK won the last two tricks for plus 920 and 14 IMPs when

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Strategic Thinking

When to upgrade your hand

One of the most interesting aspects of our game is hand evaluation. Dozens of articles have been written on the subject, so I will try to sum up the general ideas in this article and the next one. First, let's see when you should upgrade your hand.

Counting high-card points is a great start. Counting distribution is the second step. But you definitely have to take other factors into account to make a proper evaluation and bid correctly. Several elements can improve the value of your hand; some are obvious, others not so much.

Aces and kings: Traditionally, an Ace is worth four points. But its real value is much more, perhaps around six points, because of its trick-taking power, both in offense and defense. Kings are great too. They basically take a trick three-quarters of the time (when your side has the ace in that suit or when

your RHO has it). So next time you face:

♠A K x x ♥x x x ♦K x x x ♣A x,

you can confidently open a 15-17 NT.

Intermediates: Have you ever noted how many times a 10 or a 9 takes a trick in a 26-board session? If you do, you will soon realize their value.

Touching honors: It's a great plus to have honor sequences, like Q J 10, K Q J, even 10 9 8. They are easy to handle and you can promote them by forcing out the higher honors.

Honors in long suits: There is nothing better than having good long suits, and small singletons; your hand is more likely to fit

well with your partner's hand.

These elements are easy to identify because you just have to look at your own hand. One of my partners showed me a



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Trumpet Contributor

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Flight B team keeps it close

We emerged from the opening day Swiss with a reasonable seed in the KOs. We got out to a small lead against a pleasant, young Southern California foursome. We did just enough to maintain it all day in a low-scoring match. At this stage of the event, not only were the boards pre-dealt, but each match had separate hand records.

In the quarterfinals we played with bidding screens, a first time for all four of us. The mechanics of it may have distracted us just enough on the first board that we didn't find a line that could have beaten their game. It ended up a push, but that set the tone for what proved to be another low-scoring match.

On a later deal, you're sitting West defending 4♠. You hold ♦AKQ 4. Declarer, North, leads low from ♦J 8 7 5 in dummy. Would you duck? We didn't, but that turns out to be the only winning defense, allowing partner to win the 10 from ♦10 3.

On another board the opponents guessed well not to show a four-card spade suit. There were only nine tricks, but their 3NT scored better than our 3♠.

We did strike back. We got in the way of one of their big club auctions, steering them to a hopeless 3NT instead of an easy 4♥. And Rick and I had a peculiar system triumph.

When hearts are trump, we use 4♠ as the key-card ask. When this came up, after establishing that we had them all, Rick continued with 5♠ as a specific-king ask. I bid 5NT to show the ♠K. Rick bid 6♦, asking about that king. My 6♥ denied holding it and became the final contract. It turned out that hearts were 4-0 with the

♥J 10 6 4 behind the ♥AK. Now we needed the diamond finesse to make the contract, but the king was wrong so down one. The "triumph?" At the other



Ray Robert
GNT Flight B team

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The Oregon Coast Regional *at Seaside*

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- ◆ Afternoon 299er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ◆ Evening 299er Pairs Mon. - Sat.
- ◆ Afternoon 99er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
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MONDAY October 2
7 p.m. Seaside Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 9, 1 & 7 on Tuesday)
7 p.m. Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m. Stratified Open Charity Pairs (part of evening side game series) (1 of 6)
7 p.m. ...◆ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

TUESDAY October 3
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
9 a.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m. Gearhart Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Wednesday)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.◆ Razor Clam Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)
1 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.◆ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6)
7 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

WEDNESDAY October 4
9 a.m. Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (continues at 9 on Thursday)
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
9 a.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m. Astoria Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Thursday)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.◆ Coho Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)
1 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.◆ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6)
7 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

THURSDAY October 5
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m. Lewis and Clark Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on 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 October 5 (continued)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
1 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.◆ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)
7 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

FRIDAY October 6
9 a.m. Morning Stratified Swiss Teams (continues at 9 on Saturday)
9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
9 a.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m. Sand Dollar Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Saturday)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m.◆ Oyster Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
1 p.m. Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
1 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m.◆ 99er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
7 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
7 p.m. Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)
7 p.m.◆ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

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

SUNDAY October 8
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-session events)
*Lowest brackets will include 299er and 0-750 teams. Gold points in every bracket!

STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Pairs: Open/2000/1250
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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; under age 26, \$5.

Careers: In bridge, you never know who is sitting at the table or what they have accomplished

The rocket scientist

Al Wilson developed the first missile guidance technology

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

If you thought knowing one former rocket scientist turned bridge player was impressive, why not two? Al Wilson of Brookings, Ore., is no stranger to the Trumpet, but once we heard his wild career tale, we couldn't resist sharing his backstory — one that involves top-secret missions with the U.S. Navy.

Wilson didn't go into college expecting to become a rocket scientist. He started in 1962 as a chemical engineering major, but quickly knew it wasn't for him. "Within six weeks my hatred of organic chemistry lab made me sure I did not want a life as a chemist," Wilson says. "But I just loved the two weeks I got to spend programming this new thing called a computer."

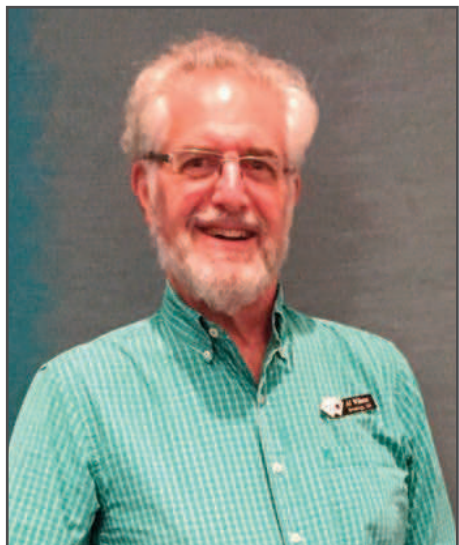
Of course, this was 1962. And there was no such thing as a computer science major. It was only because of a family friend that the entire course of Wilson's life would change. In the spring of 1964, this friend helped Wilson land a job at Hahnemann University in downtown Philadelphia. The job was to last 12 weeks, pay \$1 an hour (minimum wage at the time, according to Wilson), and would involve



Al Wilson in 1964

Wilson learning everything he could about how to use a computer. "My qualifications were impeccable: I was a math major who had spent two weeks in a one-hour class writing a single computer program," Wilson describes. "I jumped at the chance."

Wilson says he started learning how to write programs — and he loved every minute of it. By the time the 12-week program was over, he was all but running the place. But it was just as Wilson was preparing to graduate college when the situation in Vietnam escalated. "During the spring of my senior year, I got to take my pre-induction physical," Wilson says. "I knew I was healthy and that nothing stood in the way of my receiving a 1A rating."



In a top-secret project for the U.S. Navy, Al Wilson of Brookings, Ore., developed software to guide surface-to-air missiles during the 1960s.

Part of the requirements involved filling out a summary of his skills. "They were trying to do a reasonable job of figuring out who should go where,"

Wilson says. That's when a naval officer asked Wilson to meet with him. He noticed Wilson was getting his degree in math and physics — but was especially interested by the fact that he had spent two years programming a computer. "He said the Navy had destroyers that protect aircraft carriers using guided missiles," Wilson explains. "Currently those missiles were being guided by analog computers — machines using mechanical devices to calculate the path that the missile was to follow."

Each missile's task was to shoot down a Soviet MiG that was closing at twice the speed of sound. They knew that the latest computers could do the job far better than the analog computers, but they needed people to program them because that kind of software had not yet been written. Enter Al Wilson.

Of course, Wilson wasn't just handed a job as a rocket scientist. The naval officer put him through a mental test first, asking Wilson how he would approach their current problem.

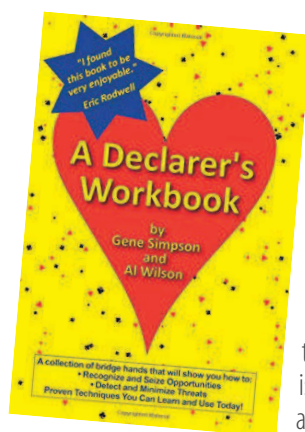
"I suggested that they calculate an approximate point in space where the missile could intercept the MiG and have the radar system guide the missile to that spot, making small corrections as the approximation got better or the MiG changed course," Wilson describes. "I pointed out that the problem was going to be complicated by the fact that all of the equipment was on a warship that was pitching, yawing and rolling."

It was that specific point that caught the naval officer's attention. Wilson says his eyes widened as he asked how Wilson could possibly know that. "I told him that I went fishing a lot in the summer, and I therefore understood how difficult it can be in rough water to know precisely where your destination is," Wilson states.

The officer was blown away. He told Wilson there were hundreds of guys who could carry a rifle, but Al was the only one who could solve the vital problem at hand. With that, he invited Wilson to Washington D.C., where he would be on the team writing the first digital computer software for the Navy to guide Talos missiles — the very missiles that would protect our aircraft carriers from aerial attack during the Cold War.

According to Wilson, the only problem was that his job was top secret — something he could not share with anyone, not even his closest relatives. All his family knew is that he didn't have to go to Vietnam and he was doing something for the U.S. Navy.

And to think all of this happened because Wilson's family friend found a college kid who was willing to learn to use a computer. "Serendipity is a wonderful thing," Wilson says. And that, as they say, is some rocket scientist history.



New book

Sharing a byline with Gene Simpson, Al Wilson recently authored "A Declarer's Workbook," aimed at helping improving players diagnose and solve common declarer play problems. It was reviewed in the July Bridge Bulletin and is available from David Taylor at District 20 regionals.

The food inspector

Vern Nafus was a top official for the USDA in Idaho, Montana

By Leslie Muir
Special to The Trumpet

Vern Nafus had two big celebrations this year — his 102nd birthday in March and becoming a Gold Life Master (2500 points).

Vern was born in Michigan on a farm covered in tree stumps. He calls it a stump farm. When he was old enough to start first grade, the family moved to Canada. They later returned to the U.S. where he started high school in St. Paul, Minn.

While living on the farm, Vern's chores included milking the cows. He milked six cows every morning and every night. His hands became so strong that he could squeeze the bathroom scale to its maximum.

Another of Vern's chores was to help his mom who raised chickens. His job was to kill them by breaking their necks. But the head had to stay on so they could be sold at market. Vern was very skilled at that.

While Vern was still in high school, the family moved to St. Ignatius, Mont. He attended one year of college at the University of Montana.

He recalls one big adventure when he and a few friends decided to go to the World's Fair in San Diego in 1935. They hopped a freight train to Washington and picked apples, earning 5 cents a box. Then they hopped another freight train to San Diego where they picked tomatoes. They earned enough money to get to the fair.

Vern wanted to be a forest ranger and had been told that the forest service would hire those students who got the best grades in their summer program. Instead, Vern observed they were hiring students who had connections and knew someone within. So he decided to switch his major to agriculture with emphasis in agronomy and went to Montana State University, completing his bachelor's degree in only three years.

After graduation Vern went to work for the USDA in Great Falls. He met and married his wife, Martha (Marty), when he was 24.

He registered for the draft and was eventually inducted and assigned to the Navy. He underwent specialized testing in electronics, a new field then, and was among the 15% who passed the test. The Navy sent him to school in Chicago where they eliminated another 50% of the class and sent him off to



Vern Nafus of Boise served the USDA as district supervisor for Idaho and acting state director for Montana. He turned 102 in March, shortly after reaching Gold Life Master.

California for further training as an aviation electronics technician. He served for about 18 months and then returned to his family and work again in Montana.

While Vern was working at the USDA, the state director, a politically appointed position, was removed from office. Vern was appointed as the acting director and then was offered the state director's position but he turned them down. With a wife and family to support, he figured he couldn't afford to lose his job and benefits the next time a new administration was elected and new appointments were made.

He transferred to Boise as the district supervisor for the state of Idaho. It was the top-ranking position under the state director. He retired at age 55 in 1970.

When asked how he got his start playing duplicate bridge, Vern said that he and his cousin used to play party bridge with their wives. The wives weren't too keen on the game, so his cousin suggested the two of them play duplicate. The first time they went to play was the local club championship, and they won.

Vern said when he began his duplicate career, masterpoints were very hard to obtain.

Vern and Marty had five children and were married for 63 years. There are 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

His secret to a long happy life is no drinking, no smoking, and keeping your mind active. Vern continues to be an active member of the Boise Bridge Club and a winner at the table.

The engineer: Projects ranged from fish ladders to missile detection systems to hospitals and airports

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Bimbach's first job was at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a precursor to NASA, at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. It wasn't the best fit. Bimbach wanted to work on structures, and she didn't think her math skills were strong enough to launch the U.S. into space. So after a couple of years, she transferred to the Portland office of the Army Corps of Engineers, where McNary Dam was being designed at the time.

Among the components of the dam that Bimbach worked on were the fish ladders. Because salmon need to swim upstream to reach their spawning grounds, when structures that would interfere with fish swimming along the river, such as dams, are built, it is necessary to build a passage that allows the fish to get around the dam and continue onto their destination.

"That's the nature of the beast," Bimbach says. "The fish go up the river. They have to have a way of getting past the dam. They built what they call fish ladders, graduated pools that the fish go through."

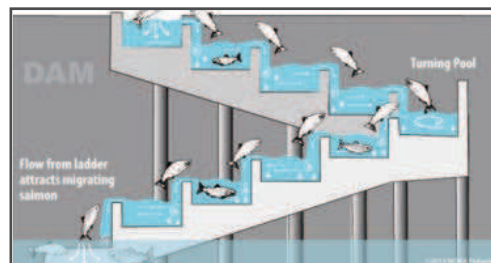
Without such structures, the salmon



The fish ladder at McNary Dam, designed by Ethel Bimbach and the Army Corps of Engineers, is at left.

wouldn't be able to spawn, and would die out. It's tricky to design these ladders that the survival of a species depends on. There needs to be enough water flowing down to attract the fish to the passage, but not too much that it washes them back down or exhausts them swimming against it. Among other considerations: "The fish ladders had to be designed so they wouldn't fall over or get swamped," Bimbach explains.

The McNary wasn't the first dam on the Columbia River, and Bimbach said she and the Corps drew on the lessons learned from previous dams to build progressively



better fish ladders. Her experience with the McNary later contributed to improvements in later dams, such as The Dalles Dam, built from 1952-57.

Missile detection

After working on the dam, Bimbach went to Alaska for six months to work on a missile detection system known as the DEW Line, short for Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations in the Arctic Circle. Nowadays we rely on satellites for missile detection. But that wasn't an option in the early days of the Cold War, because there was nothing in space before 1957 — not that Bimbach's former colleagues back in Virginia weren't trying.

If one were to send a missile from the Soviet Union toward the United States, the



Ethel Bimbach turned 90 in April.

from the stations of the DEW Line, along the north coast of Alaska and Canada. The advance warning would provide millions of schoolkids with ample time to get under their desks.

After her time in Alaska, Bimbach returned to Portland and went into the private sector. "I decided I didn't want to work for the government anymore," she says. She worked on the Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital, the Portland airport

and more dams. After getting married and starting a family, she worked off and on, but mainly off. She has two sons who still live in the Portland area, but no grandchildren.

81 years of bridge

Back at the resort in the Catskills, in the 1930s, before they had "dirty dancing," the go-to activity was bridge. Bimbach's mother played bridge with guests, and 8-year-old Ethel would kibitz. She learned from watching, and while staying with her aunt, began to sit in at 9. That was in 1936, a year before the ACBL was founded.

Ethel's college years coincided with World War II. "There was very little social life, so we would sit and play bridge," Bimbach says. "That's really when I started playing." She became a Life Master so long ago, she doesn't remember when, but she remembers where: in Salem, in a pairs game with Freda Laylor, who died in 2011.

Now 90, Bimbach is an Emerald Life Master with 9400 masterpoints. She downplays the advantage her math skills conferred on bridge: "All you had to do was learn to count to 13. You don't have to be a math major, but it helps a little bit."

D20 raises \$16,000 for The Longest Day

District 20 members raised more than \$16,000 for The Longest Day, the Alzheimer's Association fundraiser sponsored by the ACBL. Fourteen clubs and units in District 20 participated in the fifth year of the event, helping the ACBL to raise more than \$1 million for the first time in a single year. Contributions from District 20 were up 22% over last year.

The top fundraiser in D20 was **Boise Unit 394**, which has been first or second in the district every year. After coming in sec-



ond last year, Boise nearly doubled its previous amount (see story, page 13).

Also making huge increases over previous efforts were **Portland Bridge Club** and **Vancouver Bridge Club**, both going from amounts in the hundreds to the thousands.

Top 10 fundraisers in D20

Boise Unit 394	\$3750
Portland Bridge Club	\$2613
Vancouver (WA) Bridge Club	\$2349
Unit 461 Grass Valley CA	\$1920
Albany/Corvallis	\$1435
Ace of Clubs, Lake Oswego OR	\$1344
Cascade DBC, Bend OR	\$800
Unit 492 The Dalles/Hood River	\$721
Longview (WA) Bridge Club	\$618
Redding (CA) DBC	\$545

Asai: Two new tournament managers

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effective at the end of the Oregon Trail Regional next February. She has done an excellent job in this role, as evidenced by the Barbara Seagram workshop turnout.

D20 has a vacancy on the finance committee and needs to replace **Mike Eyer** as district recorder. Anyone interested in either position is invited to contact me or business manager Marie Ashton.

I want to congratulate our GNT finalists on their showing in Toronto. The open team reached the national semifinals and the flight A and flight B teams reached the quarterfinals. I believe these are the best results that D20 has produced.

Judy Davis, tournament manager, will retire at the end of the Seaside regional. Judy is to be congratulated for her excellent handling of our regionals over the last two years. I will miss her, but trust

we will see her at the tables in the future.

Jim Wheeler and **Linda Redman** have been selected as the new tournament managers. Each will manage two of the four regionals per year and three of the six regional sites per two-year cycle.

Larry Crumb has resigned as area representative and as tournament coordinator due to health reasons. I thank Larry for his contributions. **Jeff Jacob**, tournament director, has agreed to be the D20 tournament coordinator. D20 is looking for Larry's replacement as area rep for our California units.

I will host a meet and greet reception for unit presidents, club owners and others involved in unit governance at the Seaside regional. Check the Daily Bulletin for the time and place.

Contact Sam Asai at 541-308-5880 or at samuel.p.asai@gmail.com.

Vilhauer: No more Stop card

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Congrats to all.

Board meeting

It was the first meeting with the new CEO, Bahar Gidwani. Bahar is very enthusiastic and has some great ideas on how we can keep this organization going. Membership seems to be stable but is not growing. ACBL has been on a cost-cutting mission and has been successful in keeping expenses in check.

The board spent a good deal of time on the dues paid to the World Bridge Federation. The ACBL currently pays a dollar per year per member, which supports international bridge. Some board members believe that it is too costly to support a small percentage of players.

After much discussion the board voted to reduce the payment over the next few years to be about 50 cents per member. The Board of Governors voted to have the board revisit this motion.

Bye-bye, Stop card

In other business, the board voted to remove the Stop card starting Jan. 1, 2018. It also approved a couple of new sites

for NABCs. The 2022 Fall NABC was moved from Orlando to Phoenix, Ariz., and Chicago was named the site for the 2023 Summer NABC.

The WBF is holding its fall tournament for 2018 in Orlando. The ACBL, along with the United States Bridge Federation, contributes money for that tournament which gives U.S. players a chance to play in a world championship.

District 20 is hosting an NABC in Hawaii in November 2018 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Make your plans now to go. It should be a lot of fun. The district will be running charity games at local clubs to support the Hawaii NABC.

We have one more regional in District 20 this year in early October at Seaside. See you at the tables. Come support D20 regionals.

For more information about board actions, go to the website: acbl.org.

If I can answer any questions or you just want to pass along any news or suggestions, you can contact me at district20director@acbl.org.

District director Merlin Vilhauer can be reached at district20director@acbl.org.

GNT comeback

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the player with my hand bid 5♦ over 4♠ on the same auction. Two quick spades from the defense forced declarer to play trumps out of his hand, down one when an opponent held ♦Q-10-x-x.

On board 15, our table opponents played game in their eight-card spade fit. There was an obvious shift at trick two which allowed us to score a ruff for plus 50, while teammates were plus 400 in an unbeatable 3NT, 10 IMPs.

We were anxious to compare results, especially when our teammates claimed to have done well. We won the quarter 68-12, cutting our deficit to 17 IMPs.

Per our original plan, John and Randy took our place for the fourth quarter. I passed the time nervously and noticed, upon returning to the playing area, that Marc and Jim had finished. They reported that things went well until the final two boards. On the penultimate board 29, they had doubled the vulnerable opponents in an ironclad 5♦ when they were cold for 5♠ vulnerable. Oops!

As they tallied the score, I heard more "win somethings" than "lose somethings" but dreaded the score for board 29. At the loathsome moment, Marc said, "Sorry guys. minus 750." John quickly replied, "That's OK. Plus 950, win five." The scores were added, the disappointed opponents consulted, and we had earned a spot in the semifinal by only 5 IMPs.

Our next opponent was District 21 (the Bay Area and Sacramento). The team was excellent (composed entirely of past national championship winners) and would be, to put it mildly, a stern test. Unfortunately, the semifinal was anticlimactic. Dennis and I had another mediocre first quarter to trail 43-9.

The Bay Area squad won the second quarter, 50-8. We reentered the fray after halftime and dropped another 14 when I declared one hand stupidly and misbid another to keep us out of game. Down 90, we conceded, disappointed by our effort in the match but happy to have captured District 20's second consecutive semifinal (third/fourth) placing in this rugged event.

John Ashton is an Emerald Life Master.

Beauchet: Factors that make your hand worth an upgrade

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very useful website that gives you the real value of your hand. Search "K&R hand evaluator" and go to the top result, www.jeff-goldsmith.org/cgi-bin/knr.cgi. Then enter your hand and it will give you a value. Do a few and you'll do better at the table. Take a look at this hand I played in a regional:

♠A 7 3 ♥A 6 ♦AJ 8 7 5 4 ♣10 3.

It's only 13 points, but look at the aces and the long suit, plus the precious ♣10. I opened INT, and we found a very good 23-point game. The K&R hand evaluator says my hand is worth 15.35 HCP.

As the bidding proceeds, other factors

can make you upgrade your hand.

Honors behind the bidder: When your RHO bids a suit and you have honors in that suit, upgrade your hand, because your honors are likely to take tricks. Say your RHO opens a vulnerable 2♠ and you have ♠KJx. This average holding becomes huge and allows you to bid with fewer high-card points.

A fit/double fit in your direction: As soon as you locate a fit, or even better, a double fit your way, the power of your hand is increased. The greater the fit is, the better the hand is, and distribution becomes even more powerful.

When you have a double fit, you must bid a few levels higher than you would normally. Why? Because if your side has two

suits, then the opponents have the other two. They also have a double fit. It will be a battle to determine who will win the bidding. For that reason, when you know your side has a big fit or a double fit, especially if you have less than half the deck, preempt and make life hard for the opponents. Once again, upgrade your hand.

So next time you pick up your cards, count your high-card points, then evaluate the whole hand to see if you can upgrade it, and listen to the bidding to make your hand evaluation even more precise.

Next time we will be pessimistic and look at hands that should be downgraded.

Louis Beauchet is a 16-year-old Life Master.

Coming in 2018

65TH HAWAIIAN REGIONAL

Jan. 8-14, 2018



Monday, January 8

Aloha Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) 7 p.m.
Aloha Charity Pairs (stratified) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

Aloha Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 1st of 5) 9:30 a.m.
Aloha Bracketed KO Teams (3rd session) 1:30 p.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) 1:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (2000+, 0 - 2000) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Patsy Lum Gold Point Pairs (300-750, 0-300) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 1st of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Aloha Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 7 p.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 7 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 1st of 4) 7 p.m.
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (1st sess.) 9:30 a.m.
Oded Stitt Gold Point Pairs (1st sess., cont. Thu.) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 5) 9:30 a.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (3rd session) 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (20 VP) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams (20 VP) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 7 p.m.

Strat A = 2000+ , Strat B = 750 - 2000 , Strat C = 0 - 750

Stratified events based on average MPs

Single-session newcomer stratified pairs events held each session: **0 - 20 / 50 / 100 / 300 MPs**

KO events with only one bracket may be handicapped.

POINT AWARDS

Flt/Strat A & B (multisession) overall & section tops, Side Game Series overall & A section tops (must play 2 or more sessions in same event) are Gold. All other awards are Red.

NO SMOKING TOURNAMENT - Breaks will be provided. Alcoholic beverages are **NOT ALLOWED** in the playing area.

Thursday, January 11

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 9:30 a.m.
Oded Stitt Gold Point Pairs (final sess., started Wed.) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 3rd of 5) 9:30 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7 p.m.
MAUI Compact Bracketed KOs (1st/2nd session) 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 3rd of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 3rd of 4) 7 p.m.
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7 p.m.
MAUI Compact Bracketed KOs (3rd/final session) 7 p.m.

Friday, January 12

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 5) 9:30 a.m.
KAUAI Compact Bracketed KOs (1st/2nd session) 9:30 a.m.
Jim Hopkins Open Pairs (2000+, 0 - 2000) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Jim Bishop Gold Point Pairs (300-750, 0 - 300) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 4) 7 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 7 p.m.
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 13

KAUAI Compact Bracketed KOs (3rd/final session) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 5th of 5) 9:30 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
MOLOKAI Compact Bracketed KOs (1st/2nd session) 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 5th of 5) 1:30 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (3rd session) 1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 5th of 5) 7 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 7 p.m.
MOLOKAI Compact Bracketed KOs (3rd/final session) 7 p.m.
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

Stratified Swiss Teams (20 VP) 9:30 a.m. & TBA
Flight A/X plays separately: A = 3000+, X = 0 - 3000
Stratified B/C/D: B = 750 - 2000, C = 300 - 750, D = 0 - 300
All Swiss play finished by 5:30 p.m.!
Fast Open Pairs 9:30 a.m. & TBA

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Three Strat Pairs: Open/2000/1250.
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A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750.
299er Stratified Events:
A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.
Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams:
A: 3000+; X: 0-3000. (Plays alone; 20 VP.)
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:
0-2000 (no player over 2000); teams play in groups of 7-9 by MP range; gold points in each bracket; (20 VP).

Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team. **Table Fees:** ACBL members \$12; non- and unpaid \$16; under age 26, \$5.



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SCHEDULE (Tuesday-Saturday summarized below*)

MONDAY February 19

7 p.m. Columbia River Bracketed KOs (winners continue at 9, 1 & 7 Tuesday)
7 p.m. Stratified Open Charity Pairs (evening Side Game Series 1 of 6)
7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

SUNDAY February 25

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)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Early Bird Bracketed KOs		9 am	9 am	9 am	
Rise & Shine Strati. Swiss Teams				9 am	9 am
Morning Side Game Series	9 am	9 am	9 am	9 am	9 am
Three Strat Open Pairs	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
♦ Gold Point Pairs	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm	7 pm
Columbia R. Bracketed KOs	9 am, 1 pm, 7 pm				
Portland Bracketed KOs	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm			
Vancouver Bracketed KOs		1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm		
Beaverton Bracketed KOs			1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	
Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs				1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
Ridgefield Compact KOs					1 pm, 7 pm

* For complete schedule, see: <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2018/02/1802021.pdf>

AROUND THE UNITS

Boise raises \$3750 for The Longest Day



Boise



By Nancy Feldman

boisebridge.club

"You have no spades?"

Linda's cry echoed across 17 tables at the Boise Bridge Cooperative June 24 during the Alzheimer's Association Longest Day fundraiser. The cascade of laughter that followed captured the day's fun and excitement.

Boise's Team Longest Day (Unit 394) spent two months planning for the annual event. The Alzheimer's Association partnered with ACBL five years ago to raise funds annually on or around June 21.

Club players donated items for a silent auction, prepared bake sale items, and donated a continental breakfast.

The Boise Bridge Cooperative owners donated two months free of bridge for a raffle (along with the club facilities). **Revell May** and **Craig Jones** donated lessons be-



Members of Boise's Longest Day team watch as a ceremonial check is prepared.

tween sessions. All proceeds were donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Our games were at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. We had 33 tables in all. Lunch featured hot dogs and chips, while dinner offered a slice of pizza and assorted homemade salads. The proceeds from



Pete Peterson, Cheryl Maderazo, Linda Anderson and Janet Matthews play during one of Boise's three games on The Longest Day.

both meals, together with the bake sale, contributed to the fundraising. We raised \$3750, almost double what the unit raised last year.

Thank you to our team: Karen Boss, Phil Emerson, Maryon Evans, Nancy Feldman, Gene Gerard, Kathy Luft, Cheryl Maderazo, Ian Martindale, Janet Matthews and Leslie Muir.

Oh, and the spades? It was all cleared up when the declarer realized she pulled a club instead of a spade from her hand.



Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

A summer of sizzling 60s

I'm getting enamored in recent months with bridge games at our club when our attendees play games over 60%. And, as you'll see later, possibly one of the reasons I'm so enthused with that number is because I have been a participant in some of them, which is totally rare for me.

I'm constantly reminded of a recent quote sent to me: "Every day when I get up, I think: This is the youngest day of the rest of my life. So, get up and do something fun!" Good advice.

During a recent 14-table game at our club (May 15), the top three pairs came in with scores over 60%. Many other scores above 60% were achieved by pairs in each of the games listed below.

Among those achieving such scores were Linda Brinton, Larry Chase, Carol Christensen, Gary Crupper, Lourana Echanis, Phil Emerson, Elazar Friedman, Pete Grice, Winnie Henggeler, Tim Kempf, Kathryn Luft, Richard Mallon, Leslie Muir, Paul Penland, Sonya Shue, Peggy Sylvester, Marilyn Tripple, Patricia Wells, Bill and Jill Wood and John Zamboni.

On June 5, I brought a friend and new player to the game, Roberta Beaber from Florida.

Results

May 15 — 1A/B: Winnie Henggeler — Lourana Echanis, 2A/B: John Zamboni — Paul Penland, 3A: Elazar Friedman — Patricia Wells, 1C: Bruce Thornburgh — Barbara Wright, 2C: Erik & Anita Hansen.

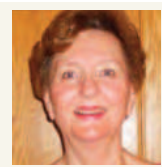
June 5 — 1A/B: Gary Crupper — Pete Grice, 2A: Bill & Jill Wood, 3A/2B/1C: Marilyn Tripple — Roberta Beaber.

June 19 — 1A/B: Leslie Muir — Kathryn Luft, 2A/B: John Zamboni — Paul Penland, 3A/B/1C: Perry & Marilyn Brown.

July 10 — 1A/C: Marilyn Tripple — Sonya Shue, 2A/B: Tim Kempf — Pete Grice, 3A: Phil Emerson — Carol Christensen, 2C: Ron & Shirley Shaw.

July 17 — 1A: Richard Mallon — Peggy Sylvester, 2A/1B: Linda Brinton — Larry Chase, 1C: Sonya Shue — Mary Gabiola.

Some Ontario players have been playing over 40 years



Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

I would like to dedicate this column to some of our senior bridge players who have seen the club through several decades of change in bidding, play and location. They helped the club grow and lent a hand when it was needed.

Our most senior member is **Dolores Echanis**, who began playing in the 1960s. For many years she has been our club secretary, treasurer and manager. She is a Sapphire Life Master and her play is fresh and impeccable.

The following women all started in the 1970s. **Bodell Patterson** had quite a health scare a couple of years ago, which



Mary Jo Rode and Joyce Whittet

put her into the nursing home for several months. But she recovered and is still playing and winning. **Beth McDaniel**, our president, is a Silver Life Master, and she says her favorite bid is 7NT. **Charlotte Nelson** was instrumental in recruiting this writer to the duplicate table, and I am very grateful. **Joyce Whittet** has been very involved in administrative work and also served twice as our president. **Mary Jo**

Rode came to us from Baker City and is a Silver Life Master.

Another of our older players is **Della Johnson**. Della's health no longer allows her to sit for several hours and she regretfully has retired from her beloved game.

Thank you, ladies. Our club would not be what it is today without your cheerful cooperation. We also had to say goodbye to **Lee Manning**, who died June 24. Lee was a kind and giving man, who for five years took the time to conduct a prison ministry with his wife, Charly. They worked with prisoners at the Snake River Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison, conducting services and offering counseling in a four-year educational course to 30 inmates.



Lee Manning

Being over 90 doesn't slow either of these guys down

There are two men in our club, both over 90 years of age, who lead active lives. **Gary Cotter** and **Ray Sjoblom** also play very competitive bridge.

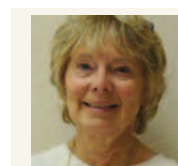
Cotter is usually the first one to get to bridge. He sets up the rooms, makes coffee, and is also the one who makes sure all is in order before leaving our unique bridge site in the basement of Old St. Peter's Church in The Dalles. He is the guy who opens doors for others and jumps up to help others.

The Dalles local newspaper published a piece on July 4 featuring veterans in the area and Cotter was among those honored. He joined the Merchant Marines during World War II when only 16. He is one of the few remaining veterans of that war.

In recent years, Cotter has done various remodels on his homes in both Dufur and The Dalles. Everybody greatly appreciates what he does for the club. I know his wife, Lynn, appreciates his chef skills, and so have we at the club.



Gary Cotter
During World War II



Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

Sjoblom is another class act. He is new to the area, but well known in Seattle as a very high caliber player, who methodically thinks the hands through. Facing him as an opponent makes one perk up for battle.

Sjoblom is one who perseveres. At age 80, he reacted to someone scoffing at his idea to climb Mount Adams by hiring a coach, training for six months, and then climbing the peak.

So what does one do for an encore at age 90? He purchased a license and went on a wild turkey hunt, bringing one home. His daughter cooked it for all to enjoy.

I asked Ray how he stays single living in a retirement home, and he said, "I run fast."

The Alzheimer's game in our small club brought in more than \$730.

The July unit game was won by **Ray** and **Sylvia Riewirts**. June's game was won by **Norma Clark** and **Janet Meader** with the Riewirts taking honors as May's winners.



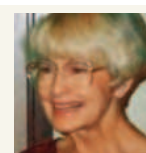
Murray, a resident of the Redding VA hospital, is visited by George Clarke, Bud Hamilton and Dolores Mackey.

Mentoring helps a club grow

Mentoring is important for club growth. We are very fortunate that so many of our seasoned players agree. I was going to mention names but as I started listing them, I found that nearly all of our veteran players have played with newer players. Our clubs are growing as a result of this and the excellent lesson programs we have fall and spring.

Bud Hamilton and other volunteers continue to visit a local disabled veteran named Murray at the VA hospital for weekly bridge games (see photo, page 13).

Coming up the first weekend in November is our fall sectional. We hope to see many newer players there at Win-River.



Redding



By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

Congratulations to **July Ratley** who recently became a Gold Life Master.

Results

Charity Game, Bridge Werks — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Ken Murray, 2A: Jerry Clarke — Bob Wierman, 1B: July Ratley — Michael Hollins, 2B/1C: Vickie Pugh — Peg Moseman, 2C: Bill Kurz — Ron Linebarger.

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AROUND THE UNITS

Stop judging me, technology! New devices introduced

Now when we refer to bridgemates here, we're referring to our fellow players, since we switched from the scoring devices of that name to the BridgeTab.

BridgeTab uses downloadable technology with standard issue tablets.

But what is it with these BridgeTabs? As North, I went to enter our contract of 4♠, and the BridgeTab had already entered 3NT. I know that my bidding isn't the best, but that is usually shown by results, not be-



BridgeTab



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

www.acbdld20.org/unit458

forehand by some uppity machine.

Another time, when I wanted to enter the contract, BridgeTab showed me an advertisement for laundry detergent. Is this a hint that I should have stayed home and done the laundry? Snide remarks are taboo at the bridge table, but BridgeTab is immune to director calls.

There's an expert somewhere in them there hills near Chico

The best bridge player you never saw is a member of our unit. Sort of.

John Stonebraker, mathematician and computer savant, moved to the foothills of Butte County from Pennsylvania about eight years ago and shortly thereafter arrived on the local bridge scene. Though friendly and unassuming, it quickly became apparent that he perceived the game in dimensions far different from those familiar to most of us punters.

Adapting the Bayesian laws of mathematical probability to bridge — which describe the probability of an event based on prior knowledge of conditions related to it — John's approach involved an ongoing process of analysis, assessment and recalibration from the opening bid through the execution of a hand.

Lest that sound too cerebral, he is also a keen observer of the strengths, weaknesses and behavioral patterns of his opponents.

John has studied, mastered and pretty much rejected most of the advanced bidding systems in vogue, settling on an approach that emphasizes shape and controls, avoiding bad game tries and punishing careless bids by opponents.

As declarer, he meditates on the dummy for a while, places all the cards in their probable positions and, unless play indicates that the opponents have misbid their hands, is pretty much ready to claim after a few tricks.

To the neutral observer, there is sheer poetry in this process; to the opponents,



John Stonebraker



Chico



By Doug Jones

frequently shock and awe. As for his partners, unless they are at the highest level, it is a bit like riding the whirlwind, to which I can testify. He is scrupulously patient with partners, commenting only if asked, but we nevertheless religiously invoke the mantra, "Please don't let me screw up."

But all this was a while ago. We haven't had John in our midst for some time now. That's understandable. The game that most of us play — more chaos theory than probability theory — is sandbox compared to the one he perceives. There can't be much satisfaction in defeating overmatched opponents in club games. That's like asking Schroeder to play in a quartet with three Lucys.

Still, there is something ironic — perhaps poignant — about being so good at something like bridge you seldom play it, though presumably John continues to play in the cyber world.

Speaking on behalf of those overmatched opponents, however, we miss him.

Results

April Unit Game — 1A/B: Mark Bloom — Doug Jones, 1C: Sally Smith — Janice Peplow.

May Unit Game — 1A: Steve Kaessner — Doug Jones, 1B: Larry & Peggy Skinner, 1C: Janet Jensen — Walter Luff.

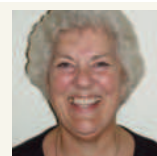
June Unit Game — 1-2A: Chuck Hodel — Carol Huston, Garth Gregory — Ken King, 1B: Larry & Peggy Skinner, 1C: Sally Smith — Janice Peplow.

Mohamed Shagrun Memorial Game — 1A: Carol Huston — Mark Bloom, 1B: Gloria Shagrun — Doug Jones, 1C: Gale Alvistur — Sherri Faroky.

Some of us are worried. Perhaps BridgeTab will be playing our hands next, and, no doubt, getting better results. Are our flawed brains obsolete? Come and see for yourself at our sectional!

Sad news

This has been a sad few months. First we lost **Lonnie Songy**, and now **Bill Connell**. Bill, 81, passed away unexpectedly after attending his 60th college reunion in Beloit, Wis. He and his wife of 42 years, **Erezia**, were able to make it home to medical care in Eureka, but no diagnosis was reached, and Bill passed away several days later.



Yuba City



By Carol Nelson

Before the game, wisdom drops

Rick Shipley has broken a bone in his hand. It makes it difficult to handle the cards, but he is soldiering on. Get well soon, Rick.

Jo Anne Murdock and **Shirley Eckhardt** have resumed playing bridge. We had missed them both, and are delighted to have them back at the tables.

Ramon Lopez has been sharing "pearls of wisdom" before each bridge session. His most recent pearls have focused on developing a pleasant and effective relationship with your partner. We thank him for his efforts towards keeping all of us on track.

Diana Nagler died on July 1. She had been unable to play for the last couple of years, but we long-timers remember her fondly.

Results

Club Charity, May 1 — 1A: Don Johnson — Alan Ludwig 2A: Tom Frye — Ramon Lopez, 3A/1B: Norma and Rich Hayes, 2B: Carol Nelson — Mary Mayfield.

Grass Roots Fund, May 4 — 1A/1B: Pat Pommerenck — Johnnie Houser, 2A/2B: Ramon Lopez — Alan Ludwig, 3A: Tom Frye — Fred Kawashima.

StAC Monday, May 8 — 1A: Steve Kaessner — Danny O'Brocklyn, 2A/1B/C: Alan Ludwig — Ramon Lopez, 3A/2B/C: Johnnie Houser — Kathy Peterson, 3B: Norma & Rich Hayes.

Club Championship, May 25 — 1A: Don Johnson — Alan Ludwig, 2A/1B: Sherri Faroky — Mark Bloom, 3A: Tom Frye — Rick Shipley, 2B: Bruce Boley — Ramon Lopez.

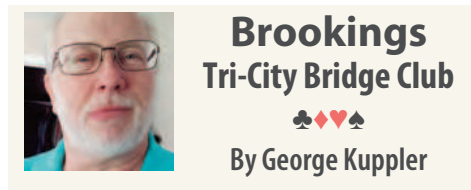
Local Charity, June 8 — 1A/1B: Don Johnson — Ramon Lopez, 2A: Tom Frye — Jo Anne Murdock, 3A/2B/1C: Rick Shipley — Lyn Clark, 3B: Pat Pommerenck — Bruce Boley.

Learn bridge in a month? Class is a hit

What a summer so far — never a dull moment! **Dottie Ellis** is still in a recovery mode but seems to be doing better. It has been a team effort keeping the tables ready to play, cards dealt, scoring done and of course the goodies and coffee served. **Jack** and **Debbie Grasham**, **Betty McCormick**, **Al Wilson**, **Ned Flaxington** and many more have done a great job.

In May our club sponsored a free offering of Learn Bridge in a Day by Whirlwind Bridge. Instead of a one-day event, we spread the class over four consecutive Saturdays in June and July. Newspaper ads and flyers went out and then we waited for the unknown.

What an amazing response for our small community: 14 participants eager to learn a new game or reacquire themselves to the game. We held a Saturday newcomers game and masterpoints were



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By George Kuppler

awarded. New to bridge, **Barbara Goode** and **Judith Shelton** won the newcomers game with a 75%.

The participants asked if we could continue the Saturday class for a few more weeks with review and then play. Of course we agreed and held three more Saturday classes. Many have kibitzed at the club, some played a session or two. This was much more than any of us anticipated and we've had more folks call asking if we are planning to offer the program again.

We are currently planning another event

this month that will continue into October. A special thanks to **Betty McCormick** for providing a wonderful playing facility along with all her hard work keeping all of us on task. Also a big thanks to Jack, Debbie, Pat, Larry, Valerie, Ned, Claudia, Carol, Kirk, Bill, Sandy, Dee and Warren. This has been a team effort, not only the Saturday classes, but keeping our usual twice weekly club afternoon games running smoothly.

Big game: George Kuppler and **Herb Keyser** scored a 75%. While they haven't hit 70% recently **Kirk Roberts** and **Ruby Bryson** had a run of six games all above 60%.

Don't want to omit our new published author, **Al Wilson**. He and Gene Simpson have a new book out: "A Declarer's Workbook." A good read with insight into declarer's thoughts.

Redding

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Charity Game, Redding Monday — 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman, 2A/1B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey, 2B: Jeanne Pedersen — Shorty Armstrong, 1C: Janet Druckenmiller — Wendel Enders, 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer. Restricted, 1D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan, 2D: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson.

ICC Game, Redding Thursday — N/S, 1A: Joanne Weillbrenner — Judy Hotchkin, 1B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz, 1C: Pat Maddox — Jeanne Pedersen, E/W, 1A: Jerry Clarke — Marvin Grudem, 1B: Gail Lonnberg — Hilary Prince, 1C: Cheryl Bell — Pen Boehm.

Charity Game, Redding Thursday — N/S, 1A: Florence Hungerford — Gail Lonnberg, 1B: Dorothy Hoots — Sue McKown, E/W, 1A: Gene Biek — Jerry Anderson, 1B: Gail Lenz — Gerri Wolfe.

Club Championship, Redding Monday — 1A/C: Gail Lenz — Jeanne Pedersen, 2A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson, 2B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey, 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer. Restricted, 1D/E: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson, 2D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan, 2E: Carolyn Chandler — Sharon Dent.

Charity Game, Bridge Werks — 1A: Carole Schmitz — Marvin Grudem, 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Hilary Prince, 1B: Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz, 2B: Ron Ramsey — Joe Willardson.

Club Championship, Redding Thursday — 1A Wilhelmina White — Joanne Weillbrenner, 2A: Gail Lonnberg — Gene Biek, 1B/C: Cindy Huntington — Joann Jensen, 2B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey, 2C: Dave Klasson — Joe Willardson.

Local Charity Game, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 2A: Gene Biek — Judy Hotchkin, 2B: Susan Haas — Jerry Holland, 1C: Mickey Thomas — Bill Kurz, 2C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. Restricted, 1D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger, 2D/1E: Frances Roberts — Roger Decker, 2E: Joe Willardson — Ron Ramsey.

Local Charity Game, Redding Thursday — 1A: Marvin Grudem — Jerry Clarke, 2A: Gene Biek — Joan Sullens, 1B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz, 2B: Ken Murray — Marilyn Avey.

StAC Monday, Redding, May 8 — N/S, 1A: Diane Prettyman — P.J. Gans, 1B: George Clark — Mary Hawkins, 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman. E/W, 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman, 1B: Jim & Carol Reed, 1C: Joann Jensen — Cheryl Bell. Restricted, N/S 1D: Aloma & Ray Butler, 2D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger; E/W, 1D: Phyllis Cummins — Shirlean Dentsch, 2D: Sharon Dent — Carolyn Chandler.

StAC Wednesday, Bridge Werks, May 10 — 1A: Bob Wierman — Jerry Clarke, 2A/1B: Joan Corbeau — Marlene Lamoreaux, 2B: Jim — Diane Norton, 1C: Ron Linebarger — Bill Kurz.

StAC Thursday, Redding, May 11 — N/S, 1A/B: Jim Norton — Mary Hawkins, 2A: Florence Hungerford — Gail Lonnberg, 1C: Pat Denniston — Michael Hollins; E/W, 1A: Louie Quiggle — P.J. Gans, 2A/1B: Carole Schmitz — Bob Wierman, 2B/1C: Bud Hamilton — Barbara Hopson.

Grass Roots Fund, Redding Monday — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 2A/1B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom, 2B: Carole Schmitz — Ken Murray. Restricted, 1D: Shirlean Dentsch — Phyllis Cummins, 2D: Jackie McCall — Elza Zoll.

Director's Appreciation Game, Redding Monday — N/S, 1A/B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey, 1C: Jeanne Pedersen — Gail Lenz. E/W, 1A: Carole Schmitz — Marvin Grudem, 1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 1C: Joann Jensen — Cheryl Bell. Restricted: N/S, 1D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan; E/W, 1D: Jackie McCall — Elsa Zoll.

May Unit Game — 1A: Ted Marconi — Louie Quiggle, 2A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 3-4A/B: Carol Schmitz — Wilhelmina White, Bud Hamilton — Jeanne Carpenter.

Club Championship, Bridge Werks — 1A: Jerry Anderson — Jeanne Carpenter, 2A: Louie Quiggle — Florence Hungerford, 1B: Marlene Lamoreaux — Karen Siegfried, 2B: July Ratley — Michael Hollins.

Club Championship, Bridge Werks — 1A: Carol Nelson — Pat Ashton, 2A/P.J. Gans — Jeanne Carpenter, 1B: Michael Hollins — George Clarke, 2B: Karen Siegfried — Marlene Lamoreaux.

NAP Qualifier, Bridge Werks — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Carol Nelson, 2A/1B: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens, 2B: Pat Denniston — Sue McKown, 1C: Bill Kurz — Ron Linebarger, 2C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman.

NAP Qualifier, Bridge Werks — N/S, 1A/1B: Jim & Diane Norton, 1C: Joann Jensen — JoAnn Perkins. E/W, 1A/C: Sharon Dent — Joe Willardson.

June Unit Game — 1A/1B: Sue McKown — Dolores Mackey, 2A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 2B: Jeff Speer — Joan Sullens, 1C: Gerri Wolfe — Barbara Hopson.

Pro-Am Game — 1A/B: Diane Prettyman — Sharon Dent, 2A/B: Bud Hamilton — Kelly Gutierrez, 1C: Terry Dell — Barrie Freeman.

Longest Day, Redding Monday — 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman, 2A: Ken Murray — Joanne Weillbrenner, 1B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom, 2B/1C: Marlene Lamoreaux — Joan Corbeau, 2C: Barrie Freeman — Sandi Cook. Restricted, 1D: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson, 2D: Shirley McGinnis — Barbara Lorentz.

Longest Day, Bridge Werks — 1A: Marilyn Avey — Marvin Grudem, 2A/1B: Faye Hickenbottom — Joan Sullens, 2B: Jerry Anderson — Jim Hickenbottom, 1C: Michael Hollins — Gerri Wolfe.

Swiss Team Game, Redding Thursday — 1A: Marvin Grudem — Carole Schmitz — Dolores Mackey — Ken Murray, 2A/1B: Michael Hollins — George Clarke — Jerry Anderson — Jan Joiner, 1C: Kelly Gutierrez — Don Jacobs — Pen Boehm — Dave Klasson.

NAP Qualifier, Redding Monday — 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson, 1B/C: Jeff & Kim Speer. Restricted, 1D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger.

NAP Qualifier, Redding Thursday — 1A/B: Ken Murray — P.J. Gans, 2A/B: Pat Ashton — Jan Joiner, 1C: Jeff & Kim Speer, 2C: Sandi Cook — Lorraine Dumont.

AROUND THE UNITS

Post-session feedback helps build game

Dennis Kendig has revamped the Wednesday game at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center and is happy with the results.

After assuming the director's duties in the spring, he had two goals: to increase attendance and to welcome improving players (the term he likes to use to describe newer players) to the open game.

"We wanted to focus on the needs of the I/N player who is ready to move up to a more challenging environment," said Kendig.

He believed that if his efforts brought in more players, it would make a better game for players of all levels.

Of the five regular day-time games at the center in Phoenix, the Wednesday game drew the fewest players, averaging six to seven tables.

In a written invitation, he told I/N players that the regular open game players would welcome them with open arms and help them learn.

Kendig enlisted five advanced players who have been taking turns hosting an after-game Q&A about the day's hands since June. The game gurus are **Bob Scott, Jim Flint, David Bryant, Terry Ansnes and Jim Lopes**. Others may be tapped as needed.

Kendig believes that sessions with mentors will help players learn faster and become better at the game.

"Part of that learning process is facing better competition and getting advice from the more advanced players," he said.

It seems to be working. There were two improving players at the first game and



Dennis Kendig
New director



Jackson County
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By Jim Flint

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nine a week later. Within three weeks, table count was up to 11, and I/N players are enthusiastic about the post-game talks.

"I enjoyed the post-game chat," said **Kay Bain**. "And sharing the hand played at the regional was very educational."

The hand discussed was played in 6♣ and required two dummy entries to bring the diamond suit home with only one loser. Here are the dummy and declarer hands:

♠9 5 4 ♥Q J 9 4 ♦9 5 2 ♣Q J 8

♠A K Q J 10 8 6 3 ♥A ♦A J 8 6 ♣—

The opening lead was the ♠A. Declarer is void, but must preserve his only small trump (the 3) to gain a second entry to dummy, so he must ruff high.

Declarer needs to lead the ♦9 from dummy and let it ride, or if covered by East, cover East's card himself. After the finesse drives out a high diamond, he enters dummy with the preserved ♠3 and finesses East again in diamonds. When the diamond suit and honors turn out to be split, the contract comes home.

"I don't know if I'll ever be able to figure that out on my own, but it is a worthy goal to have," Bain said. She said it was also valuable to hear advice about some of the hands played that day, in particular evaluating whether to balance or not.

There are two I/N only games at the club — one on Thursdays and a section

on Fridays, run concurrently with the Friday open game.

Unit supports director training

At a recent Unit 484 board meeting, the board agreed to pay up to \$100 toward expenses of a member becoming a director.

The board expressed its appreciation to **Jill Wolcott** for starting a program of sending "Welcome to the Unit" letters to new ACBL members.

The board reduced support for special games due to a drop in income from the March sectional. The unit will pay for six STaC games, one NAP qualifier, and 10 unit championships.

Friday morning quarterbacks meet

Leah McKechnie opens her club early on Fridays for a beginners' study group.

"I'm not leading the group," she said, "but merely providing the room and suggestions of books we can study. We share responsibilities for leading discussion sessions."

It's designed for the newer players. Topics have included opening leads, defense and bidding.

"We have a wonderful group of very enthusiastic new, learning bridge players who faithfully attend each week and have their own game, run concurrently with the Friday open game," McKechnie said.

The beginners' section was started for players who took lessons from **Gee Gee Walker**, but the game is open to any person with under 20 points.

Big Games: On June 5, **Andrea Shapiro** and **Bob Scott** scored 70.4% in a 13.5-table game. On June 9, **Barbara Reynolds** and **Leah McKechnie** topped the three-table field with 73.4%.



Klamath Falls
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By Bobby Thompson

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Club celebrates a 100th birthday

The big birthday bash took place on July 8 as our senior member, **Barbara Mollison**, celebrated the century mark at the River House with family and friends. Unit 482 members were among the more than 200 invitees.

Before retiring from the bridge table at the end of January, **Barbara and Jan McClellan**

recorded a second-place finish half a point behind the local powerhouse pair, **Laila Griffith and Carol McClure**. Barb's party took away the bite of all our members who have been unable to play because of illness and injuries.

Our club lost one of our longtime members on July 6 when **Teddy Romtvedt** passed away. She taught second grade at Stearns Elementary School for 29 years. Teddy was on the Unit 482 board for many years, serving as president, vice president, secretary and partnership chair at one time or another. She was a Silver Life Master with more than 1500 points and rarely missed a game. Her loss will be felt by our membership.

Carol McClure missed almost eight weeks of bridge with a broken hip; however, it didn't faze her bridge prowess as she and her favorite partner **Laila Griffith** won the June unit game. **Carol** rejoins us at the tables and **Gary Florence** exits as he breaks an ankle and becomes our newest arrival to the disabled list. Don't tell me this isn't a rough sport.

Quarterly top point winners in the club were **Doug Higgs, Ed McClure and Keith Thorp** in the open category, while **Reid Sherwin, Dale Taylor and Patti Collom** led the NLM contingent.

Big Games: Dale Taylor and Keith Thorp tossed a 75.7% score. (Unfortunately there were only 4.5 tables a five-table minimum is required for a big game to make the Bridge Bulletin.) **Randall Paul and Doug Higgs** scored 72.5%, **Higgs and Bobby Thompson** hit 71%, and **Paul** partnered with **Harvey Bush** for a 70.5%.

Results

May Unit Game (5 tables) — 1A: Ed McClure — Randall Paul, 2A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp, 3A: Laila Griffith — Doug Higgs, 2B: Rosella Wilde — Jan McClellan, 3B/1C: Don Messner — Marge Narramore, 2C: John & Judy Woodward.

May Club Championship (5 tables) — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs, 2A/1B: Reid Sherwin — Patti Collom, 3A: Bobby Thompson — Keith Thorp, 2B: Shay Kinney — Jan McClellan, 3B: Teddy Romtvedt — Judy Shelton, 1C: Rosemary Myers — Jim Myers, 2C: Jo Ann Siebecke — Linda Lilly.

June Unit Game (6 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure, 2A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp, 3-4A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson, 3-4A/2B: Reid Sherwin — Rosella Wilde, 1C: Duane Weiss — Bud Wakefield, 2C: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust.



Barbara Mollison

Bend club adds 299er game on Wednesdays

Whew! Everything is back to normal. It certainly was an exciting summer. The eclipse chasers have gone home, the grocery store shelves are fully stocked again, and the only traffic problems left are caused by the road construction crews that we all know so well.

The snowbirds are back! Starting back in June, players from Florida, Arizona, California and other places with high heat and humidity started arriving with their tan cheeks and big smiles to enhance our table count. It's great to walk into the playing area and see friends you haven't seen all winter, to get caught up on all that has transpired since last year. It's like a family reunion!

In July, the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club began offering a two-section game on Wednesdays. In addition to an open game, we now offer a 299er game. This gives the novices another day in the week to play bridge. It allows them the opportunity to meet and mingle with the more ex-



Bend/Redmond
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By Dianne Maffia

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perienced players without having to compete against them. The attendance began slowly, but with continued word of mouth encouragement, we are confident the numbers will increase.

In August we had our traditional unit potluck picnic at the home of **Chip and Berta Cleveland** following the game. The Clevelands offered their large backyard, patio, basement rumpus room, tables and chairs. The unit supplied chicken, steaks and drinks, and the membership each year outdoes itself with a fabulous array of hors d'oeuvres, salads, side dishes and desserts.

Chip really knows his way around a grill, and after all these years we have never had two people bring the same dish.

Many committees worked hard all summer to make the High Desert Sectional Tournament a success. Gift baskets were given out before each session. All the volunteers are now taking a much needed rest before gearing up for next year's regional, May 14-20.

Big Game: Kent Franklin and Gary Quanstrom scored 71% in a May game at the Ace of Hearts.

Results

Cascade Club

April Unit Championship — 1: Roger Nootenboom — Rosemary Segall, 2: Diane Guilfooy — Patty Massler.

May Club Championship — 1: Larry & Laura Smith, 2: Don Crozier — Patty Massler.

June Club Championship — 1: Jean Finch — Dorothy Tokerud, 2: Rosemary Segall — Roger Nootenboom.

Redmond Club

April Unit Championship — 1: Lois Bihary — Patty Massler, 2: Jean Finch — Aloha Kendall.

May Unit Championship — 1: Mark Hickman — Patty Massler, 2: Bill Bergmark — Frank Larson.

June Club Championship — 1: Tom Edwards — Rosemary Segall, 2: Patty Black — Julie A. Johnson.

PSA from Grants Pass: Team games are fun

There are a number of beginning players in our unit who express fear about playing team games. Swiss teams and knockouts can be fun. There are just a few things you should keep in mind that might ease the anxiety.

You play your own games with a partner you like and join another pair to form a team. When your team plays a match against another team, you and your partner sit one direction at one table while your teammates sit the opposite direction at another table and play against the teammates of the opponents at your table.

You do have to be aware of the possible scores because the difference in points

scored determines the winning team. In knockouts, if you lose you are gone, and the winner goes on to the next round. I don't worry because if I lose, I get to go play in another event the next session. If you win, you are going to get some masterpoints.

There are some things to remember about team play. You reach a little more

for games, because you assume that your opponents will be doing that. Don't double carelessly, especially partscore contracts. The risks outweigh the possible gains. For the most part, you just don't double in team games because the number of points difference if it doesn't work out will be so much that your team might not recover.


Also, unlike pairs games where the scoring tends to reward playing in a major or notrump, in team games it's better to play in the safest contract, even if it's in a minor.

So, next time an opportunity comes up to play teams, jump in. The water is fine!



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By Jodi Coller

AROUND THE UNITS



Portland
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By Jan Clemmons
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New sectional venue is a hit

The Portland unit was pleased with the success of the spring sectional held at Montgomery Park in June with 270 tables in attendance over the three days. That's the best attendance in recent PDX sectional history.

The change of venue has made the event more accessible to players in the Portland area. Parking is limited on Friday as businesses use many spaces, so many members carpool that day. Parking is plentiful on Saturday and Sunday, however.

The unit tested offering a free pizza lunch on Sunday between Swiss team sessions in order to shorten the length of the bridge day. The lunch was a great hit and we received many positive comments. Our next sectional is this weekend (Sept. 8-10) at Montgomery Park. Come join us for a wonderful weekend of fun and bridge in a beautiful setting.

The unit welcomes two new board members. **Kathi Marcus**, our new treasurer, brings much experience in the financial and accounting fields and is already helping us build a budget for next year. **Deanne Takasumi** is a new voting member and co-chair of hospitality. Deanne is organizing our hospitality efforts by tracking expenditures and keeping track of our inventory.

The Ace of Clubs hosted a 40-year birthday party on June 16. The catered event was well attended with 14 tables. **Judy Kay** and **Alan Johnson** won.

Longtime unit board member **Judy Kay** is moving to Florida. Two going away lunches for her were hosted by the Ace of Clubs in late July. We hope Judy will be back to play in the summers when she visits her daughter.

The Portland Bridge Club announced that **David Castles** is now an additional owner of the club. He is also the PBC's new manager.

Jan Yocum, the director for the Multnomah Athletic Club bridge games on first, third and fifth Mondays of the month, has announced that she will run a Swiss team game on any fifth Monday. In addition to attracting experienced players, it gives newer players an opportunity to try the team game format before playing at a tournament. We applaud Jan for offering this to Portland bridge players.

\$2K raised for Longest Day; manager wanted



Vancouver/Longview
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By Steve Tubbs
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At the recent Portland sectional, the 0-2000 bracketed Swiss teams were dominated by Vancouver players. In the event's top bracket, **Winston Falls** and **Lynda Hirst** garnered first with their occasional Vancouver players, **Margi Redden** and **Gene Hval**. Second place went to stalwarts **Kay Pankratz**, **Bill Strite**, **Roz Borys** and **Joe Coulter**.

VBC players also played on the second- and third-place teams in the next two brackets (see below for details). That's a boatload of points. Well done, folks.

Our Longest Day event was a huge success. The club held five (!) games, back to back. Each was well-attended. The gross take exceeded \$2,000. A big pat on the back to **Lilla Wallace** and our volunteer directors who made the event possible.

Call for volunteers

A number of administrative changes may be afoot.

Rich Carle has hinted that he wants to train a member to take over the task of club manager, a post that he has held since Columbus discovered the New World.



The Longview Bridge Club won two awards including Pride of the Regatta in Longview's annual Cardboard Boat Regatta in July for "The Perils of Pauline," which included the performance of a melodrama.

A volunteer has yet to step forward.

Darrell Graham has decided to return wholly to civilian life, resigning from his posts as unit president and director of the new and successful Thursday evening game for 99ers. The able **Deborah Lackey** has agreed to take over the reins as director, **John Dove** will serve as president, and **Liz Fullerton** will be vice president. An invitation to another member has been extended to fill the vacant board position.

Cardboard boat race

The Longview club once again participated in the annual Longview Cardboard

Boat Regatta on Lake Sacajawea in July. The club's boat, "The Perils of Pauline," featured a melodrama performed by **Jill Ferrier** and the grandchildren of **Wayne Winther**, **Carson** and **Ava**. It won the Pride of the Regatta award, as well as Class II (where it was the lone entry).

Finally, on a sad note, **Jim Newfield**

passed away after a difficult battle with cancer. A wonderful celebration of his life was



Jim Newfield

held, and many layers of Jim were revealed to the surprise of most of us. A quiet guy, he reached out to the community in so many ways.

Portland sectional results

In the second bracket of the 0-2000 Swiss, **Darrell Graham** and **Nancy Cole** teamed with **Kimberly Dauphin** and a Portland player to snare second place, while **Lilla Wallace** and **Lisa Korick** sat on the third place team.

In the third bracket, second place went to **Beverly Walker** and **Ben Levy's** team, while third place went to **John Dove**, **Guher Erbil**, **Dan Edelstein** and a Portland player.

He departs for college; unit gets new website

Jiadi (Jed) He was a shy 17-year-old new immigrant from China when **Manny Suarez** met him playing basketball at Clatsop Community College in Astoria. Soon he had him at the bridge table.



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Manny is of the "immersion" school of learning bridge — you don't need to know much at all; just get in there and play the game. In no time Jed picked up the basics and now he's a keen and accomplished player who's heading off to OSU in Corvallis in the fall to study physics and engineering.

In part due to being embraced by the bridge community, his English and social skills are much enhanced. We all wish him well in his future career, and hope the \$600 gift from the bridge players will help toward his textbooks.

Farewell to Mary

Mary Wiese, 93, passed away in May. She gave up playing bridge shortly after



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By Sue Kroning
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her 90th birthday, but she was one of the grande dames of bridge in her day. She was a Life Master, served on the unit and Seaside club boards, and made many contributions to the social life of the unit with her great home-baked dishes and parties at her home on the golf course in Gearhart.

Get well wishes

Dorothy Niebuhr is recovering from a stroke and we hope to see her back at the bridge table soon. And **Deena Lindstedt** is recovering from knee surgery.

Milestones

Ray Lowe is a new Silver Life Master and **Jed He** is a new Sectional Master.

Topping the unit Mini-McKenney standings to date in their respective under-300 categories are **Jan Amend**, **Jane Mannex**, **Tom Stanley**, **Dan Moore**, **Connie Spencer**

and **Manny Suarez**.

Dan Moore, a transferee into our unit, is a good player, a willing helper, and he makes quiche! Welcome, Dan.

New unit website

Our original Seaside unit website, seasidebridge.net, was developed by Sue Boyle, whom we welcome back after some years in San Diego. Then **Lewis Richardson** was the webmaster, with **Manny Suarez** posting the results. We thank all those people for doing such a great job.

Now **Jon Gustafson** has developed a brand new website using [bridgewebs](http://bridgewebs.com), which is specifically designed for bridge clubs and units. It's full of great information and results analyses. Club directors can upload their game results immediately, and the webmaster duties can be shared. Also, you can replay a hand. Check it out at bridgewebs.com/seasideunit491.

The Seaside Regional

Make plans for that lovely Indian summer time of year on the glorious Oregon Coast at the Seaside Regional, Oct. 2-8.

NABC Fundraiser Games!

Sept. 18-24, 2017

Funds raised from these games throughout District 20 will be used for NABC player hospitality and entertainment at the Hawaii Fall NABCs in 2018!

Each club is encouraged to run a game for each sanctioned session, with \$4 per table going to the Hawaii NABC Hospitality Fund.

For more information, contact **Mary Phillips** (808) 538-6893 flagsflying2929@gmail.com



Coming January 15-21: Pacific States STaC!

All clubs within District 20 are invited to participate

The week starting Monday, Jan. 15, through Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, has been sanctioned for a District 20 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC).

These games pay silver points at sectional rating, with overall awards based on combined scoring for all clubs running the same session.

Club managers must register in advance in order to participate.

For registration and instructions, see:

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/club-stac-admin.php?id=34163>



AROUND THE UNITS

Crew gets club sparkling before Longest Day



**Albany/
Corvallis**



By Kathi Downing

www.acbridge.org

Everyone who has recently played cards at the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center may have noticed how sparkling clean the facility is these days.

Due to the industry of 15 happy helpers, the place got a thorough cleaning on June 17. With **Sandy Allen** in the lead, the team comprised **Paul Hochfeld, Cliff and Sue Fairchild, Chloe and Dick Jarvinen, Joyce Willcox, Janie Peery, Walter Thies, Sue Raines, Barbara Fraser, Mary Marsh-King, Becky McKenzie, Eva Bodyfelt and Gayle Peterson**. They managed to wipe down every surface, reorganize the kitchen, wash windows, walls and blinds, and spot clean the carpet. They even whistled while they worked.

The newly cleaned facility was host to two other big events that month, the first



Gayanne Alexander, Noeline Myers, Glenda Fleming (front), Karla Stewart and Chloe Jarvinen organized a Longest Day taco bar.

being the Longest Day on June 21. There were 18 pairs of bridge players who competed after a taco bar luncheon organized by volunteers **Karla Stewart, Gayanne Alexander, Noeline Myers, Chloe Jarvinen and Glenda Fleming**.

Mary Alice Seville announced the winners of two raffles. Ten lucky novice players will have lunch with bridge expert

Barbara Seagram in Eugene on July 31 and five bridge veterans received a 10-play punch card.

Rounds of golf were auctioned and went to **Sandy Allen**.

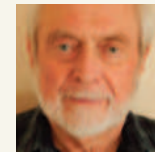
Thanks to the efforts of our generous club members, Unit 477 raised \$1,460.

Nonagenarian hat party

On June 28, the annual Nonagenarian Hat Party brought 28 pairs to the center for an afternoon of bridge and celebration of our most venerable players. This packed event was the perfect occasion to display our most creative millinery.

Five members in their 90s attended the party and played for free: **Evelyn Wick, Helga Petrovich, Mary Ann Beelart, Janie Penner and Bob Snyder**.

The best thing about these special events is the participation of players of all levels. A friendly atmosphere makes the game a pleasure for everyone.



**Eugene/
Springfield**



By John Lean

www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

Mr. Coffee aims to start 99er game

If anyone can be said to understand the complementary addictions of caffeine and bridge, it is surely **Ralph Zack**. Known for a while as "Mr. Coffee," he first came to the notice of club members for his pre-game efforts at providing the brew that fuels the efforts of those who gather to play bridge at Emerald Bridge Club. Quite a few slam initiatives are credited to Ralph's coffee.

Yet, there is another more serious side to Ralph's commitment to bridge. He was one of the founding figures behind the mentor program, and is the guiding light in the ongoing efforts to encourage newer players to continue to improve.



Ralph Zack

He is currently trying to raise support for a 99er game to be held on Friday morning. To participate in this, both players must have less than 100 masterpoints. The initial response is encouraging. However, ongoing support is vital to the continuance of this program. Four plus tables per session are needed to justify the expense of opening the club and to spend time directing. So you 99ers, adjust your schedules and make Friday your play day.

It's not too early to mark Oct. 21 on your calendar for the annual Clash of the Titans. The Mighty Ducks will journey north to administer a drubbing to the Beavers on their home bridge turf. These meetings are always fun. It is a stratified game, so it will offer opportunity to players of all abilities, so be sure to sign up.

EBC has in the past offered its venue to local artists as gallery space. This tradition was continued with an August exhibition of fabric art, evolved from quilting, but now an art form in its own right. The level of creativity and sophistication achieved by Nancy Kibbey and Laura Jaszowski had to be seen to be believed.

Thanks to **Donna Espeseth** for her generous gift of a new refrigerator, a timely addition to EBC's kitchen facilities.

Finally, condolences to friends and family of **Harriet Davis**, who died recently.

Also, sympathy is extended to **Col. Dan Rothwell** whose wife, Mary, has died. She was a most accomplished lady, and will be missed.

Unit reporter wanted; colorful player missed

Wanted: Enterprising person with a flair for telling a story. Unit 490 seeks to replace current hack of seven years with someone offering fresh perspectives on our beautiful game. Benefits include a quarterly bylined article in the District 20's Trumpet newspaper and working with top-notch bridge journalists. For more information, contact Unit 490 President Shain Oleson, or the current hack.

Your humble hack comes forth with what he hopes is his last Unit 490 article for the Trumpet. Some items normally offered are missing due to the hack's inability to keep track of notes during a downsizing move. They are in a container in the McGuire household box farm, but we nevertheless persevere.

We suffered the loss of one of our more entertaining players on June 29 with the passing of **Mike Kitzmiller**. While he hadn't played in Salem since 2014, the ebullient Kitzmiller was fondly remembered for his fearlessness in playing suit contracts in 4-3 fits. He was 71.

Mike spent most of his later years at his winter home in Palm Desert, Calif., where bridge and golf beckoned. He also had been devastated by the death of his wife, Liz, in 2013.

Mike and your humble hack partnered often during his time in Salem, and there's a hand he played to share with you. Mike, sitting East, held:

♠3 ♥KQJ ♦97632 ♣8543

I, as West, held:

♠7642 ♥A109 ♦AK5 ♣AK2.

South dealt and opened 1♠, I sprung a "Salem double," North bid 3♠ (weak), and Mike chimed in with 4♥!



Salem



By Tom McGuire

www.salembridgeclub.org

The "Salem double" comes from the propensity of Salem-area players to make takeout doubles while holding four of the opener's bid suit. It's a tactic that has provided much amusement to Portland players for many years.

A spade (instead of a devastating trump lead) came out and was continued, and that was that. Mike ruffed three spades, completed the dummy reversal, and chalked up the game for a top board. Who needs a 4-3 fit when you can play one that's 3-3? RIP, Mike. You were a hoot to play with.

New unit members

We welcome folks to the Unit 490 fold: New ACBL members include Shirley Layne, Stephen and Susan Jackson and Claudia Aldrich of Salem; and Emily Reynolds of McMinnville. Transfers into the unit are Peggy Johnson, Allen Paulson, Jeff and Christy Wiegel from Portland; Garry Lowe and Ted Armstrong both from the coast; and Gayle and Jim Gross from Kansas City. Welcome aboard, all of you. Going out: Renee Stringham has moved to Portland.

Big Games: Jerry Gordon and Randy Jordan, 71.53%, May 10, SBC. On May 16, David and Kathy Astle, 72.19%, SBC. On July 19, Randy Jordan and Tom McGuire, 72.92%, unit game.

Promotions

Eight of our members have advanced in rank. They include Diane French, Bill

Gille, Laurie Naemura and Elisabeth Perchellet, all of Salem, Club Master; Shirley Layne, Salem, Junior Master; Barbara Nelson, McMinnville, Sectional Master; Don Pitt, Salem, NABC Master; and Susan Palmer, Keizer, Ruby Life Master.

On the tournament trail

Out in tournament land, many of our members found success in District 20 regionals and sectionals. Starting in Medford at the Rogue Valley Regional, **Mike Levy**, paired with **Jeff Taylor** of Eugene, won the Saturday Open Pairs. **Don Pitt** of Salem paired with **Glenda Fleming** of Albany to win Flight B in the Tuesday Gold Pairs.

Levy and Taylor teamed with **Laurie Rowe** of Eugene and **Irva Neyhart** of Corvallis to win the Sunday Swiss Teams at the Eugene Sectional. **Susan Braden** and **Ann Teal** of McMinnville won the Saturday morning 199er pairs in Eugene.

Unit 490 had winners galore at its own Salem Summer Sectional. **Shirley Scofield** and **Bill Anning** were the Flight B winners of the Friday morning Open Pairs. **Diane French** of Salem and **Kathleen McCrossin** of McMinnville were the 1A/1B winners in the Friday morning 299er pairs.

Claudia Burton and **Frank Taussig** of Salem won Flight A in the Friday afternoon 299er pairs. **Laurie Naemura** and **Bill Gille** of Salem were the 1E/1F flight winners in the same event.

Diane French and **Terry Hart** of Salem were the overall winners of the Saturday morning 299 pairs. Diane collected a hat trick when she teamed with **Jean McKinney** of Salem to win the Saturday afternoon 299er pairs.

Your humble hack teamed with **Zina Galaka** of Salem, Ted Gegoux of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., and **Garry Lowe** of Dallas to win Flight B of the Sunday BCD Swiss Teams. **Jeff** and **Christy Wiegel** of Dallas, along with Loretta Faivre of Chesterfield, Va., and **Dick Jarvinen** of Corvallis were the Flight C winners.

Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth was the leading masterpoint winner for Unit 490, compiling 9.81 points over the three-day sectional.

Ask John: When partner forgets a convention, you can't try to fix it

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no reasonable alternative was available.

Most would agree that pass had to deserve consideration after the "perfect" descriptive bid. I hope that you educated your partner on the obligations of putting new conventions and treatments into her quiver.

Alerts must be promptly made and full explanations given when requested by the

opponents. "That's Drury" is not a full explanation. "That shows spade support and game interest if I have full values for my opening" would be much better.

It is also important to understand that a missed alert by partner or an alert in error should not figure into any subsequent decision made later in the auction.

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

Regionals: Make plans for 2018

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Trail Regional, Feb. 19-25, at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Vancouver, Wash., will undoubtedly be another crowd pleaser. In addition to great bridge, how about that Friday night party!

In May you will want to pack your bags for Sunriver. The **High Desert Regional** starts the day after Mother's Day, on May 14. I've already got my partner lined up and my lodging confirmed. Have you made your arrangements?

Summertime finds us back in Boise. The **Great Potato Regional** in Boise starts on Aug. 6. I doubt you've ever had a better potato bar than the one D20 provides at this regional. And, on Oct. 1, we come full circle back to **Seaside** for another regional on the Oregon coast.

I hope you are as excited as I am for all the games we have in store for 2018 and beyond.

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

WINNERS AT THE EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL

Wed-Thurs Knockout



Bob Bass, Steve Gross, Sandra Scholes, Ken Scholes

Bracket 1

Bracket 2



Jan Lysek, Kalvin Garton, Jim Madison, Tom McKenna

Bracket 3



Terry Nagel, Harriet Kessinger, Vicky Fine, Wendy Saville

Thurs-Fri Knockout



Richard Gettmann, Margi Redden, Jim Hurlburt, Mike Ampsacher

Bracket 2

Fri-Sat Knockout



Randy Naef, Mike Green, John Wolf, David Partridge

Bracket 2

Saturday Compact Knockout



Dave Green, Lisa Fishman, Connie Coquillette, Ed Lee

Bracket 1

Bracket 2



Mike Claassen, Lorna Logan, Lucy Sorenson, Barry Sorenson

Fri-Sat Morning Compact Knockout



Brian Breckenridge, Iva Kay Neyhart, John Wolf, David Partridge

Bracket 1

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams



Suzanne Cook, Diane Caccamise, Barry Sorenson, Lucy Sorenson

1X

Monday, July 31

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1A/C Laura Gastelum, Torrance CA; Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA
- 2-3A Veronica Reeves – Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
- 2-3A Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
- 2B Veronica Reeves – Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
- 3B Kay Read – Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID
- 2-3C Deborah Duke – Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR
- 2-3C Leighton Wells, Springfield OR; Angel Almanza, Portland OR

Monday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D/F Judy Graham – Jan Hurst, Redmond WA
- 2D Judith Robyns – Robert Robyns, Reno NV
- 3D/2E/F Emily Reynolds – Marion Hull, McMinnville OR
- 3E Charneth Belanger, Mill Valley CA; Priscilla Braun, Boise ID

Tuesday, Aug. 1

Monday-Tuesday KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; John Ashton, Portland OR
- 2 Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Ken Scholes – Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 3-4 Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 3-4 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA

Monday-Tuesday KO-Bracket 2 (14 teams)

- 1 Nancy Swanson – Andrew Nuxoll – Kevin Marnell – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 2 James Madison, Yuma AZ; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR; Kalvin Garton, Pendleton OR; Janina Lysek, Packwood WA
- 3-4 Sherri Morgan – Carla Wenzlaff – Laurie Hunter, Eugene OR; Kim Larson, Springfield OR
- 3-4 William Grady – Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Joyce Dickerson – Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR

Tuesday Open Pairs (42 pairs)

- 1A Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR
- 2A Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA
- 3A Bud Stein, Milwaukie WI; Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ
- 1B Jim Lopes, Ashland OR; Bill Freeman, La Quinta CA
- 2B/1C Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR
- 3B/2C Kay Read – Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID
- 3C Michael Rickus, Newport OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1C Vicky Fine – Wendy Saville, Eugene OR
- 2C Janet Meader – Norma Clark, The Dalles OR
- 3C/1D Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D Basil Hakki – Maria Hakki, Portland OR
- 3D Richard Crawford – Barbara Crawford, Lacey WA
- 1E Jill E.J. Ferrier, Woodland WA; Richard Zier, Vancouver WA
- 2E Joan Young – Will Pearson, Redmond OR
- 3E E. Arthur, Rockaway Beach OR; Susan Hornung, Lake Oswego OR

Tuesday Morning Side Game (13 pairs)

- 1A Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Toni Brown, Eugene OR
- 2A John Reisner – Georgia Farman, Florence OR
- 3A/1B Pete Grice – Robert Dutton, Boise ID
- 2B/1C David Simms, Eureka CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 3B/2C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA

Tuesday Afternoon Side Game (31 pairs)

- 1A/C Laura Gastelum, Torrance CA; Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA
- 2A Jeff Reynolds – Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 3A Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA; Barbara Seagram, Toronto ON
- 2B/C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3B/C Kathleen Wilt – Marylyn Larsen, Eugene OR

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1D Gary Nelson – Alice Nelson, Bend OR
- 2D/1E/F Carol Schaafma – Anne Bogart, Eugene OR
- 3D/2E/F Judy Graham – Jan Hurst, Redmond WA
- 3E Charneth Belanger, Mill Valley CA; Priscilla Braun, Boise ID
- 3F Lois Garner – Carole Starr, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 2A/1B/C Jack Dimski – Marilyn Barkley, Oklahoma City OK
- 2A Lynda Hirst – Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 2B Thomas Eby – Ewan Eby, Marina CA
- 3B Miriam Witters – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 2C Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1A/B Sherry Lacombe-Ingham – Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA
- 2A/B Carole Starr – Lois Garner, Portland OR

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Wednesday Open Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1A Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Jeff Roman, Bend OR
- 2A Judy Slemmons – George Slemmons, Bellevue WA
- 3A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
- 1B Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR; Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 2B/1C Judith Robyns – Robert Robyns, Reno NV
- 3B Christine Orchard, Yachats OR; Sandra Straus, Newport OR
- 2C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA

Wednesday Morning Side Game (18 pairs)

- 1A/B Jim Lopes, Ashland OR; Bill Freeman, La Quinta CA
- 2A Genie Reynolds – Jeff Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 3-4A John Reisner – Georgia Farman, Florence OR
- 3-4A/2B Georgette Silber – Margaret Jackson, Eugene OR
- 3B/1C Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 2C Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 3C Bill Stahl – Janice Ward, Eugene OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game (25 pairs)

- 1A Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 2A/1B Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 3A/2B Bill Freeman, La Quinta CA; Jim Lopes, Ashland OR
- 3B/1C Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR; Kim Larson, Springfield OR
- 2C Linda Smith – Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR
- 3C Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; George Kuppler, Brookings OR

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1D Marion Hull, McMinnville OR; Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR
- 2D/1E/F Lois Garner – Carole Starr, Portland OR
- 3D Frank Nemeth, Portland OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 2E Denise Cox, Eugene OR; Ed Mout, Springfield OR
- 3E Charneth Belanger, Mill Valley CA; Priscilla Braun, Boise ID
- 2F Mavis Tuten – Elaine Cull, Corvallis OR
- 3F Carl Scheffler – Ali Amory, Eugene OR

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs (17 pairs)

- 1A Linda Shallit, Buriem WA; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 2A/1B/C Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 3A/2B/C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3B Leigh Wells, Springfield OR; Magid Shirzadegan, Anaheim CA
- 3C Clay Laughary, Renton WA; Robert Kirk, Corvallis OR

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D/E Denise Cox, Eugene OR; Ed Mout, Springfield OR
- 2D/E/1F Marion Hull – Emily Reynolds, McMinnville OR
- 3D/E Sherry Lacombe-Ingham – Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA
- 2F Ruth Erickson – Nancy Garboden, Eugene OR

Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams (11 teams)

- 1A Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Iva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 2A Salena Johnson – Barbara Beale – James Elliott, Portland OR; Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA
- 3-4A Roger Clough – Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA; Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA
- 3-4A Gayle Helfrich, Springfield OR; Robert Peery, Corvallis OR; Don Marsh, Eugene OR; Nelda Linman, Bend OR
- 1B Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR; Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID

Thursday, Aug. 3

Wednesday-Thursday KO Bracket 1 (14 teams)

- 1 Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Ken Scholes – Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA
- 2 Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA; Doug Hansford, Surrey BC; Susan Peters, Vancouver BC
- 3-4 Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery – John Ashton, Portland OR; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Louis-Amaury Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 3-4 Amy Casanova, Portland OR; James Flint, Ashland OR; Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN; Rich Carle, Longview WA

Wednesday-Thursday KO Bracket 2 (14 teams)

- 1 James Madison, Yuma AZ; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR; Kalvin Garton, Pendleton OR; Janina Lysek, Packwood WA
- 2 Garry Lowe, Dallas OR; Angela Thompson – Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR; Frances Gates, Waldport OR
- 3-4 Molly Harris – Holly Hummel, Portland OR; Miriam Witters – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 3-4 Rick Zander, Sequim WA; Brian Metke, Camp Sherman OR; Roy Markham – Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA

Wednesday-Thursday KO Bracket 3 (13 teams)

- 1 Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger – Wendy Saville – Vicky Fine, Eugene OR
- 2 Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Nancy Remple – Thomas Chambers, Portland OR; William Moore, Lake Oswego OR
- 3-4 John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 3-4 Joyce Spence – Betsy Ovitt – Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR; Taylor Spence, Albuquerque NM

Thursday Open Pairs (29 pairs)

- 1A Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Iva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 2A Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Jeff Roman, Bend OR
- 3A Daniel Hoekstra – Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 1B Thomas Eby – Ewan Eby, Marina CA
- 2B/1C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA
- 3B/2C Jeff Howell, Corvallis OR; Sandy Syrett, Gleneden Beach OR

Wednesday-Thursday Morning Swiss Teams (8 teams)

- 1A Libby Glenn – Jon Neimand – David Partridge, Eugene OR; Jim Smith, Mapleton OR
- 2A Bob Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 3A/1B/C Judith Smith – Gary Smith, Merced CA; Karen Jean Boss – Nancy Feldman, Boise ID
- 2B Don Marsh – Terry Nagel – Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR; Peggy McClusky, Pleasant Hill OR

Thursday Morning Side Game (27 pairs)

- 1A Genie Reynolds – Jeff Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 3A/1B Rebecca Rodenbush – Kay Read, Boise ID
- 2B Lee Hanson, McMinnville OR; Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA
- 3B Randy Jean Hiltbrand – Margaret Jackson, Eugene OR
- 1C Bill Stahl – Janice Ward, Eugene OR
- 2C David Simms, Eureka CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 3C Priscilla Braun, Boise ID; Charneth Belanger, Mill Valley CA

Thursday Afternoon Side Game (32 pairs)

- 1A/1B Bill Freeman, La Quinta CA; Jim Lopes, Ashland OR
- 2A John Reisner – Georgia Farman, Florence OR
- 3A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 2B James Gross – Gayle Gross, Keizer OR
- 3B David Bryant – Edward Goldman, Ashland OR
- 1C Denise Cox – Connie Green, Eugene OR
- 2C Lee Soren – Cornelia Leser, Eugene OR
- 3C Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; George Kuppler, Brookings OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1D Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR; Frank Nemeth, Portland OR
- 2D Gayle Peterson – Bryon Van Fleet, Corvallis OR
- 3D Jane Mausshardt – Marilyn Dodge, Portland OR
- 1E Patt McConnell – Donald McConnell, Portland OR
- 2E Alice Nelson – Gary Nelson, Bend OR
- 3E Susie Leo, Eugene OR; Angel Almanza, Portland OR
- 1F Ali Amory – Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR
- 2F Susan Smith – Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR
- 3F Jean-Pierre Perchellet – Elisabeth Perchellet, Salem OR

Thursday Evening Side Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1A Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA; Elizabeth Brooke, Portland OR
- 2A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 3A/1B/C Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 2B/2C James Anstine – Judy Huston, Vancouver WA
- 3B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 3C Kathryn Luft, Boise ID; Gretchen Wiggins, Meridian ID

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D/E Michael Fagan – Robert Demaster, McMinnville OR
- 2D Susan Braden – Ann Teal, McMinnville OR
- 3D Lorraine Almy – Donald Almy, Edmonds WA
- 2E Patt McConnell – Donald McConnell, Portland OR

Thursday Evening Swiss Teams (11 teams)

- 1A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery – John Ashton, Portland OR; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 2A Lynda Hirst – Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 3A/1B Molly Harris – Holly Hummel, Portland OR; Edward Stark – Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR
- 2B Dennis Kendig – Michael Pavlik – Edward Goldman – David Bryant, Ashland OR
- 3B/1C Dale Taylor – Shay Kinney – Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR; Ray Kinney, Goodyear AZ

Friday, Aug. 4

Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA
- 2 Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; Rebecca Clough – Roger Clough, Culver City CA
- 3-4 Duane Christensen – Carol Christensen – Charlene Martindale – Ian Martindale, Boise ID
- 3-4 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA; Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR

Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 2 (11 teams)

- 1 Margi Redden, Portland OR; Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA; Richard Gettmann – James Hurlburt, Bend OR
- 2 Michael Rickus, Newport OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR; Judy Mundt – Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR
- 3-4 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Andrew Nuxoll – Kevin Marnell, Portland OR; Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 3-4 Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Susan Haas – Jan Joiner – Marv Grudem, Redding CA

Friday Open Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1A Jay Roll, Clovis CA; Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA
- 2A Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
- 3A Stu Swan – Hadi Allahverdiyan, Portland OR
- 1B/C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA
- 2B/C Leigh Wells, Springfield OR; Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR
- 3B Thomas Kuehne, Berton WA; Betsy Brezel, Union WA
- 3C Dawn Guenther – Deborah Duke, Eugene OR

Friday Morning Side Game (26 pairs)

- 1A Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Bob Bass, Woodland Hills CA
- 2A Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 3A/1B Lee Hanson, McMinnville OR; Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA
- 2B/1C David Simms, Eureka CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 3B/2C Linda Akerman – Lou Akerman, Silverdale WA
- 3C Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR; Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA

Friday Afternoon Side Game (38 pairs)

- 1A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 2A/1B/C Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; George Kuppler, Brookings OR
- 3-4A Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA; Elizabeth Brooke, Portland OR
- 3-4A/2B Mary Egger – Gayle Helfrich, Springfield OR
- 3B Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA; Lee Hanson, McMinnville OR
- 2C Judy Nevell, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 3-4C David Simms, Eureka CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
- 3-4C Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA; Laura Gastelum, Torrance CA

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1D/F Susan Smith – Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR
- 2E Mary Blanchett, Issaquah WA; Caroline Sneed, Oro Valley AZ
- 3E Lloyd Little – Kenneth Hampsten, Florence OR
- 2E Ed Mout, Springfield OR; Norton Cabell, Eugene OR
- 3E Denise Cox – Susie Leo, Eugene OR
- 2F Rebecca Kovach – Nancy Garboden, Eugene OR
- 3F Ali Amory – Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR

Friday Evening Side Game (24 pairs)

- 1A/B Nancy Swanson – Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 2-3A Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA; Elizabeth Brooke, Portland OR
- 2-3A/2B Joan Stark – Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
- 3B Eileen Milligan – Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
- 1C Kim Larson, Springfield OR; Karen Mason, Florence OR
- 2C David Smith – Linda Smith, Corvallis OR
- 3C Philip Richey – Don Hale, Eugene OR

Friday Evening 299er Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1D Angel Almanza, Portland OR; Emily Reynolds, McMinnville OR
- 2D Joanne Ruyle – Carol Koch, Portland OR

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (7 teams)

- 1A Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Jon Bartlett – John Ashton, Portland OR
- 2A/1B Sherri Morgan – John Thomas – Carla Wenzlaff – Laurie Hunter, Eugene OR
- 3A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery – Nancy Jonske – Molly Harris, Portland OR; Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR
- 2B Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN; Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA; Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ

Saturday, Aug. 5

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Ron Jauch – Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA; Kathy Downen – Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 2 Brian Breckenridge – Iva Neyhart – Dennis Harms – Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
- 3-4 Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Ken Scholes – Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA; Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA
- 3-4 Jim Smith, Mapleton OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; John Reiser – Georgia Farman, Florence OR

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; John Wolf – David Partridge, Eugene OR
- 2 James Madison, Yuma AZ; Kalvin Garton, Pendleton OR; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR; Janina Lysek, Packwood WA
- 3-4 Ian Kirk – Deanna Birch, Portland OR; Paul Reeves – Veronica Reeves, Tigard OR
- 3-4 Rebecca Rodenbush – Kay Read, Boise ID; Donald Weber – Elinor Hood, Portland OR

Saturday Open Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A Magid Shirzadegan, Anaheim CA; Mary Lou Bert, Eugene OR
- 2A/1B/C Jeff Howell, Corvallis OR; Yiping Wang, Beaverton OR

Player roundup

By Amy Casanova and Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

At the Emerald Empire Regional, we asked players: What is the most unusual score you've achieved on a board and how did you get it? Here are their answers.



Louis Beauchet

"Plus 1030, 1♣ redoubled (nv), making five."
Louis Beauchet
Sherwood OR



Angel Almanza

"Plus 1200, 5♠ redoubled (vul), making, but only because after my LHO led, RHO started tabling his hand, thinking he was dummy. There were five penalty cards."
Angel Almanza
Beaverton OR

"Plus 990, 4♠ doubled (vul) making five, with only 13 HCP between us. They even had the ♠AK, but they crashed. It made on a crossruff."
David Partridge
Eugene OR

"Plus 440: 1♦ doubled (nv) making four in a 4-2 fit. Most people are in INT making three, but it even beat the one pair in 3NT."
Chip Dombrowski
Memphis TN

"Minus 700. 5♣ down seven - not doubled, vulnerable."
Kevin Kacmarynski
Monmouth OR



Kevin Kacmarynski



Connie Marfell

"Playing with Kate Montgomery, 5♦ redoubled (vul) making seven for 1800. Also: Both vul, LHO opened INT, I bid 2♣, RHO bid 3♣, partner doubled. We were plus 500. At other table, my hand played 2♣ redoubled down four, 2200. Combined plus 2700, win 21 IMPs."
Connie Marfell
Milwaukie OR

"Plus 2200. Setting 2♠ redoubled (nv) down five. They took three tricks."
Dan Hoekstra
Portland OR

"Minus 2200: Defending 3NT redoubled (vul) making six. I didn't recognize a Lightner double and made the wrong lead."
Jake Olsen
Portland OR

"Plus 760, 3♥ redoubled (nv), making, for a push board."
Hal Montgomery
Portland OR



Jake Olsen

Plus 1680, 6NT doubled (vul) making. Holding the South hand, Tony psyched a 1NT opening, expecting partner Roger McNay to bid Stayman, which he could pass, perhaps buying his normal 3♣ preempt a level lower. That's not how things went.
Tony Glynn
Gilroy CA

"With a source of tricks and a relatively balanced hand, Roger raised to 6NT. RHO had no idea what we were bidding on, and doubled. Everybody passed. Having heard his partner's double, LHO was happy to have a trick to contribute, so he led the ♠A. He saw partner encourage with the ♠10, so he continued a club. With enough good clubs and spades, I claimed."
Tony Glynn
Gilroy CA



Randall Paul

"Plus 1770, 7♠ doubled (nv), making."
Randall Paul
Klamath Falls OR

"At Swiss teams, plus 1600 combined - plus 920 at one table for 6♣ (nv) making, and at the other table, plus 680 for 4♠ (vul) making six - for a win of 17 IMPs."
Kevin Marnell
Portland OR

"Minus 1880: defending 6NT doubled (vul) making seven - partner didn't recognize a Lightner double. Also: Minus 2200; 3♣ redoubled (vul) down four. Partner didn't recognize an SOS redouble."
Matt Koltnow
director in charge

"Minus 1880: defending 6NT doubled (vul) making seven - partner didn't recognize a Lightner double. Also: Minus 2200; 3♣ redoubled (vul) down four. Partner didn't recognize an SOS redouble."
Matt Koltnow
director in charge



Kevin Marnell

- 3A Rich Carle, Longview WA; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
- 2B/C Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA
- 3B/C Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Amy Casanova, Portland OR

- Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (20 pairs)**
- 1C/D Linda Smith - David Smith, Corvallis OR
 - 2C Dawn Guenther - Deborah Duke, Eugene OR
 - 3C/2D/1E Philip Richey - Diane Richey, Eugene OR
 - 3D/2E Joan Fulton - Susie Leo, Eugene OR
 - 3E Lorraine Almy - Donald Almy, Edmonds WA

- Saturday Compact KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)**
- 1 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA; Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
 - 2 Roger Clough - Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA; Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA
 - 3 Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR

- Saturday Compact KO Bracket 2 (15 teams)**
- 1 Barry Sorenson - Lucille Sorenson, North Bend OR; Lorna Logan - Michael Claassen, Bandon OR
 - 2 Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Henri J Jansen, Corvallis OR; Margi Redden, Portland OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
 - 3 Don Hale - Randy Jean Hiltbrand, Eugene OR; Brenda Olsen, Creswell OR; Sharron Lyons, Springfield OR

- Friday-Saturday Morning Compact KO (5 teams)**
- 1 David Partridge - John Wolf, Eugene OR; Irva Neyhart - Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
 - 2 Clay Laughary, Renton WA; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA; Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA

- Saturday Morning Side Game (21 pairs)**
- 1A/B Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN; Jake Olsen, Portland OR
 - 2A/1C Gayle Helfrich, Springfield OR; Toni Brown, Eugene OR
 - 3A/B Byron Barclay, Brentwood CA; Lee Hanson, McMinnville OR
 - 2C David Simms, Eureka CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
 - 3C Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR

- Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (16 pairs)**
- 1A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Barbara Seagram, Toronto ON
 - 2A/1B David Taylor, Seattle WA; Judy Davis, Portland OR
 - 3A/2B Joan Stark - Edward Stark, Happy Valley OR
 - 3B Gayle Helfrich - Mary Egger, Springfield OR
 - 1C Laura Gastelum, Torrance CA; Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA
 - 2C Lee Sorenng - Cornelia Leser, Eugene OR
 - 3C Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Marion Hull, McMinnville OR

- Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (8 pairs)**
- 1-3D/F Alice Nelson - Gary Nelson, Bend OR
 - 1-3D/F Ali Amory - Carl Scheffler, Eugene OR
 - 1-3D/F Karen Crooch - Hayward Reed, Salem OR

- Saturday Evening Side Game (17 pairs)**
- 1A Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Bob Bass, Woodland Hills CA
 - 2A/1B Taylor Spence, Albuquerque NM; Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR

- 3A/2B/1C Angel Almanza, Portland OR; Emily Reynolds, McMinnville OR
- 3B Nancy Swanson - Gene Hval, Portland OR
- 2C Lee Sorenng - Cornelia Leser, Eugene OR

- Saturday Evening Swiss Teams (16 teams)**
- 1A Doug Hansford, Surrey BC; Susan Peters, Vancouver BC; Howard Epley - Karen Epley, Kent WA
 - 2A Jim Smith, Mapleton OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Georgia Farman - John Reinsner, Florence OR
 - 3A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery - Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Stan Sather, Ridgefield WA; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
 - 1B/C Rick Zander, Sequim WA; Brian Metke, Camp Sherman OR; Roy Markham - Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA
 - 2B Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID; Mary Alice Seville - Pat Moore - Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
 - 3B Elinor Hood - Donald Weber, Portland OR; Rebecca Rodenbush - Kay Read, Boise ID
 - 2C Mark McKechnie - Leah McKechnie, Medford OR; Lou Akerman - Linda Akerman, Silverdale WA

Sunday, Aug. 6

- Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (17 teams)**
- 1A Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McInay, Beaverton OR; John Ashton - Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
 - 2A Jeffrey Taylor - Mary Lou Bert, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Marshall Lewis, Bloomington IN
 - 3A Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Bob Bass, Woodland Hills CA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA
 - 1X Barry Sorenson - Lucille Sorenson, North Bend OR; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA; Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR
 - 2X Garry Lowe, Dallas OR; Angela Thompson - Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR; Frances Gates, Waldport OR
 - 3X Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN; Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Bob Wierman, Anderson CA; Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ

- Sunday 0-2000 Teams Bracket 1 (8 teams)**
- 1 Rosemary Segall - Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield - Joy Jones, Bend OR
 - 2 Rick Zander, Sequim WA; Brian Metke, Camp Sherman OR; Roy Markham - Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA
 - 3 Mark McKechnie - Leah McKechnie, Medford OR; Lou Akerman - Linda Akerman, Silverdale WA

- Sunday 0-2000 Teams Bracket 2 (11 teams)**
- 1 George Kuppler, Brookings OR; Bruce Miller, Surprise AZ; Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA; Chris Cople, Eureka CA
 - 2 Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; David Partridge - John Wolf, Eugene OR
 - 3 Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Joan Peres - Nely Johnson - Virginia Sinclair-Brooks, Portland OR

- Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams (3 teams)**
- 1 Betsy Ovtitt - Joyce Spence - Susie Leo, Eugene OR; Ernie Banks, Beaverton OR



Irva Kay Neyhart, Jon Bartlett
Thursday Open Pairs



Jay Roll, Paul Gelb
Friday Open Pairs



Laura Gastelum, Debby Steffen
Monday Charity Pairs



Vicky Fine, Wendy Saville
Tuesday Gold Pairs



Phil and Diane Richey
1E Saturday Gold Pairs



Chip Dombrowski, Jake Olsen
Saturday Morning Side Pairs



Ed Mout, Denise Cox
Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs



Lois Garner, Carol Starr
1E/F Wednesday Aft. 299er Pairs



Judy Graham, Jan Hurst
Monday Evening 299er Pairs



Carl Scheffler, Ali Amory
1-3 Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs
1F Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs



Hayward Reed, Karen Crooch
1-3 Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

Morning Side Series (95 players)

- 1-2 Jeff Reynolds - Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 3 Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN

Monday-Wednesday Side Series (128 players)

- 1-2 Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA
- 1-2 Laura Gastelum, Torrance CA
- 3 Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA

Thursday-Saturday Side Series (143 players)

- 1-2 Elizabeth Brooke, Portland OR
- 1-2 Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA
- 3-4 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 3-4 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR

Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 5621.79 earned by 436 players. Total attendance: 856 tables.	41.35 Janina Lysek, Packwood WA	56 27.28 Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR	124 13.19 Angela Thompson, Lincoln City OR	256 10.61 Angel Almanza, Portland OR
1 93.95 Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA	41.35 James Madison, Yuma AZ	57 27.22 John Reinsner, Florence OR	125 13.06 Charles Burns, Vancouver WA	157 10.56 Michael Claassen, Bandon OR
2 93.95 Robert Bass, Woodland Hills CA	29 41.31 Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID	58 27.22 Georgia Farman, Florence OR	126 12.95 Vicky Fine, Eugene OR	158 10.56 Lorna Logan, Bandon OR
3 89.17 Michael Levy, Keizer OR	41.31 Kathy Downen, Boise ID	59 26.52 Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR	127 12.84 Veronica Reeves, Tigard OR	159 10.53 Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
4 87.37 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	31 40.34 Susan Peters, Vancouver BC	60 26.40 Duane Christensen, Boise ID	128 12.84 Paul Reeves, Tigard OR	160 10.53 Frank Nemeth, Portland OR
5 87.37 William Harker, Santa Fe NM	32 40.34 Doug Hansford, Surrey BC	61 26.40 Carol Christensen, Boise ID	129 12.64 Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR	161 10.42 Holly Hummel, Portland OR
6 85.57 Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA	33 40.13 Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	62 26.40 Nancy Swanson, Portland OR	130 12.53 Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR	162 10.34 Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
7 84.51 John Ashton, Portland OR	34 40.13 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	63 26.40 Gene Hval, Portland OR	131 12.53 Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR	163 10.27 Ralph Zack, Eugene OR
8 83.01 Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA	35 39.19 David Partridge, Eugene OR	64 26.27 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR	132 12.39 Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR	164 10.17 Oris Mowry, Phoenix AZ
9 83.01 Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA	36 38.78 Amy Casanova, Portland OR	65 25.88 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA	133 12.33 Deanna Birch, Portland OR	165 10.16 Randy Jean Hiltbrand, Eugene OR
10 67.20 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	37 37.77 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR	66 25.30 Kevin Marnell, Portland OR	134 12.20 Molly Harris, Portland OR	166 10.05 Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
11 64.37 Karen Epley, Kent WA	38 37.77 Michael Green, Yamhill OR	67 24.69 Carol Harms, Corvallis OR	135 11.99 Louis Akerman, Silverdale WA	167 10.00 Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
12 64.37 Howard Epley, Kent WA	39 34.95 Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	68 24.66 Gene Hval, Portland OR	136 11.99 Sherri Morgan, Eugene OR	168 9.90 Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
13 61.92 Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	40 33.48 James Smith, Mapleton OR	69 24.66 Nancy Swanson, Portland OR	137 11.99 Robert Johnson, Tigard OR	169 9.88 Jake Olsen, Portland OR
14 51.92 Ron Jauch, Nevada City CA	41 33.48 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR	70 24.52 Harvey Bush, Green Valley AZ	138 11.86 Robert Dutton, Boise ID	170 9.65 Nancy Feldman, Boise ID
15 51.92 Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA	42 33.45 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	71 24.29 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	139 11.85 Kim Larson, Springfield OR	171 9.65 Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID
16 51.89 Roger Clough, Culver City CA	43 32.89 John Wolf, Eugene OR	72 23.94 Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR	140 11.78 Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR	172 9.60 Thomas Chambers, Portland OR
17 51.89 Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA	44 32.45 Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN	73 23.83 Magid Shirzadegan, Anaheim CA	141 11.76 David Simms, Eureka CA	173 9.60 Nancy Remple, Portland OR
18 51.89 Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA	45 29.90 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR	74 23.59 George Kuppler, Brookings OR	142 11.76 Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA	174 9.47 Laurie Hunter, Eugene OR
19 51.89 Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA	46 29.90 Edward Lee, Portland OR	75 22.41 Jim Lopes, Ashland OR	143 11.76 Deborah Duke, Eugene OR	175 9.46 Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
20 43.99 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR	47 29.90 David Green, Sherwood OR	76 22.41 Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	144 11.35 Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR	176 9.30 Marcia Daneman, Eugene OR
21 43.94 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	48 29.90 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA	77 22.07 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	145 11.33 Clay Laughary, Renton WA	177 9.28 Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA
22 43.18 Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA	49 29.55 Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA	78 21.82 Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID	146 11.32 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR	178 9.24 Michael Thurlow, Redmond OR
23 42.42 Rich Carle, Longview WA	50 29.55 Chris Cople, Eureka CA	79 21.82 Kay Read, Boise ID	147 11.31 Stu Swan, Portland OR	179 9.24 Joy Jones, Bend OR
24 42.20 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	51 29.55 Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR	80 20.85 Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA	148 11.31 Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR	180 9.22 Carla Wenzlaff, Eugene OR
25 41.35 Tom McKenna, Eugene OR	52 29.11 Mary Lou Bert, Eugene OR	81 20.29 Margi Redden, Portland OR	149 11.02 Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR	181 9.21 Joyce Spence, Eugene OR
	53 27.74 Ian Martindale, Boise ID	82 20.44 Lee Brackhahn, Lincoln City OR	150 10.87 Pete Grice, Boise ID	182 9.21 Betsy Ovtitt, Eugene OR
	54 27.74 Charlene Martindale, Boise ID	83 20.04 Frances Gates, Waldport OR	151 10.65 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA	
	55 27.30 Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR	84 18.98 Garry Lowe, Dallas OR		



Ask John

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

Dlr: West ♠8 7 4
 Vul: E/W ♥8 5
 ♦A J 9 8 5 2
 ♣K 6

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

♠K J 10 6 5
 ♥7
 ♦K Q 10 7 3
 ♣A 8

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	?		

Dear John,
 The above hand cost a few IMPs at a local sectional one Sunday. I was sitting North and passed effortlessly over 2♥. My LHO fumbled a bit before bidding 3♥, and I was happy to hear partner contribute 3♠. I took no inference from LHO's somewhat reluctant raise and raised my partner to game.
 As the auction progressed, I regretted not bidding 4♦ first, especially when my partner doubled 5♥. I passed and minus 850 later had an unhappy partner (and probably teammates). But I figured I had some defensive tricks and certainly was not expecting the 6-6 shape over there.
 Now I wish I had passed 3♠. Should I sit or pull? What do you think of South's bidding?
 —Unlucky

Dear Unlucky,
 I'm amazed that your partnership would play 4♦ showing spade support and diamond values. More useful, I think, would be to describe a hand with long diamonds lacking the wherewithal to act directly over 2♥. That still leaves 4♠ for the pedestrian raise on this hand, and 4♥ for a hand that calls for more enthusiasm.
 Unless he is a maniacal masochist or has the judgment of a teen in the 1960s who thought The Dave Clark Five would be more successful than The Beatles, West must have a big surprise in store to bid a vulnerable 5♥ after earlier hearing only a non-forcing raise from partner. Passing 5♥ was, therefore, well-reasoned.

I must confess that one and a half quick tricks, poor spades, and two low hearts would convince me to double the vulnerable opponents with the North hand. I think South's double was more a reflex that discounted partner's input. He optimistically described his hand's strength earlier in the auction. With dubious defensive prospects, perhaps he should simply choose to stay fixed.

♣♦♥♥♠♦♥♥♠

Dear John,
 I think Drury is a great convention and well worth the several months of forgetting before it sinks in.
 At a mentor game recently, my partner opened 1♠ in third seat. I had a perfect Drury hand and bid 2♣, she did not alert and bid 2♠ (which was an underbid) and even though I felt I was worth another call, I passed. She made five.
 Would it be unethical for me to raise after she denies an opening hand?
 —Torn

Dear Torn,
 Your description that you "had a perfect Drury hand" should end all discussion. Once your partner fails to alert, thereby transmitting the dreaded unauthorized information to you, any subsequent action by you is tantamount to saying that

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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

SEPTEMBER 2017

8-10	Eureka Sectional	Ocean West Senior Village Clubhouse, McKinleyville CA
8-10	Portland Fall Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
8-10	Boise Fall Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
15-17	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 2-8	OREGON COAST REGIONAL	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
14-15	Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
20-22	Gold Country Sectional	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
26-29	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR

NOVEMBER 2017

3-5	Nampa-Caldwell Sectional	Hispanic Cultural Center, Nampa ID
3-5	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
4-5	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
11-12	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
17-19	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

DECEMBER 2017

4-10	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
9-10	North American Pairs	Online at various locations

JANUARY 2018

Jan 8-14	HAWAII REGIONAL	Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki, Honolulu HI
13-14	Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
15-21	D20 Pacific States STaC	Local clubs
26-28	Garden Isle Sectional	Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI
26-28	Portland Winter KO Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR

FEBRUARY 2018

9-11	Boise Sweetheart Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
9-11	Maui Snowbird Sectional	Maui Bridge Club, Kihei HI
23-25	Big Island Sectional	Mauna Lani Christian Academy, Kailua Kona HI
Feb 19-25	OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL	Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA

MARCH 2018

2-4	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
16-18	Chico Sectional	Eagles Hall, Chico CA
16-18	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Linn County Fair/Expo, Albany OR
23-25	Ontario Sectional	Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario OR
23-25	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

APRIL 2018

13-15	Redding Spring Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
14-15	Vancouver Spring Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
20-22	Seaside Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

MAY 2018

7-13	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
May 14-20	HIGH DESERT REGIONAL	Sunriver Resort, Sunriver OR

JUNE 2018

1-3	Eugene Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
8-10	Portland Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

Oct. 14-15	Vancouver I/N Sectional, Burnaby BC
Oct. 16-22	Olympia Regional WA
Oct. 27-29	Grandview Sectional WA
Oct. 27-29	Seattle Sectional, Bothell WA
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Whistler Regional BC
Nov. 10-12	Vancouver Sectional, Burnaby BC
Dec. 8-10	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
April 2-8	Vancouver Regional, Burnaby BC

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

Oct. 5-8	Carson City Sectional NV
Oct. 9-15	Reno Regional, Sparks NV
Oct. 20-22	Fresno Sectional CA
Oct. 21-22	Santa Cruz Sectional CA
Oct. 27-29	Silicon Valley Sectional, Saratoga CA
Nov. 11-12	Diablo Valley Sectional, Danville CA
Jan. 1-7	Monterey Regional CA
April 9-15	Modesto Regional CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

Oct. 11-13	World Senior Games, St. George UT
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Oct. 19-22	Great Falls Sectional MT
Oct. 27-29	Calgary Sectional AB
Nov. 10-12	Ogden Sectional, Roy UT
April 16-22	Jackpot Regional NV

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

Sept. 21-24	Tucson I/N Regional AZ
Oct. 9-15	Taos Regional NM
Oct. 23-27	Las Vegas Sectional NV
Nov. 16-19	Tucson Sectional AZ
Jan. 11-14	Sin City Shootout, Las Vegas NV
Jan. 15-21	Albuquerque Regional NM
Feb. 26-March 4	Las Vegas Regional NV
April 2-8	Chandler Senior Regional AZ

DISTRICT 22: acbldistrict22.com/d22

Oct. 27-29	Palm Desert Sectional CA
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Ventura Regional CA
Nov. 17-19	Sun City Sectional CA
Dec. 11-17	Palm Springs Regional, Rancho Mirage CA
Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Riverside Regional CA
March 26-April 1	San Diego Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov. 23 - Dec. 3	Fall 2017	Grand Hyatt, San Diego CA
March 8-18	Spring 2018	Marriott, Philadelphia PA
July 26 - Aug. 5	Summer 2018	Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA
Nov. 22 - Dec. 2	Fall 2018	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu HI