



# THE DISTRICT 20 TRUMPET

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## Big first national for Portland teen

Highlights from Washington DC Summer NABC

Among the highlights of the Summer NABC for District 20 was in the open flight of the Grand National Teams. After qualifying in one of the last four spots in the first-day Swiss, the team of **Huub Bertens, Jeff Roman, Roger McNay** and captain **Eric Stoltz** survived an eight-board playoff in the second round to earn a quarterfinal match against District 9, for whom Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell play. The Stoltz team then knocked out the team that has won each of the past five GNTs to reach the semifinal (see story, page 3).

**Louis Beauchet** and **Dan Hoekstra** placed third in the Freeman Mixed BAM, helping Louis to 137 masterpoints in DC (see story, page 8).

**Ed Freeman** placed ninth in Bruce LM-5000 Pairs. **Kevin Marnell** and **Justin Beck** reached the quarterfinals of the Micro-Spangold. Playing with Beauchet, Marnell also earned a section top on the first day of the Red Ribbon Pairs, eventually finishing 26th.

In the National Youth Swiss, **Jake Olsen's** team finished second.



**Louis Beauchet** of Sherwood OR earned 137 masterpoints in Washington DC, including a third-place finish in the Freeman Mixed BAM. See story, page 8.

## ACBL finances improve; tech work goes on

The Summer NABC in the nation's capital, Washington DC, was very warm and humid but still very nice. Washington has so many things to see and do when you are not playing bridge. The tournament was pretty well attended. Final table count was 12,812, which is just short of the

13,000 expected.



**Merlin Vilhauer**

D20 District Director

Membership at mid-year stands at 168,742, an increase of 986 from this time last year. These positive numbers, well worth celebrating, have come about through the collective energies of all of our employees, volunteers, club managers,

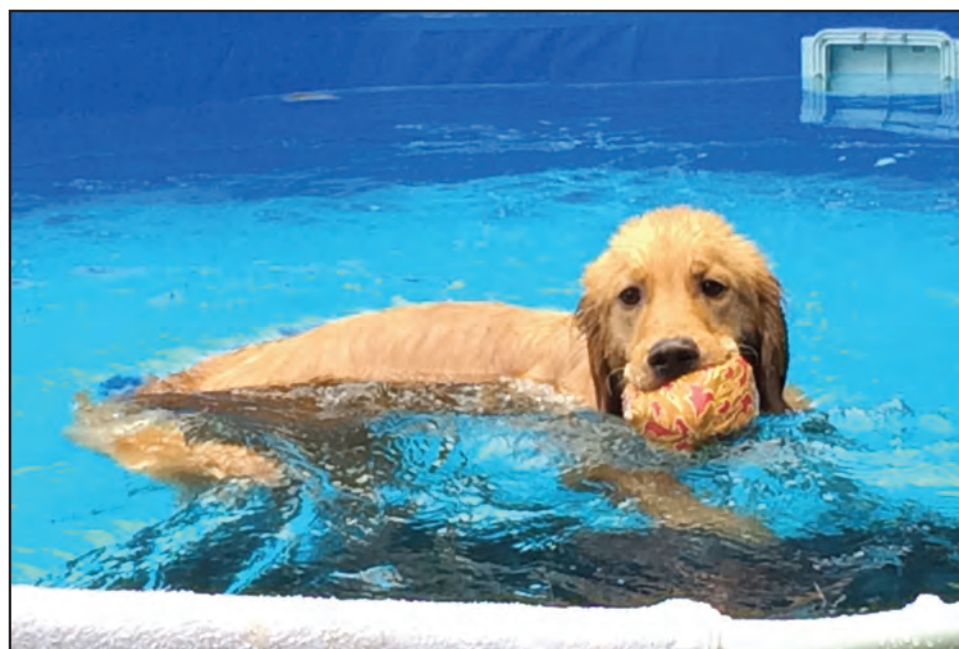
teachers and directors. Full membership statistics can be found at [web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Active%20Membership%20Statistics062016.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Active%20Membership%20Statistics062016.pdf).

Tournament play has decreased slightly, as has club attendance. The reduction in tournament table counts is from fewer tournaments. STAC events remain strong.

ACBL finances are looking better this year, showing a slight surplus. We continue to prioritize investments in technology updates, especially the new ACBL Live. Thanks to the efforts of Horn Lake programmers, we saw timely results posted after each event at the nationals.

ACBLscore will remain in use for the near future. The new rates for club financials were programmed and now seem to be functioning well after a few kinks were worked out. The ACBL is creating a separate program to calculate masterpoints, which will make the

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Cooper is one of two dogs belonging to Eileen Milligan of Corvallis. Ella is shown below.

## Love is a four-legged word

Pets are part of the family for many bridge players

By Jen Smith  
The Trumpet

It's true what they say: pets are very much a part of our family. And as such, it only makes sense that we would acknowledge our extended bridge family — the furry friends your fellow bridge players love and adore. Get ready to meet the bridge family of pets and the bridge players who love them.



Eileen Milligan

**Eileen Milligan**

Our first pet owner has two dogs: 8-year-old Ella (a Chihuahua/shih tzu/bichon frise/poodle mix) and Cooper, an almost 3-year-old golden re-



Ella

triever. Eileen Milligan, of Corvallis, has been a dog owner most of her life, but it was her kids who were the biggest influence in getting pups in the first place.

"They really wanted a dog," Milligan explains. Having grown up with her own dogs, she felt it would be a good experience for the kids to share in the responsibility of taking care of them. But the kids were grown up by the time Milligan, who manages the Corvallis Bridge Club, got her current pets.

With one dog weighing 8 pounds and the other 65 pounds, you can imagine the two together are very much the odd couple. "Ella is a small dog, but she rules the roost," Milligan says. "She was not thrilled about my getting Cooper."

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## Boise tops turnout projection

I want to commend the work of District Director **Merlin Vilhauer**, who has been elected to another three-year term starting in January. He is doing an exceptional job in the face of many challenges at the national level, and we are fortunate to have him representing our interests.

I am happy to report that the **Boise Regional**, with 741 tables, beat our attendance expectations by about 6%.

Boise Regional results, photos Pages 18-19

It was the first time District 20 sponsored

this tournament, so we were not sure what to expect. However, we found the venue comfortable and easy to access and the people friendly and hospitable.

Many people contributed to a smooth-running tournament, especially directors

**McKenzie Myers, Eric Bell, John Gram** and **Jeff Jacob**; Tournament Manager **Judy Davis**; and Local Chair **Judy Stauffer**. We look forward to returning in two years, so be sure to save the dates Aug. 6–12, 2018.

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## What is it about Seaside?

What is it that makes us all so happy when we're in Seaside? Is it the quiet, quaint coastal town? Or is it the friendly locals, the great seafood, the shopping and all the great bridge?

Whatever brings you back, we're glad you keep returning to the **Oregon Coast Regional**, which takes place this year Sept. 26 through Oct. 2.

This year's happy hour, including a cash bar, happens first on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and repeats on Friday and Saturday evenings. There's complimentary clam chowder on Wednesday afternoon, and hot dogs and beer on Friday night. And, as always, some evening ice cream treats. We do like to party!



**Judy Davis**  
Tournament Manager

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## Embrace technology: You won't 'die of dysentery'

Recently there has been much discussion about sexism: in politics, the Olympics and bridge. As we approach the end of the presidential election (thank God), it appears as though the U.S. may elect its first woman president. One might think this could finally put to rest any questions one might have about the competency of a woman.

Unfortunately America electing its first black president did not quell the racist and violent undercurrent still present in the hearts of many. Sometimes I am in awe of the fact that we as a society are still pondering these issues in 2016. It must be even more shocking for some of those in the bridge community, having experienced firsthand the civil rights movement and the birth of feminism. I mean, didn't this stuff get decided already?

What about ageism? As the population of the world lives longer and longer, our concept of "old" has dramatically shifted. I personally like this development.

There is no substitute for experience though, at the bridge table especially. When a new player comes to me with struggles, I pass along the words of my dad, and first bridge teacher, "You just have to look at hands." The more hands you see in your life, the better you will be at evaluating them.

I am just young enough to have snuck in to the computer generation. My brother, who is older by only five years, isn't as comfortable with computers as I am. In elementary school we had clunky Macintoshes with floppy disks and played the Oregon Trail game for hours on end, despite our characters' frequent deaths by dysentery. We wrote simple programs.

Then years passed before I had a personal computer or email, and I didn't have a cell phone until 2005. Now I don't even own a television set, but have an iPad, two Android tablets, two iPhones and a laptop!

The technology is here to stay, so we may as well find a way to make it work for us. I personally like ACBL Live, getting results quickly via an email or text or looking online. The other night in Boise I left the playing room right after the last session, even though my partner **Molly Harris** and I had two good games and were in the hunt to place in the overalls.



**Amy Casanova**  
Managing Editor

Instead of fighting for space at the pole in the middle of the room and squinting at the print-out, I was able to hit the baked potato bar (no line!) and enjoy my late-night snack while checking my scores on my phone once they came in. Incredible!

I like the feature on the ACBL website where you can see your masterpoint holding and how you rank against others in your state, unit, district, age group, etc. On BBO you can find hands you have played and click through each card, torturing yourself with mistakes over and over again! Or watch the world's best players on vugraph. Make it work for you.

Age is truly a number. It would not be a stretch for me to say that **Louis Beauchet** is, at age 15, one of my more mature partners. Watching his success has been exciting. I love newcomers and relative youngsters **Mike Goffe** and **Michael Pham** and the enthusiasm they bring to the game. And I admire those who are just learning after retiring or raising children.

When I see beginners frustrated and full of despair, I urge them on, for I know it can take years. Years. We all learn at dif-

ferent rates. We may measure success in masterpoints and value those who develop quickly, but thanks to another feature on the ACBL's website, I know that it took me 15 years to become a Life Master. I know that until four years ago I never earned more than 100 points in one year.

Make it work for you. Log on, click around. You aren't going to break the internet. Check out Bridge Winners. Google "bridge conventions" and content actually comes up! Create a clever BBO handle and get comfortable with the site so that you can compete in the District 20 finals for North American Pairs and Grand National Team events. The organizers and educators in D20 will help you.

Have you "liked" The Trumpet on Facebook yet? It was actually the best place to keep up with GNT results from DC since the ACBL frequently does not post KO results until the final. There are a lot of bridge players on Facebook. I have seen partnership and teammate requests, advice on how to bid hands, and a whole lot of cute animal pictures. Speaking of cute animals, I'd feel pretty guilty if I didn't mention my girls, Cookie and Beans.

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Cookie and Beans

## Who are you calling not aggressive enough?

A week before I was to leave for Washington DC, I left work not feeling well but not really sure what was wrong. I started figuring it out on the drive home, and by the time I made it to my exit there was no doubt: another kidney stone.

Considering it had only been three months since I'd been declared all clear, I was having a hard time believing it, but a CT scan proved me right. The good news was that it was about a third of the size of the last one and wouldn't require surgery. Also, as I'd noticed by the end of the week, the pain was really intermittent — I could go a couple days without feeling it. Or longer, as the stretch continued.

The first day of the GNT wasn't a good day. No serious pain, but I wasn't feeling great and I definitely wasn't playing well. In the first match, I misplayed a cold game. Our opponents also bid really aggressively to a hard-to-find game, and between those two boards we were down 23 IMPs. I

went in and out all day, never getting into a rhythm. By the end of the day, we had recovered enough to qualify 14th out of 16.

The top four seeds get to pick their opponents for the beginning of the knockout stage, but having made it to quarterfinals two years in a row, I didn't think we'd be anyone's choice. I expected at worst a 13 if they had to pick among the bottom four.

I felt much better the next day. Then I found out that we had drawn a 15. The team we'd faced first match had qualified second and they picked us!

I was determined to show them what a mistake that was. By the end of the first quarter we were up 50-10. Mainly **Jake** and I sat back and collected our IMPs as they overbid time and again.

"If you've got somebody fairly conservative at the other table, you're going to be up 40 IMPs," one of our opponents had said rather presciently. I told them **Amy** and **Dawn** were actually our most aggressive pair. "I think we're the conservative ones," Jake added, speaking mainly for himself.

We were sitting out the next two quarters — unfortunately, now that I was feeling better and playing better — but I was glad to be sending in **Bob** and **July**.

Our team had disasters on the first two boards of the second quarter, losing 24 IMPs. We won the other 12 boards 30-2. I'd much rather be up 80-12 at halftime than 80-36, but at least our lead grew.



**Chip Dombrowski**  
Editor at Large

In the third quarter, the super-aggressive pair finally started getting lucky on overbids, cutting our lead to 13. Still, I wasn't worried.

As they had seating rights last quarter, they dispatched Jake and me to the other table. Their plan was to keep bidding aggressively, counting on us not to find the

same lucky games. *Definitely not worried.*

Four boards into the fourth quarter, vulnerable against not, I held:

♠10 8 5 2 ♥A Q 10 7 ♦A K J 4 ♣8.

I opened 1♦, LHO overcalled 2♣, Jake made a preemptive raise to 3♦ and RHO competed with 4♣.

It had to be completely wrong for me to bid again. It was clearly their hand; they



GNT Flight B: Amy Casanova, Dawn Campbell, Jake Olsen, Chip Dombrowski, July Ratley and Bob Wierman.

might be making five or even 6♣, and there was no need to push them into it, especially at the risk of getting doubled vulnerable. But knowing their teammates had specifically told them we were conservative — *when would anyone ever believe that again?* — I saw a golden opportunity to bluff a 4♦ bid, feeling really confident they would buy it. They did — no double.

Jake came down with a terrific 2-count:

♠4 ♥5 4 2 ♦Q 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♣3 2.

When both heart honors turned out to be onside, I made five. With 14 HCP opposite 2, we had missed an impossible-to-bid game. "There's no way they'll be there," our opponents told us. "Even they're not that aggressive." (They were; lose 10.)

Eventually we reached the last board:

Dir: West ♠AQ  
Vul: N-S ♥Q J 10 2  
♦K 6 5 4 3 2  
♣6

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

♠10 5 4  
♥K 6  
♦AQ J 8 7  
♣J 7 3

West	North	East	South
Chip		Jake	
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

My LHO apparently declined to open with 12 HCP because she couldn't stomach having to rebid her wretched diamond suit. But when her partner bid the suit, with six known tricks and stoppers in both majors, she jumped to 3NT.

We have five cashing clubs if we can find them, but Jake couldn't fathom she would bid 3NT without a club stopper.

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## An unusual double

By Amy Casanova

Recently at the Boise Regional I sat at the table against Dan Hoekstra and Bob Johnson. My partner Molly Harris and I had a slam-going auction including a keycard-asking sequence where she responded 5♣.

Dan doubled this, holding ♣K 9 7 3 2. Bob, who was on lead, holding the ♣A Q J 6, obliged by leading the ace against 6♥.

On any other lead it makes seven, so the lead held us to an average result. I asked him why he would double with that holding. "It's the only lead I can stand." I was puzzled: What if I held the A-Q over the king? He admitted it could cost, but nothing else would really work either.



Dan Hoekstra

Dir: North ♠9 5 3  
Vul: None ♥5 4  
♦10 6 2  
♣K 9 7 3 2

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

♠8 6 2  
♥J 10 2  
♦Q 8 4  
♣A Q J 6

Had I chosen to cuebid instead of using RKCB, then it would be apparent that we were off the ♣A, so some might find the lead anyway. I don't mind bad results when they happen against good players who find good plays. Well, I don't mind them as much.

## Deaths

**Jim Batchelor** — 83, of Ontario OR died April 18, 2016.

**Bob Emmons** — 94, of Ontario OR died July 6, 2016.

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

**Harriet Henderson** — 84, of Brookings OR died July 9, 2016.

**Harry (Gene) Mason** — 90, of Vancouver WA died July 31, 2016.

**Carol Niemeier** — 92, of Idaho Falls ID died July 5, 2016.

**Dave Slegel** — 73, of The Dalles OR died Aug. 14, 2016.

**Steve Smith** — 70, of West Linn OR died July 15, 2016.

**Karen Sutherland** — 73, of Vancouver WA died July 22, 2016.

**Peggy Swindling** — 94, of Salem died July 12, 2016.



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# NAP AND GNT

## GNT Open team reaches semifinals

By Hal Montgomery  
D20 NA Events Coordinator

District 20 was well represented in the Grand National Teams finals at the NABC in Washington DC. Three of four flights qualified for the knockout stage, all but A. Our open team made the semifinals after beating the Meckwell squad. Flight C won its second-day match and made it to the quarterfinal. Flight B lost on the last board in the round of 16.

### 'You cannot play with fear'

Eric Stoltz describes a hand that helped in the win over Meckwell:

Dlr: North ♠8542  
Vul: E-W ♥63  
♦J986  
♣Q42

♠A9 ♠J1063  
♥AKJ8 ♥Q1072  
♦A102 ♦K43  
♣J965 ♣108

♠KQ7  
♥954  
♦Q75  
♣AK73

West	North	East	South
McNay	Rodwell	Stoltz	Meckstroth
	Pass	Pass	INT <sup>(1)</sup>
Dbl <sup>(2)</sup>	Rdbl <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass <sup>(4)</sup>	2♣
Dbl <sup>(5)</sup>	Rdbl <sup>(6)</sup>	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

- 14-16 HCP.
- Equal or better.
- Relay to 2♣.
- Forcing.
- Penalty.
- SOS - asking partner to run to his best suit.

"If South had about 15, the most North could hold was about 4 points. Plus, with Roger's hand being over the opening notrump bidder, it was clear to me with a nice 6-count plus three 10s that the hand belonged to us.

"Over the Rodwell's redouble, I passed, which we play as forcing — once we double the opponents' notrump they cannot play in 2♥ or lower undoubled. Over 2♣, Roger showed good values and defense against clubs.

"When 2♣ passed back to me, I doubled, knowing we were big favorites to defeat the contract, although no certainty. We led trump early and beat 2♣ two tricks for plus 300 and a mid-size pickup compared to a partscore in the other room."

Eric had only 6 points, but he doubled Meckwell. "You have to take the percentage action, even against world-class players," he said.



Eric Stoltz, Roger McNay, Huub Bertens, Jeff Roman

Roger added, "No matter how good they are, you cannot play with fear."

Our open team almost didn't get to play Meckwell. In the round of 16 they ended play after 60 boards in an exact tie. They continued on when they won the eight-board playoff by 26 IMPs.

Our flight B and C teams included teenage players **Jake Olsen** and **Louis Beauchet**. These strong young players foretell future success for our district.

They were involved in some very swifty hands. In Flight C, playing with Louis, **Kevin Marnell** appreciated the power of his 7-6 hand. Holding:

♠— ♥AKQ752 ♦KQJ8743 ♣—, he opened 1♥ and rebid 6♦. At the other table they languished in 4♥.

### A not-so-grand result

On another hand the result was not as good. Kevin stretched to bid a grand slam, which was doubled and redoubled. Down one! Meanwhile the other table bid only 5♦. Kevin explains:

Dlr: West ♠K875  
Vul: N-S ♥K  
♦A962  
♣J974

♠QJ10963 ♠A42  
♥10762 ♥QJ85  
♦Q74 ♦J  
♣— ♣Q10852

♠—  
♥A943  
♦K10853  
♣AK63

West	North	East	South
	Louis		Kevin
2♣	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
Dbl <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

1. Lightner double, asks for unusual lead.

"It was the last quarter and we were down by 50, so we were looking for ways to swing some IMPs.

"After my takeout double of 3♣, Louis bids 6♦. I should have passed, knowing Louis might be stretching some, but I started thinking about how much worse my hand could be and what Louis could possibly have to bid 6♦ out of the blue."

### North American Pairs

The NAP finals are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, for flights A and C and Sunday, Oct. 9, for flight B. Please join us as we play locally while competing regionally. We plan to have more venues for players this year. Come win a trip to Kansas City.

Playing partner for six diamonds to the A-Q or AQJxx, along with the ♥K and likely four spades that could be ruffed in dummy, and having only promised three diamonds with his double, Kevin bid 7♦.

"I redoubled, thinking that I am swinging a few more IMPs our way. In hindsight, I am giving them a way to make a lot of IMPs, so this was not a good call."

On the lead of the ♠A, Louis ruffed in dummy, but when diamonds didn't break the contract was down one. It's not any worse on a club lead because West ruffs with his natural trump trick.

"At any rate we were not going to get the swing we wanted."

### Board reviews, resolves BBO issues

The District 20 board met in Boise to review issues from last May during the finals of the Open and B flights of our GNT. **Merlin Vilhauer** reported that the new partnership between the ACBL and BBO should eventually result in reduced problems and timelier reporting of the results. Similarly, **Jeff Jacob** told me that the ACBL has upgraded directors' laptops, which will make things easier for him.

The board authorized the North American events committee to develop minimum network specifications for the clubs and to develop BBO training programs for the players and monitors. The goal is to reduce situations in which one club's network problems or some player's inexperience disrupts the entire district.

The board also made an immediate determination regarding equipment and software that players use for accessing BBO. While tablets work when you are playing for fun, the interface does not work well for tournament play. At least until BBO changes its interface to provide the communication functions needed for tournament play, tablets should not be used in our online events.

All players are encouraged to use browsers that are the most compatible with BBO. At this time it seems that Chrome works better than Safari.

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### District Board

## Profit doubles in Sunriver; OTR is also up

By Marie Ashton  
D20 Business Manager

We held our second and final board meeting of the year at the **Great Potato Regional** in Boise, with excellent attendance by board members and other officers. The tournament venue worked nicely and local attractions were great fun, so I encourage everyone to consider attending the Boise regional in 2018.

Halfway through the year, the district showed a loss of \$6,788. The good news is this is a smaller loss, by about \$3,500, than we had projected. Reserves stand at \$180,871.

The **Oregon Trail Regional** hosted 1,499 tables, down seven from the prior event. With the fee increase instituted at the beginning of 2016 (from \$11 to \$12) and expenses remaining flat, this tournament was slightly more profitable. The **High Desert Regional**, in Sunriver, grew by 11%, to 1,142.5 tables, and doubled net income from what it was two years ago.

Thanks to her meeting with management at the Wyndham Hotel, Tournament Contracts Negotiator **Marilyn Vilhauer** received promises of a far more favorable contract in Boise for 2018.

**Hal Montgomery** reported on issues with the GNT district finals playoffs, mostly computer related. He plans on writing procedures designed to head off such problems in the future. Hal also plans to set up classes for players who want to learn about playing on BBO.

Tournament Manager **Judy Davis** brought up issues surrounding the Monday afternoon game in Eugene in 2017. After discussion, the board voted to cancel this event. Upon the board's recommendation, Judy agreed to bring back a knockout starting on Monday in Seaside.

**Deborah Lackey** asked the board's advice for the venue for the teacher and director courses for 2018. The board suggested that she pursue holding them at the Oregon Trail Regional.

Elections for area representatives are due this year for Area 1, which must fill the seat currently held by **Sam Asai**. This area covers the Ontario, Mid-Columbia and Vancouver units. Area 5, Portland, has already held its election, and **Mike Eyer** will replace **Molly Harris** starting next year. Area 7, which comprises Bend, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Jackson County, must hold an election this year, too. **Gee Gee Walker** is the current representative and is also secretary of the board. Anyone interested in running for either of the open positions can find election procedures at [acbl20.org](http://acbl20.org).

The board passed a policy regarding electronic equipment at district events. The policy is available in the Manual of Policies and Procedures on our website and will be posted at our events.

The board will honor one of our youth players, **Louis Beauchet**, at the Oregon Coast Regional later this month. Louis placed third in a national event, the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match, at the recent NABC in Washington DC and brought home a total of 137 masterpoints.

In the interest of cutting expenses, the board will not meet again until February 2017 at the Oregon Trail Regional. The draft minutes from the meeting at Boise are posted on our website. For individual reports, please contact me.

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### Teachers' Corner

## From students to players: crossing the hurdle

We covered a number of topics at the ACBL teacher-certification course held at the Sunriver regional. Among the most interesting was the challenge of transitioning students from classes to playing in club games.

Playing in a competitive environment can be intimidating for new players who can barely remember that bidding goes clockwise beginning with the dealer. We can tell them practice will improve their game, but many are still afraid they will make fools of themselves.

We discussed several ways of helping them overcome their fears. One suggestion was to partner a novice with a more experienced player for the novice's inaugural duplicate game.

That player could act as an "ambassador" — not a mentor, but rather someone who helps to ensure that the new player has a good time. He or she could guide the novice through table movements, make introductions and, if an infraction is committed, confirm that the director's call is part of the game.



Deborah Lackey  
D20 Education Liaison

There are two types of sanctioned games ideal for helping students make the transition. The first is Bridge Plus, for students with 0-5 masterpoints. This is a "controlled" game that can be run by an accredited teacher. The minimum number of boards played is only six, and the laws are less stringently applied.

There is also a Newcomer game for

players with 0-20 masterpoints. This game involves 14 to 21 boards and is run by a director in a more club-type atmosphere. To learn more, search "Handbook for Lesson Games" at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org).

The ACBL also offers two handouts: "Bridge Life," a magazine along the lines of the Bridge Bulletin but targeting newer players, and "Welcome to the World of Duplicate Bridge," a pamphlet detailing what one can expect to find in a duplicate game. Both items are free, including shipping. To order copies for your students, go to Clubs > Marketing > Handouts at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org).

If you have success stories of students transitioning into duplicate games, please let me know what worked for you.

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# THE SECTIONAL SECTION

## Fall sectionals

### Vancouver NLM

The Vancouver NLM Sectional will be held Oct. 15-16 at the Vancouver Bridge Club in Vancouver WA. See ad page 6 for details.

### Nevada City

The Gold Country Sectional will be held Oct. 21-23 at the St. Canice Center in Grass Valley CA. See ad this page for details.

### Nampa-Caldwell

The Nampa-Caldwell Sectional will be held Oct. 21-23 at Canyon Creek Restaurant in Nampa ID. See ad page 5 for details.

### Newport

The Central Oregon Coast Sectional will be held Oct. 27-30 at the Shilo Inn in Newport OR. See ad page 5 for details.

### Redding

The Redding Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 4-6 at the Win-River Resort & Casino in Redding CA. See ad page 6 for details.

### Corvallis 299er

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

### Portland: Battle of Willamette

The Battle of the Willamette Sectional will be held Nov. 5-6, with open events at the new Ace of Clubs location at Mountain Park Plaza in Lake Oswego and NLM events at the Portland Bridge Club. See ad page 7 for details.

### Portland Spring (232 tables)

1	24.22	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
2	21.72	Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR
3	19.25	Mary Hovda, Sandy OR
	19.25	Beau Hovda, Bothell WA
5	17.16	Richard Carle, Longview WA
6	16.31	Duane Meador, Vancouver WA
7	16.20	Amy Casanova, Portland OR
8	16.12	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
9	15.54	Jim Wisner, San Francisco CA
10	15.50	Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
11	15.40	Marcia Heitkemper, Portland OR
12	15.00	Joseph Titone, Vancouver WA
13	14.47	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
14	14.44	Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR
15	14.15	Ira Neyhart, Corvallis OR
16	13.25	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
17	12.29	Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA
	12.29	Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA
19	11.05	David Green, Sherwood OR
20	10.66	Edward Lee, Portland OR
21	10.17	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
22	9.74	David Brower, Portland OR
23	9.68	Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR

### Honolulu – Jim Hopkins (98 tables)

1	19.63	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
2	17.94	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
3	16.05	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
4	15.97	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
5	15.05	Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
6	12.42	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
7	11.47	Anna Sung, Honolulu HI
8	11.45	Howard Co, Honolulu HI
9	10.74	David Wong, Honolulu HI

### Eugene (163 tables)

1	29.14	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
2	25.43	Mary Lou Bert, Eugene OR

3	22.43	Michael Levy, Keizer OR
4	20.02	Ira Neyhart, Corvallis OR
5	18.87	Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
	18.87	Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA
7	18.72	Paul Craviotto, Eugene OR
8	18.46	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
9	18.27	David Partridge, Eugene OR
10	17.77	John Wolf, Eugene OR
11	12.60	Jon Neimand, Eugene OR
12	12.22	Wesley Kuhlman, Federal Way WA
	12.22	Shirley Kuhlman, Federal Way WA
14	12.11	Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
15	11.83	Sandra Lawrence, Clackamas OR
	11.83	Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR

### Klamath Falls (59 tables)

1	15.88	Laila Griffith, Klamath Falls OR
	15.88	Carol McClure, Klamath Falls OR
3	13.46	Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
4	12.81	Sharon Fauss, Central Point OR
5	12.64	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
6	12.58	James Flint, Ashland OR
7	11.75	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
8	9.60	Scott Foster, Medford OR
9	9.12	Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR
10	8.99	Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR

### Salem (150 tables)

1	26.79	Michael Levy, Keizer OR
	26.79	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
3	23.97	Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
4	18.60	John Ashton, Portland OR
5	15.95	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
6	15.58	Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR
	15.58	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
8	15.51	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR
9	15.03	Ed Freeman, Corvallis OR
	15.03	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
11	12.30	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR

12	10.27	Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
13	10.27	Phyllis Rakevich, Tumwater WA
14	10.02	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
15	9.45	Carol Harms, Corvallis OR

### Honolulu – Kamehameha (108 tables)

1	24.96	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
2	20.41	Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
3	19.37	Pat Levy, Houston TX
4	18.89	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
5	18.05	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
6	17.67	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
7	17.24	Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
8	13.25	Leo Williams, Honolulu HI
9	13.17	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
10	12.60	Lew Levy, Houston TX
11	12.46	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI

### Portland NLM (55 tables)

1	5.70	Mark Giovannozzi, Vancouver WA
	5.70	Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA
3	3.34	Kevin Marnell, Portland OR
	3.34	Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA
5	3.05	Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA
	3.05	Charles Hulse, Vancouver WA

### Rogue Valley Summer (113 tables)

1	30.67	Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
	30.67	Bobby Thompson, Klamath Falls OR
3	16.95	Scott Foster, Medford OR
	16.95	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
5	16.56	Laila Griffith, Klamath Falls OR
	16.56	Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR
7	16.18	Robert Scott, Ashland OR
8	13.42	James Flint, Ashland OR
9	10.54	James Smith, Mapleton OR
	10.54	Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR
11	10.24	Judy Hotchkin, Redding CA
	10.24	Florence Hungerford, Redding CA

### Vancouver

The Vancouver Fall Sectional will be held Nov. 19-20 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 **five months** in advance of your tournament.

## 2016/2017 North American Pairs ACBL District 20

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

Registration is required by Sept. 24 for eligible players

### District Finals

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

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

**Start times:** 8 a.m. in HI, 11 a.m. PDT in OR, noon MDT in Boise.

**Format:** All flights play two sessions with combined scoring across the field.

**Venues:** Playing sites are planned in Boise, Bend, Honolulu, Medford, Portland, Redding, Vancouver and other cities at clubs or at other places where participation warrants. At least two pairs and a monitor are required at each site. Contact your club, NAP Coordinator or D20 Area representative in your area for details.

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

**Awards:** The Finals pay gold points for overall awards and red points for sectional places.

**Fees:** Player entry fees are \$22 per pair per session.

## National Finals

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

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

## Gold Country Sectional October 21-23, 2016

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



### Friday, Oct. 21

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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

### Saturday, Oct. 22

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 299er pairs - 2 single sessions
- Stratified Open Pairs - Grass Roots Fund Game, 2 session play-through

### Pairs stratifications based on team average:

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

### Sunday, Oct. 23

10 a.m.

20 Victory point scale - afternoon session TBA; short lunch on your own

- B/C/D Swiss Teams 300/750/2000
- A/X Swiss Teams (3000+/0-3000)

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

### General information

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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 Zion St. Turn right.

Drive .5 miles on Zion St. to Reward St. Turn left on Reward St.

Drive .2 miles on Reward St. to St. Canice Center parking lot at end of Reward St.

Snacks, coffee and tea will be available throughout the tournament. Carry-on alcohol not permitted.

# The Bidding Toolbox

## How to compete against four-level preempts

Competing against weak-two bids has been discussed in this column before. But when opponents preempt at the four level and you have a nice hand, competing can be difficult.

You suspect the hand belongs to you, but the opponents have erected a roadblock. And if there is no makeable contract available for your side, you want to exact a penalty against the other side or find a reasonable sacrifice, if available.



**Jim Flint**  
The Bidding Toolkit

There are ways to overcome the four-level preempt obstacle. You need to have some bids that convey your intentions. You and your partner must be sure to discuss them thoroughly so that you know your agreements and won't forget them. And you want agreements with no ambiguity in them.

After a preempt at the four level, you have three options: pass, bid or double. To ensure clarity, you and your partner must first agree whether a double is for takeout or penalty. Many partnerships play that double is takeout through 4♥. So, a double of 4♠ is for penalty. Others play takeout doubles through 4♠. Indicate your agreement on your convention card.

You want to double for takeout in two cases:

- ♦ You have support for whatever partner bids and you think you can make the contract because of the strength of your hand.

♦ Or you believe the preempt bidder may make her contract, and you think a sacrifice will produce a better result for your side. You still need a strong hand or your sac will not be a good one.

Here's a hand that fits the first case after the opponent opens 4♦:

♠AKJ10 ♥KQJ4 ♦— ♣AJ1053

Keep in mind that partner is likely to hold a few points, especially if LHO is the dealer and RHO is the preempter. And what points he holds are likely not in diamonds, thus they will help you. But even if you catch your partner with a weak hand, his holding only the ♠Q or ♣Q can make your hand golden.

Here's a hand that fits the second case after the opponent opens 4♥ and they are vulnerable, you are not:

♠KQJ10 ♥— ♦AQJ64 ♣QJ109

Say the preempter holds:

♠— ♥KQJ1087543 ♦62 ♣A3

If he finds his partner with as little as one of the minor kings, the 4♥ contract is cold. In that case, your going down one at 4♠ or down two at five of a minor is a winning result. Yes, he might open 2♣ with that four-loser hand, but he's taking a chance that the opps will have an easier time finding a makeable fit. After all, he has only 10 HCP.

The key is that you may find partner with the right cards to make your bid after you double the preempter, but if you don't and you go down, it probably means the preempter can make his bid.

Besides doubling, your other two options are passing or bidding. Deciding whether to pass is a no-brainer. You don't

have the strength to compete. There are a couple of options, however, when bidding:

- ♦ You bid your own long suit to play.

♦ Or you bid 4NT with a good two-suiter. "Good" means the suits are pretty solid. You shouldn't have suits like these: QJ9865 or AJ9854.

In the first case, you might hold this against a 4♥ preempter:

♠AKQJ753 ♥6 ♦KQ5 ♣A4

Bid 4♠. Finding partner with as little as the ♦J will make the hand.

Another hand that fits the first case:

♠94 ♥— ♦AKQJ8732 ♣KQ7

With favorable vulnerability, you can bid 5♦, knowing that the most you can go down is two doubled, which is a better result than the vulnerable game the preempter is likely to make.

Here's a two-suit hand that fits the second case against a preempter of any suit at the four level. For this example, let's say the preempt is 4♠. You hold:

♠— ♥KQJ1073 ♦AQJ1062 ♣8

When you bid 4NT ("I have a two-suiter"), your partner responds with his best suit that isn't the preempter's suit. If he bids clubs, you bid diamonds, thus showing diamonds and hearts, and your partner either passes or corrects. In this case, if he bids diamonds or hearts, you just pass.

Let's say you hold instead:

♠— ♥KQJ1053 ♦4 ♣AQJ1076

After you bid 4NT (showing a two-suiter), and your partner responds either clubs or hearts, you pass. If he responds

diamonds, you bid 5♥ and now he knows your two suits are hearts and clubs. He can pass 5♥ with as little as a singleton. If he is short in hearts, he can bid 6♣ with better clubs and more than a bust. If he has a yarborough, he can pass 5♥ even with a void, preferring to let you play at the five level. After all, he knows your suits are solid.

If you and your partner adopt these methods to deal with four-level preempts, it will give you tools you can use with no risk of ambiguity and improve your chances of optimal results.

You can contact Jim Flint at [pubathome@yahoo.com](mailto:pubathome@yahoo.com).

## SECTIONAL RESULTS

### Sutter Buttes (84 tables)

- 14.84 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 14.84 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 14.11 Mark Bloom, Chico CA
- 12.90 Carol Huston, Chico CA
- 12.69 Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA
- 12.25 Steve Kolodney, Sacramento CA
- 12.25 Bruce Chapman, Folsom CA
- 11.46 John Jefferson, Davis CA
- 8.20 Don Johnson, Smartville CA
- 8.20 Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA

## Nampa-Caldwell Halloween Sectional

Oct. 21-23, 2015

Canyon Creek Restaurant & Lounge

(Next to Shilo Inn & Suites - Exit 36, I-84, Nampa, ID)

(208) 467-4939

### Friday, Oct. 21

- ♣ Scaredy Cat Stratified Open Pairs - 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Single Sessions)
- ♣ Sinister Single Session 199ers (if attendance allows) - 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 22

- ♣ Wicked Witches Stratified Open Pairs - 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Single Sessions)
- ♣ Sinister Single Session 199ers (if attendance allows) - 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 23

- ♣ Spooky Stratified Swiss Teams - 10 a.m. (2 Session Play Through)

(Seven 7-Board Matches; Win/Lose Scoring)

Monster Masterpoint Ranges: A = 1500+ B = 500 to 1500 C = 0 to 500

Bat Wing Stratification: By Average Masterpoints, Pairs & Team Games

### Frightful Entry Fees:

- ♣ Friday and Saturday:
  - o \$10 per person (ACBL Members)
  - o \$13 per person (Non or UNPAID ACBL Members)
- ♣ Sunday - \$96 per team - includes lunch!



### Haunted Hotel Rates for Bridge Players:

- ♣ Shilo Inn & Suites (1401 Shilo Dr., Nampa); Call (208) 465-3250  
Ask for Bridge rate \$89;  
reservations must be made by Sept. 30 to receive discount
- ♣ Shilo Inn (617 Northside Blvd, Nampa); Call (208) 466-8993 (approx. 1 mile away)

### Ghoulish Information:



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Tournament Director: John Gram

## Central Oregon Coast Sectional



October 27-30, 2016

### Shilo Inn

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Reservations: (800) 222-2244 or (541) 265-7701

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Website: [www.shiloinns.com](http://www.shiloinns.com)



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Please check the website for weekly specials or ASK FOR "American Contract Bridge League" RATE

EVENT	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Stratified Pairs (Single sessions)	7 pm	10 am 3 pm	10 am 3 pm	
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

On the road by 6:30 p.m.



### Welcome I/N Players!

Come play the "299er" games!  
Need a partner?

Want to play on a Swiss Team?

Give KNOCKOUTS a try!

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Non-Smoking Sectional (Breaks provided)  
Session Entry Fee: \$9 ACBL members  
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### STRATIFICATIONS

Open Events: 0-500, 500-1250, 1250-299er  
Events: 0-50, 50-150, 150-300  
KOs with only one bracket may be handicapped



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## Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

### Non-Life Master Sectional Oct. 15-16, 2016

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

**Stratifications:**  
 0-500 NLM: A=200-499; B=50-200; C=0-50

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

**Fees:** Saturday: \$8 per player per session  
 Sunday: \$8 per player per session  
 Unpaid and non-ACBL members pay \$3 more per session  
 Sunday lunch: \$5 includes pizza and salad

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## 2016 Heart of the Valley

### 299er Tournament ACBL Limited Sectional

November 5-6, 2016

Heart of the Valley  
Bridge Center  
931 NW Circle Blvd.  
(In the shopping mall at the corner of  
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 ACBL Sanction No. 1611068

\$9 per play per session  
 \$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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Redding Unit 464 Presents

## The Sundial Bridge Sectional

Nov. 4-6, 2016

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<b>Friday, Nov. 4</b>		
299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5</b>		
299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
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)		
<b>Sunday, Nov. 6</b>		
Stratified Swiss Team (20 Victory Point scale)		10 a.m.
Two sessions play through		
<i>(Lunch will be available between sessions)</i>		

Per-session fee of \$10 per player • \$3 extra for non- and unpaid ACBL Members  
 This is a Z-T policy event • Players with 0-50 points: \$5 per session

<p><b>Stratifications</b></p> <p>A: 2000+              B: 750-2000              C: 0-750 (NLM)              299ers: 0-299.99</p>	<p><b>Director:</b>  <b>Steve Kaessner</b>              Chairperson:  <b>Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694</b>              Partnerships:  <b>Wilhelmina White, 530-246-1036</b></p>
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## For Sherry Squirrel, it is an 'unusual' 2NT indeed

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Sherry Squirrel was happy to be playing with Franny Fox again. Sherry was chattering away while her partner attempted to discuss their convention card. She focused for the opening notrump range and Stayman and weak twos. She remembered upside-down signals. Yes, our range for one-level suit overcalls is 9-16 HCP. Blah, blah, blah ... those pesky convention cards.

After that, Sherry wondered if Franny was a fan of "House of Cards." Then she



**Margi Redden**  
 D20 I/N Coordinator

remembered, in that show there were no cards, no bridge players and way more politics than she wanted to see. She wondered if Franny had watched "Master of None." But she remembered that despite its name, the show was not about a bridge player who tried and failed at several systems.

Sherry's mind returned to her game with Franny.

Sitting east, Sherry picked up this hand:

♠AK84 ♥9542 ♦A865 ♣10

The auction started. On her left, the dealer, Steve Owl, bid 1♦. Franny bid 2NT, then pass and then to Sherry.

Sherry remembered being told that if you are responding to notrump, Stayman is a good way to find a 4-4 fit. So she bid 3♣; opener doubled, Franny passed and Sherry's right-hand opponent bid 3♣.

Figuring that Franny passed because she lacked a four-card major, Sherry thought, "I am not going to let that person who could not bid over 2NT just steal our game."

### Two-Suited Bids

by Franny Fox

Over a one-level bid, if you make a takeout double and then bid notrump, you show a hand too strong to overcall 1NT (15-18 HCP). But if you jump to 2NT, you are not showing a balanced hand. Instead, you are showing a very unbalanced hand, a two-suited hand, "unusual," you could say.

♦ If you jump to 2NT over one of a major, you show at least 5-5 in the minors.

♦ If you jump to 2NT over one of a minor, you show at least five hearts and five of the other minor.

Keep it simple. Points do not matter unless you are vulnerable and they are not. Watch vulnerability when making two-suited bids.

So Sherry bid 3NT. Steve Owl passed and then Franny bid 4♣. "Dang," Sherry thinks. "Could that be Gerber? Can't be — I will just put us back in notrump."

So she bids 4NT and gets a dirty look from Franny. "What is the problem? We should have plenty of points." Now Franny bids 5♣. Sherry figures it must be clubs she likes. She passes, Steve doubles and everyone passes.

This has been the auction:

Franny	North	Sherry	Steve
			1♦
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	3♣	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

She also figures that Franny could have 10 of her points in clubs and a bad break.

But she will be happy when she sees my three tricks and the ♠10.

Wait a minute. Steve Owl is putting down a card to lead. Turns out it is the ♠9.

Sherry panics as she realizes, "Oh no, I am playing it!" Sherry takes her ♠A and leads the ♣10, which holds. Then she learns that the bad break is really bad.

After the hand is over, minus 1100 later, Franny comments, "That 2NT overcall is a much longer discussion than we have time for at the table" (see box). Sherry sighs and thinks the bar next door would be a good first stop after the game.

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

Dlr: South	♠QJ 10 7 5 3	
Vul: N-S	♥6 3	
	♦Q 10 3	
	♣5 3	
	♠6 2	♠AK84
	♥KQJ 10 8	♥9 5 4 2
	♦7	♦A 8 6 5
	♣KJ 8 7 6	♣10
	♠9	
	♥A 7	
	♦KJ 9 4 2	
	♣AQ 9 4 2	

Sherry loves two bids for the price of one, so she promises to remember what Franny told her. At least she will try.

From Margi: All characters are fictional, but the auction and hands are real. I am looking forward to seeing you at Seaside. Come share some great hands at the coast.

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**Willamette Sectional**

**West Location:**  
 Ace of Clubs  
 Mountain Park Plaza  
 11830 SW Kerr Parkway,  
 Lake Oswego, OR 97035  
 (503)646-8252

**Schedule:**  
**Sat. Nov. 5**  
 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
 IMP Pairs, Stratified  
 (0-750, 750-2000,  
 2000+)  
 (single sessions)  
**Sun. Nov. 6**  
 10:30 a.m. and TBD  
 Swiss Teams,  
 2 Sessions, VPs

**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 East**  
**Willamette Sectional**

**East Location:**  
 Portland Bridge Center  
 8383 NE Sandy Blvd.  
 Suite 300  
 Portland, OR 97213  
 (503) 252-1318

**Schedule:**  
**Sat. Nov. 5**  
 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. 6**  
 1 p.m.  
 Non-LM Swiss Teams  
 (0-500)  
 One Session, Win/Loss

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## Vancouver USA Fall Sectional

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**Saturday, Nov. 19**

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

**Sunday, Nov. 20**

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams.....10 a.m. & TBA  
*Flight A=3000+, Flight AX=0-3000; Flight BCD: B=750-2000, C=300-750, D=0-300*

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

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# In NABC debut, Louis makes a splash

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

Fifteen-year-old Louis Beauchet of Sherwood, Ore., has become a familiar face around District 20.

Louis began studying the game in France at age 9, and after his family relocated to Oregon two years ago, Louis began playing bridge at the South Waterfront's Mirabella club, frequently winning and impressing everyone with his card play and composure — but perhaps confusing them with his aggressive bidding.

Since then he has formed new partnerships, catching the eye of many top players willing to play with a young protégé, and branched out to compete in most area tournaments.

He has continued to win and amass masterpoints, including a virtual tie in last year's Mini-McKenney for the district in his category, and placing eighth nationally among youth players. Currently he is leading the national Mini-McKenney 100-200 race by 100 points and is just a few points shy of earning Life Master after only two years in the ACBL.

Playing in the GNT Flight C in May with Kevin Marnell, David Muller and Roy Wilkinson, Louis earned a trip to Washington DC, his first national tournament.

It was a big success: His GNT team reached the quarterfinals, losing to the team that won the event; he won a regional pairs event with Merlin Vilhauer; and he played on a team that placed third in the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match, netting 137 masterpoints in two weeks.

The competition was pretty tough in both the limited and open events, Louis said. After getting knocked out of the GNT on Friday, the team stayed together for a bracket 6 knockout, reaching the semifinal Sunday. On Monday, Louis played in the open pairs with Vilhauer. "This was almost easier," Louis said. "All of the good players were in national events, so the field was pretty weak, definitely weaker than in the Vancouver or Seaside regionals."

Tuesday saw Louis take a break. He was able to meet two of the top French players, ACBL Player of the Year Cedric Lorenzini and Jean Quantin, and kibbitz them in the Spingold.

"I was surprised to see them playing the most standard system," Louis said. "It goes to show you don't need many gadgets to be a good bridge player."

Cedric and Louis have many things in common: they both started at the same age, their parents do not play, and they both do not like playing with juniors.

"I know many people wonder why I didn't play in the Youth NABC," Louis said. "I wasn't against trying to play with kids my age, but after what I saw, I will definitely keep playing with adults."

On the second day of the GNT, Louis and company faced a District 13 team made up of University of Chicago students. Last year, when Oren Kriegel was on their team, they won the College Bowl; this year they were fourth in that event.



Jade Barrett, Donna Lombardini, Louis Beauchet, Karen Barrett and Dan Hoekstra placed third in the Freeman Mixed BAM, part of a string of impressive results by Louis at the Summer NABC in Washington DC.



Merlin Vilhauer and Louis Beauchet won the Monday Open Pairs at the Washington NABC.

"I was thinking, 'Nice! I will see how it is to play with young players,'" Louis said. "To be honest, it was a bad experience. First, they didn't say a word for seven hours; second, they were very bad; and third, they seemed to have a 'facial language,' very inappropriate at a bridge table."

Later, at the tail end of the tournament, Louis was back with his GNT partner, Kevin, for the Red Ribbon Pairs on Friday and Saturday. After a reasonable first session, they had a monster second session, winning their section and qualifying in fourth place for the second day. But in the final, a bad first session took them out of contention. Still they made the overalls, finishing in 26th place.

Although going to an NABC and playing in limited or regional events can be rewarding, the real reason to go is to compete against the best in the world. Louis got this opportunity when his planned partner for Thursday found himself double-booked.

Dan Hoekstra, a fellow Portland player who had discussed playing with Louis, had also enlisted the services of Karen and Jade Barrett, along with Donna Lombardini, professional players based in South Dakota. After they were knocked out of the Spingold on Tuesday, losing to the top-seeded Nickell team, they were planning to enter the Mixed BAM, a two-day event, starting the next day.

When Hoekstra told Jade of his conflict, Louis was added to the team. Because it was a mixed teams event, Louis would rotate in and out with Dan, who was playing with Karen, a Grand Life Master.

On the first day of the BAM, a two-session qualifier, Louis played the first half. The team was well above average going into the second session, so the pressure was on Dan. He felt exhausted by the end of the session, but they qualified tied for 10th in a tight field going into the final.

Louis and Karen started again, playing the whole first session, after which the team was tied for first place. Now the pressure was *really* on. Although a couple of errors stood out it isn't clear how costly they were. The team finished less than a board out of first and only 0.25 behind second place.

Jade Barrett was impressed. "The kid played great," he said.

For Hoekstra, this was his best finish in a national event. After all his time working on his game, he said he felt like he was making progress.

"One of the hardest aspects of bridge is partnership skills," Dan said. "If you grow your partnership skills, the bridge will come. You enjoy it when you work hard together; it is not an individual achievement. But there is great satisfaction in performing well."

Mistakes are just a part of bridge. A big part of the game is learning how to move on after one occurs. Dan said that Jade is excellent at inspiring confidence after bad results. He tells his team to center themselves, and to allow mistakes to "light a fire" and make you fight harder.

For Louis, playing in a national event for the first time, the difference was apparent.

"You don't get any gifts," Louis said. "You have to play solid and to be constantly focused if you want to end up with a great result. It was even tougher the second day because only the best teams survived. But I loved it, and it was a good experience."

## No tricks? No problem

A memorable board played by **Jake Olsen** made it into the Daily Bulletin in Washington DC. This is from the first session of the Wernher Open Pairs.

Dir: West ♠ A Q 6 3  
Vul: N-S ♥ A 9 3  
♦ J 4 2  
♣ K 10 7

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

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

North-South are cold for 7♠ but few reached it. Many played in 6♠, and many others in 4♠, while some defended 7♦ doubled for 800, a better score than those who only reached 4♠ for 710.

Among the best scores for East-West was minus 450. How is this possible when North-South are vulnerable?

Olsen opened 3♦ and North passed. His partner, JD Kurtzman of Cincinnati OH, saw his 6 high-card points and singleton spade as a red flag that the opponents had a big spade fit and most of the points. He psyched 3♠. That kept South out of the auction, and Olsen



Does Jake Olsen always look this happy when partner psychs?

bid 3NT. Because running to diamonds was possible, neither opponent doubled.

North led the ♣ 7 to South's ace, and a club was returned to North's king. North cashed his three other winners and led a spade to South's good hand, leaving Olsen with zero tricks. Down nine: minus 450 was worth 49 out of 51 matchpoints.

## Regionals

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The concession stand in the lobby will be open 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Sunday until 5.

Our director in charge is Matt Smith. Table estimate for this year's Oregon Coast Regional is 3,000, so you will want your attendance counted in that number.

Matt will be joined by a staff of 13 directors including the newest ACBL director and one of our local Portland favorites, **Chris Wiegand**. Other favorite directors servicing the regional are John Gram, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Robert Bleil, Steve Bates, Patty Holmes, Steve Kaessner, Ken Horwedel, Michael Weber, Jeff Jacob, Eric Bell, McKenzie Myers and Paul O'Brien.

Sue Kroning will be busy at the partnership desk again this year. Ray Lowe, along with Gil and Ann Gramson, will be at the hospitality desk to answer your questions about local restaurants and activities. I/N Coordinator Margi Redden is lining up special speakers and will host another one of her fabulous parties. Caddy chair Sandra Baker always does an excellent job finding and scheduling caddies for our event.

Matt Smith and I will be tucked away in the Seamist Room, just off the lobby, which serves as our tournament office. And, when she's not at the tables playing bridge, you'll find Marie Ashton, D20 business manager, busily working with us.

And, maybe, just maybe, if they need someone to help fill a table, you just might see me playing in a game.

I'll see you in Seaside. Enjoy the games!

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## D20 Electronic Equipment Policy

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A violation of these restrictions by participants will result in a disciplinary penalty at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **1st offense** – warning
- **2nd offense** – one-half board reduction in score (or 6 IMPs)
- **3rd offense** – disqualification from the event for the pair/team

Spectators violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.



# The Oregon Coast Regional *at Seaside*

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## SCHEDULE

### MONDAY September 26

7 p.m. ....Seaside Bracketed KOs  
(continues 9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tuesday)  
7 p.m. ....Stratified Charity Swiss Teams (1 session)  
7 p.m. ....Stratified Open Charity Pairs  
(evening side game series 1 of 6)  
7 p.m. ....♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

### TUESDAY September 27

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

### WEDNESDAY September 28

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

### THURSDAY September 29

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

### THURSDAY September 29 (continued)

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

### FRIDAY September 30

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

### SATURDAY October 1

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

### SUNDAY October 2

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

## SEPT. 26 - OCT. 2, 2016

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## INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

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

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## STRATIFICATIONS

**Three Strat Open Pairs:** Open/2000/1250

**Gold Pairs:** 750/300/200

**Other Stratified Events:**

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

♦ **299er Events:**

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

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

**Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams:**

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

**Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:**

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

## SCHEDULE NOTES

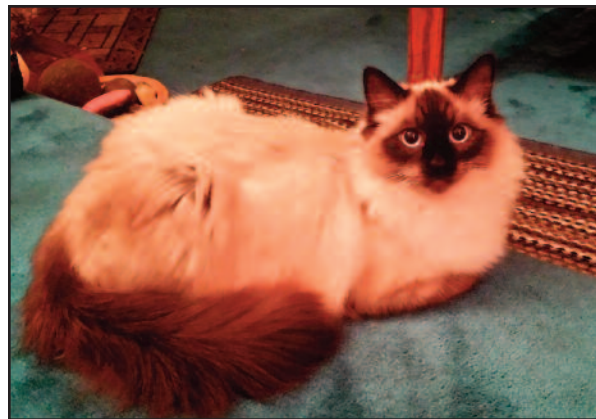
- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
- Midchart conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/AX events and top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings are allowed in all events.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

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

## Pets: Critters bring warmth, amusement, joy to lives of players all over District 20

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Cooper's claim to fame is his ball-fetching skills. "He can fetch and carry three balls in his mouth at once, which is a sight," Milligan says. Despite their quirks, the best part for her is coming home to them. "They are always so happy to see me," she says.



Viper is one of eight cats living with Diane Caccamise. Below: Lilly, left, and Radar Randy



### Diane Caccamise

Next we have a cat owner with an entire house full of felines. Diane Caccamise, of Coos Bay, Ore., has three cats of her own — plus five others that belong to her renter in the downstairs of her large house. If you're counting, that makes eight kitties total.

"The cats treat us as their people and don't distinguish ownership by us," Caccamise explains.

While it may sound like a zoo, Caccamise says the best part about owning her bunch is their ability to keep her humble. "They will run to greet you when you get home, sit on top of the bills or chew them up when you are trying to pay them, sit on top of the book you are trying to read, sit on the fabric if you are trying to sew, or completely ignore you if you are trying to bring them in for the night," she says. Sounds like the perfect set of companions.

Though she has cats at home, when Caccamise is out and about, she's a dog person, quick to make friends with any dog she comes across. When someone brings a dog to a club where she plays, it usually spends more time with Caccamise than its owner, and she'll volunteer to take it for a walk if she has a sitout.



Diane Caccamise



Ella and Cooper



Marie and John Ashton

### John & Marie Ashton

You know you bring your pup to bridge events a lot when tournament directors start inviting her over for sleepovers. That's the case with John and Marie Ashton's 12-year-old golden retriever, Tulip. The Portland couple — a former national tournament director and District 20's business manager — also have a 5-year-old cat named Dennis Hopper (well played).

On top of the emotional benefits to being a pet owner, Marie notes



Tulip

the physicality as an added benefit. "Tulip gets us off our butts every day for walks," she says.

But nothing beats the sheer comedy a pet can add to your life. "They makes us laugh on a daily basis," Marie adds. When it comes to quirks, her pets have no shortage of them. "Tulip grins, snorts and sneezes when she is excited."



Dennis Hopper

And the cat? "Hopper has radar for the second someone reclines on the couch; he can be in another room but is on your lap in a nanosecond," Marie explains. Perhaps that kitty is onto something.



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Eva Hogan brings McDuff with her when she plays bridge at Medford-area clubs.

### Eva Hogan

This Medford-area bridge player decided to get her Westhighland terrier, McDuff, because "I saw him and fell in love." Eva Hogan, of Jacksonville, says everything her pup does delights her.

When asked if she ever has to make special arrangements for him to travel for bridge tournaments, Hogan simply replies, "If he can't be there, neither can I."



Toni Heitkamp with Teddy and Champ

### Toni Heitkamp

Mom of poodle Ted E. Bear and shih tzu Champ, Toni Heitkamp, of Beaverton, has been a pet owner her entire life. Raised on a ranch in rural Texas, Heitkamp says dogs were a very important part of their lives.

"They helped herd and guard, protect children from snakes and tarantulas, and were our playmates and companions," she explains.

Both of her pups are service animals and require "constant human companionship," which Heitkamp is happy to provide. And when she's playing bridge, they stay with a pet sitter, who also helped socialize them.

If she had to sum up the best part about being a pet owner (outside of the free kisses), Heitkamp simply says, "unconditional love."

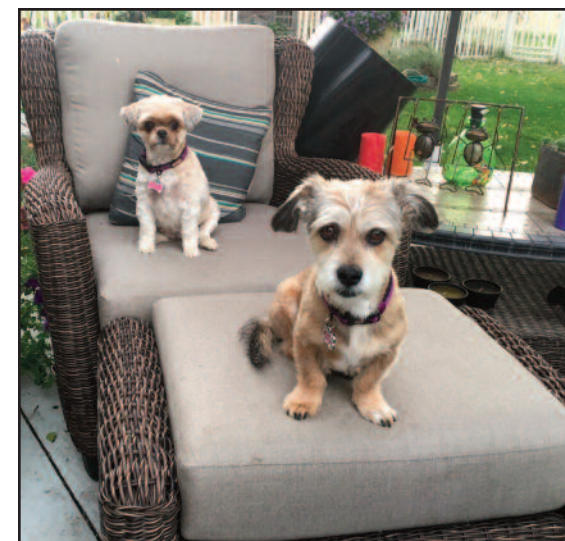


Trixie

### Marilyn Carmichael

Marilyn Carmichael, of Husum, Wash., used to bring her dog, Trixie, to every game. But Trixie became too smart for Carmichael's new car. Once she learned how to open the car windows, she would take off on a walk while Carmichael, who plays at the club in The Dalles, was inside at the table! No word on whether this has affected Carmichael's bridge game.

Carmichael herself knows a thing or two about extricating herself from a car. Famously she once drove into a pond on the way to bridge. She swam out, walked home and still made it to the game.



Zoie, front, and Maizy belong to Judy Stauffer.

### Judy Stauffer

Our next bridge player had a rough go of it recently with her pup. Judy Stauffer, of Boise, has two dogs — a 9-year-old shih tzu/Maltese/dachshund mix named Zoie and a 4-year-old Shorkie named Maizy.

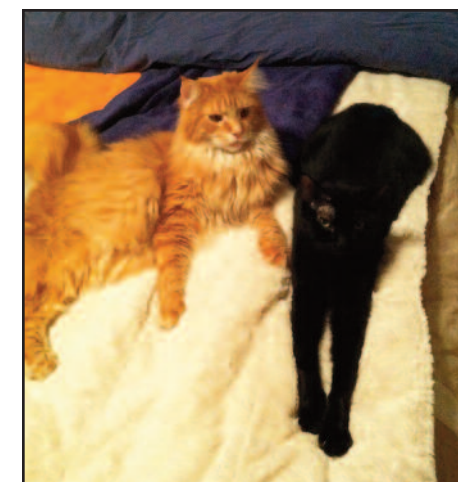
Back in June, Stauffer dropped her husband off before heading to the bridge club, of which she is a co-owner. When he returned to their house 30 minutes later, he found both dogs outside the gate.

"At times our gate is difficult to latch, and on that day we failed to notice that it had not closed," Stauffer explains. Zoie, taking advantage of a fleeting moment of freedom, had run out to play with the neighbor's three pitbull mixes — only they weren't so friendly in return.

"They attacked her throat, severely damaging her esophagus. She also had several deep bites to her head," Stauffer recalls. "She wasn't going to make it. But she's a fighter and we were determined." After three surgeries, six weeks on a feeding tube and many sleepless nights for Stauffer, Zoie made a full recovery and is now back to romping and playing with Maizy like old times.



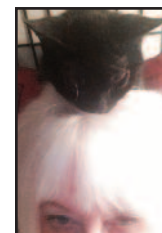
Judy Stauffer



Lennie and Callie

### Jean Johansson

This bridge player is a cat-lover. Jean Johansson, of Portland, has two of her own — Callie, a black domestic shorthair, and Lennie, a Maine coon. Johansson grew up with cats her whole life, so it only made sense to get her own. When asked if her kitties have any quirks, Johansson quickly replied, "I think all cats have funny quirks!" Callie's include crying until Lennie lets her into her favorite sleeping spot — the study closet. The best part of being a cat owner, according to Johansson: "The humor, joy and unconditional love they bring to life."



Jean Johansson and Callie



Jen Smith and Lucy Boots

Jen Smith, too, has a fur baby — a teacup Yorkie named Lucy Boots. "That sassy little 4-pound bundle of joy is my heart and soul."

# D20 raises \$13,600 for The Longest Day

District 20 members raised more than \$13,600 for The Longest Day, the Alzheimer's Association fundraiser sponsored by the ACBL. Sixteen clubs and units in District 20 participated in the fourth year of the event — twice as many as last year, when about \$9500 was raised.

The top fundraiser in D20 was one of the new teams. **Phoenix Rising**, a Medford-area club that specializes in limited games, brought in \$3200. The event was led by club owner Bob Fox and co-captains Sherry Schroeder and Jeanne Walcher.

"We had the enthusiastic support of our entire Unit 484," Fox said. "Our Intermediate/Newcomer group put forth the most effort and contributed the lion's share of donations — they are the future of bridge in the Rogue Valley, and I'm very



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Bob Fox raked in donations at his Medford-area club.



Sharon Nordmark, Rich Carle and Sue Carle at the Longview club, where desserts were auctioned.

proud to be associated with them."

**Team Boise**, led by Kathy Downen, was second with \$1900 (see story, page 13).

While a few clubs — including Boise, Redding and Longview — have supported The Longest Day since it began, the event seems to be catching on more across the district this year. In Corvallis, there has been talk about participating the past two years, but procrastination prevented that from happening — until this year.

Finally getting involved, the **Albany/Corvallis** team led by Mary Alice Seville raised \$1068. In addition to the regular Monday afternoon game at the Albany club, the

## Top 10 fundraisers in D20

<b>Phoenix Rising</b>	\$3200
Team Boise	\$1898
Ace of Clubs, Beaverton OR	\$1120
Albany/Corvallis	\$1068
Team Eskaton, Grass Valley CA	\$1027
Redding DBC	\$975
Unit 492 The Dalles/Hood River	\$826
Unit 452 Vancouver/Longview	\$709
Waikoloa (HI) Bridge Club	\$616
Cascade DBC, Bend OR	\$528

Corvallis club welcomed players from the community to drop in at any time throughout the day. For a minimum donation of \$5, people could play at the club for as long as they wanted. Club members signed up for time slots to play with anyone who didn't have a partner, and to ensure there was always a table to join for the drop-in guests. More than 60 people, including 10 nonmembers, came to play.

The **Longview** WA club held a dessert auction and raffle. Slices of cakes and pies made by members were sold for \$1, with collection jars by each dessert indicating its popularity. The club raised more than \$500 toward the unit total of \$709.

## Carle: Board adds policies on electronic devices, reserves

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At the regional, the board met Aug. 11 to receive and discuss reports from officers and area representatives. We reviewed and approved financial statements, which showed a loss for the first six months of 2016 despite good regional attendance and increased player fees. The finance committee will reassess the economic situation prior to the next board meeting at the Oregon Trail Regional in February and will recommend a budget for 2017 based on its assessment.

The committee also agreed to recommend a policy on reserve levels, which would be added to the Manual of Policies and Procedures. This policy is intended to guide the board as to how aggressively it should address measures necessary to maintain an adequate financial base.

The board voted to extend a ban on electronic equipment instituted during the Boise tournament to all District 20 tournaments. The policy (see page 8) will be added to the MOPP.

Many players expressed disappointment in the Seaside schedule that omitted a knockout starting on Monday evening. So, due to popular demand, the board added it back in. Players can now choose to play in a one-session charity pairs or Swiss or to enter the Seaside Bracketed KOs.

Although the District 20 bylaws require the board to meet just twice yearly, we have met three times annually in recent years. To cut costs, we agreed to scale back to just twice yearly, which means we will not formally meet at Seaside this fall. Instead, we will continue conducting some business through email correspondence

and meet next in February at the Oregon Trail Regional in Vancouver.

The NAP club-qualifying period is over and the District 20 finals will take place in October. We encourage everyone to participate. We had some issues with online play the first weekend of the GNT, but things went much smoother the second weekend.

In my opinion, online is still the best way to determine champions in our large district. Did you read the nice article on GNT participation by **Chip Dombrowski** in the August Bridge Bulletin?

Thanks to all for your support of District 20 and see you in Seaside in late September.

Remember: play bridge; have fun!

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

## Vilhauer: Pairs caught in cheating scandal get lifetime bans

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process easier to change. This will enable clubs and tournaments to use any scoring program, because a common format can store the results, which can be used by headquarters to calculate the masterpoints and add them to the database. In the meantime, the board has agreed to not make any changes to the masterpoints structure for a bit, allowing this part of the scoring process to stabilize.

### Board-shrinking proposal

The ACBL board has been under attack for many years as being too big — inefficient as a decision-making body — and costing too much money. A committee was formed with three board members, three outside ACBL members and three employees from headquarters to have a look on restructuring the board to be smaller and more efficient. A preliminary report will soon be available at [acbl.org](http://acbl.org).

Some initial proposals were to reduce the board to nine members voted on at large by the units, as is now done for current board members. The board of governors would be changed to an advisory board and have two elected members from each district with a total of 50. The advisory board would form a committee to select people to run for the ACBL board based on areas of expertise — the nine seats would be assigned to subject areas based on need.

My feeling is that smaller districts like ours could lose some input, while larger

districts would have a bigger say in what happens. More will be posted on this subject as the proceedings move along.

### Notrump openings

The ACBL board removed a legal gray area surrounding semi-balanced notrump openers when it approved a change to the definition of a notrump opening in the General Convention Chart. The change allows hands that contain a singleton ace, king or queen, as long as they do not also contain a doubleton.

Here is the new definition: "A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton." This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 and 4-4-4-1, in addition to those that were previously included.

### Bridge Base Online

The ACBL reached an agreement with BBO, which will pay the ACBL \$500,000 per year for the next four years. ACBL will sanction only BBO robot games to be awarded masterpoints.

Uday Ivatury, BBO's chief executive officer says this: "BBO and ACBL share two goals: to promote bridge and to better serve our members. In addition to continuing to provide technical expertise and online exposure for ACBL, BBO will be paying a substantial royalty. I expect that our partnership will lead to a healthy ex-

change of ideas, software and players."

This money is in addition to the standard club sanction fees that BBO already pays. Other terms of the agreement include the two organizations expanding their cross-marketing to drive attendance to online and face-to-face games as well as conducting joint membership drives.

### Cheating trials

ACBL management presented charges of collusive unethical behavior to the Ethical Oversight Committee in hearings on two separate pairs of international superstar players: Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz from Israel and Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes from Italy. The hearings culminated in historic, lifetime expulsions of all four players, removal of all masterpoints and loss of all ACBL titles earned. In addition, any teammates who won when playing on teams with either of the convicted pairs during the past four years lose any of those titles and points.

A full accounting of the entire board meeting can be read on [acbl.org](http://acbl.org).

We have one more regional tournament in District 20 this year, the **Seaside Regional** in September–October. See you at the tables. Come support D20 regionals.

If I can answer any questions or you just want to pass along any news or suggestions, you can contact me at [district20-director@acbl.org](mailto:district20-director@acbl.org).

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

# Coming in 2017

## 65TH HAWAIIAN REGIONAL

Jan. 23-29, 2017



### Monday, January 23

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

### Tuesday, January 24

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.  
Hibiscus 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 25

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (1st sess.) . . . . . 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.  
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 4) . . . . . 7 p.m.

### Thursday, January 26

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) . . . . . 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 KO Teams (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 KO Teams (3rd/final session) . . . . . 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 27

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 KO Teams (1st/2nd session) . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Jim Hopkins Open Pairs (2000+, 0-2000) . . . . . 1:30 & 7 p.m.  
Orchid Gold Point Pairs (300-750, 0-300) . . . . . 1:30 & 7 p.m.  
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) \* . . . . . 1:30 p.m.  
*\*Do NOT enter this event if you are still alive in the KAUAI Bkted KO's!*  
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 28

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

### Sunday, January 29

Stratflighted 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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### ENTRY FEES

Regional Events: \$14 / session  
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All stratified events (except as otherwise noted):  
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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.  
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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).  
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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[www.ACBLD20.org](http://www.ACBLD20.org)

### SCHEDULE

#### Monday, Feb. 20

7p ..... Columbia River Bracketed KO's (continues 9a, 1p & 7p Tuesday)  
7p ..... Stratified Open Charity Pairs (evening side game series 1 of 6)  
7p ..... ♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs (1 session)

#### Sunday, Feb. 26

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

(Tuesday-Saturday summarized below\*)

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Early Bird Stratified Swiss Teams		9 am	9 am		
Rise & Shine Stratified 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, 7pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7pm	1 pm, 7pm	1 pm, 7pm	1 pm, 7pm
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
Portland Bracketed KO's	1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm			
Vancouver Bracketed KO's		1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm		
Beaverton Bracketed KO's			1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm	
Mt. Hood Bracketed KO's				1 pm, 7 pm	1 pm, 7 pm
Ridgefield Compact KO's					1 pm, 7 pm

\* For complete schedule, see: [http://web2.acbl20.org/toum2017/Oregon\\_Trail/OTRflyer2017.pdf](http://web2.acbl20.org/toum2017/Oregon_Trail/OTRflyer2017.pdf)

# AROUND THE UNITS

## Boise raises \$1900 for Longest Day; does new player outreach



### Boise



By Ian Martindale

boisebridge.club

Led by former unit president **Kathy Downen**, Boise unit members got fully into the spirit of The Longest Day on June 20. They joined with Bridge Cooperative club owners **Kay Read**, **Judy Staufer** and **Daryl Sallaz** to play in a morning game. They enjoyed a lesson presented by **Revell May**, bid on items in a silent auction and played in an evening game. Final proceeds, all donated to the cause of fighting Alzheimer's, came to more than \$1900.

With half of our members holding fewer than 100 masterpoints, Boise is encouraging I/N players in a number of ways. One of them is our new website, *BoiseBridge.club*, through which we hope to improve com-



The Bridge Cooperative of Boise during The Longest Day charity game.

munications and participation by all members, especially newer players. The site was designed and is run by **Nancy Feldman**, whom we thank.

As another way of encouraging newer

players, we have reserved a 99er section in our monthly unit game. We thank **Linda Lau** for her help getting the word out about this. We also thank **Sue Uranga** and **Candy Bonowitz**, who have devoted many hours to teaching

The Bridge Cooperative is doing its part by holding a new game for 99ers Thursday afternoons, directed by **Kay Read**. During the recent Great Potato Regional the club also generously hosted a party for the I/N players throughout District 20.



## Ontario welcomes two, mourns two others

Our club is making a great effort to recruit new members, and our latest catch is **Steve Macklin**. Steve's first encounter with the game of bridge occurred just six years ago on a cruise ship, a not-so-fond memory as he reports the teachers being downright mean.

By contrast, the teachers he encountered on a more recent cruise were just the opposite, and Steve got hooked on the game. One of those teachers put him in contact with the Ontario bridge club and he is now a member in good standing. It takes nerve to jump into a duplicate game after only a handful of lessons. If he keeps up his enthusiasm he will be a great player.

Another fairly new player, **Gail Coddling**, dipped her toe into bridge by taking lessons from our Ontario bridge teachers,



Steve Macklin



### Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

who have been truly wonderful in explaining the intricacies of the game. Gail is famous for her delicious brownies, which disappear only too fast. Welcome aboard, Steve and Gail.

We lost two members this season who were very dear to us. **Jim Batchelor**, 83, left us in April after having been in precarious health for some time. Whenever someone asked how he was doing, his answer was always, "still upright and able to take nourishment." Jim came to us



Jim Batchelor

from California in the late 1990s. He was a superb player, Sapphire Life Master and all-around great gentleman. He loved the game and never criticized his partners. Instead, with a twinkle in his eye he would announce, "two shy," and chuckle.

In July, **Bob Emmons** passed away at age 94, after having been with our club for decades. He played "kitchen bridge," but what a game he could pull off! Bob served in the Navy during World War II, and his ship was in Tokyo Bay when Japan surrendered in 1945. In fact, Bob was the proud owner of an original surrender document, written in both English and Japanese. He was a great patriot and a true member of the Greatest Generation.

We miss both him and Jim terribly.



Bob Emmons



### Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

## Players venture to Idaho Falls

I must confess that I recently had one of those milestone birthdays, not saying which one, but it follows 79 quite closely. You could probably say I'm "over the hill" and heading down the other side. Oh well, there's only so much room at the top — the rest of us are just fill dirt!

We are mourning the recent loss of two of our favorite players: **Carol Niemeier**, a member of the Nampa-Caldwell unit, passed away at the age of 92, in Boise. As reported in her obituary, she "enjoyed her last bridge game" just two days before she died.

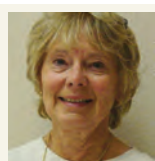
Also leaving us was **Anna Holley**, a popular player from Boise who came over to Caldwell on a regular basis to join in our game. You could always count on Anna, an accomplished musician, to give a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" on the piano during our once-a-month birthday celebrations. Her honky-tonk version of that tune catapulted this reporter out of her chair, more than once, involuntarily, to dance her own 1950s version of a solo jitterbug! We will surely miss these two special ladies.

Many of the participants in Nampa-Caldwell's weekly games were big winners at the Bridge on the River Snake tournament in Idaho Falls in June. At the top of the list is **Gene Gerard** of Eagle, my partner on the third Monday of each month and a former Idaho Falls resident, who garnered a total of 22.91 masterpoints. Following closely behind are **Linda Thomas** and **Darrel Mooney** with 16.66 masterpoints, **Pete Grice** and **Don Robinson** with 15 masterpoints, and **Leslie Muir** and **Art Crawford** with 13.61 masterpoints.

Director **Duane Christensen** and wife **Carol** have enjoyed a much-deserved vacation, traveling to tournaments and visiting friends and relatives. Welcome back, we missed ya! Ably filling in for Duane has been **Bruce Thornburg** and "director wannabe" **John Pearson**. Thanks to them for all their hard work; we appreciate it.

Goodnight John Boy, goodnight Grandpa, goodnight Mary Ellen, see you on the radio! Love you guys!

## Dogs play key roles for The Dalles players



### Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

As highlighted in this issue's front-page story, dogs are an essential part of the lives of many bridge players. In our unit, consider *Trixie* (featured on page 10), who for years accompanied **Marilyn Carmichael** to nearly every game.

Then there is the poodle Gigi, whose moral support helps her mum **Alyce Dunn** and partner **Norma Clark** get to the right contract. Gigi has a sister, *Kayle*, who takes care of her daddy while **Tillie Vann** plays bridge.

**Marylee Webber's** dog, *Charlie*, had a different story. Marylee originally rescued him from neglectful neighbors, and over the years she cared for him devotedly, especially as he aged. Now he is in dog heaven with my Max, who considered himself human but was more clock than human or dog when making sure I was timely with his walks.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Ann Dollarhide**, who is recuperating from a bad fall that included an airlift to OHSU and some time in the ICU. With great family support, Ann is working diligently at physical therapy to obtain her "get out of jail



Clockwise from center, Gigi advises Alyce Dunn on her bid at a table with Ray Sjoblom, Norma Clark and Peyt Turner.

free" card and return to the table. We miss her and hope she is back soon.

Director **Darlene Kemper** has been busy teaching, pro gratis, at **Jim Heitkemper's** home, where at least two tables of students have been eagerly learning 2/1. We thank her for her work in front of the class and for all the prep time she puts in.

Our club enjoyed hosting **Dave Roemer** and **Ronit Avia**, from New York, who were visiting their adult son for a month in Husum, Wash.

**The Longest Day** game generated \$826 for the Alzheimer's Association. The club

paid for pizza, and we enjoyed the day and bridge.

### Tournament successes

Lots of us participated in recent tournaments, and a few of us did really well. In the Las Vegas Regional in June, **Marylee Webber** and **Lynn Rosen** won in Gold Rush Pairs. In the Sunriver Regional, **Carole Murphy** won 11 gold points in knockouts playing with a pickup partner. Also in attendance were **Janet Meader**, **Norma Clark**, **Chris Lynn**, and **Jim Heitkemper**, who graciously hosted us at his Sunriver home.

Jim and Lynn also managed to pick up some points at the Portland Sectional, and they both just earned their NABC Master rankings, while the late **Dave Slegel** made Gold Life Master shortly before his death.

An obituary for Dave can be found on page 16.

### Results

**Unit Game**, May 1 — 1: Dave Slegel - Jim Hall, 2: Janet Meader - Norma Clark, 3: Bev Van Nice - Colleen Fredrickson.

**Unit Game**, June 12 — 1: Gary Cotter - Darlene Kemper, 2: Bev Van Nice - Colleen Fredrickson, 3: Fay Lemuel - Ann Dollarhide.

**The Longest Day**, June 20 — 1: Dave Slegel - Janet Meader, 2: Marylee Webber - Anne Bialous.

**Unit Game**, July 3 — 1: Chris Rider - Dave Slegel, 2: Darlene Kemper - Gary Cotter, 3: Carole Murphy - Marilyn Carmichael.

# AROUND THE UNITS

## New director on Wednesdays; player moves to Australia

With club owner **Leah McKechnie** taking a break from her Wednesday club directorship, **Sharon Fauss** will be directing through the end of the year. Gold Life Master Fauss brings plenty of experience, having directed for Bernadine Lacy at her Medford club before Lacy closed the club and moved to New England.

McKechnie has clubs at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix Mondays at noon, Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at noon.

### Pro-Am team game

In the June 11 Pro-Am team game, **Mark Jernigan, Jim Flint, Kay Bain** and **Nikki Von** took first place (see results below).

Unit 484 started running unit games on a quarterly basis more than a year ago, and one of the more popular formats is its "Pro-Am" pairs and team games.



**Jackson County**  
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By Jim Flint

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In the pairs games, each partnership comprises one player with over 300 points (the "Pro") and one with fewer (the "Am"). In the team games, each quartet comprises two Pros playing together along with two Am teammates. In that format, the Pros play against other Pros and the Ams against other Ams each round.

### Free lunch at next unit game

Our next special unit game will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and game to follow, as board member John Cowles explains. Game format will be

stratified open pairs, and players are invited to form their own partnerships and sign up in advance at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center.

### Klamath Falls sectional

Rogue Valley players did well at the Klamath Falls sectional in June. On Friday, **Jim Flint** and **Sharon Fauss** won single-session games in the morning and afternoon with identical 62.7% scores. **Gee Gee Walker** and **Molly Tinsley** came in second in the afternoon session.

The next day, **Scott Walker** teamed with **Randall Paul** of Klamath Falls to take second overall in the two-session open pairs. Also in the overalls were **Jim Flint** and **Gee Gee Walker** in fourth place, **Chris Bell** and **Sharon Fauss** in fifth, and **Kemble Yates** and **Molly Tinsley** in sixth. **Mike Pavlik** and **Dennis Kendig** took second in B.

In the Sunday Swiss Teams, topping the field were **Kemble Yates, Robert Scott, Gee Gee Walker** and **Molly Tinsley**, followed by Rogue Valley players **Dennis Kendig** and **Mike Pavlik** along with **Ted Marconi** and **Charles Harrison Jr.**, from northern California, who were second in A and first in B.

### Farewell to Chris Bell

In early July we held a farewell party for **Chris Bell**, a Gold Life Master player from Medford, who has moved with his wife to Australia, where their son resides. Over food, drink and a game of bridge, Bell promised to keep in touch and try to play online with his partners in Oregon.

### Results

**Unit Pro-Am Game**, June 11 — 1: Mark Jernigan, Jim Flint, Kay Bain, Nikki Von; 2: Leah & Mark McKechnie, Kathleen Moore, Sherry Shroeder; 3: Chris Bell, Sharon Fauss, Helen Mills, Marion Gribben.

## Chico player, ex-candidate charges down the road not taken

As the political circus rolls by, one of Chico's more recent bridge converts, **Hesh Kaplan**, views the parade with the bemused detachment of someone who has been there, done that.

A native of Brooklyn, Hesh attended the same high school as Bernie Sanders and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. But it was in California's 24th district (think Pasadena) that he jumped into the deep end of the political pool in 1970 as the congressional candidate of the then-recently fledged Peace and Freedom Party, at the height of the tumultuous Vietnam era.



Hesh Kaplan

Though he campaigned vigorously and garnered some impressive endorsements from trade unions and the press, in the end the district was an area that heavily favored the Republican Party, so Mr. Kaplan, unlike Mr. Smith, did not go to Washington.

He chose instead to earn an honest living, parlaying a doctorate in botany from Oregon State (one of several advanced degrees he holds) into a professorship. Botanists never retire (they just photosynthesize) and Hesh still wears his loupe around his neck everywhere he goes. Even to bridge games, where he can be seen assessing the metaphorical xylem and phloem of each passing hand.

### Rene and the Chicettes

Chico homies **Jenni Boles, Sherri Faroky** and **Jan Keller** took the term



**Chico**  
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By Doug Jones

"Swiss teams" quite literally when they recruited **Rene Morand** of Grass Valley for their team at the Sacramento Regional in June. A native Schweizer, Rene had more than just talismanic value. His excellent play helped the quartet *schuss* to victory in their bracket, in the process garnering a clutch of gold points and dandy little trophies for all. *Gut gemacht!*

### Kicking off summer with a bash

Once again this year, the bridge-playing diaspora of Unit 457 gathered at the Butte Creek Country Club in late June to welcome the solstice like good little druids, do some serious damage to a buffet and play a few hands.

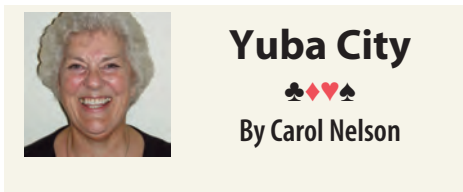
Now in its fifth year, the summer bash has proven to have considerable drawing power, particularly among less experienced players, some of whom are too shy to frequent club games but never met a groaning board they could pass up.

When the coffee cups were cleared and the last lemon bar was in dessert heaven, the top finishers overall were **Carol Myers** and **Sue Gregory** and, in C, **Laura Peterson** and **Madeleine Caton**.

### Results

**Unit Game**, May 15 — 1A: Jack Woodard - Danny O'Brooklyn, 2A/1B: Jan Keller - Sherri Faroky, 3A/2B: Mark Bloom - Doug Jones.

## Yuba City players honor centenarian



**Yuba City**  
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By Carol Nelson

Several of our players joined **Doris Doll** to celebrate her 100th birthday. It was a joy to share this occasion with her. Wishing you many more, Doris.

You know it is summer when **Tom Frye** begins sharing his harvest. There is nothing better than his home-grown tomatoes. Thank you, Tom, for your generosity.

In June several players participated in the annual Bridge Bash at Butte Creek Country Club. Seven came home with masterpoints: **Danny O'Brooklyn, Norma Hayes, Rich Hayes, Kathy Peterson, Johnnie Houser, Pat Pommerenck** and **Carol Nelson**. Many thanks to **Sherri Faroky** and others who worked on this event.

We are considering moving our Friday game to Thursday. This would eliminate a conflict with the Friday game in Chico and will hopefully result in fewer scheduling conflicts for use of the Moose Hall.



Doris Doll celebrates her 100th birthday.

### Results

**STaC Monday**, May 2 — 1A/B/C: Lyn Clark - Bruce Boley, 2A: Tom Frye - Terri Okimoto, 3A/2B: Norma & Rich Hayes.

**Club Championship**, May 20 — 1A/1B: Don Johnson - Alan Ludwig, 2A: Jack Woodard - Danny O'Brooklyn, 3-4A/2-3B: Pat Pommerenck - Kathy Peterson, 3-4A/2-3B: Fred Kawashima - Patty Damron.

**NAP Qualifier**, June 13 — 1A/B: Don Johnson - Alan Ludwig, 2A/2B: Kathy Peterson - Johnnie Houser, 3A/3B/1C: Shirley Eckardt - Rick Shipley.

**Club Championship**, June 17 — 1A/1B: Norma and Rich Hayes, 2A/2B: Fred Kawashima - Ramon Lopez, 3A: Don Johnson - Alan Ludwig.

**NAP Qualifier**, July 8 — 1A/1B: Fred Kawashima - Patty Damron, 2-3A/B: Pat Pommerenck - Shirley Eckardt, Danny O'Brooklyn - Donald Hay.

**Unit Game**, June 19 — 1A: Doug Jacobs - Garth Gregory, 2A: Jack Woodard - Danny O'Brooklyn, 1-2B Larry & Peggy Skinner and Mark Bloom - Doug Jones.

**Summer Bash**, June 26 — 1A: Carol Myers - Sue Gregory, 2A: Steve Kaessner - Danny O'Brooklyn, 1B: Rich & Norma Hayes, 2-3B: Pat Pommerenck - Johnnie Houser and Carolyn

Bergholdt - Sharon McNutt, 1C: Laura Peterson - Madeleine Caton, 2-3C: Marilyn Franks - Hesh Kaplan and Sally Smith - Lois Cooper.

**Unit Game**, July 17 — 1A: Carol Myers - Carol Huston, 2A/1B: Fay Frazier - Sharon McNutt, 3-4A - Jan Keller - Sherri Faroky and Jack Woodard - Danny O'Brooklyn.

## Summer bring more players, merrier games to Brookings

Our club has been busy with more tables and more fun thanks to sunbirds **Pat Pedwick** and **Larry Krause**, Yuma AZ; **Pat Werlich**, Medford; **Jean Whitman** and **Pat and Susan O'Neil**, northern California; **Jim and Nancy Hitchcock**, Grants Pass; and **Judi Faulstick**, Reno NV. We are happy to have your visits as always. We also are happy to welcome back **Al** and **Genevieve Wilson** after a long bridge cruise.

### Personnel changes and best wishes

**Ron Smith** has retired from his seat on our board of directors, where he also served as our "chairman of snacks." It is a loss for the club that we hope is only temporary. **Carol Slewing** has stepped up to finish Ron's term on the board.

We wish a speedy recovery for **Ray Shipman**, hit with a double whammy not long



**Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club**  
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By Dottie Ellis

ago. He was doing well after hip surgery a few months back when he took a fall that broke both his knee and hip. As of this writing Ray is in therapy at Good Samaritan. We also say get well soon to **Pat Werlich** and **Mary Ann Kightlinger**. Sadly, we send condolences to the family of **Harriet Henderson**, who died after a long illness. Harriet was a member of our unit for many years and she will be missed.

We congratulate recent masterpoint leaders **Ruby Bryson** and **Kirk Roberts**,

followed by **George Kuppler, Bill Waddle, Claudia Kemper** and **Ned Flaxington**.

**Big games:** **Kirk Roberts** and **Ray Shipman** scored 77.5% on May 19 and 73.9% on June 20; Roberts also twice scored a 72.9% with **Ruby Bryson** on May 19 and June 9, and a 70% with **George Kuppler** on April 11. **Al** and **Genevieve Wilson** also scored a 70% on June 13.

### Something to think about

I hope that as a member of ACBL you understand that the club director, board of directors and manager are there to help enforce the rules of our game. This is for your benefit and the benefit of your opponents as well. By reporting anything that you feel is out of order, you will play a big role in helping to keep the game running smoothly.

Until the next time, be nice to yourself and others and may all your days be Grand Slams.

### Results

**Unit Game**, April 4 — 1: Jean Whitman - George Kuppler, 2: Ruby Bryson - Kirk Roberts, 3-4: Warren & Dee Glaze, Claudia Kemper - Ned Flaxington.

**STaC Monday**, May 2 — 1: George Kuppler - Dottie Ellis, 2: Jack & Debbie Grasham, 3: Claudia Kemper - Ned Flaxington. (Due to my being a playing director, George and I did not qualify for overall and so congratulations to Jack & Debbie for winning the overall.)

**STaC Thursday**, May 5 — 1: Ruby Bryson - Kirk Roberts, 2: Dottie Ellis - Bill Waddle, 3: Claudia Kemper - Ned Flaxington. 1C: Warren & Dee Glaze, 2C: Betty McCormick - Pat Werlich.

**Unit Game**, May 30 — 1: Claudia Kemper - Ned Flaxington, 2: Betty McCormick - Ken Rothery, 3: Pat Pedrick - Larry Krause.

**Unit Game**, June 27 — 1-2: Al & Genevieve Wilson, Jim Hitchcock - Ken Rothery, 3-4: Betty McCormick - Ron Smith, Nancy Hitchcock - Val Albi.

# AROUND THE UNITS

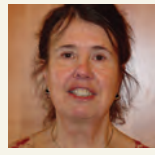
## Eureka honors director with birthday pie

Our beloved director **Mark Phelps** has been playing bridge in Eureka since his 20s. That's a long time, considering he just turned 71. On his birthday, he announced that "the best cake is a pie," and so we celebrated with a peach pie. Not surprising, one hallmark of the Phelps directorate is the variety and depth of the refreshments offered at his games. They go well beyond chips, dips and sweets to include a variety of fruits and vegetables and frequently a hot dish, such as chili and rice or beef stroganoff and noodles.



Mark Phelps

**Sharon Hebert** usually adds to this spread, and her best-brownies-ever are the



### Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

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stuff of dreams. Both Mark and Sharon are excellent cooks, and I have often wondered if we ought to advertise: "Learn bridge, join our club and get a wonderful hot meal." I bet that we could pick up several new members based on the food alone.

Known well for his delightful sense of humor and ready quip, Mark nonetheless possesses enough gravitas to enforce his rulings. Moreover, he graciously plays with any person needing a partner, no matter the skill level.

Mark grew up in the house he and

Sharon now live in, though he joined the Navy in his teens and also lived in Ventura. He earned a degree in psychology from Humboldt State University, but mostly enjoyed working with his father in a cabinetry business, from which he regretfully retired a few years ago.

Mark learned to direct in Santa Barbara, but returned to this area in 1986. He started directing at our club years ago, when the games were Jane Horgan's establishment. He has also taught a novice bridge class at the Eureka Women's Club. In short, Mark has given his all for bridge.

At this time, Mark's family home is on the market, as he and Sharon plan for a move north to be closer to family in Salem. We hope that the house doesn't sell. We don't know what we would do without him!



### Redding



By Joan Sullens

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## Teaching brings in new players

We have completed our second annual Learn Bridge in a Day program, and what a success it has been so far. Designed to jump-start newbies and those returning to bridge after time away, this program is helping us to increase tables, especially on Mondays when we hold a separate game for newer players. Thanks to instructor **Judy Ratley** and to those who helped, Redding Club board members and **Jerry Anderson's Bridge Werks**.

We look forward to our fall sectional the first weekend in November at Win-River Resort & Casino. We urge everyone to line up your partners now, and we especially urge newer players to attend. It will include a section for newer players, and fun for all.

### Results

**Club Championship**, Redding Monday — 1A: Florence Hungerford - Judy Hotchkin, 2A: Wil White - Marv Grudem, 1B/1C: Jeanne & Keld Sorensen, 2B: Ken Murray - Carole Schmitz, 2C: Leslie Zauher - Barrie Freeman. Restricted 1D: Ron Linebarger - Kathie Callahan, 2D: Capri Pearce - Fred Nelson.

**Club Championship**, Redding Thursday — 1A: Gail Lonnberg - Gene Biek, 2A: Florence Hungerford - Judy Hotchkin, 1B: Jerry Anderson - Jan Joiner, 2B: Joan Corbeau - Lucille Tyner, 1C: Jeff & Kim Speer, 2C: Joann Perkins - Wilda Hawes.

**Charity Game**, Redding Monday — 1A: Carole Schmitz - Marv Grudem, 1B: Jan Williams - Bill Kurz, 1C: Jeanne Pedersen - Barrie Freeman. Restricted 1D: Sharon Dent - Carolyn Chandler.

**Charity Game**, Redding Thursday — 1A: Gene Biek - Joan Sullens, 1B: Wil White - Carole Schmitz, 1C: Sandi & Chuck Cook.

**STaC Monday**, Redding — N/S 1A/1B: Marilyn Avey - Terry Dell, 2A/2B/1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen, 2C: Norm Hagey - Polly Dense. E/W 1A/1B: Carol Nelson - Gail Lonnberg, 2A/2B/1C: Dave Klasson - Joann Jensen, 2C: Sandi & Chuck Cook. Restricted 1D: Bill Kurz - Barbara Hopson, 2D: Jackie McCall - Elsz Zoll.

**STaC Wednesday**, Bridge Werks — 1A/1B: Bob Wierman - Jerry Clark, 2A/2B/1C: Jan Williams - Ken Murray, 2C: Joann Perkins - Jeanne Pedersen.

**STaC Thursday**, Redding — N/S 1A/1B: Wil White - Bud Hamilton, 2A/2B: Cindy Huntington - Jan Williams, 1C: Chuck - Sandi Cook. E/W 1A/1B/1C: Dave Klasson - Joann Jensen, 2A/2B: Jan Joiner - Susan Haas.

**STaC Friday**, Bridge Werks — N/S 1A: P.J. Gans - Jeanne Carpenter, 2A/1B: Jim & Diane Norton, 2B/1C: Aloma & Ray Butler, 2C: Marlene Lamoreaux - Wil White. E/W 1A/1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen, 2A/2B: Sue McKown - Jan Joiner, 2C: Joann Perkins - Joann Jensen.

**STaC Unit Game** — 1: Jim & Carol Reed, 2: Jeanne Carpenter - Bud Hamilton, 3: Ken Murray - Dolores Mackey.

**ICC Game**, Redding Monday — N/S 1A: Gene Biek - Mary Hawkins, 1B: Pat Ashton - Jan Williams, 1C: Vicki Pugh - Peg Moseman. E/W 1A: July Ratley - Bob Wierman, 1B: Susan Haas - Jan Joiner, 1C: Jeanne Pedersen - Shorty Armstrong. Restricted 1D: Margaret Hughes - Johnny Brazzo.

**NAP Qualifier**, Bridge Werks — 1A/1B: Marv Grudem - Carol Schmitz, 1C: Therese Johnsen - Rosalie Langston.

**Unit Club Championship Game** — 1A: Florence Hungerford - Judy Hotchkin, 2A/1B: Carol Schmitz - Wilhelmina White, 2B: Margo Lily - Ted Marconi, 1C: Shorty Armstrong - Mike Hollins, 2C: Jerry Clark - George Clarke.

**NAP Qualifier**, Bridge Werks — 1A: Marv Grudem - Marilyn Avey, 2A: Jerry Clark - Bob Wierman.

**The Longest Day**, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Bob Wierman - July Ratley, 2A/2B: Joanne Weillbrenner - Gene Biek, 1C: Janet Druckenmiller - Mike Hollins, 2C: Joe Willardson - Nick Jancich. Restricted 1D: Capri Pearce - Fred Nelson, 2D: Carol Richardson - Randy Boxx.

**Swiss Teams**, Redding Monday — 1A: Wil White - Bud Hamilton - Marv Grudem - Joan Sullens, 1B: July Ratley - Bob Wierman - Mike Hollins - George Clarke.

**NAP Qualifier**, Redding Thursday — 1A/1B: Cindy Huntington - Dorothy Hoots, 1C: Dave Klasson - Joann Jensen.

**NAP Qualifier**, Bridge Werks — 1A/1B: Marv Grudem - Marilyn Avey, 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen.

**NAP Qualifier**, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Gail Lonnberg - Carol Nelson, 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. Restricted 1D: Leanna & Larry McGowan.

**International Fund Game**, Redding — 1A: Carol Nelson - Marilyn Avey, 2A/1B: Joann Jensen - Dave Klasson, 2B: Cindy Huntington - Jan Williams.

**Charity Game**, Bridge Werks — 1A: Bob Wierman - Ken Murray, 1B: Carole Schmitz - Wil White, 1C: Kelly Gutierrez - Don Jacobs.

**Unit Game**, July — 1A: Florence Hungerford - Judy Hotchkin, 2A: Jim & Diane Norton, 1B: Joan Corbeau - Marilyn Avey, 2B: Wilhelmina White - Carole Schmitz.



### Bend/Redmond



By Frank Larson

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## Summer visitors boost turnout

Many of our club games in Bend and Redmond grew during the summer, due in part to the popularity of the Bend/Redmond/Sunriver area with visitors and seasonal locals. In particular, our I/N game, run superbly by **Judy Davidson**, has recently expanded up to the 299er level and continues to add players to our regular club games.

**Chip Cleveland**, a well-respected player and director at the Cascade club, recently earned his Sapphire Life Master ranking.

**Big games:** In a May 23 Bend Unit Game, **Larry and Laura Smith** scored an impressive 72%. In June, Redmond witnessed two 71% games: **Huub Bertens and Jeff Roman** on June 15 and **Patty Massler and Lorraine Rodich** on June 30.

### Results

#### Cascade Club

**Unit Game**, May — 1: Larry & Laura Smith, 2: Carol McCartney - Janet Tucker. **Club Championship**, May — 1: Rosemary Segall - Sue Tripp, 2: Mark Hickman - Joy Jones.

**Unit Game**, June — 1: Huub Bertens - Jeff Roman, 2: Patty Massler - Frank Larson. **Club Championship**, June — 1: Mark Hickman - Don Crozier, 2: Cam Meyer - Joren Traveller.

#### Redmond Club

**Unit Game**, May — 1: Patty Massler - Carol Orzetti, 2: Larry Smith - Frank Larson. **Unit Game**, June — 1: Patty Massler - Lorraine Rodich, 2: Frank Murphy - Ken Waskom.

## Growing the GP club is an effort that takes a village

Growing a bridge club is an ongoing concern. Our afternoon games four days a week appeal mainly to retirees, who typically are seniors. We are lucky to have a lot of seniors in this area, thanks to our mild weather and relatively low cost of living. However, seniors occasionally move, to be nearer their children, or face illnesses that make them unable to continue regular play. This keeps us very busy recruiting new players.

To help us with this challenge, many members of our club have stepped up in a big way. Among them are **Doug Merritt, Nancy Hitchcock** and **Mary Louise Hendricks**, who provide group lessons three times a year. These 10-week classes target new players needing the basics as well as intermediate players wanting to boost their skills.

Other club members are reaching out to the younger set. With the help of **Jim Garton, Bea Bridges** and **Sharla Coon** have launched a program at the Boys & Girls Club. There, they teach the basics to kids in grade school and middle school. Jim also hopes to take a bridge-playing program to high-school students sometime soon.

### Step by step for newer players

For newer players who are ready to transition from the classroom to the table, we have several "nonthreatening" social games held twice a month in area players' homes. In those games, newer players are encouraged to discuss and



### Grants Pass



By Leslie Coster

fully understand concepts. We thank **Myra Falletta** and **Mary Louise Hendricks** for helping players feel comfortable in that setting and encouraging them to come play at the club.

For players beyond the novice stage, we extend a special thanks to **Arnie Williams** for mentoring two tables of intermediate-level study and games in his home twice a month. We also have held a social game at the club, an evening game including pizza.

### Getting the word out

Besides teaching, mentoring and offering social games, we are actively engaging in sales and marketing. Thanks to **Denise McElney** and **Leslie Coster**, we have a professional 4x9 rack card on display at the Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, area fitness centers and the book store. Also thanks to **Denise McElney**, we have a very professional-looking website. Finally, we list our games on the Chamber of Commerce event calendar and publish game winners and lesson times in the local newspaper.

Our efforts are paying off, with a noticeable increase in players over the past year. Many thanks to all the club members who have helped to make this happen.

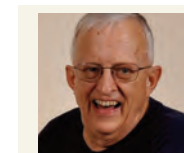
## K-Falls pair catches fire with win streak

**Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure** have been playing bridge like the Chicago Cubs started the major league baseball season: *hot*. As of this writing they are on a winning streak that began in April. They led the April and May club/unit point parades and won the bronze in June. They took top point honors at our sectional tournament and tossed a 73.5% in the July unit game. They chaired the tournament for the



Laila Griffith, Carol McClure

umpteenth time and on their behalf we especially thank all the out-of-towners who came and played.



### Klamath Falls



By Bobby Thompson

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Enough about "the girls"; now, let's mention **Dale Taylor**, who led the intermediate group in both April and May and placed second in June in points won. **Reid Sherwin, Kathy Kerr** and **Judy Shelton** followed Taylor in April and May. June leaders overall were **Bobby Thompson** and **Doug Higgs** followed by intermedi-

ates **Sherwin** and **Patti Collom**. **Sherwin** and **Ray Kinney** led the non-life master and under-100 point group at the tournament by a bunch of points.

### Results

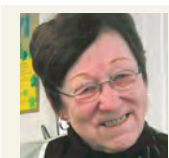
**Unit Game**, May 1 — 1A/1B: Dale Taylor - Keith Thorp, 2A: Laila Griffith - Carol McClure, 3A/2B/1C: Don Mesner - Marge Narramore, 3B/2C: Kathy Kerr - Reid Sherwin.

**Club Championship**, June 2 — 1A: Ed McClure - Doug Higgs, 2A/1B: Patti Collom - Patsy Thompson, 3A/2B/1C: Reid Sherwin - Ray Kinney, 3B: Dale Taylor - Keith Thorp, 2C: Nancy Nealy - Nancy Batie.

**Unit Game**, June 12 — 1A: Randall Paul - Bobby Thompson, 2A: Laila Griffith - Carol McClure, 3A: Ed McClure - Doug Higgs, 1B/1C: Don Mesner - Marge Narramore, 2B: Dale Taylor - Keith Thorp, 3B/2C: Bud Wakefield - Linda Lilly.

**Unit Championship**, July 10 — 1A: Laila Griffith - Carol McClure, 2A: Randall Paul - Bobby Thompson, 3A/1B: Reid Sherwin - Keith Thorp, 2B: Ethel Rust - Jo Ann Koenig.

# AROUND THE UNITS



## Vancouver/ Longview

By Sarah Reuter  
www.acbld20.org/vbc

## Back to school: new classes start

Can you believe it's almost time for back to school? I can't either. As the kids and grandkids get their pens, paper, lunchboxes and backpacks — what about you? Grab your notebook (electronic or the old-fashioned kind) and sign up for a bridge class. We offer instruction and assisted play for beginners and advancing players.

This fall we offer two different sessions on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.: Assisted Play, where table talk and laughter are encouraged, and Defense, an eight-week course, September through November, taught by **Deborah Lackey** and **Sandee Canton**. Participants in either session are invited to stay for the noon game.

Don't forget about the mentor game, either: Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m.

Starting in January, we also will offer Beginning Bridge on Tuesday evening, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call Deborah Lackey at 360-216-7484 to reserve a space.

Once you have brushed up your skills, make plans to attend the NLM Sectional at the Vancouver Bridge Club. It takes place Oct. 15-16 and is open to all NLM players with under 500 masterpoints. For more information contact tournament chairperson **Liz Fullerton**, [Liz4Bridge@gmail.com](mailto:Liz4Bridge@gmail.com) or partnership chairperson **Barbara Pyles**, [barbarapyles@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapyles@gmail.com).

Later in the fall, Nov. 19-20, is our open sectional at the Washington School for the Deaf, 611 Grand Blvd. in Vancouver. See the ad on page 7 for more information.

### Milestones

**James Newfield** is a Ruby Life Master. **Kathleen Vasks** is a Silver Life Master. **Craig Schauerman** and **Wayne Winther** are Life Masters, as seen in the last Trumpet.

### Promotions

Give a high five to the following Vancouver Bridge Club players, who recently moved up a rank.

Junior Masters: **Norman Haller**, **Mark Muenster**, **Philip Porter**, **Bruce Vanderploeg**, **Carol McLeod**, **Virginia Griffiths**. Regional Masters: **Deanna Birch**, **Cynthia Brogan**. NABC Master: **Mark Giovannozzi**.



## Portland

By Ron Root  
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Our two major area clubs are looking different these days.

At the Portland Bridge Club, general management has changed hands now that former club manager **Chris Wiegand** has become a local tournament director for the ACBL.

Since July 1, PBC owners **Dave Brower** and **Linda Wiener** have taken on all management duties of the club. Dave focuses on the computer-related responsibilities, while Linda handles the rest. Chris will still keep her fingers in the pie running the club's two Mirabella games.

On the other side of town, the Ace of Clubs moved from Beaverton to Lake Oswego. The club began operation Sept. 1 in its new venue at Mountain Park Plaza, 11830 SW Kerr Parkway, Suite 390. Located a mile off I-5, the building is directly across from the PCC Sylvania campus.



Last week the Ace of Clubs relocated to Mountain Park Plaza in Lake Oswego.

With the lease on the club's longtime downtown Beaverton facility having expired effective Aug. 31, **Staci Christian**, **Donna Braniff** and crew worked diligently to find a new locale. Parking was the stickiest issue, but this new venue includes abundant spaces in both the surface lot and an underground garage.

The room holds 30 tables with space for a teaching room and a kitchenette

with a dishwasher and is easily accessible via an elevator. There is also a casual restaurant and watering hole, **Walter Mitty's**, in the same building.

Assuming you see this issue as soon as it is printed, our Portland Fall Sectional is happening this weekend at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas. In January, we'll have our

first outing at a new site: Montgomery Park in Northwest Portland, Jan. 27-29.

Local player **Louis Beauchet** scored 137 masterpoints at the recent Washington DC North American Bridge Championships. That's a lifetime worth of points for many of those who have played the few years that Louis has been at the table.

Last, we bid a fond and sad farewell to **Karen Sutherland** and **Steve Smith**.

## Seaside is among top ACBL units in growth

I'm happy to report that Seaside Unit 491 is in great shape. With 107 members, we have recorded an increase of 9% in the last year, reversing the negative trends of the two previous years. In fact, we ranked 21 out of 296 ACBL units in the active membership trend report.

You can be sure these new players are not just walking in off the street; instead, they are the result of widespread advertising and hard work by teachers (particularly **Ann Gramson** and **Sandra Baker**) instructing, directors nurturing and players embracing and encouraging these newbies.

We welcome new members **Sally Hughes** and **Rod Dawson**, and bid a sad farewell to other new members **Don** and **Sandy Sandel**, who have returned to the Midwest. They made many new friends through bridge, which they only took up here less than a year ago. We also said farewell to summer visitors **Don** and **Rosemary Foley** (newly married), who are settling in Reno.

### Player achievements and promotions

We have a new Life Master, **Peggy Brom**, and a new Gold Life Master, **Doug West**. Achieving the rank of Ruby Life Master (1500) are **Carol Brown**, **Robert Connor**, **Marie Lampi** and **Monica Taylor**.



## Seaside/ Astoria/Ilwaco

By Sue Kroning  
www.seasidebridge.org

Others achieving new levels are **Ruth Johnson**, **Bob Searle**, **Jiadi He**, **Verl** and **Joan Prickett**, **Jeanne Nasby**, **Larry Marshall**, **Carol Van Dusen** and **Sharon Cummings**.

**John Curtis** had a run of 70% games on Saturday (the only day that he as a working man can play) with three different partners. Way to go!

### Sunriver success

Fourteen of our unit players traveled to Sunriver for the High Desert Regional in May. Leading the field were **Fred** and **Jan Kulczyski** (15 masterpoints) and **Sandy Baker** and **Terry Jefferson**. We love the venue, sharing houses and enjoying the fine eateries together.

### Hospitality hostesses

**Jane Lowe** (J. Lo) has hung up her kitchen gloves after doing a wonderful job of providing hospitality on Fridays. **Carol Brown** and **Jane Swynenburg** create exceptional treats for Saturdays, **Cherie**

**Bernard's** Tuesday sandwiches are famous. **Joyce Haller** has to win the title of Hostess with the Mostest and for the Longest, because she has provided fabulous hospitality on Wednesdays and previously on Fridays for what seems like a lifetime.

Ladies, after the game, while the guys are clearing away the tables and chairs, please help these super people by doing a bit of kitchen cleanup and putting away. It will be much appreciated.

### A funny story

Judge **Doug Goelz**, one of our newer players, had this great story to share. He was officiating at a wedding at historic Oysterville recently, and when it was time for the bride to enter the church, the \$10,000 wedding ring had vanished from the 3-year-old ring bearer's cushion.

The well-dressed wedding party searched on their hands and knees to no avail and the ceremony had to go ahead without the ring. During the search afterwards, one of the guests, a policewoman from Seattle, decided to strip search the ring bearer and, sure enough, found the ring — in his diaper.

P.S. Congratulations to new editors **Amy Casanova** and **Martha Maroney** on a fine first issue of the Trumpet.

## Ask John: Decision at five level

Continued from Page 20

### Dear Heads They Win, Tails You Lose,

Granted that I learned bridge in the Dark Ages, but a double by partner would announce both that we have arrived at the final contract and that he thinks declarer will not succeed. After his pass, my double should suggest, in my opinion, that I have a hand suitable for defense and that I would not be embarrassed to display it as dummy should partner bid at the five level.

It is generally losing strategy to pull this double from fear of the opponents making their contract. 4NT in the pass-out seat usually describes "two places

to play," suggesting five-five or better distribution. That would be dangerous on this hand because partner, searching for our eight-card fit, might try 5♣ with only three (imagine:

♠7542 ♥87 ♦Q753 ♣A103).

At matchpoints, West should pull the double to 5♥, a known fit favored by the scoring considerations. At teams, 5♦ would certainly be a consideration because the doubler might be able to bid a slam, a close decision on this hand if he knows 5♦ was bid with a degree of confidence.

Questions for Ask John can be sent to [trumpeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:trumpeteditor@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam

### Dave Slegel

May 19, 1943 – Aug. 14, 2016

We are sad to report that Dave Slegel, of The Dalles OR, died Aug. 14, of cancer, at his home.

Dave and his wife Sandy came to The Dalles about 20 years ago, to enjoy their retirement. As a director before arriving, Dave both played and directed here, eventually sharing that work with **Bev Van Nice** as computers played a growing role in that activity. He was respected as a very good director and player.

Dave was an avid walker, and generally made his way to and from the games on foot. Over the years he probably walked every street in The Dalles.

Before his retirement, Dave worked as an independent contractor at government

facilities, calculating the mathematics behind the flow of nuclear mass. Dave held a doctorate in mechanical engineering. Perhaps this is why bridge seemed like an easy thing for Dave, who played locally as well as at tournaments all over.

Dave was a private person, and not one to complain. He quietly struggled the last six months of his life, learning of his cancer only three weeks before his death. He played bridge the week before his passing, and was even scheduled to play on Monday, Aug. 15. We learned of our loss when he did not show up for the game.

Dave and his wife, who herself died of cancer several years ago, had no children.

Dave will be missed greatly, and we are hoping to schedule a memorial game with donations to go to cancer research.

— Peyt Turner



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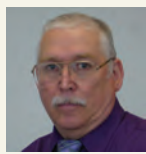
# AROUND THE UNITS

## New format for Swiss; practice sessions go on

Our approach to the July strati-flighted Swiss unit game was a little different – as a bracketed round robin – but seems to have run smoothly and was successful overall. In the A bracket, top-flight teams played exclusively against other top-flight teams in a six-team round robin, five rounds of five-board matches, playing each team only once with predealt hands.

The winners of the A flight were **Irva Neyhart, Brian Breckenridge, Kevin Kacmarynski** and **Henri Jansen**. With eight tables in the B flight, there were two brackets playing four six-board matches.

Although the top of the B flight was set at 1000 masterpoints, it appears that only



### Albany/ Corvallis

By **Bob Peery**

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one player had as many as 800 points, with most around 300 points or less. Winners of the first bracket were **Eric Larson, Ann Larson, Linda Smith** and **David Smith**.

The second B bracket was won by a team with one player having 56 masterpoints and the other three a combined total of 15: **Barbara Dowling, Mavis Tuten, Nancy Wood** and **Janie Peery**.

### Salem sectional

Earlier in the summer, Albany/Corvallis players descended on the Salem sectional, with many players picking up quite a few silver points. For some sessions there seemed to be more Albany/Corvallis players than those from Salem.

We are happy to report that the Thursday morning unsanctioned practice session in Corvallis, running now for a couple of months, has been very well attended. In this event, we have one experienced player at each table who monitors the bidding and play of each hand. As many as seven tables have participated.



### Eugene/ Springfield

By **Don Marsh**

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## New classes will start soon at EBC

Though it is hard to understand how it continues to happen, what is true is the annual picnic at **Mary Eggert's** place seems to just get better and better each year. And equally hard to understand is how Mary somehow manages to make her garden more beautiful each year. All of us are in Mary's debt for so willing and graciously hosting this event for us every summer.

We would be remiss if we did not thank **Kim Larson** for the outstanding job he did directing this year. Especially impressive was his schematic showing of the table movement. Don't know why some folks seemed to have been somewhat confused by the layout. How could it have been any clearer?

Here is some great news. **Laurie Rowe** is going to offer beginner bridge lessons – yahoo! We are most fortunate to have a player of Laurie's ability taking on this challenging task.

The classes will start on Wednesday, Sept. 14, and run for eight weeks. The one-hour class will meet at 5:15 p.m. and will, of course, meet at EBC. Cost is \$100. Please think of anyone who you think might be interested. This is a rare opportunity and we need to take advantage of it. Many thanks to Laurie.

How about our own **Roy Lissi** singing the national anthem at the Ems game on Aug. 4? Better than that, Roy also sang the Canadian national anthem at that same game. Roy requested to sing it in French, but we think his offer was declined. Impressive.

Great to have **Jim Smith** back at the tables. Seems as if some old football injuries finally caught up with Jim. He serves as the disciplinary chairperson for EBC and he was very much missed.

Hard to believe another summer is slipping by. We will know when summer has ended when Mary heads to Green Valley. We are grateful that we get her for at least the summer months.

In closing, you would be well-served to remember the wise words of big-time player Curtis Cheek: "The best thing you can do for your game is be nice to your partner."

## Salem players score at tourneys near and far

This issue's report of the travails and fortunes of the Salem-McMinnville Unit 490 is a short and sweet one as your reporter got the traveling bug between our annual sectional and the Trumpet deadline. So it came to my visiting eight Baltic Sea countries in Northern Europe instead of gathering news of the Mid-Willamette Valley; hence the following boilerplate of tournaments, new and old, and points races.

On the tournament trail, two Unit 490 pairs fared well with victories in the second quarter, beginning with the Sunriver Regional. **Randy Naef** of McMinnville and **Mike Green** of Yamhill led the way with wins in the Black Butte Knockout Bracket 2 (with **Mary Alice Seville** and **Eileen Milligan** of Corvallis) and the Mount Bachelor Knockout Bracket 3 (with **John Wolf** and **David Partridge** of Eugene). Also at Sunriver, **Jeanne** and **Ross Hibler** of Salem were the overall winners in the Thursday afternoon 299er pairs.

Our time to shine came in Unit 490's annual Salem Summer Sectional in June. **Claudine Lake** of St. Paul and **Jackie Mishler** of Salem were Flight B winners in the Friday Morning Open Pairs at the Salem Summer Sectional. **Jo Ann Harp** and **Joyce Judy** of Salem won the 299er Pairs. **Frank Taussig** and **Claudia Burton** of Salem won the Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs. **Shirley Scofield** and **Bill Anning** of Salem were Flight C winners in the Friday afternoon open pairs.

**Mike Levy** of Keizer partnered with **Jeff Taylor** of Eugene to win the two-session Saturday open pairs.

**Don Pitt** of Salem partnered with **Glenda Fleming** of Albany to win the Sat-



### Salem

By **Tom McGuire**

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urday morning 299er Pairs, while **J.P.** and **Elisabeth Perchellet** of Salem won Flight F. Pitt and Fleming won the Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs.

Levy was on the winning team in the Sunday A/X Swiss Teams, and **Steve Drew** and **Lee Hanson** of McMinnville and **Benson Mitchell** of Newberg plus Kirsten Lumpkin of Seattle were the Flight X winners. The foursome of Burton, Taussig and Anning along with Nanette Hittmeier of Olympia won Sunday's BCD Swiss Teams.

Levy and Taylor led the masterpoint list with 26.79, making Levy the masterpoint leader for Unit 490.

Elsewhere, **Rachel Frame** and **Kathleen McCrossin** of McMinnville were first in Flight C in the Friday morning pairs at the Portland NLM Sectional.

### Other news

The unit welcomes new ACBL members **June Hawkins-Kimmel** of Keizer, **Marion Hull** of McMinnville and **Nancy Kuehn** of Salem.

We have lost **Peggy Swindling**, the unit's hospitality chair for more years than anyone can remember. Peggy passed away July 12 at age 94.

**Verna Gauthier** now resides in Cranbrook BC, Canada.

### Promotions

The following have advanced in rank:

George and Shirley Silva, Junior Masters; Ann Inlay, Club Master; Cindy Myers, Sectional Master; Jan Petroski, NABC Master; and Fran Theis, Silver Life Master.

### Masterpoint races (through June 30)

**Mini-McKenney** — (0-5) George and Shirley Silva, 13.41; (5-20) Claudia Burton, 19.93; (20-50) Jeanne and Ross Hibler, 16.22; (50-100) Don Pitt, 25.27; (100-200) Ann Teal, 26.05; (200-300) Frank Taussig, 19.93; (300-500) Randy Naef, 101.08; (500-1000) Tom McGuire, 72.10; (1000-1500) Jackie Mishler, 43.81; (1500-2500) Marilyn Schiffer, 37.73; (2500-3500) Gayle Goodman-Wilkins, 19.58; (3500-5000) Steve Drew, 28.06. Over 10,000 Mike Levy, 441.63.

**Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs** (same unless otherwise listed) — (50-100) Bill Cobb, 16.80; (100-200) Necia Hasbrook, 24.41; (1000-1500) Susan Palmer, 43.59; (1500-2500) David Astle, 28.44.

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

### Results

**Unit Game**, May 1 (9 tables) — 1A/1B/1C: Britta Franz - Mabel Polley. 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski - Rick Dellenback. 3A/2B: Tom McGuire - Norma Stofiel.

**Unit Game**, May 18 (5 tables) — 1A/1B: Ellie Hall-Pitzer - John Peterson. 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski - Mike Sweet. 3A: Shain Oleson - Gayle Goodman-Wilkins.

**Unit Game**, June 5 (12 tables) — 1A/1B: Tom McGuire - Norma Stofiel. 2A: Susan Palmer - Bill Anning. 3A: Claudine Lake - Jackie Mishler.

**Unit Game**, June 15 (4 tables) — 1A: Henri Jansen - Rick Dellenback. 2A: Kevin Kacmarynski - Mike Sweet. 3A (tie): Don Pitt - Don Brockhaus and Jerry Gordon - Tom McGuire.

**Unit Game**, July 3 (8.5 tables) — 1A/1B: Susan Palmer - Bill Anning. 2A/2B: Claudine Lake - Jackie Mishler. 3A/3B/1C: William Georgi - JoAnne Georgi.

**Unit Game**, July 20 (5 tables) — 1A/1B: Jerry Gordon - Shain Oleson. 2A/2B: Susan Owens - Chris Owens. 3A: Tom McGuire - Gayle Goodman-Wilkins.

## NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Margaret Allen, Bend OR         | June Hawkins-Kimmel, Keizer OR   | Kenneth Rosenberg, Portland OR |
| Barbara Bartschi, Milwaukee WI  | Karen Hilleman, Magalia CA       | James Otj, Bend OR             |
| Mary Beisel, Wilsonville OR     | Ronald Holbrook, Portland OR     | Carol Schaafsma, Eugene OR     |
| Nikki Blum, French Gulch CA     | Sally Hughes, Astoria OR         | Carl Scheffler, Westfir OR     |
| Asa Brown, Portland OR          | Peyton Hummelt, Portland OR      | Della Schmidt, Lincoln City OR |
| Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR        | Connie Ingram, Corvallis OR      | Dan Shear, Grants Pass OR      |
| Carole Chun, Kailua HI          | Candace Jennings, Lake Oswego OR | Karen Showers, Beaverton OR    |
| Donald Claeys, Kamuela HI       | Sally Jerome, Bend OR            | Harold Shrader, Bend OR        |
| Susan Suz Copenhaver, Eugene OR | Mary Judson, Fruitland ID        | Helen Slaughter, Honolulu HI   |
| Carolyn Curtis, Redmond OR      | Mike Koonce, Bend OR             | Anne Smith, Bend OR            |
| Rodney Dawson, Seaside OR       | Joan Koss, Lake Oswego OR        | Francis Smith, Redding CA      |
| Alfred Deichsel, Longview WA    | David Larsen, Honolulu HI        | Carole Starr, Portland OR      |
| Paula Delorm, Grants Pass OR    | Mary Lopshire, Boise ID          | Corry Stevens, Beaverton OR    |
| Karen Douek, Portland OR        | Stephen Macklin, Payette ID      | Gary Stromberg, Chico CA       |
| Max Eiden, Boise ID             | Mary Marsh-King, Philomath OR    | Henry Swigert, Portland OR     |
| Judith Fenzl, Nevada City CA    | Debbie Masingill, Payette ID     | Brian Taylor, Lake Oswego OR   |
| Dorothy Fisker, Castle Rock WA  | Scott Mason, Bend OR             | Marsha Tokareff, Ashland OR    |
| Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR       | Adelaide Mast, Boise ID          | Caleb Troughton, Portland OR   |
| Carol Gilsdorf, Waikoloa HI     | Judith McDonough, Payette ID     | Elliot Wahba, Portland OR      |
| Richard Gilsdorf, Waikoloa HI   | Susan Raines, Corvallis OR       | Patsy Waters, Nampa ID         |
| Arlene Greenblatt, Portland OR  |                                  | Carolyn Zeuthen, Hillsboro OR  |
| Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA    |                                  | Fred Zeuthen, Hillsboro OR     |
| Pamela Hart, Kailua Kona HI     |                                  | Karen Zwickert, Portland OR    |

Welcome!

## Chip: Summer NABC wasn't bad

*Continued from Page 2*

Having made such optimistic bids myself a few times, I can fathom it — but Jake is much more disciplined.

He led a heart, and declarer won in dummy and continued the suit, forcing out Jake's ♥A on the third round. Since she was marked with the ♠AQ and, Jake thought, the ♣K, and had turned up with 3 points in hearts, she certainly couldn't have anything else as a passed hand. Jake got out with a diamond, hoping I would put a club through her imagined stopper when I got in with the ♦K, and his eventual spade would be the setting trick.

Six rounds of diamonds later, she still had a long heart and the ♠A for an overtrick. After 13 boards our lead had winnowed to 4. The other table played 3♠ down two. If 3NT is also down two, we pick up 7.

Alas, we lost 11, losing by 7. At least we were the most attractive team in the field.

Had we advanced, prospects looked good. Only four teams in the field including ours had past success in this event. A team that made it to the final last year didn't make it out of the first-day Swiss. A team with players who had won last year went out in quarterfinals. The fourth, with a player who won flight C in 2013, won.

After that, Jake and I managed to go average for four sessions in the 10K Pairs and then won a bracket 4 knockout before it was time for me to work as a Daily Bulletin editor for the last five days.

I got through most of both weeks without so much as noticing my kidney stone (it's still quietly kicking around), and had the pleasure of spending half the time sitting across from Jake, who I think is much better than most people realize. I hope we can do it again sometime.

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# WINNERS AT THE GREAT POTATO REGIONAL

### City of Trees Tues-Wed Knockout



Buzz Farnes, Jimmy Payne, Lee Payne, Uri Lowenstein

Bracket 1



Kathy Gooding, Pat Moore, Mary Alice Seville, Eileen Milligan

Bracket 2



Steve Nafus, Gary Belew, Don Gile, Matthew Thomas

Bracket 3



Bill Bradshaw, Dolores Brenner, Mary Dougherty, Cam Doner, Connie Marfell

Bracket 1



George Crawford Nancy Crawford, Christy Wiegel, Jeff Wiegel

Bracket 2

### Treasure Valley Thurs-Fri Knockout



Ann Morin, William Aeschbacher, Max Aeschbacher, Diedre Nickel

Bracket 2

### Monday Charity Swiss



William Cook, Brenda Larsen, Rebecca Rodenbush, Clyde Coon

1A/B/C

### Monday, Aug. 8

#### Monday Evening Charity Pairs .....(32 pairs)

- 1A Anne La Cour – Ron La Cour, Freeland WA
- 2A Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT; Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT
- 3A Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 1-2B Candace Bonawitz, Boise ID; Molly Harris, Portland OR
- 1-2B/1C Susan Kraght – Sid Stern, Scottsdale AZ
- 3B Kay Read, Boise ID; Gretchen Wiggins, Meridian ID
- 2C Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 3C David Rogers Oliver Jr. – Linda Bithell Oliver, Trinidad CA

#### Monday Charity Swiss .....(19 teams)

- 1A/1C Rebecca Rodenbush – Clyde Coon, Boise ID; William Cook – Brenda Larsen, Twin Falls ID
- 2A Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID; Matt Koltnow, Bothell WA; Bill Bradshaw, Billings MT; Tanya McCully, Whitefish MT
- 3A Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL
- 2B/1C Daryl Sallaz – Karen Jean Boss – Kristen Boesiger, Boise ID; Clay Laughary, Renton WA
- 3B Beverly Fraser – Greg Wilson – Sue Uranga – Phil Emerson, Boise ID

### Tuesday, Aug. 9

#### Tuesday Open Pairs .....(20 pairs)

- 1A J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA; Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA
- 2A Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
- 3A Kathy Downen, Boise ID; Charlotte Miller, Farmington Hills MI
- 1B/C Thomas Carne – Joyce Carne, Bozeman MT
- 2B Peggy Hackley – Shirley Tschannen, Twin Falls ID
- 3B Zag Kadah, Seattle WA; Candace Bonawitz, Boise ID
- 2C Grace Sokolik – Brian Sokolik, Fort Collins CO
- 3C Sue White, Ketchum ID; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID

#### Tuesday Morning Side Pairs .....(12 pairs)

- 1A/B Thomas Ryder – Suzy Ryder, Boise ID
- 2A/B/1C Judy Abbett – Barbara Chattin, Boise ID
- 3A/B John Zamboni, Caldwell ID; Paul Penland, Eagle ID
- 2C Judy Stauffer, Boise ID; Arlene Rueb, Meridian ID

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

- 1A/B Helen Vanderwyk, Boise ID; June Horsley, Eagle ID
- 2A/B John Pearson, Nampa ID; Elazar Friedman, Middleton ID
- 3A/B/1C William Neely – Dan Neely, Boise ID
- 2C Nancy Harris – Richard Harris, Boise ID

#### Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs .....(15 pairs)

- 1D Joe Grafe, Kihei HI; Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI
- 2D Duane St. Clair – Evelyn St. Clair, Boise ID
- 3D/1E Robert Hartley, Meridian ID; Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID
- 2E/1F Tim Kempf – Shirley Kempf, Eagle ID
- 3E/2F Marilyn Brown – Perry Brown, Boise ID
- 3F Kay Alspaugh – Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID

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

- 1D/E Beverly Fraser – Greg Wilson, Boise ID
- 2-3D/2E Berniece Turner, Jackson WY; Elizabeth McKay, Pavillion WY
- 2-3D Joe Grafe, Kihei HI; Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI
- 3E/1F Steven Bingham – Patt Elison-Bowers, Boise ID
- 2F Neil Lasley – Jean Lasley, Lewiston ID
- 3F Kay Alspaugh – Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID

#### Ontario Tuesday Evening Swiss .....(11 teams)

- 1-2A Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID; James Siegel, Ketchum ID; Riley Burton, Twin Falls ID; Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA
- 1-2A Tanya McCully, Whitefish MT; Bill Bradshaw, Billings MT; Susan Ledford, San Ramon CA; Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
- 3A Dee Steil, New Westminster BC; Margi Redden, Portland OR; Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR; John Zamboni, Caldwell ID
- 1B Doris Zavadil, Meridian ID; Lucille Schmidt – Richard Mallon – Betty Coursey, Boise ID
- 2B Max Aeschbacher – Deirdre Nickel, Salt Lake City UT; William Aeschbacher – Ann Morin, Park City UT
- 1C Mike Ampsacher – Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA; Harriett Kessinger – Terry Nagel, Eugene OR

### Wednesday, Aug. 10

#### City of Trees Tues-Wed KO Bracket 1 .....(14 teams)

- 1 Lee Payne – Jimmy Payne – Uri Lowenstein, Salt Lake City UT; Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT
- 2 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 3/4 Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX
- 3/4 Karen Epley – Howard Epley, Kent WA; Anne La Cour – Ron La Cour, Freeland WA

#### City of Trees Tues-Wed KO Bracket 2 .....(10 teams)

- 1 Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID; Eileen Milligan – Mary Alice Seville – Pat Moore, Corvallis OR
- 2 R Duda, Midvale UT; Pien Chang, Sandy UT; Estelle Kevitch – Steven Ackerman, Salt Lake City UT

- 3/4 Nancy Feldman – Julia Christensen – Marilyn Edwards – Al Babineau, Boise ID
- 3/4 Robert Van Eyll – Daniel Johnson – Gary Crupper – Sandra Watson, Boise ID

#### City of Trees Tues-Wed KO Bracket 3 .....(12 teams)

- 1 Stephen Nafus, Boise ID; Don Gile, Star ID; Matthew Thomas, Eagle ID; Gary Belew, Meridian ID
- 2 Eric Larson – Kitty Larson, Chandler AZ; Dick Jarvinen – Chloe Jarvinen, Corvallis OR
- 3/4 Donna Carter – B.J. Kolkman – Ginny Davis, Spokane WA; Mary Gellner, Chattaroy WA
- 3/4 Linda Thomas – Clyde Coon – Darrel Mooney – Larry Chase, Boise ID

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

- 1A Mary McCune – Marty McCune, Seattle WA
- 2A Charles Bennett – Dave Westfall, Spokane WA
- 3A Kathy Downen, Boise ID; Charlotte Miller, Farmington Hills MI
- 1B Philip Ehrnstein, Meridian ID; Bruce Toy, Palm Harbor FL
- 2B/1C Kay Read – Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID
- 3B/2C Lucille Schmidt, Boise ID; Doris Zavadil, Meridian ID
- 3C Marjorie Gilmore – Karen DeMeritt, Richland WA

#### Wednesday Gold Point Pairs .....(36 pairs)

- 1C/D Evelyn St. Clair – Duane St. Clair, Boise ID
- 2C/D Thomas Carne – Joyce Carne, Bozeman MT
- 3C/D/1E Gail Cizek, Grand Junction CO; Charles Cizek, Marco Island FL
- 2E David Rogers Oliver Jr. – Linda Bithell Oliver, Trinidad CA
- 3E Berniece Turner, Jackson WY; Elizabeth McKay, Pavillion WY

#### Wednesday Morning Side Game .....(12 pairs)

- 1A/C Arlene Rueb, Meridian ID; Judy Stauffer, Boise ID
- 2A/C Bev Fraser – Greg Wilson, Boise ID
- 3A/B Pete Grice – Don Robinson, Boise ID
- 3C Joe Grafe, Kihei HI; Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI

#### Wednesday Afternoon Side Game .....(16 pairs)

- 1A/B Pat Sales – Judy Stauffer, Boise ID
- 2A/B Robert Underwood – Elizabeth Underwood, Incline Village NV
- 3A/B Linda Brinton – Jodie Bistline, Boise ID
- 1C Nancy Harris – Richard Harris, Boise ID
- 2C Arthur Crawford – Leslie Muir, Meridian ID

#### Wednesday Evening Side Game .....(15 pairs)

- 1A Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX
- 2A Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA
- 3A/1B Nancy Crawford – George Crawford, Portland OR
- 2B Pat Sales – Judy Stauffer, Boise ID
- 3B Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID; Carson Ohm, Kelowna BC

### Thursday, Aug. 11

#### Snake River Morning KO Bracket 1 .....(5 teams)

- 1 Dolores Brenner – Mary Dougherty, Santa Fe NM; Cam Doner, Surrey BC; Bill Bradshaw, Billings MT; Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR
- 2 Deirdre Nickel – Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Ann Morin – William Aeschbacher, Park City UT

#### Snake River Morning KO Bracket 2 .....(5 teams)

- 1 Nancy Crawford – George Crawford, Portland OR; Jeff Wiegel – Christy Wiegel, Tualatin OR
- 2 Pien Chang, Sandy UT; R Duda, Midvale UT; Steven Ackerman – Estelle Kevitch, Salt Lake City UT

#### Thursday Open Pairs .....(24 pairs)

- 1A Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA
- 2A Sharon Bialek – Norm Bialek, Bellevue WA
- 3A Kathy Downen, Boise ID; Charlotte Miller, Farmington Hills MI
- 1B R Duda, Midvale UT; Pien Chang, Sandy UT
- 2B Bruce Toy, Palm Harbor FL; Philip Ehrnstein, Meridian ID
- 3B/1C Alan Sparrow – Nancy Sparrow, Salt Lake City UT
- 2C Berniece Turner, Jackson WY; Elizabeth McKay, Pavillion WY
- 3C Judy Alpert, Las Vegas NV; Ted Witt, Sun Valley ID

#### Thursday Morning Side Game .....(18 pairs)

- 1A Jay Roll, Clovis CA; John Gram, Boise ID
- 2A Peter Barthels – Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA
- 3A Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY
- 1B/C Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Ted Witt, Sun Valley ID
- 2B/C Maryon Evans, Nampa ID; Nancy Feldman, Boise ID
- 3B/C David Rogers Oliver Jr. – Linda Bithell Oliver, Trinidad CA

#### Thursday Afternoon Side Game .....(12 pairs)

- 1A/C Nancy Harris – Richard Harris, Boise ID
- 2A K.C. Jones, Boise ID; Dee Steil, New Westminster BC
- 3A Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukee OR
- 2B/C Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 3B/C Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID; Carson Ohm, Kelowna BC

#### Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs .....(17 pairs)

- 1D/F Marilyn Brown – Perry Brown, Boise ID
- 2D/F Jean Schultz – Carolyn Chapman, New Meadows ID
- 3D/F Kay Alspaugh – Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID

#### Thursday Evening Side Game .....(11 pairs)

- 1A John Zamboni, Caldwell ID; J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA
- 2A/1B/C Marcy Blumstein, La Quinta CA; Shelly Arbuckle, Whitefish MT
- 3A/2B Rose Barkclay, Spokane WA; Dave Forrey, Nampa ID
- 3B Al Babineau – Marilyn Edwards, Boise ID
- 2C Margi Redden, Portland OR; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID

#### Thursday Evening 299er Pairs .....(10 pairs)

- 1D Joe Grafe, Kihei HI; Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI
- 2D/1E/F Marilyn Brown – Perry Brown, Boise ID
- 3D/2E/F Cathy Berka, Baker City OR; Dick Royes, Imbler OR
- 3-4E/F Kay Alspaugh – Lindy Hamilton, Boise ID
- 3-4E/F Neil Lasley – Jean Lasley, Lewiston ID

#### Shoshone Thursday Evening Swiss .....(11 teams)

- 1A Lee Payne – Jimmy Payne – Uri Lowenstein, Salt Lake City UT; Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT
- 2A Kate Hill – Sara Rothmuller, Santa Rosa CA; Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR; Patricia Hertz, Sebastopol CA
- 3-4A Dawn Campbell – Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 3-4A/1B Doris Zavadil, Meridian ID; Lucille Schmidt – Betty Coursey – Richard Mallon, Boise ID
- 2B Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III – Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 1C Mella-Dee Mayberry – Kris Roberts, Payette ID; Charlotte Nelson, Weiser ID; Judy Seward, Parma ID

### Friday, Aug. 12

#### Treasure Valley Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 1 .....(14 teams)

- 1 Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Mark Lair, Canyon TX
- 2 Dave Westfall – Charles Bennett, Spokane WA; Pat Dunn – Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; John Ashton, Portland OR; Mike Levy, Keizer OR
- 3/4 Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Kendra Bridges, Carmel IN; Rich Carle, Longview WA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; James Thomas, Ponderay ID; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 3/4 Anne La Cour – Ron La Cour, Freeland WA; Karen Epley – Howard Epley, Kent WA

#### Treasure Valley Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 2 .....(10 teams)

- 1 Deirdre Nickel – Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Bill Aeschbacher – Ann Morin, Park City UT
- 2 Edna Friedman, Jerome ID; Joe Blackford, Lincoln CA; Robert Underwood – Elizabeth Underwood, Incline Village NV
- 3/4 Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID; Mary Alice Seville – Eileen Milligan – Pat Moore, Corvallis OR
- 3/4 Nancy Crawford – George Crawford, Portland OR; Jeff Wiegel – Christy Wiegel, Tualatin OR

#### Treasure Valley Thurs-Fri KO-Bracket 3 .....(13 teams)

- 1 Dick Jarvinen – Chloe Jarvinen, Corvallis OR; Eric Larson – Kitty Larson, Chandler AZ
- 2 Darrel Mooney – Linda Thomas – Kay Read – Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID
- 3/4 Bill Light – Ucky Light – Evelyn St. Clair – Duane St. Clair, Boise ID
- 3/4 Clay Laughary, Renton WA; Matt Koltnow, Bothell WA; Joann Scholtz, Otis Orchards WA; Susan Norton, Spokane WA

#### Friday Open Pairs .....(44 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 2A Amy Casanova – Molly Harris, Portland OR
- 3A Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 1B William Wood – Jill Wood, Meridian ID
- 2B/1C Janice Kreske – Edwin Baker, Mill Creek WA
- 3B/2C Clyde Coon – Larry Chase, Boise ID
- 3C Berniece Turner, Jackson WY; Elizabeth McKay, Pavillion WY

#### Friday Gold Point Pairs .....(28 pairs)

- 1C Mike Ampsacher – Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA
- 2C/1D Thomas Carne – Joyce Carne, Bozeman MT
- 3C Robert Van Eyll – Julia Christensen, Boise ID
- 2D/1E Jim Churchill – Linda Parsons, Sun Valley ID
- 3D/2E Richard Roche – Carolyn Roche, Bozeman MT
- 3E James Mayfield – Janet Mayfield, Hailey ID

#### Friday Morning Side Game .....(10 pairs)

- 1A Sharon Bialek – Norm Bialek, Bellevue WA
- 2A Brian Breckenridge – Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 3A/1B/C Jim Churchill – Linda Parsons, Sun Valley ID
- 2B Tom Ryder – Suzy Ryder, Boise ID
- 2C Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI; Joe Grafe, Kihei HI

#### Friday Afternoon Side Game .....(16 pairs)

- 1A Theresa Barthels – Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2A K.C. Jones, Boise ID; Dee Steil, New Westminster BC
- 3A/1B Judy Davis, Portland OR; David Taylor, Seattle WA
- 2B Elazar Friedman, Middleton ID; Gary Crupper, Boise ID
- 3B Linda Brinton – Jodie Bistline, Boise ID
- 1C Marcy Blumstein, La Quinta CA; Shelly Arbuckle, Whitefish MT
- 2C Linda Anderson, Eagle ID; Kelly Warner, Boise ID



# Player roundup

By Amy Casanova  
The Trumpet

At the Boise Regional, we asked several players this question: *What makes your club, or any club, great?* Here are their answers.



**Irva Kay Neyhart**

*A professional staff with good directors and managers who are fair, so that players of all levels have confidence.*

**Irva Kay Neyhart**  
Corvallis OR

*Good lighting and good parking. A courteous, knowledgeable director is also necessary.*

**Don Robinson**  
Boise ID



**Don Robinson**



**Mike Ampsacher**

*It's \$5 per session. Everyone here in Boise goes out of their way to set that standard.*

*The key is always friendly people. Everyone here in Boise goes out of their way to set that standard.*

**Dave Oliver**  
Trinidad CA



**Dave Oliver**



**Bruce Ferguson**

*Handicapping games so lower-point players can score and place. Having a money game — guess your score before and whoever is closest wins the pot.*

**Bruce Ferguson**  
Palm Springs CA



**Harriett Kessinger**

*The people and community.*

**Harriett Kessinger**  
Eugene OR



**Ruby Boyd**

*Our club is very friendly. We wish some would not review hands during the game.*

**Ruby Boyd**  
Ontario OR

*Don Marsh and Sherri Morgan have made our club very welcoming.*

**Terry Nagel**  
Eugene OR



**Terry Nagel**



**Polly Bullert**

*All the volunteers.*

**Polly Bullert**  
Vancouver WA

*A good location.*

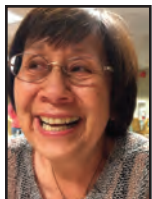
**Ginny Davis**  
Spokane WA



**Ginny Davis**

*People like Ginny Davis.*

**Mary Gellner**  
Chattaroy WA



**Mary Gellner**

**Friday Evening Side Game (12 pairs)**

1A Anne La Cour, Freeland WA; Karen Epley, Kent WA  
2A Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Mary Dougherty, Santa Fe NM  
3A/1B Stephen Nafus, Boise ID; Don Gil, Star ID  
2B Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID  
3B Marcy Blumstein, La Quinta CA; Shelly Ar buckle, Whitefish MT

### Saturday, Aug. 13

**Saturday Open Pairs (16 pairs)**

1A John Ashton, Portland OR; Mike Levy, Keizer OR  
2A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR  
3A Buzz Farnes, Midvale UT; Uri Loewenstein, Salt Lake City UT  
1B/C William Cook, Twin Falls ID; Clyde Coon, Boise ID  
2B/C Linda Brinton — Larry Chase, Boise ID  
3B William Wood — Jill Wood, Meridian ID

**Saturday Gold Point Pairs (18 pairs)**

1C Bradley Baker, Kennewick WA; Mary Ferguson, Richland WA  
2C Alan Sparrow — Nancy Sparrow, Salt Lake City UT  
3C Sandra Flattery, Ketchum ID; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID  
1D/E Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI; Joe Graf, Kihei HI  
2D Thomas Carne — Joyce Carne, Bozeman MT  
3D/2E Berniece Turner, Jackson WY; Elizabeth McKay, Pavillion WY

**Sawtooth Fri-Sat Morning Swiss (11 teams)**

1A Charles Bennett — Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; Marty McCune — Mary McCune, Seattle WA  
2A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Polly Dunn — Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA  
3A Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX  
1B Deirdre Nickel — Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; Ann Morin — Bill Aeschbacher, Park City UT  
2B/1C Darrel Mooney — Linda Thomas — Kathryn Luft, Boise ID; Tim Kempf, Eagle ID  
3B Sandra Flattery, Ketchum ID; Theresa Choma, Hailey ID; Ted Witt, Sun Valley ID; Judy Alpert, Las Vegas NV

**Hells Canyon Sat Compact KO-1 (12 teams)**

1 Polly Dunn — Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; Charles Bennett — Dave Westfall, Spokane WA  
2 Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Marty McCune — Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA  
3 Howard Epley — Karen Epley, Kent WA; Anne La Cour — Ron La Cour, Freeland WA

**Hells Canyon Sat Comp KO-2 (12 teams)**

1 Philip Ehrnstein, Meridian ID; Bruce Toy, Palm Harbor FL; Amy Casanova — Molly Harris, Portland OR  
2 Mike Ampsacher — Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA; Terry Nagel — Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR  
3 Mary Alice Seville — Eileen Milligan — Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID

**Saturday Morning Side Game (12 pairs)**

1A Peter Barthels — Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA  
2A/1B Steven Ackerman — Estelle Kevitch, Salt Lake City UT  
3A/2B/1C Jay Bonovitz — Jennifer Bonovitz, Merion Station PA  
3-4B Sue White — Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID  
3-4B Margaret Silvester — Gerry Silvester, Boise ID  
2C Sue White — Christiane Turner, Ketchum ID

**Saturday Afternoon Side Game (18 pairs)**

1A Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA  
2A Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA  
3A/1B Tom Ryder — Suzy Ryder, Boise ID  
2B Susan Kraght — Sid Stern, Scottsdale AZ

3B Pat Sales, Boise ID; Rose Barclay, Spokane WA  
1C Susan Kraght — Sid Stern, Scottsdale AZ  
2C Shelly Ar buckle, Whitefish MT; Marcy Blumstein, La Quinta CA  
3-4C Priscilla Braun, Boise ID; Charneth Belanger, Mill Valley CA  
3-4C Cheryl Maderazo — Janet Matthews, Boise ID

**Saturday Evening Side Game (8 pairs)**

1A Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA  
2A/1B Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID; Carson Ohm, Kelowna BC  
3A Jim Thomas, Boise ID; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR  
2B Daryl Sallaz — Eilyn Smith, Boise ID

**Lewis & Clark Saturday Evening Swiss (14 teams)**

1-2A Douglas Bullock, Boise ID; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Kendra Bridges, Carmel IN; James Smith, Mapleton OR  
1-2A Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Mark Lair, Canyon TX  
3A Dolores Brenner — Mary Dougherty, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Craig Jones, Boise ID  
1B Deirdre Nickel — Max Aeschbacher, Salt Lake City UT; William Aeschbacher — Ann Morin, Park City UT  
2B/1C Don Gile, Star ID; Matthew Thomas, Eagle ID; Stephen Nafus, Boise ID; Gary Belew, Meridian ID  
3B Edna Pierson, Jerome ID; Joe Blackford, Lincoln CA; Robert Underwood — Elizabeth Underwood, Incline Village NV

### Sunday, Aug. 14

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (21 teams)**

1A Dave Westfall — Charles Bennett, Spokane WA; Mike Levy, Keizer OR; Pat Dunn — Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; John Ashton, Portland OR  
2A/1X Craig Jones — Douglas Bullock — Jim Thomas — Stephen Nafus, Boise ID; Kendra Bridges, Carmel IN  
3A Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Dawn Campbell — Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR  
2X Philip Ehrnstein, Meridian ID; Bruce Toy, Palm Harbor FL; Paul Penland, Eagle ID; Elazar Friedman, Middleton ID  
3X Julianne Adair — Doug Adair, Midvale UT; Estelle Kevitch — Steven Ackerman, Salt Lake City UT

**Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams (21 teams)**

1B/1C Art Crawford — Leslie Muir, Meridian ID; Pat Sales — Judy Stauffer, Boise ID  
2B Rebecca Rodenbush — Kay Read — Dick Mallon — Betty Coursey, Boise ID  
3B/2C Don Robinson — Pete Grice — Burt Echtenkamp — Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID  
3C Theresa Choma, Hailey ID; Sandra Flattery, Ketchum ID; Ted Witt, Sun Valley ID; Judy Alpert, Las Vegas NV  
1D Bradley Baker, Kennewick WA; Mary Ferguson, Richland WA; Susan Macartney, Meridian ID; Karen Boss, Boise ID  
2D Linda Thomas — Darrel Mooney — Nancy Harris — Richard Harris, Boise ID  
3D Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Darlene Palmas, Vancouver WA; Joe Graf, Kihei HI; Sherley Blodgett, Lahaina HI

**Morning Side Series (68 players)**

1-2 Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA  
3 J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA

**Afternoon Side Series (83 players)**

1-2 Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA  
3-4 K.C. Jones, Boise ID; Dee Steil, New Westminster BC

**Evening Side Series (114 players)**

1 Anne La Cour, Freeland WA  
2 J. Jay Roll, Clovis CA  
3 Karen Epley, Kent WA



Mike Levy, John Ashton  
Saturday Open Pairs



Mary and Marty McCune  
Wednesday Open Pairs



Mark Itabashi, Peter Gelfand  
Friday Open Pairs



Paul Gelb, Jay Roll  
Tuesday Open Pairs



Duane and Evelyn St. Clair  
Wednesday Gold Pairs



Mark Itabashi, Peter Gelfand  
Thursday Open Pairs



Suzy and Tom Ryder  
Tuesday Morning Side Pairs



Arlene Rueb, Judy Stauffer  
Wednesday Morning Side Pairs



Jay Roll, John Gram  
Thursday Morning Side Pairs



Judy Abbott, Barbara Chatten  
1C, Tuesday Morning Side Pairs



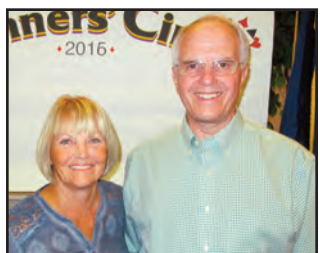
Nancy and Richard Harris  
Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs



John Zamboni, Jay Roll  
Thursday Evening Side Pairs



Sherley Blodgett, Joe Graf  
Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs



Bev Fraser, Greg Wilson  
Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs



Perry Brown, Marilyn Brown  
Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs

### Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 5052.00 earned by 342 players. Total attendance: 741 tables.	27 47.04	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR	55 26.77	Paul Gelb, Palm Springs CA	87 16.70	Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR	123 12.48	Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	165 8.35	Paul Penland, Eagle ID
1 98.23	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	56 25.91	Robert Johnson, Tigard OR	92 16.23	Judy Kay, Beaverton OR	125 12.42	James Smith, Mapleton OR	166 8.11	Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID	
3 87.51	Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	57 25.69	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	94 16.11	Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR	126 12.42	Gary Crupper, Boise ID	171 7.97	Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID	
5 82.99	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	58 25.53	Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID	95 15.97	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	127 12.04	Robert Van Eyll, Boise ID	175 7.69	Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID	
7 77.55	Nancy Abrams, Louisville KY	59 24.86	Richard Carle, Longview WA	106 15.02	George Crawford, Portland OR	128 11.70	Linda Brinton, Boise ID	178 7.08	Burt Echtenkamp, Boise ID	
9 77.13	Mark Lair, Canyon TX	60 24.85	Darrel Mooney, Boise ID	108 14.86	Larry Chase, Boise ID	129 11.46	Doris Zavadii, Meridian ID	179 6.99	Jodie Bistline, Boise ID	
11 73.41	Colby Vernay, Lacon IL	61 24.85	Jim Thomas, Boise ID	109 14.76	Matthew Thomas, Eagle ID	130 11.46	Sandra Watson, Boise ID	180 6.98	Richard Harris, Boise ID	
13 73.41	Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX	62 23.91	Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID	110 14.50	Gary Belew, Meridian ID	131 10.62	George Crawford, Portland OR	181 6.77	Nancy Harris, Boise ID	
15 62.22	Uri Loewenstein, Salt Lake City UT	63 23.68	Clyde Coon, Boise ID	111 14.50	Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA	132 10.44	Richard Mallon, Boise ID	182 6.77	Betty Coursey, Boise ID	
17 57.99	Pat Moore, Corvallis OR	64 23.54	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	112 14.05	Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA	133 10.33	Marilyn Edwards, Boise ID	183 6.77	Alan Sparrow, Salt Lake City UT	
19 57.20	Marty McCune, Seattle WA	65 22.12	Duane Christensen, Boise ID	113 13.78	Ian Martindale, Boise ID	134 10.33	Charlieene Martindale, Boise ID	184 6.66	Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA	
21 56.02	Marty McCune, Seattle WA	66 22.12	Carol Christensen, Boise ID	114 13.78	Charlene Martindale, Boise ID	135 9.95	Julia Christensen, Boise ID	185 6.56	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
23 55.16	Bill Bradshaw, Billings MT	67 21.45	Linda Thomas, Boise ID	115 12.95	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	136 9.95	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR	186 6.56	Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA	
25 49.80	Anna Linn, Freeland WA	68 21.42	Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR	116 12.95	R Duda, Midvale UT	137 8.69	Larry Chase, Boise ID	187 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
27 47.58	Howard Epley, Kent WA	69 21.42	Chloe Jarvinen, Corvallis OR	117 12.95	Pien Chang, Sandy UT	138 8.69	George Crawford, Portland OR	188 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
		70 21.42	Kitty Larson, Chandler AZ	118 12.90	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	139 8.69	George Crawford, Portland OR	189 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
		71 21.42	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	119 12.60	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	140 8.69	George Crawford, Portland OR	190 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
		72 20.74	Don Gile, Star ID	120 12.60	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	141 8.69	George Crawford, Portland OR	191 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
		73 20.74	Don Gile, Star ID	121 12.51	Eric Larson, Chandler AZ	142 8.69	George Crawford, Portland OR	192 6.48	Ann Morin, Park City UT	
		74 20.45	Don Gile, Star ID							
		75 19.82	Don Gile, Star ID							
		76 18.92	Don Gile, Star ID							
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		78 18.47	Don Gile, Star ID							
		79 18.27	Don Gile, Star ID							
		80 17.57	Don Gile, Star ID							
		81 17.22	Don Gile, Star ID							
		82 17.22	Don Gile, Star ID							
		83 17.17	Don Gile, Star ID							



# Ask John

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

IMPs ♠ A 10 6 5 3  
 Vul: N-S ♥ —  
 ♦ AK 4 3  
 ♣ Q 10 8 6

♠ 9 8  
 ♥ K J 7 3  
 ♦ 9 7 2  
 ♣ K 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Db1	1NT
3♥	Db1	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

**Dear John,**

When partner bid 1NT over the double, I knew he had something in hearts and likely a fit for one of my minors. So with three quick tricks and a void, I doubled 3♥, expecting a good result whether partner chose to leave it in, play four of a minor, or put me in 3♠, and trusting partner to make the best choice.

When I heard 3NT, I suspected it was right to defend. I contemplated pulling it to 4♣, which might make or at least be going down less than a terrible 3NT might (and did — down three).

Three-part question: 1) Is North's double too aggressive? 2) With the South cards, do you pass the double, bid 4♣ or try for 3NT? 3) Having doubled and heard what sounds like the worst possible answer, should North sit for 3NT or pull to 4♣?

— Double Meant?

**Dear Twin,**

1) North's double appears to my weary eyes to be a virtually automatic call. Partner is known to have fewer than three spades and some, if not most, of his meager values are in hearts. North has tremendous defensive values, particularly if South has a hoped-for singleton spade.

2) In the postmortem, my opponents will swear that they had witnessed the famed "green flash" of a Hawaii sunset rather than a similar phenomenon caused by the rapidity of my pass card reaching the table. 4♣ is needless speculation and 3NT requires partner to have long, powerful spades, a holding inconsistent with his double.

3) If I think that I have reasonably described my hand, an uncommonly rare feeling, I don't overrule partner's decision. He might have:

♠K ♥QJ3 ♦QJ9752 ♣932.

3NT would be a favorite to make!

♣♦♥♦♠♦♥♦♠

Matchpoints ♠ 743  
 Vul: E-W ♥ K 6 5  
 ♦ A 2  
 ♣ Q 9 5 4 3

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

♠ AKQJ10986  
 ♥ 9 2  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	?	

**Dear John,**

With the East hand, what do you do when 4♠ passes around to you? Do you double in case partner has a spade stack, or make the unilateral decision to commit to the five level with 4NT? Say you double, what should West do? Say you bid 4NT, how many diamonds would you bid with the West hand?

— Coin Flip

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# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

## DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

9-11	Boise Harvest Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
9-11	Eureka Sectional	Humboldt Grange, Eureka CA
9-11	Portland Fall Sectional	Camp Withycombe, Clackamas OR
16-18	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
<b>Sept 26 - Oct 2</b>	<b>OREGON COAST REGIONAL</b>	<b>Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR</b>

**OCTOBER 2016**

8-9	North American Pairs	Online at various locations
15-16	Vancouver NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
21-23	Gold Country Sectional	St. Canice Center, Nevada City CA
21-23	Nampa-Caldwell Sectional	Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID
27-30	Central Oregon Coast Sectional	Shilo Inn, Newport OR

**NOVEMBER 2016**

4-6	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Resort & Casino, Redding CA
5-6	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
5-6	Battle of the Willamette Sectional	Ace of Clubs, Lake Oswego OR; NLM at PBC, Portland OR
18-20	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
19-20	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

**DECEMBER 2016**

5-11	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
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**JANUARY 2017**

14-15	Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
20-22	Garden Isle Sectional	Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI
<b>Jan 23 - 29</b>	<b>HAWAII REGIONAL</b>	<b>Pacific Beach Hotel, Honolulu HI</b>

**FEBRUARY 2017**

10-12	Maui Snowbird Sectional	Kenolio Recreation Center, Kihei HI
10-12	Boise Sweetheart Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
<b>Feb 20 - 26</b>	<b>OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL</b>	<b>Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA</b>

**MARCH 2017**

3-5	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
10-12	Ontario Sectional	Clarion Inn, Ontario OR
17-19	Almond Blossom Sectional	Eagles Hall, Chico CA
17-19	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Linn County Fair/Expo Center, Albany OR
24-26	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

**APRIL 2017**

7-9	Redding Spring Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
8-9	Vancouver Spring Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
21-23	Seaside Sectional	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
29-30	Grand National Teams	Online at various locations

**MAY 2017**

6-7	Grand National Teams	Online at various locations
<b>May 15 - 21</b>	<b>ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL</b>	<b>Inn at the Commons, Medford OR</b>
19-21	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

**JUNE 2017**

2-4	Eugene Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
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## TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

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

Oct. 14-16	Sunnyland Sectional, Grandview WA
Oct. 28-30	Courtenay Sectional BC
Nov. 4-6	Vancouver Sectional, Burnaby BC
Nov. 7-13	<b>Whistler Regional BC</b>
Dec. 9-11	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA

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

Oct. 1-2	Santa Cruz Sectional CA
Oct. 6-9	Fresno Sectional CA
Oct. 6-9	Carson City Sectional NV
Oct. 15-16	Santa Rosa Sectional CA
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	<b>Modesto Regional CA</b>
Nov. 18-20	Oakland Sectional CA
Dec. 2-4	Sacramento Sectional, Orangevale CA
Jan. 2-8	<b>Monterey Regional CA</b>
Jan. 14-15	San Francisco Sectional CA

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

Sept. 22-25	Great Falls Sectional MT
Oct. 3-9	<b>Helena Regional MT</b>
Oct. 5-7	World Senior Games, St. George UT
Nov. 4-6	Calgary Sectional AB

Nov. 11-13	Ogden Sectional, Roy UT
Jan. 13-15	Missoula Sectional MT

**DISTRICT 17:** [www.d17acbl.org](http://www.d17acbl.org)

Oct. 3-7	Las Vegas Sectional NV
Oct. 10-16	<b>Colorado Springs Regional CO</b>
Oct. 21-23	<b>Phoenix I/N Regional</b> , Glendale AZ
Oct. 28-30	Albuquerque Sectional NM
Nov. 10-13	Tempe Sectional AZ
Nov. 17-20	Tucson Sectional AZ
Jan. 12-15	Sin City Shootout, Las Vegas NV
Jan. 16-22	<b>Albuquerque Regional NM</b>
Feb. 27-March 5	<b>Tucson Regional AZ</b>

**DISTRICT 22:** [acbldistrict22.com/d22](http://acbldistrict22.com/d22)

Sept. 23-25	Bakersfield Sectional CA
Oct. 24-30	<b>Ventura Regional CA</b>
Nov. 4-6	Palm Desert Sectional CA
Dec. 12-18	<b>Palm Springs Regional CA</b>
Dec. 30-31	Dana Point Sectional CA
Jan. 19-22	<b>Palm Springs I/N Regional CA</b>
Jan. 30-Feb. 5	<b>Riverside Regional CA</b>
April 10-16	<b>San Diego Regional CA</b>

## NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>Nov. 24 - Dec. 4</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>	<b>Walt Disney World Dolphin, Orlando FL</b>
<b>March 9-19</b>	<b>Spring 2017</b>	<b>Westin and Sheraton, Kansas City MO</b>
<b>July 20-30</b>	<b>Summer 2017</b>	<b>Convention Center, Toronto ON</b>
<b>Nov. 23 - Dec. 3</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>	<b>Grand Hyatt, San Diego CA</b>