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Bridge Across the District

Spring 2016

D20 pair's team is fourth in world at Chennai

Tolliver, Zwerling reach semifinal of D'Orsi Cup

By Mark Tolliver
Special to The Trumpet

"Emirates Flight 4386 Seattle to Dubai now boarding at Gate 22."

That was the moment when it really hit me. I was getting on a plane, going to Chennai, India, to play against a lot of



The Grande Chola was the site of the world championships.

great teams in hopes of winning a medal. Sure, there had been all the requisite prepara-

tion: getting a visa, ordering the team polo shirts with embroidered USBF logos.

Verifying the system notes were uploaded to the World Bridge Federation archive, looking at the systems that the competition would be playing and last, packing for the three-week sojourn. But it was all surreal until the moment I heard that boarding announcement.

We were leaving on a Sunday and would arrive on a Tuesday. Play would begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. This

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District projects small loss

Despite raising table fee, budget has \$10K deficit

The Oregon Trail Regional in Vancouver exceeded expectations with just one short of 1500 tables. The good turnout hopefully bodes well for our future tournaments and for our financial condition (more on this below). Many thanks to

Tournament Manager Judy Davis (her first solo undertaking) and to Director-in-Charge Matt Koltnow and his staff. They all contributed to a smooth-running and rewarding experience for the players. The wine-and-cheese party Friday evening seemed especially popular.



Rich Carle
D20 President

Feb. 1 marks the beginning of the D20 fiscal year and the board had its first meeting of 2016 at the OTR. We welcomed new Area Representatives Duane Christensen from Area 3 (Nampa-Caldwell and Boise) and Jim Smith from Area 6 (Oregon Coast). In addition, new Trumpet managing editor Amy Casanova and copy editor Martha Maroney, and new Education Liaison

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Denver: Better without snow

The trip to the fall nationals in Mile High City of Denver, Colo., was very cold and dry with some snow. It takes some adjusting from living in the Northwest where we aren't used to dealing with 7 degree temperatures — and of course the altitude was a problem for some. Tournament attendance was down a little, most likely because of the early snowfall that scared away many drivers. The playing area and local free bus make

Denver a great city for a national, but the board requested we not book another fall national there and instead opt for spring or summer.



Merlin Vilhauer
D20 District Director

Prior to the start of the national tournament, the ACBL board of directors had its third meeting

of the year. The board elected Ken Monzingo of District 22 president of the ACBL. His term is for one year.

The board said goodbye to three members this year: Don Mamula (D19, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia), Rand Pinsky (D23, Los Angeles County) and Rich DeMartino (D25, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts). The board welcomed the directors newly elected to these districts — Marv Norden D19, Kevin Lane D23 and Mark Aquino D25.

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Seaside area players Jane Beach and Ray Lowe were married last month. See story, page 16.

Giving back to bridge

Meet your new Goodwill Committee members

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

So many bridge members, so little time to recognize them all. So this year, we're celebrating the four who rose to the top — receiving this year's Goodwill Committee appointments.

The hostess:
Ann Marie Gramson

Our first 2015 Goodwill Committee member learned the game from Sue Kroning, who gushed about how far her protégé has come.

"I am so glad I taught Ann Marie bridge in 1999," Kroning says. "She wears many so hats now — teacher, club president, unit board member, sectional chair and local chair for the Seaside Regional."

Sandra Baker, who has known Gram-



Ann Marie Gramson opens her home to new players monthly and the whole Seaside unit once a year.

fabulous home-cooked dinner," Kroning said. "This really captures the hearts and minds of new bridge players."

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TM tries to turn water into wine

Here comes the sun!

Hopefully, you won lots of events last month at the Oregon Trail Regional and added to your masterpoint bank. Is there anything more important to a

bridge player than winning? Attendance was virtually the same as last year's OTR.

As I look back on this first experience as your new tournament manager, the worst thing that could have happened, did in fact, happen. We ran out of wine at the Friday night party! I promise that will not happen next year at the OTR.

Now we look forward to the Oregon High Desert Regional, May 9-15, in Sunriver. If you haven't already booked your room at the Sunriver Lodge, you will want to do so quickly. The room

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Masterpoint races

Just 0.13 masterpoints separated the top two finishers in District 20's 0-5 Mini-McKenney race.



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A new life full of lessons on comic timing

People often ask me how I'm liking Memphis. It's hard question to answer, mainly because I haven't seen enough of it to know. That's because I've spent most of my free time since arriving — including the last seven weekends straight — putting together this issue of the Trumpet.

Sure, there were a few weeks before I got tied up, so let's review what happened in that time. They say the most important thing in comedy is timing. This has been a cavalcade of perfectly timed disasters.

November: First, my car died. When's the best time to apply for a car loan? *How about a week after quitting your job, when you have no verifiable income.*

Then I moved. When's the best time to drive across the country? *During a blizzard covering most of the states you need to go through, of course.*

A few days after starting the new job, I discovered a kidney stone, precipitating a couple trips to the ER, a couple surgeries, and a few follow-up visits. This happened 1) right in the window of time when I had no health insurance, and 2) right after signing a lease with nearly double the rent as my former apartment.

I think an hour or so was surely the right amount of time to spend putting up and taking down the same strand of Christmas lights, I can't remember how many times. And after I got it just right, that was a good time for all the lights to go out.

My first time out to a local bridge club, I was playing with a Grand Life Master and we were leading the 11-table field with one round to go. Is there ever a better time to get three zeroes?

I initially planned to spend Christmas ironing, but at the last minute decided to make the eight-hour drive to Cincinnati to give my mom her first bridge lesson.

It's really important when dealing with new players to withhold certain information until the right time, because too much too soon is confusing. I was trying my best to adhere to this strategy when

she asked an unfortunate question: Why can't one make a natural 2♦ overcall after the previous hand opened 1♦?

"Because it would mean something else," I said, trying to avoid the specifics. She persisted in asking what it would mean. "I promise, you don't want to know." *Don't go down that road.* No luck. Finally, I broke down and confessed it meant she had 5-5 in the majors. Her mind exploded. She may never touch cards again.

The timing was, for once, good when I managed to stick in a reference to "Teen Wolf" in a Bridge Bulletin article introducing me. The January issue arrived the same week as the season 5B premiere.



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

My first local tournament was largely disaster-free, but the following weekend I went to Las Vegas to play in the Sin City Shootout. You know what that means: *air travel.* There has never been a more fertile source of hilarious misadventure!

There were many, many factors involved, and two trips through security, but the bottom line is I missed yet another flight. When I got to Vegas, I'd missed the first game. It was a great time nonetheless.

When I got back, it was time to buckle down on the Trumpet. So, in conclusion, in the past four months, I've barely begun to get acquainted with the local bridge community, let alone explore Memphis. Maybe I'll get out more after Reno.

Aside from the grocery stores and the pool, the one place locally I have gotten to know well is the ACBL. That, I can confidently state, I absolutely love. It would be hard to imagine a better fit in a job.

My first three feature stories appeared in the March issue (pages 14-22). The one I was most excited about was about the Goodwill Member of the Year. Having worked with my sister on the Trumpet's Goodwill stories for now a fourth year, I knew this could be a rich subject.

One thing I think the Trumpet does particularly well is explore the many ways bridge players are also human beings. The

opportunity to continue this exploration is one thing I like best about my new job.

Still time for bridge?

At my first club game here I had a 7-6 hand with 5 HCP which on the layout was cold for two grand slams; it might make it into It's Your Call, so I'll table that for now.

At another club game, I had my typical Silly Rabbit experience on the first board.

♠AQ10654 ♥2 ♦AK ♣K864

I opened 1♠ and LHO overcalled 2♣. Partner gave me a 3♣ limit raise, and RHO doubled. The news that the opponents had an apparent club fit was music to my ears. Envisioning partner with shortness, I looked for slam, stopping in 5♠.

The ♣A was led; dummy was a surprise:

♠K93 ♥KQ63 ♦QJ7 ♣532

Why so many club losers, partner? RHO discarded a heart. Now, if it goes club ruff, ♥A, heart ruff (not expecting a 7-1 break), club ruff, I'll be down three before I get in. But that's not what happened.

After the ♣A, LHO switched to a diamond. I cashed the ♠AQ, finding a 3-1 break, and then the ♦K before leading a spade to dummy to pull the last trump. I pitched a club on the ♦Q and led a club to my ♣K.

Now a heart to the ♥K and ♥A. I was sure I would eventually lose a club, but something wonderful happened.

RHO had been 3=7=3=0. Three rounds of spades and three rounds of diamonds had removed all of the cards in his hand that weren't hearts. He was forced to lead a heart to the ♥Q, giving me a pitch for my last club. Unexpectedly making five.

Next stop: Reno; North American Pairs. To give myself plenty of travel time, I'm leaving two days before the event.

Very soon I will be giving up the email address trumpeteditor@gmail.com, which I inherited from my predecessor. I also lost my previous personal account when I left Oregon. Until I figure something else out, I am currently accepting fan mail at chip.dombrowski@acbl.org.

Chip Dombrowski can be reached at chip.dombrowski@acbl.org.



Martha Maroney and Amy Casanova

Board hires two editors

The outgoing Trumpet editor left big shoes to fill — perhaps too big for any one person, at least if you ask him. So the district board has hired two new editors: Amy Casanova, who will serve as managing editor, and Martha Maroney, who will serve as copy editor.

Casanova has been the Portland unit reporter for the Trumpet for three years and the Trumpet's social media editor since November. She will take over the email account trumpeteditor@gmail.com so that those submitting material can continue to use the same address.

Maroney is editor of OBTY, Portland's unit newsletter, which she will continue. She has many years of experience as a professional writer, mainly on technology.

Despite relocating to Memphis TN, Chip Dombrowski will remain on the Trumpet staff as designer.

Ad designer Susan Chambers and senior writer Jen Smith also will remain.

Election notice

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

Any ACBL member residing in D20 is eligible to run for the three-year term, 2017-19. To declare candidacy, you must send notification to ACBL at elections@acbl.org or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake MS, 38637-9902.

Include your name and player number. The declaration must be received by 3 p.m. PDT May 31, 2016. If two or more declarations are received, an election will be held with the units having the vote.

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

New editor practices falling on banana peels

Sometimes it feels as if the universe is conspiring against me, and that normal everyday living is way more difficult than it needs to be.

It's like I'm in an old cartoon trying to get somewhere, with sinkholes opening in my path, trees falling to block the road, anvils raining from the sky. Usually when things feel that way I try to take a step back, reflect on what really matters, and press the "reset" button.

But that's hard to do in the middle of a regional.

Beginning Thursday morning I was scrambling to get my son to school, help a family member, and rush to work for a few hours before the 1 p.m. game. I managed to spill coffee all over my brother's living room floor, and myself, resulting in a setback to my maxed-out schedule. I made it to the game and played OK, got home and tried to get some sleep to prepare for the three solid days of bridge ahead.

At around 2 a.m., my son woke up sick

to his stomach. This continued about every hour until it was time to get up, get ready, take him to his dad's house, go cram in a little bit more work, and make it to Vancouver. I felt ready for bed before the game even started.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

I got myself a kombucha with green tea and yerba mate that tasted pretty terrible but promised a "clear mind," so I sipped on that and managed to play pretty well, if you consider the tendency to get to four of a minor down one or two at teams good bridge (it worked out OK).

So what's the moral of the story? Is it better to unplug and let the bad luck pass you by, or persevere and play through the pain? Or, am I inheriting the previous editor's predisposition for comical disaster?

Either way I think the answer is you gotta keep forging ahead, no matter what.

For the past few years I've been devoting more of my time to playing bridge, as well as volunteering on Portland's unit board,

and now I've agreed to help manage the Trumpet with my partner in crime Martha Maroney, since Chip has moved on to work at the Bulletin.

Yes, I am crazy, but I am also crazy about the game, its puzzles, its players, and its future. A common theme I've noticed, whether we are discussing clubs, sectionals or regionals, is that attendance is flat while expenses are steadily rising. Maybe there are too many tournaments now, but maybe that's a good problem to have. I'm not sure.

But I am 100% positive that you need to go and *play*. Play through your slump, your run of bad cards; play to support the game for the future. Mentor a beginner. Volunteer. It doesn't have to be a three-year commitment — just help pick up some garbage, make some coffee, or bring some snacks.

For the record, I bought more kombucha for Saturday and Sunday. It wasn't as helpful, so I guess there's no magic potion. Except maybe for sleep.

Beginning March 21, Amy Casanova can be reached at trumpeteditor@gmail.com.

Considering a bridge cruise? Don't go without a partner

I took a Crystal Cruise with the well-advertised Roberta and Arnold to the North Sea last August. We played once daily, with about 13 tables from nine countries. Half the group were repeats. Two told me the bridge was the weakest part of the cruise. My heart fell; this was not inexpensive.

There were daily lessons by Roberta, a flamboyant, well-dressed, witty lady who

loved the microphone, as Arnold said. The lessons were good, but often short.

The few of us who came alone had to find partners. I was told Roberta would match us up so we would have challenges. I would have been happier playing with one of the instructors. You would gain more going with a partner.

Peyt Turner, White Salmon WA

Deaths

Sue Baarsch — 74, of Jefferson OR died Dec. 20, 2015.

Mollie Newton — 84, of The Dalles OR died Nov. 23, 2015.



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Deadlines: The deadline for the Summer 2016 issue is April 8 for free sectional ads and advance articles. The deadline for unit reports is Friday, April 22. The deadline for front-page articles is May 6.

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

District 20 Mini-McKenney winners for 2015



Kevin Marnell



Nely Johnson



Deanna Birch



Elsie Chan



Mike Ampacher



Dick Jarvinen



Eileen Boal



Dawn Campbell



Brian Breckenridge



Irva Kay Neyhart

0-5

1. Kevin Marnell, Portland OR 159
2. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 159
3. David Muller, Vancouver WA 107
4. Frank Larson, Bend OR 83
5. Gayle Larson, Bend OR 64
6. Yoonji Kim, Honolulu HI 55
7. William Elston, Keauau HI 41
8. Margaret Matin, Portland OR 37
9. Linda Oliver, Trinidad CA 36
10. David Oliver Jr., Trinidad CA 35
11. Deborah Byrnes, Kapaa HI 33
12. Ancer Haggerty, Portland OR 30

5-20

1. Nely Johnson, Portland OR 75
2. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 66
3. Tim Trinkle, Longview WA 57
4. Katherine Trinkle, Longview WA 54
5. Stuart Director, Portland OR 52
6. Kay Pankratz, La Center WA 37
7. Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR 32
8. Audrey Bowman, Silverlake WA 31
9. Ray Snell, Longview WA 30
10. Jeanne Hibler, Salem OR 30
- Ross Hibler, Salem OR 30
12. Barbara Bloch, Lake Oswego OR 30

20-50

1. Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA 89
2. John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA 83
3. David Gustafson, Florence OR 79
4. Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR 61
5. Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA 52
6. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 49
7. Ginny Edmunds, Honolulu HI 48
8. Sally Lewis, Portland OR 46
9. Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR 46
10. Vincent Winters, Hillsboro OR 44
11. Susan Kaneta, Kailua Kona HI 43
12. Jon Lawver, Penn Valley CA 42

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1. Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA 155
2. Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR 79
3. Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA 79
4. Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR 78
5. Zack Woodbury, Portland OR 78
6. Elizabeth Reid, Kailua Kona HI 73
7. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 71
8. Manny Suarez, Astoria OR 67
9. Dawn Guenther, Eugene OR 65
10. Judy Francis, Eugene OR 64
11. Cary Wirth, Nevada City CA 62
12. Lisa Derock, Princeville HI 62

100-200

1. Mike Ampacher, Vancouver WA 187
2. Terry Nagel, Eugene OR 185
3. Judy Nevell, Eugene OR 138
4. Chris Copple, Eureka CA 121
5. Ralph Zack, Eugene OR 116
6. Allison Evans, Corvallis OR 116
7. Nancy Remple, Portland OR 109
8. William Neely, Boise ID 98
9. Darrel Mooney, Boise ID 96
10. Thomas Chambers, Portland OR 94
11. Tom Neilsen, Portland OR 90
12. Chris Neilsen, Portland OR 89

200-300

1. Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR 264
2. Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR 140
3. Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI 126
4. Linda Thomas, Boise ID 123
5. Sherri Faroky, Chico CA 117
6. Gayanne Alexander, Corvallis OR 97
7. Michael Green, Yamhill OR 94
8. Jane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR 93
9. James Keefe, Honolulu HI 87
10. John Wolf, Eugene OR 84
11. Christine Lynn, Lyle WA 81
12. David Daniel, Roseburg OR 76

300-500

1. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 243
2. Nancy Swanson, Portland OR 215
3. Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA 182
4. Layne Benben, Portland OR 165
5. Stan Blascow, Philomath OR 156
6. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 149
7. Larry Chase, Boise ID 145
8. Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA 140
9. Darrell Graham, Portland OR 136
10. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 135
11. Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA 134
12. Gene Hval, Portland OR 133

500-1000

1. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR 548
2. Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA 298
3. Mark Rowe, Philomath OR 283
4. Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR 260
5. Amy Casanova, Portland OR 255
6. Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR 238
7. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 210
8. Pete Grice, Boise ID 207
9. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 200
10. Chip Dombrowski, Memphis TN 199
11. Carole Schmitz, Redding CA 194
12. Garry Lowe, Newport OR 194

1000-2500

1. Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR 522
2. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 391
3. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 379
4. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 315
5. Ginny Stark, Eugene OR 314
6. Edward Lee, Portland OR 278
7. Bob Wierman, Anderson CA 270
8. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 262
9. July Ratley, Redding CA 262
10. Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR 261
11. Robert Johnson, Tigard OR 255
12. Marvin Grudem, Redding CA 238

2500-5000

1. Irva Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR 814
2. Jon Bartlett, Portland OR 449
3. Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA 391
4. Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA 367
5. Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA 364
6. Jim Smith, Mapleton OR 350
7. Craig Jones, Boise ID 330
8. Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI 323
9. Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR 311
10. Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI 311
11. Carol Christensen, Boise ID 308
12. Duane Christensen, Boise ID 306

5000-7500

1. John Ashton, Portland OR 618
2. Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR 447
3. Richard Carle, Longview WA 446
4. Suzanne St Thomas, Boise ID 425
5. John Lusky, Portland OR 408
6. Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR 320
7. Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR 316
8. Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA 307
9. Mark Tolliver, Portland OR 260



John Ashton

7500-10,000

1. Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 1077
2. Marc Zwerling, Portland OR 276
3. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 253
4. Stu Swan, Portland OR 251



Roger McNay

Over 10,000

1. Huub Bertens, Bend OR 1581
2. Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR 631
3. Jeff Roman, Bend OR 537



Huub Bertens



Ben Bomber

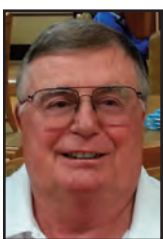
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2. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 159
3. Jake Olsen, Portland OR 36
4. Jiadi He, Astoria OR 20
5. Lee Holstein, Vancouver WA 7
6. William Donnelly, Medford OR 2
7. Nicholas Flores, Portland OR 1

District 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners for 2015



Kevin Marnell



Tim Trinkle



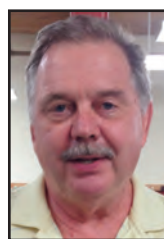
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10. Dorsie Glen, Kihei HI 26

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2. Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR 48
3. Susan Kaneta, Kailua Kona HI 43
4. Sandee Rose, Cave Junction OR 40
5. John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA 38
6. Sarah Bobb, Kailua Kona HI 37
7. Walter Bobb, Kailua Kona HI 35
8. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 34
9. Thomas Warren, Longview WA 34
10. Connie Spencer, Rancho Mirage CA 32

50-100

1. Elizabeth Reid, Kailua Kona HI 66
2. Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA 58
3. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 53
4. Joan Corbeau, Redding CA 50
5. Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA 48
6. Dan Sabo, Kailua Kona HI 47
7. Lisa Derock, Princeville HI 44
8. Gail Hadovsky, Captain Cook HI 44
9. Kelly Sandulli, Kamuela HI 43
10. George Foust, Woodburn OR 42

100-200

1. Terry Nagel, Eugene OR 90
2. Mike Ampacher, Vancouver WA 86
3. Jeff Gunn-Smith, Grass Valley CA 73
4. William Neely, Boise ID 71
5. Ralph Zack, Eugene OR 67
6. Judy Nevell, Eugene OR 66
7. Gail Mullen, Kailua Kona HI 64
8. Allison Evans, Corvallis OR 63
9. Robert Fontana, Kula HI 60
10. Jane Beach, Manzanita OR 59

200-300

1. Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR 149
2. Sherri Faroky, Chico CA 89
3. Linda Thomas, Boise ID 78
4. Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR 70
5. David Daniel, Roseburg OR 67
6. Jane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR 66
7. Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI 64
8. Ronald Mathis, Grass Valley CA 64
9. David Dodson, Pahoia HI 64
10. William Anning, Salem OR 63

300-500

1. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 123
2. Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA 108
3. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 104
4. Gerald Clark, Anderson CA 96
5. Gene Hval, Portland OR 90
6. Nancy Swanson, Portland OR 87
7. Larry Chase, Boise ID 86
8. Darrell Graham, Portland OR 78
9. Candace Bonawitz, Meridian ID 77
10. Barbara Davis, Roseburg OR 75

500-1000

1. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 151
2. Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA 132
3. Kenneth Murray, Redding CA 125
4. Mark Rowe, Philomath OR 124
5. Pete Grice, Boise ID 124
6. Linda Hann, Roseburg OR 122
7. Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR 121
8. Douglas Jones, Chico CA 121
9. Mark Bloom, Chico CA 121
10. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 111

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1. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 231
2. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 159
3. Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI 159
4. James Newfield, Vancouver WA 157
5. Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR 155
6. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 151
7. Ginny Stark, Eugene OR 145
8. Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI 140
9. Jerold Wershba, Portland OR 137
10. Joan Hanzlik, Roseburg OR 134

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2. Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA 177
3. Helen Henning, Penn Valley CA 165
4. Mohamed Shagrun, Chico CA 147
5. Mary Dee Overton, Waikoloa HI 146
6. Marge Roe, Grass Valley CA 146
7. Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA 141
8. Allyn Washington, Penn Valley CA 127
9. Charles Burns, Vancouver WA 125
10. David Hudson, Hilo HI 122

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1. Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA 200
2. Rich Carle, Longview WA 153
3. Ron Jauch, Nevada City CA 141
4. Stan Sather, Lake Oswego OR 102
5. Jean Choi, Honolulu HI 90
6. Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI 83
7. Merle Stetsler, Honolulu HI 83
8. Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR 83



Janie Pearcy

7500-10,000

1. Duane Meador, Vancouver WA 168
2. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 125
3. Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR 84
4. Stu Swan, Portland OR 69



Duane Meador

Over 10,000

1. Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI 131
2. Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR 109



Godfrey Chang



Mark Bennett

Online

1. Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI 618
2. David Fulton, Rhododendron OR 326
3. Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR 286
4. Nelda Linman, Bend OR 284
5. David Roussel, Beaverton OR 262
6. Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI 220
7. JoAn Hill, Kealakekua HI 205

THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Spring sectionals

Chico

The Almond Blossom Sectional will be held March 25-27 at the Eagles Hall in Chico CA. See acbfd20.org or the winter issue for details.

Redding

The Redding Sundial Spring Sectional will be held April 8-10 at Win-River Casino in Redding CA. See ad this page for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Spring Sectional will be held April 9-10 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. Formerly a senior event, this sectional is now open to all players. See ad page 16 for details.

Seaside

The Seaside Sectional will be held April 15-17 at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside OR. See ad this page for details.

Medford

The Rogue Valley Spring Sectional will be held April 22-24 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Portland

The Portland Spring Sectional will be held April 29-May 1 at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Eugene

The Eugene Sectional will be held June 3-5 at the Morse Event Center at Northwest Christian College in Eugene OR. See ad page 6 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Redding (92 tables)

- 15.92 Sharon Fauss, Central Point OR
- 15.92 Michael Keller, Eagle Point OR
- 15.45 Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR
- 15.45 David Wilmington, Eureka CA
- 15.17 Garth Gregory, Chico CA
- 15.12 Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
- 15.12 Douglas Higgs, Klamath Falls OR
- 12.10 Wilhelmina White, Redding CA
- 12.10 Carole Schmitz, Redding CA
- 11.47 Judy Hotchkin, Redding CA
- 11.47 Florence Hungerford, Redding CA

Battle of the Willamette (64 tables)

- 12.70 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 12.70 David Brower, Portland OR
- 10.37 Stu Swan, Portland OR
- 7.43 Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR
- 7.43 Chris Wiegand, Portland OR
- 7.18 Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 7.18 Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 6.19 Bolek Brant, Portland OR

Battle of the Willamette NLM (44 tables)

- 5.86 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 5.40 Nancy Remple, Portland OR
- 5.18 Thomas Chambers, Portland OR
- 3.84 William Holloran Jr, West Linn OR
- 3.76 Stuart Director, Portland OR
- 3.76 Nely Johnson, Portland OR
- 3.00 Robert Bomber, Beaverton OR
- 3.00 Rebecca Drake, Birmingham AL

Corvallis 299er (33 tables)

- 3.92 Karen McCuaig, Corvallis OR
- 3.92 Erik Larson, Corvallis OR
- 3.86 Ralph Zack, Eugene OR
- 3.86 Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR

- 2.82 Ryan Porter, Portland OR
- 2.82 Linda Smith, Corvallis OR
- 2.82 Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR
- 2.82 David Smith, Corvallis OR

Tom Lum Honolulu Sectional (117 tables)

- 22.77 Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
- 21.00 Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
- 20.13 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 20.04 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
- 19.89 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 14.78 Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI
- 13.99 Alain Schreiber, Bellevue WA
- 12.65 Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI
- 11.72 Cheryl Young, Honolulu HI
- 11.05 Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
- 11.03 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI

Vancouver Senior Sectional (96 tables)

- 15.01 Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
- 15.01 Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 14.41 Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 12.60 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 7.26 Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 7.20 Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
- 7.20 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 6.85 Polly Bullert, Vancouver WA
- 6.85 Cliff Allen III, Camas WA

Portland Holiday Sectional (90 tables)

- 14.43 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 14.43 David Brower, Portland OR
- 13.94 Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 13.66 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
- 13.00 Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR
- 12.50 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR
- 11.18 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 10.39 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

- 8.53 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 8.24 Amy Casanova, Portland OR

Vancouver NLM Sectional (60 tables)

- 8.71 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 6.10 Bill Holloran, West Linn OR
- 4.01 Stuart Director, Portland OR
- 4.01 Nely Johnson, Portland OR
- 3.91 Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA
- 3.91 Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA

Garden Isle Sectional (38 tables)

- 13.53 Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI
- 13.53 Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
- 11.08 Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
- 11.08 Barbara Kallaus, Kailua HI
- 8.58 Heather MacGregor, Portola Valley CA
- 8.58 Gary Macgregor, Portola Valley CA

Portland Winter KO Sectional (176 tables)

- 21.55 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 16.58 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 15.30 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 15.07 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 14.88 Stu Swan, Portland OR
- 13.73 Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 13.55 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 13.24 Hadi Allahverdian, Portland OR
- 12.65 Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
- 12.65 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 10.61 Charles Swart, Portland OR
- 10.33 Charles James, Auburn WA
- 10.33 Andrea James, Auburn WA
- 9.49 Randy Pickett, Portland OR
- 9.49 John Lusky, Portland OR
- 9.49 Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR
- 9.49 Chris Wiegand, Portland OR
- 9.40 Ron Senn, Beaverton OR
- 9.40 Dena Senn, Beaverton OR

Klamath Falls

The Klamath Falls Top Gun Sectional will be held June 17-19 at Elmer's Restaurant in Klamath Falls OR. See ad page 7 for details.

Salem

The Salem Sectional will be held June 24-26 at Keizer/Salem Area Seniors in Keizer OR. See ad page 7 for details.

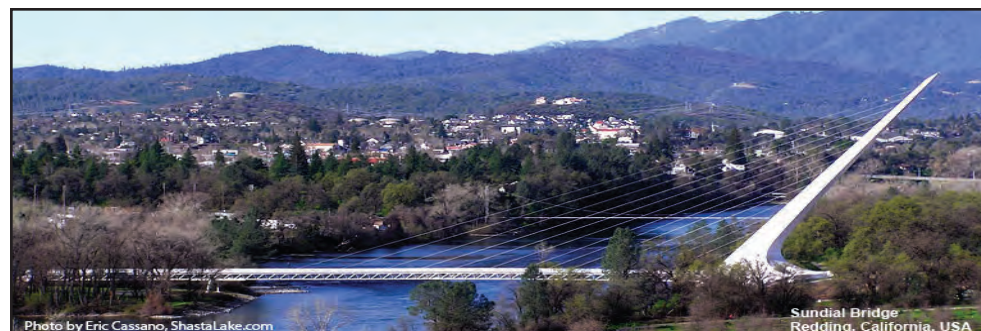


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Redding Unit 464 Presents

The Sundial Bridge Sectional

April 8-10, 2016

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

Ask for bridge tournament rate (deadline March 25): \$89/double occupancy
530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; www.winriver.com

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

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| 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)

Sunday, April 10

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

(Lunch will be provided between sessions)

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

Stratifications

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

Director:

Steve Kaessner

Chairperson:

Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694

Partnerships:

Wilhelmina White, 530-246-1036



Unit 491 69th Annual

Seaside Sectional

April 15-17, 2016

Seaside Convention Center

415 First Avenue, Seaside OR 97138

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER BRIDGE PLAYERS!

- A big 299er game every session
- 99er game on Saturday
- Special prizes
- Saturday, 5:30 p.m.: Tips for Tops



GOODIES & PRIZES GALORE!

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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| Crab 'n Shrimp Open Pairs (single session) | 12:30 p.m. |
| 299er Starfish Stratified Pairs (single session) | 12:30 p.m. |
| Sand Dollar Stratified Open Pairs (single session) | 6 p.m. |
| 299er Clam Chowder Stratified Pairs (single session) | 6 p.m. |

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

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| Pacific Ocean Stratified Open Pairs | 12:30 & 6 p.m. |
| (two-session play-through but single session entries welcome) | |
| 99er Promenade Stratified Pairs (single session) | 12:30 p.m. |
| (0-5 play free in 99er pairs) | |
| 299er Indian Beach Stratified Pairs (single session) | 12:30 p.m. |
| 299er Haystack Rock Stratified Pairs (single session) | 6 p.m. |

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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| Gearhart Flight A/X Swiss Teams | 10 a.m. & TBA |
| Flight A: 3000+; X: 0-3000 (Flight A/X plays separately) | |
| Gearhart Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams | 10 a.m. & TBA |
| A team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight A/X; thereafter all strats determined by average MPs of team so all teams only play similar masterpoint teams. | |
| (On the road by 6 p.m.) | |

Open Pairs 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

All pairs strats determined by MPs of pair.

Director in Charge: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Chairs: Gil and Ann Marie Gramson (503) 861-1133, gilandanngramson@charter.net

Partnership Chair: Sue Kroning (503) 738-7817, skroning@centurylink.net

Hospitality: Ray Lowe • Caddies: Sandra Baker

I/N Coordinator: Penny Smith

Table fees: ACBL members \$9 per session, non- and unpaid members \$12.

The Bidding Toolbox

Shape bids can thwart the big club system bidders

Previously in this column, we talked about defensive bidding against the strong 1♣ opener, discussing both **Mathe** bids and **Suction**.

Another approach is **shape bids** over the big club, which I play with a Philadelphia partner online and at NABCs. She loves these bids because the opponents don't know our strength and the partner of the shape bidder knows exactly where to place the contract based on the Law of Total Tricks in our trump suit.



Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolbox

Shape bids are made in the direct seat only and just need some practice because they are logical once you understand the system.

The only time you pass a big club opener in direct seat is if you are exactly 4-3-3-3, with the 4 in any suit (no shortness), and the pass must be alerted.

Thus, when you don't pass, you're showing your shortness or shape, and partner places the contract. The shortness can be a doubleton.

On the 1-level, you bid your shortness (doubleton or fewer). So,

1♦ is shortness in diamonds.

1♥ is shortness in hearts.

1♠ is shortness in spades.

Double is shortness in clubs.

1NT is at least 5-4 in the minors.

Important: you must have at least three-card support for the other suits. Partner alerts the shortness, explaining it could be a doubleton or less, and that overcaller

has at least three-card support for the other suits.

Notable exception when you make your shortness bid, if partner has six of your short suit, she can pass your shortness bid.

What do you as advancer do? You set the contract at the highest safest level immediately. If partner shows shortness in, say, diamonds, promising at least three-card support in the other three suits, and you have 4-4-3-2, you bid your best major at the one level. Yes, the big club opener will probably continue bidding. If you are 5-4-3-1, you can bid 2♠. You know you have eight trumps at least. If, on the other hand, you are sitting with 6-1-4-2, you can bid 3♠ immediately, because you know you have at least nine trumps.

On the 2-level, you bid **Brozel** after their 1♣. So,

2♣ is clubs and hearts.

2♦ is diamonds and hearts.

2♥ is hearts and spades.

2♠ is spades and a minor.

You can have as little as 4-4, and these bids must be alerted. You have the opponents at the two level before opener's partner can do anything.

If your partner overcalls 2♠ showing spades and a minor, you can ask which minor by bidding 2NT.

In any event, advancer sets the contract at the highest safest level, using the same criteria described above.

At the 3-level, the shape bidder bids a 6+-card suit preemptively in the direct seat.

Remember, if you pass in the direct seat, you have 4-3-3-3 (any four-card suit), and your partner must alert it. So, if you have any other hand, you must bid.

If the big club opener's partner bids after a shape bid, the advancer is off the hook, but can still bid, utilizing information from partner's shape bid and the Law of Total Tricks.

The shape bid overcall can stymie the big club bidders. They no longer have an easy road to getting to their best spot, and they aren't sure of what you hold because

you bid to your highest safe level immediately.

If you have several partnerships in your club playing a big club system, you might want to give shape bids a try. Practice ahead of time, and remember to alert when appropriate.

Jim Flint can be contacted at pubathome@yahoo.com

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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| Virginia Griffiths, Vancouver WA | | Trista Wells, Kuna ID |
| Denise Gudger, Eugene OR | | Pualani Willing, Kealahou HI |

Welcome!

Rogue Valley Spring Sectional

April 22-24, 2016 www.unit484.org
(Sanction #1604021)

Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix, Oregon



4149 South Pacific Highway, just south of Medford

Friday, April 22 (Single Sessions)

199er Pairs (0 - 200) * 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 (single sessions available)

199er Pairs (0 - 200) * 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (play through) 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

Swiss Teams, Stratified by Avg. MPs 10 a.m. and TBA
Subway sandwich lunch available

* 199er Games Depend on Player Availability



Director: Jeffrey Jacob Chair: Bob Scott
Partnerships

Gee Gee Walker, 541-292-3474, ggwalker@gmail.com

Information

Bob Scott, 541-488-7930, grtscott@charter.net

PLAYER FEES

\$8 per player with fewer than 50 MPs
\$9 per player per session (\$12 non- and unpaid ACBL member)

STRATIFICATIONS

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

Accommodations

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

Directions

How to get to the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center: From north or south, take exit 24 off I-5 near Medford, go south on Fern Valley Road, turn right at Main Street (S. Pacific Hwy.), go one block to bridge center.

PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

April 29-May 1, 2016

FRIDAY, April 29, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Non LM pairs (0-50, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

Camp Withycombe
15300 SE Industrial Way
Clackamas, OR 97015
(503) 683-5369

FRIDAY, April 29, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Non LM pairs (0-50, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

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

SATURDAY, April 30, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, 2 session play through (single session pairs welcome)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Non LM pairs (0-50, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

All pair strats determined by average MPs of pair, but AX, BCD and Non-LM MP limits apply.

SATURDAY, April 30, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, 2nd session (single session pairs welcome)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Non LM pairs (0-50, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

SUNDAY, May 1, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams (AX, BCD) VPs
Flight AX (A=3000+, X=0-3000), plays separately
Flight BCD (B=1250-2000, C=750-1250, D=0-7500)
One session Teams (Non-LM, 0-500), Win/Loss
Note: a team with any player over 2000 plays in Flight AX
All strats determined by average MPs of team



Please plan on eating out or bring your own lunch

FREE Coffee & Snacks

New players (0-5) play FREE!



Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Manager: Alan Johnson, 971-998-4261, apeace01@comcast.net

Partnership: Chuck Swart, 503-807-2044, chuckswart3@gmail.com

\$9 per session. \$12 for unpaid and non-ACBL members. Sanction #S1605085
\$3 for students under age 26 with student I.D. (\$6 if non-member)

Reception Friday! Hosted by Dan Voorhies Bridge Center following afternoon session on Friday!

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District 20 Grand National Teams 2016 Finals

Win a trip to the summer NABCs in Washington, D.C.!
 District 20 teams will receive a subsidy of \$1,800 or more, depending on how much is raised by clubs holding Grass Roots Fund games.

District Finals

All matches will be played **online with BBO** at various locations throughout D20.
 Find locations and register your team; pre-registration is required by **April 30**.

Flight	MP limits	Date and event format
Championship	none	Sat/Sun, May 21-22: 3-session qualifier RR* Sun, May 22: 2-session KO
Flight A	Under 6000	Sat, May 28: 2-session qualifying; Sun, May 29: 2-session KO*
Flight B	Under 2500	Sun, May 29: 2-session Swiss or RR
Flight C	NLM (<500)	Sun, May 22: 2-session Swiss or RR

Morning sessions start at 11 a.m. PDT (8 a.m. in HI, noon in ID); 2nd sessions TBA
 * format and days scheduled depends on number of teams participating

The District Finals pay gold points for the overalls and red points for section places. Entry fees are \$48 per team per session (\$44 in Flight C).

National Finals

Winning teams from District 20 will be invited to compete in the National Finals against the other ACBL District teams in the four flights.
 The National Finals will be held during the Summer NABCs in Washington, D.C., July 20-31.
 All four flights are 2-sessions Swiss Qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Hal Montgomery at dewitt@imaginata.com or phone (503) 583-3717.

For more information on teams:

http://www.acbld20.org/NA_Events/GNT.html

For more information on NABCs:

http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/washington-dc-summer-2016-july-21-31/



Eugene Sectional

June 3 – 5, 2016

Known for our Hospitality & Fabulous Food

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

Friday, June 3	1 p.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
	7 p.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
		<i>Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)</i>
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Saturday, June 4	10 a.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
	3 p.m.	Stratified Pairs (single session)
		<i>Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)</i>
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Sunday, June 5	10 a.m.	Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
		Second Session – TBA
		<i>Teams Stratified by Average</i>
	A=1500+	B=500-1500
		C=0-500
	
		\$9 Per Player Per Session (\$12 Unpaid/Non-Members)

Partnerships: Leigh Wells leightont1@yahoo.com 541-653-8747
 Local Chair: Judy Nevell nevelljb@comcast.net 541-228-4652

Directions from 1-5:

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

Do not park in U of O lot





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For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Margi's menagerie discuss defense, learn upside down carding

Sherry Squirrel was in the restroom one day and overheard someone saying, "I want to play notrump against Sherry all day long." This just made Sherry determined to improve her defense.

After reviewing the game she had just finished, she wondered how her opponents kept making contracts and overtricks against her.

She thought, "Maybe it's all my partners' leads, because I was only on lead once. I did lead upside down as we had agreed upon."

So she went in and chatted with her partner. Not wanting to lose this partner, she just said, "How can we improve our defense?"

Her partner, Franny Fox said, "I never knew whether to continue my suit or not when I was leading."

Franny prefers a deuce or close to it if you like a suit and a big spot card if you do not. That is called an attitude signal. Some players call this upside down. Certainly Sherry's head was a little upside down.

When I pointed out the upside down lead, she said she was sorry that I misunderstood. Carding systems, like standard or upside down, apply to discards, not to leads. She leads BOSTON (bottom of something, top of nothing). Dang, I certainly got that wrong.

No wonder I was confused. We had talked about it.

Patrick Possum likes high-low for a dou-

bleton or other even count and to indicate that he likes it. This is called standard carding.

Part of my improving campaign is going to be choosing partnership signals (attitudes) and discussing them. What a concept — getting on the same page. It is us against them. And if partner doesn't know whether I like her suit, how could they know whether to continue leading it?

The lead is important, but so is my role in encouraging or discouraging it, and to help determine what switch to make if there is a singleton on the dummy.



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Franny acknowledged that maybe some of her leads were not best, but she followed the BOSTON rule. She realized that I did not know what to do when she led a queen and I held J-3-2 with A-6-5 on the board. What would you do?

(Throw the jack on the table as soon as it is your turn! Make life easy for your partner!)

Later in the notrump defense part of our game, She led the ♣K. She had hoped I would give her count. There were three little cards on the dummy, and if she knew how many I had, she would know how many declarer had. I put down a high card saying that I did not like it. She thought I had an odd number and continued.

When partner leads from K-Q-J-x, what do I signal? Count helps partner the most in notrump.

Why do I get mixed up about count ver-

Leads and carding

Lead BOSTON: Bottom of something, top of nothing.

Choose standard or upside-down signals.

Upside down attitude signal is low for I like it and high for does not like.

Upside down count is low for doubleton or even number.

High is odd number of your partner suit or opponents' suit when they are running long suits.

Upside down carding is called that because it is the opposite of standard carding.

Standard carding uses low cards to discourage or show odd count and high to encourage or show even count.

Listen to the auction, watch the spots, and visualize the declarer's hand (did the auction make sense?)

Discuss count or attitude at notrump for your first card to their led suit (hopefully the setting suit).

Leading is hard but signals are so equally important.

How do you remember what your partner led? Because you better return this suit if you want to keep this partnership.

you see that 10 fall on your left?

I had laid down the king and saw the 10 fall. I need to protect against J-x-x on the right.

So I am going to watch my spots when I am playing or defending. I am going to listen to the auction and remember it during the play. I am going to have a consistent partnership agreement with regard to signaling my partners' leads. No more throwing cards down without watching and thinking I'm going to get into the Zen of bridge.

When they are running a suit, we have agreed to give count. On the opening lead notrump we have agreed to give attitude.

This is all partnership agreement. You just need to discuss it and make it work for you.

What about returning partner's suit? That is the number one priority when they play low from interest.

If we make these small adjustments in our defense, maybe next time our opponents will underestimate us and will we surprise them!

I am looking forward to some interesting tournaments this year. Oh boy, **Bend**, in May, I hope it is as good as the last Bend tournament. Oh boy, **Boise**, in August. Airfares are cheap right now, book your trip. **Seaside** in the fall is always fun.

This year looks to be a fun one for District 20! Write me if you have any questions about Sherry Squirrel. All characters are fictional.

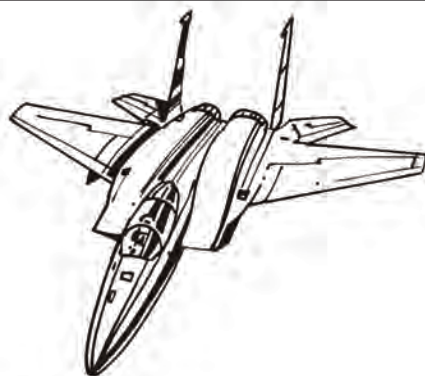
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sus attitude? Dang, every card seems to mean something.

I just read the article about Barry Crane where he says sevens are singletons. Part of my self-improvement campaign is to watch out for sevens on lead. Just yesterday I ignored a 10 of trump falling on the first round when I was playing, and sure enough, it was a singleton.

With A-8-3-2 opposite your holding K-Q-9-7, how do you play this suit when

Klamath Falls 'Top Gun' Sectional June 17-19, 2016



Elmer's Restaurant - Banquet Hall
3030 S. 6th St · Klamath Falls, OR 97603, (541) 882-1881

Entry fee: \$9 per session; \$12 non-ACBL members

Friday STRATIFIED PAIRS:

June 17 A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500
1st Single Session..... 10 a.m.
2nd Single Session..... 3 p.m.

Saturday STRATIFIED PAIRS:

June 18 A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500
1st Session..... 10 a.m.
2nd Session..... 3 p.m.

Sunday STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS:

June 19 A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500
1st Session..... 10 a.m.
2nd Session..... TBA p.m.

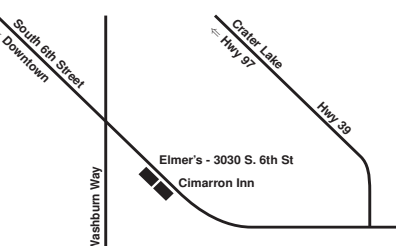
Free snacks, coffee, soda

Sunday lunch: \$7, pick any half-sandwich + choice of side

Partnership: **Bobby Thompson**
541-331-0524

Co-Chair: **Laila Griffith**
541-883-7810
Carol McClure
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\$65+tax, Mention tournament for bridge rates
541-882-4601



Director: Steve Kaessner
Sanction #: S1606022

Salem Summer Sectional

June 24-26, 2016

Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center

930 Plymouth Drive NE
Keizer, OR

Unit
490

Sanction Number 1606047

\$9 per player per session • \$12 unpaid or non-ACBL member

Friday, June 24

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

Saturday, June 25

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

Friday morning/Saturday strats: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

*3-table minimum; if no 299er Pairs, strats are 0-500, 500-1000, 1500+
(New players with 0-5 masterpoints play for free)

Sunday, June 26

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

Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Contact: Tom McGuire, 503-990-7808

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

Salem Bridge Club: 503-463-7165, salembridgeclub.org

Free coffee and cookies

Lunch available between sessions Sunday

NAP AND GNT

Everyone should enter a team for online GNT

The online finals of the four flights of our GNT are on the weekends of May 21-22 and May 28-29. I hope that you will play in as many finals as you are eligible for. Please check the D20 website for the conditions of contest.

The B and C flights on Sundays, May 22 and May 29, are one-day round robin or Swiss events. The Open and A flights starting on Saturdays, May 21 and May 28, are likely to be two-day events but could be shortened or lengthened depending on turnout. Flight A will be contested only on Saturday unless there are at least six teams. If there are 11 or more teams in the open, the two finalists will play one additional session.

This year the online finals of the NAP increased by 54%. I am hoping that our teams will increase substantially as well.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

I think the increase was due to our district's players taking advantage of the chance to play locally but compete regionally.

We had 13 playing sites competing in the NAP. We had 10 players in Medford, four in Redding and two in Roseburg. We had 51 players in the Portland area and 22 in Boise. The Clevelands opened their house to 12 in Bend, Mary Farrell to eight in Honolulu, and the

Wirths to six in Nevada City. Kauai and Eureka both hosted pairs so their players wouldn't have to cross the ocean or

NAP

By the time you read this, D20's NAP winners will be on their way to Reno. Next year's district NAP is scheduled for Oct. 8-9, 2016.

mountains to compete.

It is difficult to hold a tournament online. Players don't log in successfully. Computers or sites crash or lose their connection. Rounds can seem too short or too long.

But think about what our district did. We had 142 players from five states spanning four time zones. At the end of the weekend we had three winning pairs and eight others who qualified.

So I hope everyone enters a team. Let us get 25 teams a weekend. We have

made it easier than ever to qualify for our district finals.

Enter knowing that there will be glitches. We will try to keep them minor. Enter knowing that there will be delays. At least you do not have to travel across time zones and mountains and stay overnight in a different city. Let us have our 50 teams compete. At the end let us have four winning teams representing our wide territory.

The national finals are in Washington DC this July. The districts will subsidize the winning teams by \$1,800. I hope you will find a team and join with others across the district to play locally but compete regionally.

Hal Montgomery can be reached at dewitt@imaginata.com.

Education opportunities in Sunriver

The week of May 9, Sunriver, Ore., will host a regional tournament. Not only will it be a beautiful week in one of the most scenic places in the state, there will be plenty of opportunities for education and enrichment as well.

Become an accredited ACBL teacher

Monday-Tuesday, May 9-10

Learn the latest teaching methodology and practical teaching tools from Denise Hoffman, program director of Audrey Grant's Better Bridge teacher accreditation program. The 1½ day seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 9, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 10. It will include a "class in action." Upon completion of this course, teachers will be accredited by the ACBL.

The fee is \$75 for District 20 members and \$125 for nonmembers. The course includes a teacher's guide, sample lesson plans, teaching materials, along with a 30-day complimentary subscription to Audrey Grant's Online Interactive Daily Bridge Column. Advance registration is requested by May 1 (see below).

Become a director

Course on Mon., May 9; test on Wed., May 11

Matt Koltnow, recognized with the Tom Weeks Award for his professionalism and exemplary work, will be the instructor for

a director's course class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 9. The course is designed for anyone wanting to become a club director. This is also a great opportunity to learn the rules of the game, even if you do not have an interest in directing a game.

The open book director's test will be administered from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 11. The cost is \$100, which includes a basic director's library and the cost of taking the test. Advance registration is requested by May 1 (see below).



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

The Power of Two-Suited Hands

Tuesday, May 10

A free two-hour seminar, The Power of Two-Suited Hands And Their Impact on Hand Evaluation, will be taught by Denise Hoffman on Tuesday morning,

May 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This seminar will appeal to players with a wide range of experience and skill. Since space is limited, advance registration is required.

To register for the teacher accreditation and director's course, mail a check to Deborah Lackey, D20 Education Liaison, 1138 43rd St., Washougal WA 98671.

To register for The Power of Two-Suited Hands seminar or for more information on any of these courses, contact Deborah by phone at 360-216-7484 or email Deborah@DeborahLackey.com.

HAWAII REGIONAL RESULTS

Total masterpoints: 7418.66 earned by 488 players. Total attendance: 1091 tables.

1	114.53	Steve Garner, Chicago IL	38.19	Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	154	15.53	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
	114.53	Robert Lebi, Toronto ON	38.19	Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	...	15.53	Dawn Campbell, Portland OR
	114.53	Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL	47	Rick Roeder, La Mesa CA	159	15.29	Thomas Ryder, Boise ID
	114.53	Jeff Wolfson, Chicago IL	50	34.84 Rich Carle, Longview WA	152.29	15.29	Suzy Ryder, Boise ID
5	100.22	Ron Smith, Chicago IL	53	34.37 Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI	161	15.27	Sue Wallace, Kailua HI
	100.22	Josh Donn, Las Vegas NV	53	34.37 Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI	...	15.27	Carol Zajac, Kailua HI
	100.22	David Grainger, Roseville CA	56	34.24 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI	165	15.01	Sabrina O'Hearn, Honolulu HI
8	95.30	Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL	58	33.40 Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI	167	14.98	Etsuko Kamo, Honolulu HI
9	76.54	Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL	63	32.24 Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI	168	14.81	Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI
10	72.08	Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan	63	32.24 Alan Arakawa, Kahului HI	169	14.68	Peter Galbraith, Kaneohe HI
	72.08	Ayako Miyakuni, Tokyo, Japan	65	31.77 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI	170	14.58	Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI
12	71.86	Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	73	26.87 Muriel Stitt, Honolulu HI	172	14.43	Justin Beck, Sherwood OR
13	68.93	Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID	76	26.31 Ron Resnick, Kula HI	180	13.39	Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
	68.93	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA	76	26.31 Ron Resnick, Kula HI	181	13.36	Yoonji Kim, Honolulu HI
	68.93	Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA	79	26.22 Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA	188	12.89	William Smits, Kapolei HI
16	60.10	Karen Epley, Kent WA	...	26.22 Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA	189	12.79	Edwina Moscatelli, Honolulu HI
	60.10	Howard Epley, Kent WA	82	25.67 Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	190	12.75	Patricia Montgomery, Honokaa HI
	60.10	Barbara Nist, Seatac WA	83	25.58 Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI	191	12.15	Maurice Fujimoto, Honolulu HI
19	56.73	Don Sache, Delta BC	84	25.56 Joseph Habeich, Portland OR	193	12.05	Doug McCalla, Kahaeo HI
20	53.72	Richard Williams, San Carlos CA	85	25.55 Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	198	11.87	Ginger Cox, Honolulu HI
	53.72	Jody Williams, San Carlos CA	87	24.46 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI	199	11.86	Mary Farrell, Honolulu HI
22	53.16	Larry Mori, Clearwater FL	88	24.12 Tom Fagan, Kailua HI	201	11.78	Loring Harkness, Kilauea HI
23	49.93	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI	88	24.12 Katie Fagan, Kailua HI	202	11.64	Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI
24	48.21	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI	90	23.91 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI	203	11.63	Ruben Paet, Kapolei HI
25	47.72	Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI	92	23.45 Howard Co, Honolulu HI	205	11.62	Lolita Horney, Lihue HI
26	47.17	Joe Monro, Beverly Hills MI	93	22.60 Wilfred Motokane, Honolulu HI	206	11.43	Gail Buck, Pahoehoe HI
27	47.04	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	...	22.60 Richard Wong, Honolulu HI	...	11.43	Dickie Motherwell, Pahoehoe HI
28	46.11	Rhonda Monro, Beverly Hills MI	102	21.63 Robert Hope, Honolulu HI	210	11.37	Greg Manchuk, Kihei HI
29	45.03	Laura Kenney, San Rafael CA	104	21.10 Wallace Young, Honolulu HI	212	11.37	A Acey, Honolulu HI
	45.03	Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA	108	20.62 Gary Rosenthal, Kailua HI	212	11.21	Patti Moore, Kahaeo HI
31	44.71	Owen Lien, Detroit MI	110	20.38 Robert Liu, Honolulu HI	214	11.10	John Gram, Boise ID
32	43.48	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	111	20.29 Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI	220	10.77	Kathleen Manchuk, Kihei HI
33	43.08	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	118	19.70 Barbara Linn, Honolulu HI	221	10.73	Larry Denneau Jr, Honolulu HI
34	42.76	Jack Patnode, Kula HI	127	18.57 Bruce Martin, Paia HI	221	10.73	Joseph Bussen, Kailua HI
35	41.09	Joe Grue, New York NY	130	17.98 Penny Kallaus, Kailua HI	223	10.70	Suzanne St Thomas, Boise ID
36	40.73	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC	134	17.57 Martin Leftik, Honolulu HI	225	10.56	Bob Frank, Eugene OR
38	40.57	Jon Brandon, Denver CO	139	17.45 Judy Rimer, Kihei HI	227	9.99	Cheryl McIlroy, Kailua HI
39	39.57	Charles Gilman, Encinitas CA	141	17.07 Kenneth Lee, Honolulu HI	229	9.92	Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI
40	38.85	Spencer Jones, Denver CO	142	16.65 Richard Lanke, Honolulu HI	232	9.86	Pat Brown, Kailua HI
	38.85	Peggy Ware, Denver CO	150	16.03 Marion McLaren, Honolulu HI	234	9.86	Margaret Brown, Kailua HI
42	38.25	Garth Yettick, Denver CO	153	15.61 Catherine Hess, Kaneohe HI	...	9.85	Martie Wright, Honolulu HI
43	38.19	Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV	9.85	Judith Mason, Honolulu HI
	38.19	Linda Lewis, Las Vegas NV	9.85	Judith Mason, Honolulu HI

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ACBL District 20 presents:

Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar

Monday-Tuesday, May 9-10, 2016

Oregon High Desert Regional at Sunriver Resort (<http://www.sunriver-resort.com>)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, May 9	<p>LATEST TEACHING METHODOLOGY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ STEAM! A focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons ▶ The Cards-on-the-Table method <p>NEW PRACTICAL TEACHING TOOLS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bridge for the absolute beginner and players with a wide range of experience and skill ▶ Class management techniques ▶ Marketing tips ▶ Professional development resources
9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, May 10	<p>A CLASS IN ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend a live demonstration ▶ Moving forward!

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- Teacher's guide
- Sample lesson plans
- Materials:
 - Bridge Basics 1: An introduction
 - Coded cards for Bridge Basics 1
 - Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding
 - Comprehensive Participant package
- Bridge At A Glance booklet
- and more!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 1: \$75 fee for District 20 members; \$125 for all others. Make checks payable to **ACBL District 20**.

CONTACT: D20 Education Coordinator **Deborah Lackey**. Email: deborah@deborahlackey.com; phone: 360-216-7484; mail to: 1138 43rd St., Washougal, WA 98671

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DIRECTOR COURSE

at the

OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

at Sunriver Resort near Bend (<http://www.sunriver-resort.com>)

Prepare to become a club director or get an in-depth overview of the ACBL laws in the club director course.



When

- **Class:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, May 9
- **Test** (open book): 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, May 11

What

- Instructor: **Matt Koltnow**
- Cost: **\$100**, which includes materials and fee for taking the director's test



Advance registration is appreciated.

Please send checks payable to **ACBL District 20** to District 20 Education Coordinator **Deborah Lackey**, 1138 43rd St., Washougal, WA 98671. For information, email deborah@deborahlackey.com or call 360-216-7484.





OREGON HIGH DESERT REGIONAL

May 9-15, 2016
Sunriver Resort,
Sunriver, Ore.



SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 9

7 p.m.
 Black Butte Bracketed KOs 1 of 4
 Stratified Charity Pairs Single session
 ♦ 299er Stratified Charity Pairs Single session

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9 a.m.
 Black Butte Bracketed KOs 2 of 4
 High Desert Side Game Series 1 of 5
1 p.m.
 Black Butte Bracketed KOs 3 of 4
 Broken Top Bracketed KOs 1 of 4
 Stratified Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Deschutes River Side Game Series 1 of 4
7 p.m.
 Black Butte Bracketed KOs 4 of 4
 Broken Top Bracketed KOs 2 of 4
 Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Stratified Swiss Teams Single session
 Deschutes River Side Game Series 2 of 4

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9 a.m.
 Morning Swiss Teams 1 of 2
 High Desert Side Game Series 2 of 5
1 p.m.
 Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs 1 of 4
 Broken Top Bracketed KOs 3 of 4
 Open Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Deschutes River Side Game Series 3 of 4
7 p.m.
 Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs 2 of 4
 Broken Top Bracketed KOs Open Pairs 4 of 4
 Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Deschutes River Side Game Series 4 of 4
 Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9 a.m.
 Morning Swiss Teams 2 of 2
 High Desert Side Game Series 3 of 5
1 p.m.
 Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs 3 of 4
 Open Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 1 of 6
7 p.m.
 Mt. Bachelor Bracketed KOs 4 of 4
 Open Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 2 of 6

FRIDAY, MAY 13

9 a.m.
 Mt. Jefferson Compact KOs 1 of 2
 High Desert Side Game Series 4 of 5
1 p.m.
 Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs 1 of 4
 Stratified Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 3 of 6
7 p.m.
 Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs 2 of 4
 Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 4 of 6
 Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

SATURDAY, MAY 14

9 a.m.
 Mt. Jefferson Compact KOs 2 of 2
 High Desert Side Game Series 5 of 5
1 p.m.
 Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs 3 of 4
 Three Sisters Compact KOs 1 of 2
 Stratified Pairs 1 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 5 of 6
7 p.m.
 Cascade Mountains Bracketed KOs 4 of 4
 Three Sisters Compact KOs 2 of 2
 Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
 ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs Single session
 Bend Side Game Series 6 of 6
 Stratified Swiss Teams Single session

SUNDAY, MAY 15

10 a.m. & TBA
 Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams Two sessions
10 a.m.
 ♦ 299er Swiss Teams Single session

LOCATION

SUNRIVER RESORT

17600 Center Drive,
 Sunriver, OR 97707.
 Book at 800-547-3922.

RATES: Lodge Village Guest-rooms 1 king or 2 doubles \$115; Lodge Village Suites 2 queens, queen hideabed \$159; River Lodge Deluxe Room 1 king or 2 queens \$159. Reservations guaranteed until April 8, 2016 or until "bridge block" is full. Additional housing: More than 350 homes and condominiums.

For best amenities and discounts, stay at Sunriver Resort: Choose the hotel lodges or one of 350 houses, cabins or condominiums.

- ★ Complimentary wireless, parking and valet
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WELCOME INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PLAYERS

I/N Coordinator: Margi Redden,
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- Speakers
- Mini-lessons
- Prizes
- Reception
- ♦ Gold Point and 299er events



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EDUCATION AT SUNRIVER

Club Directors Course and Test Better Bridge Teacher Training Program

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STRATIFICATIONS

Open Pairs: Open/3000/1500
 ♦ **Gold Point Pairs:** 750/300/100
Stratified Pairs: Open/2000/750
 ♦ **299er Stratified Events:**
 A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X (20 vp, plays alone):
 A: 3000+; X: 0-3000
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams BCD (20 vp): B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500.

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

TABLE FEES

ACBL members \$12; non- and unpaid members, \$16; under 26, \$5.



Village at Sunriver offers 10 plus dining places and exceptional boutiques and galleries.

D'Orsi Cup: Portland pair reaches semifinal of world championship event

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would give us several days to acclimate to the time difference. Chennai is a 13½ hour difference from the West Coast. I have no idea why there is a half-hour difference, but there is.

The hotel was called the Grande Chola and it was a palace. It took up most of a couple of city blocks and all the floors and walls were marble. We arrived at 4 a.m. Tuesday morning and found our way to the room and fell into our beds. I had managed to follow the age-old advice of sleeping on the plane as though adhering to the time at our destination. Getting there at 4 in the morning after spending an hour and a half retrieving our luggage and getting through customs sort of spoiled the plan. Even so, by the time we started play, we had fully adjusted to the time difference. I saw lots of players there who would learn this lesson the hard way.

The day before we started there was an opening ceremony. It was quite a sight. There was music blaring and speeches from the tournament sponsors (much too long if you ask me) and it ended with each nation participating being called out as their national anthem played. That was fun. Denmark certainly made an impression: They were jumping and screaming and dancing in the aisles when their country was called. There was, of course, discussion from all the different players concerning the recent cheating scandals.

Fortunately those scandals didn't seem to affect our event.

Round robin

On to the play! We were going to play the other 21 teams in the Senior Teams (called the D'Orsi Cup) over seven days. Three matches of 16 boards each day. We had three pairs so each pair would play two matches and sit out one.

This means you only play 32 boards a day and that seems like a comfortable schedule. But playing against great players with directors hovering looking at their watches getting ready to assess late play penalties make it tense and grueling. We needed to make the top eight to qualify for the knockout phase.

We had a dangerous draw. You want to ask how that can be if it is a round-robin? Well, it turned out that we would play almost all the top teams the last two days. It would be better to play weak teams that had already fallen to the wayside. They wouldn't have as keen an interest in those last few matches. We got most of those weaker teams early when they were still hoping for a glorious outcome.

Luckily for our team, we appreciated that we needed to do extremely well against the weaker teams early, because we wouldn't have easy teams at the end. By the end of the week, we were sitting sixth. I had hoped for better, but just making it to the final eight would just have to do for the moment.



Flags are presented at the opening ceremony.

Quarterfinal

We got Ireland for the quarterfinals. I thought this was just fine, but Barry Rigal who is very friendly with all the players on our team told us over dinner that Ireland was his pick to challenge Zia and company for the title. He thought it was an unlucky draw for us.

Our match with Ireland turned out to be a dogfight. They had an 11 IMP carry-over because they had beaten us in the round robin. There were tough boards and mistakes by both sides, but we kept winning by small amounts. After three sets we were halfway done and still trailing by 3 IMPs. We had won all three sets by small amounts.

The fourth set was our first breakthrough and we were finally leading in the match by 14 IMPs. We lost an IMP in the

fifth set and now it all came down to the last set and could we hold on to a 13-IMP lead. There were some exciting boards but our team had the best of the swing hands and we were winners!

Semifinal

That was the good news. The bad news is that we were now forced to play USA1 (the team that beat us twice during the trials) because the WBF rules don't want two USA teams playing each other in the finals. (The U.S. is the only zone that gets two teams from the same country).

The match started slowly with the first two sets being very even. But alas, everything fell apart in the third set. They played great at both tables and then Marc and I bid a slam that was almost exactly a tossup. Alas, the finesse was off, the residual chances didn't work out and I went down. They didn't bid the slam at the other table and this turned out to be a 25-IMP swing. The match was still competitive but we never really got close after that third set.

This paired us in the bronze medal playoff with a very strong Polish team. Although we did well enough at the start, it was pretty obvious that our team had run out of gas. There were too many mistakes and we eventually lost by about 60 IMPs.

This means we ended up fourth. Not such a bad result against this level of competition, but it was a big disappointment after conquering Ireland and heading into the semifinals.

Goodwill: Four are honored for service to district, units with award appointments

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Gramson and Baker were both grade-school teachers, so teaching bridge felt like a logical next step. "We enjoy the joint teaching experience and new people we have met," Baker explains. "It has been rewarding and exciting to share with others the game of bridge."

Gramson herself says she feels very honored to receive this award, but she left the gushing to Baker: "Ann Marie is a very smart, articulate woman with a very generous heart and care for others. She encourages others, and especially new players, to play often."

But Gramson's real claim to fame is her annual summer party for the Seaside unit 491. "We usually have 16 to 18 tables with a STaC game followed by a salmon and tuna barbecue," Gramson said. We hope to receive an invite next year. :)

The matchmaker: Gee Gee Walker

Our next winner has been described as the kind of person who doesn't wait to be asked to help on a project. Jim Flint first met Gee Gee Walker at Medford area bridge clubs in 2009. "I noticed over the first few weeks of playing bridge in Jackson County that she was a very good bridge player," said Flint, who soon began frequently partnering with Walker.

Among her many contributions to the bridge community, Walker puts together the calendar for the year and unit directory, regularly volunteers to be partnership chair for local tournaments, is welcoming to new players, and is currently conducting a class for beginners. "She is an enthusiastic promoter of bridge," Flint says.

Sue Kroning is also Team Gee Gee, describing her as conscientious and hard-working. The two have worked together for several years on the board of the District 20, of which Walker is currently serving as secretary and area rep for Southern and Central Oregon. Kroning says Walker was instrumental in getting an extra regional for Southern Oregon in 2014.

Sharon Fauss also praised Walker's leadership among the bridge community. "She has done an excellent job as partnership chair for unit games and sectional



Gee Gee Walker, left, and Laurie Rowe, center, both serve on the district board and in their units; Portland unit president Amy Casanova is the new managing editor of the Trumpet.

and regional tournaments held in our community," Fauss said.

For Walker, serving as partnership chair is the fun part. "I am thrilled when a partnership 'works,'" she says.

In a new effort to promote bridge, Walker has recently started teaching new players. As a retired teacher, Walker said it's a natural progression for her.

"We have a growing and vital 199er group, but there is a need for bridge education at the very basic level," she said. "I am enjoying revisiting my early experiences through my students."

Kroning sums up Walker's nomination in one statement: "Gee Gee is just a delightful person — she is so committed to promoting bridge, and she's always kind and hospitable and just fun to be with."

The advocate: Laurie Rowe

Our next appointee has been described as gracious, steady and talented — with national-caliber potential. Meet Laurie Rowe, another District 20 board member and, now, Goodwill Committee member.

Rowe started playing bridge in college some 42 years ago. According to Don Marsh, she's certainly built up a skill for the game over the years.

"I think if Laurie was present at a national event and suddenly a team needed a fill-in player, she would certainly hold

her own," Marsh brags. "She often partners with Gard Hays, and it seems one need say no more than that."

Beyond skill, there's her commitment to the bridge community. Marsh says Rowe has served on the Eugene unit board, including one term as president, and is the area rep for Eugene, Albany-Corvallis and Salem. Rowe also has a reputation for her graciousness at the table, a willingness to stand up for others and desire to bring younger players into the game.

When asked what drives her to give back in this way, Rowe explains she's been lucky to play with more experienced players and now wants to give back. And as an experienced player, she has a low tolerance for bad behavior at the bridge table. "I think bridge is an honorable game," Rowe says. "Most importantly, while I am a competitive person and want everyone to have fun at the table, if someone is being nasty, they need to know they are being rude. While I've played long enough to be able to ignore some bad behavior, newbies should not experience this."

To all the Trumpet readers out there, Rowe would just like to say thank you. "I've made wonderful friends through the many years playing bridge, and frankly, when I was divorced 10 years ago, bridge was a life saver." So, it seems, the bridge community is as appreciative of Rowe as she is to the game itself.

The volunteer: Amy Casanova

She's a mom. A unit president. The new editor of the Trumpet. And now, she can add Goodwill Committee member to her many accomplishments. She's Amy Casanova and she has made quite a splash in the bridge community in her 20 years in the game.

Fellow players can't say enough about what Casanova does for the community. One of her partners, Leslie Kelinson, says Casanova is always going the extra mile, whether that's helping the directors hand out boards or cleaning up after the game. "She has time for everybody," Kelinson says. "No matter what the occasion calls for."

Casanova says that she knows how intimidating it can be to ask someone to play, so she told herself she'd play with anyone once. "It's completely flattering to be asked to play, and to be asked about a problem hand," she says.

Chuck Swart also had glowing things to say about Casanova's contributions. "She has mentored several players and is always willing to help new players, both with games and with advice," he said. He also believes she's doing a solid job as unit president. "In short, she gives back to the bridge community."

Joe Stanisiewski adds to the chorus. "From directing, to mentoring, to cooking, to making coffee, she has put so much effort in," Stanisiewski explains. "It has really become a part of her family."

So, why is Casanova such a supporter of the bridge community?

"I'd say the bridge world has enhanced my life more than what I have given back," she responds. Casanova says she will keep working to equalize the difference. "Bridge has taught me a lot about myself and has allowed me to grow in a way I hadn't realized possible through a card game."

As much as she respects her fellow players and the game, they return the favor.

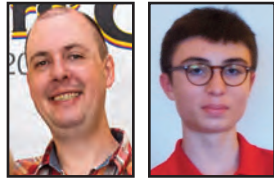
"It astounds me how such a young woman can be so wise," Kelinson says. "She truly is a present to all of us who know and love her."

To nominate someone for the Goodwill Committee, contact district director Merlin Vilhauer at MerlinV@msn.com.

Two D20 players rank among top five in national 0-5 race

District 20's closest 2015 masterpoint race was also the one where players performed best nationally. In the 0-5 Mini-McKenney race, **Kevin Marnell** beat **Louis Beauchet** by just 0.13 — 158.87 to 158.74.

Marnell was fourth in ACBL; Beauchet fifth. Also in this bracket, **David Muller** was 12th and **Frank Larson** 23rd. Marnell was fourth in the Ace of Clubs race.



Kevin Marnell Louis Beauchet

The highest individual placing was **Dawn Campbell**, who came in second in 500-1000. Although more than 200 points behind Christian Jolly nationally, she led D20 by 250 points.

Other notable finishes were **Roger McNay**, sixth in 7500-10,000; **Dick Jarvinen**, 10th in both races for 200-300; and **Irva Kay Neyhart**, fifth in the Ace of Clubs and 12th in Mini-McKenney for 2500-5000. Neyhart's 2015 haul of 813.93 masterpoints was the third-most in the district, behind Huub Bertens and McNay.

A list of the top placers in each bracket and pictures of all winners are on page 3.

Carle: Board elects new vice president, treasurer

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Deborah Lackey attended.

Elections were conducted, and officers for 2016 are Rich Carle, president; **Jim Smith**, vice president; **Molly Harris**, treasurer; and **Gee Gee Walker**, secretary.



Jim Smith

The Finance Committee had met in late January to consider the past year's operations and to budget for this year. Our four regional tournaments plus the GNT and NAP programs were successful for the most part both in attendance and in profitability. However, the D20 balance sheet showed a loss of almost \$5,000 for 2015.

The regionals are our primary source of income to offset our non-tournament costs including the Trumpet, GNT subsidies, business expenses, and the education and I/N programs.

(Note: the Hawaii Regional is a separate entity and does not appear in the D20 financial statements.)

In spite of raising player fees, the Finance Committee is projecting a loss of nearly \$10,000 for 2016. This is due to mandated higher costs in most areas of our operations (ACBL sanction and director fees; hotel expenses; business expenses) and potential lower regional attendance. The committee looked hard at all our programs and recommended reductions where sensible.

We are still in great financial shape, but we can't continue to deplete our reserves by operating at a loss. You can help by attending and playing often in our four regionals, our GNT club-qualifiers, and our online GNT/NAP finals!

The Finance Committee did a thorough and commendable job in trying to limit our budgeted expense exposure. However, past practices and policies regarding compensation and perks need to be reexamined. So I've

appointed a committee to be chaired by **Sam Asai** to study the issues and make a recommendation to the board for reasonable, consistent guidelines.

As you read this, the GNT club-qualifying period is over. Our D20 Finals take place the last two weekends in May. Visit the D20 website to find competition details for the four flights. You can form teams from anyone in the district who qualified, and you don't have to play at the same location thanks to the online format.

Note: May is Grass Roots Fund month. Please encourage your club manager to conduct GRF games. These games help provide subsidies to the D20 winners advancing to the nationals, and they pay extra masterpoints at only a \$1 per player extra fee.

See you at the High Desert Regional at Sunriver OR in May.

Remember: play bridge; have fun!

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Juniors reach finals at JUSBC

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

Two juniors from District 20 competed to represent the U.S. in world championships, both captaining teams that reached the final rounds of their events.

When the nation's top junior players gathered in Atlanta during the last week of 2015 for the Junior U.S. Bridge Championships, among them were **Ben Bomber**, a Vancouver WA native currently in law school at Michigan State University, and **Jake Olsen**, a senior at Sunset High School in Portland.

In the under 26 category, Bomber's team first reached the final in the USA1 bracket, then dropped into the final for USA2 — facing the same team they had beaten in the USA1 semifinal. This time, Bomber's team lost to the team led by Greg Herman, who was Bomber's partner when they won the Collegiate Championship in 2013 for the University of Washington.



Ben Bomber

In the under 21 category, Olsen's team also reached the final, losing to the team led by David Soukup.

Bomber played with Anant Rathi of San Diego CA, Sean Gannon, Blake Sanders, Nate Munger and Roger Gong.

Olsen played with Cole Spencer of Fayetteville AR, William Danielsen and Julian Kurtzman. Spencer was chosen as an addition to the U21 team that will go to the world championships in Italy in August.



Jake Olsen

In the round robin phase, Olsen's team qualified as the third seed, drawing the Koppel team in the semifinal and starting with a 3.06 carryover. Koppel got off to a 30-IMP lead in the first quarter, but things turned in the second quarter as Olsen came back 69-30 to take the lead.

Here is Olsen in action during the second quarter of the semifinal.

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

West	North	East	South
Koppel	Spencer	Smith	Olsen
	1♦	Dbl	1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Reese Koppel led the ♦A, which Olsen ruffed. He played the ♣Q, covered by the ♣K and ♣A, and played the ♠9 off the board. Cooper Smith went up with the ace and returned a club to dummy's ♠10. Olsen cashed the ♦K, pitching a spade, and followed with the ♦Q, ruffed with the ♥10 and overruffed with the ♥A.

Olsen then ruffed a spade on the board and exited with a club, ruffed by Smith, who returned the ♥Q to dummy's ♥K. Olsen ruffed a diamond and then another spade with dummy's last trump. Olsen then ruffed another diamond with his last trump for his 10th trick, leaving Smith to ruff the ♠K on the last trick. Plus 790.

At the other table, Gianni Hsieh played in 4♥ not doubled. He was in position to make it on this four-card ending:

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

Hsieh ruffed a spade with dummy's last trump and played a diamond. Forced to ruff, William Danielsen played the ♥10. Had Hsieh pitched his spade loser, Danielsen would have to lead from ♥J 8 into the ♥A 9. But Hsieh overruffed, giving Danielsen the last two tricks and going down one. This was 13 IMPs and the third consecutive double-digit swing for Olsen.

Olsen maintained a lead through the third quarter and then completely dominated the fourth quarter to win handily.

In the final against Soukup (Hakan Berk, Nolan Chang and Issac Stephani), Olsen was down 77-16 in the first quarter and never recovered.

In the under 26 category, USA1 went to Kaplan (Adam Kaplan, Zach Brescoll, Adam Grossack, Zack Grossack, Ben Kristensen and Kevin Rosenberg).

Herman's USA2 team includes Christian Jolly, Oren Kriegel, Anam Tebha, Jordan Kaye and Julie Arbit.

The trials also produced a Rona Cup team of Isha Thapa, Allison Hunt, Rebecca Weirnis, Asya Ladyzhensky, Amber Lin and Kathleen Loeb.

Regionals: Lots to do in Sunriver

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block rate is filling quickly. It proved to be a popular tournament in 2014 and our director in charge, Matt Smith, is expecting a 15% increase in table count. Might help explain why the rooms are going quickly!

On the way to Sunriver, I always enjoy a stop in the quaint town of Sisters. It's like taking a step back in time, when life didn't seem so stressful and busy. A nice relaxing stop before tackling the challenges at the bridge tables.

The timing of the runway repaving project at the Redmond airport is most unfortunate. Regrettably, we will lose some out-of-state players because of it. We will expect them to join us at Sunriver in 2018. Maybe that means more masterpoints for you this year!

You might want to consider spending some extra time in Sunriver enjoying

the biking and walking trails, playing some golf, doing some fishing or canoeing, or just enjoying the desert country.

And of course, in August you will want to attend D20's first **Great Potato Regional**, Aug. 8-14. Who doesn't like a baked potato bar? Yes, of course there will be one! If you drive to Boise, rather than fly, you can enjoy the spectacularly beautiful scenery of the Columbia River Gorge en route. I never tire of its beauty.

McKenzie Myers will be the director in charge. We can always count on him to manage a successful event.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in Sunriver and Boise. When you have a break in your events, please take a moment to let me know how you are enjoying the tournaments. Enjoy the games!

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Vilhauer: ACBL membership up a bit

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As of the end of November 2015, ACBL membership stands at 168,418, an increase of 692 members for the year. It would be nice if this trend continued.

Overall this year has been a difficult year financially for the ACBL; attendance is down at both tournaments and clubs, which means less income. After hours of discussion the board voted to raise the fees charged to tournaments and clubs.

The finance committee has projected a deficit of \$800,000 in 2016 due to a large increase in technology costs to bring our systems up to date. To lower this deficit some increases have been made:

- ♦ All regional and sectional fees are increased by approximately 2%; STaC fees are increased by approximately 3%; the open sectional surcharge is increased by approximately 9%; and TD session fees are increased by approximately 9%.

- ♦ The \$1.25 club game fee is rescinded and the club per-table fee is increased by approximately 11%; and the short game (12-17 boards) per table fee is increased by approximately 6%. STaCs and all unit and special games held at clubs will now be subject to the per-table fee.

- ♦ The NABC team screen table surcharge is rescinded and NABC+ entry fees are increased by 15%, effective at the Summer 2016 NABC.

Other items of interest include:

- ♦ Tournament Director University classes were held in December; 12 stu-

dents participated in two five-day sessions.

- ♦ A motion passed that the ACBL president appoint a Board Composition Advisory Committee of nine members, consisting of three board members, one of whom would chair the committee, two members from management, two Board of Governors members and two members at large.

This is a serious attempt to decrease the size of the 25-member board, which many believe to be too large and unwieldy. The committee's final report will be due by the spring 2017 meeting. Redistricting is always a very hard sell.

I have appointed four new and deserving members to the National Goodwill Committee for 2016. This is a lifetime appointment and is for goodwill in the ACBL. The appointments for 2016 are: **Ann Marie Gramson**, Warrenton OR; **Gee Gee Walker**, Medford OR; **Laurie Rowe**, Eugene OR; and **Amy Casanova**, Portland OR. Congratulations to all. Remember, if you feel some member is deserving of this honor, please let me know for next year's appointments.

For more board news, you can read the full meeting minutes at the ACBL website.

We have four regional tournaments in District 20 this year. Yet to come are Sunriver in May, Boise in August, and Seaside in September/October.

If I can answer any questions or if you want to pass along any news or suggestions, please contact me.

District director Merlin Vilhauer can be reached at MerlinV@msn.com.



Disctrict 20's first regional in Boise, Idaho

THE GREAT POTATO REGIONAL

Aug. 8-14, 2016

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUG. 8

Charity Pairs
(part of Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series) 1 of 6
Stratified Charity Swiss 1 of 1

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

Snake River KO Teams 1 of 3
Morning Side Game Series 1 of 5

City of Trees KO Teams 1 of 4
Stratified Pairs 1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs 1 of 1
Boise Side Game Series 1 of 5

City of Trees KO Teams 2 of 4
Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs 1 of 1
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 2 of 6
Ontario Stratified Swiss 1 of 1

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

Snake River KO Teams 2 of 3
Morning Side Game Series 2 of 5

City of Trees KO Teams 3 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
Boise Side Game Series 2 of 5

City of Trees KO Teams 4 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 3 of 6

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

Snake River KO Teams 3 of 3
Morning Side Game Series 3 of 5

Treasure Valley KO Teams 1 of 4
Stratified Pairs 1 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs 1 of 1
Boise Side Game Series 3 of 5

THURSDAY, AUG. 11 (CONT.)

Treasure Valley KO Teams 2 of 4
Stratified Pairs 2 of 2
♦ 299er Stratified Pairs 1 of 1
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 4 of 6
Shoshone Stratified Swiss Teams 1 of 1

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

Sawtooth Swiss Teams 1 of 2
Morning Side Game Series 4 of 5

Treasure Valley KO Teams 3 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
Boise Side Game Series 4 of 5

Treasure Valley KO Teams 4 of 4
Three Strat Open Pairs 2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 5 of 6

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

Sawtooth Swiss Teams 2 of 2
Morning Side Game Series 5 of 5

Hells Canyon Compact KO Teams 1 of 2
Three Strat Open Pairs 1 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 1 of 2
Boise Side Game Series 5 of 5

Hells Canyon Compact KO Teams 2 of 2
Three Strat Open Pairs 2 of 2
♦ Gold Point Pairs 2 of 2
Nampa-Caldwell Side Game Series 6 of 6

Lewis and Clark Stratified Swiss 1 of 1

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

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



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STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Pairs: Open/2000/1250.

Gold Point Pairs: 750/300/200.

Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750.

299er Stratified Pairs: A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X: (20 vp; plays alone) A: 3000+; X: 0-3000.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams BCD: (20 vp) B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500.

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

♣ Midchart Conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/AX & top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events.

♣ One bracket KO may be handicapped.

♥ Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.

♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events

♦ Speakers, Mini-lessons, Party, Prize beads



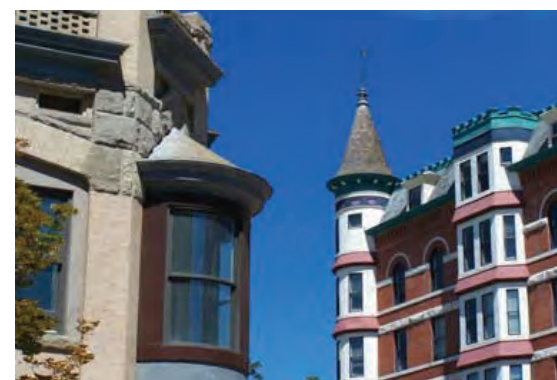
TABLE FEES

Table Fees: ACBL members \$12; non and unpaid \$16; under age 26 \$5.



ACBL DISTRICT 20

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The historic Idanha Hotel (now apartments).

AROUND THE UNITS

Ontario club manager retires after 45 years

Ontario pays tribute to our longtime secretary, treasurer and club manager, **Dolores Echanis**, who retired from her many duties at the end of 2015. For the past 45 years she has seen to it that our club ran smoothly, and diligently recorded the weekly bridge results for publication in our local newspaper.

Dolores is a Gold Life Master with more than 3,400 points. In 1960 she began playing duplicate bridge at the urging of her sister, the late **Lorraine Lackey**, and in her first game ever came in second. Just a week later she and her sister won at a tourna-



Dolores Echanis



Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

ment in McCall, Idaho, and she was hooked!

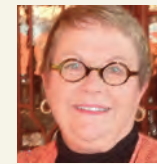
In 1983 she won an event at the nationals in Hawaii, and just a little later in Pendleton, Ore., she beat a team who had won the Grand National Teams! Her highest score to date is a whopping 79.85%.

Dolores grew up in the shadow of the Malheur Butte near Ontario, an extinct volcano, which she climbed many times. Her parents were ranchers and she became an excellent rider and roper. She could rope both from a horse or a wagon,

and once caught 50 calves in one day. Several times she was also charged by cows, and once she knelt on a 500-pound steer's neck so he could be vaccinated.

It's hard to believe this still very beautiful, petite and feminine lady did all this. On her softer side she was the Malheur County Rodeo Queen in 1947, and represented Ontario in the Idaho Payette County Apple Blossom Festival the same year.

Although she is well into her 80s she still plays a very good game of bridge, placing almost every time. Her patience is legendary and she is always cheerful and encouraging with partners and opponents alike. For decades she has been our goodwill ambassador extraordinaire, and our club owes her a huge debt. Thank you, Dolores, for all your help.



Boise



By Nancy Harris

A thriving club

Thanks to Bridge Cooperative of Boise club owners **Candy Bonawitz**, **Kay Read**, **Daryl Sallaz** and **Judy Stauffer**, competitive bridge is thriving in Boise. The club welcomes members and offers fair games, hot coffee and friendly smiles.

Two years ago our unit went through a series of many changes that were hard on the bridge community. One club opened, another closed. Allegiances were divided but Unit 394 survived and is thriving.

There were many classes taught last year by **Candy Bonawitz**, **Kathy Downen**, **Daryl Sallaz**, **Sue Uranga**, **Revell May** and **Ian Martindale**. Our membership reflects their many hours of hard work. It is great to see our newcomers joining in our regular games and sectionals. I remember my struggles when I first started playing bridge 25 years ago and sympathize with their efforts at competitive play. Best of luck to all of them.

The Boise Sweetheart Sectional was held in February.

The unit took full advantage to celebrate the holidays at its annual meeting and Christmas dinner on Dec. 8. The game was lively with 21 tables in the open game and 2½ tables in flight C.

Officers for 2016 are: **Ian Martindale**, president; **Darrell Mooney**, vice president; **Nancy Harris**, treasurer; **Nancy Feldman**, secretary; **Mike Hurt**, hospitality chair; **Beverly Fransen**, tournament chair; and **Tim Kempf**, membership chair.

Not to be out done, the club also offered a catered holiday luncheon. The food was delicious and more than ample. With all the wonderful cooks in the unit, our banquet table was laden with delicious Christmas cookies and candies. It is a mystery how 22½ tables were squeezed in. The play was elbow to elbow with lots of merriment for one and all.

Unit 394 is proud of our North American Pairs District 20 champions. First in flight A, **Craig Jones** and **Steve Nafus** and second in flight C, **Linda Thomas** and **Darrel Mooney**.

Unit 394 extends a hearty welcome the following new members: Jane Crane, Jayne James, Tish Kempf, Jim Ruckh, Colin Kohoutek, Virginia Scott and Kevin Sell. I'll see you at the bridge table.

Boise games are held Sunday Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Remember, this summer the **Great Potato Regional** will be held in August, then our Boise sectional in September, both at the Wyndam Hotel on Vista at the I-84 exit. Come and join us, we would love to see you.

Promotions

Junior Masters: Linda Stokes, Kelly Warner, Barbara Lee and Mary Jane Marcum; Club Masters: Barbara Chatten, Janet Matthews and Linda Anderson; Sectional Masters: Phil Emerson, Barbara Moser and Tim Kempf; NABC Master: Darrel Mooney; Bronze Life Master: Don Robinson.

Yuba City

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Junior Fund Game, Jan. 8 — 1A/1C: Fred Kawashima — Patty Damron, 2A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 3A/2B/2C: Kathy Peterson — Dick Lohmann, 3B: Norma & Rich Hayes.
Club Championship, Jan. 22 — 1A: Danny O'Brooklyn — Alan Ludwig, 2A: Tom Frye — Michel Leduc, 3A/1B: Shirley Eckardt — Bruce Boley, 2B/1C: Kathy Peterson — Richard Lohmann.

Holidays bring floral prizes; illness strikes

While everyone was smack dab in the middle of Christmas shopping frenzy on Nov. 30, the best bargain in town was at the Nampa/Caldwell Unit's annual Christmas party at the Elks Lodge in Caldwell.

Over 80 people enjoyed a scrumptious ham and scalloped potato buffet lunch and a challenge-filled afternoon of duplicate bridge, all for one low price of \$10! In addition, at least 20 poinsettias were given out as door prizes, and there was chocolate cake and coffee for dessert. Overall winners Philip Fast and Joan Grimm garnered 4.81 points. Everyone in attendance was a winner.

Our club has been plagued with quite a bit of illness in December and January. At least four people were out for several weeks with pneumonia; stalwart player **Barbara Anderson** suffered a stroke, thankfully totally recovering and, hopefully,



Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

she will soon return to play with us; and vice president **Erik Hansen** underwent open-heart surgery. However, with his lovely wife and our club president, **Anita**, attending him as nurse, we expect him back at the tables in the very near future.

If I had my wish, the **Neeley** brothers would change their names to Dalton, and then I could call them the Dalton Gang. It doesn't take that much to make me happy!

Guess that's all the damage I can do for this period of reporting. And for the record, if we don't start playing better bridge and getting some of these points

on our records, **Beulah Gray**, from the Ontario club, and I are going to start playing more tennis and less bridge!

Results

Christmas party, Nov. 30 — N/S 1: Philip Fast — Joan Grimm; 2: Jodie Bistline — Peggy Silvester; 3: Craig Jones — Mike Hurt. E/W 1: Dean Pierose — Laverne Young; 2: Carol Holmes — Janice Bradbury; 3: Candy Bonawitz — Rebecca Rodenbush.

Unit Game, Dec. 7 — N/S 1: John Pearson — Carol Christensen; 2: Peggy Lou Faylor — Donald Robinson. E/W 1: Linda Brinton — Larry Chase; 2nd, Dan Neely and Bill Neeley.

Unit Game, Dec. 21 — N/S 1: June Horsely — Albert Gabiola; E/W 1: Gerry Silvester — John Pearson.

Unit Game, Jan. 4 — N/S 1: Patricia Wells — John Zamboni; E/W 1: Dan Neely — Bill Neely (referred to in some circles as the Dalton Gang).

Unit Game, Jan. 11 — 1: Ron & Shirley Shaw.

Unit Game, Jan. 25 — N/S 1: Mac Hartley — Darrel Mooney (also known as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid); 2: Leila Brauner — Peggy Lou Faylor; E/W 1: Donald Robinson — Pete Grice (aka 1/6 of the Dirty Dozen); 2: Gary Crupper — Arthur Crawford (aka another 1/6 of the Dirty Dozen).

Hood River duo run ski camp; snowbird wins in Arizona



Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

Weather in the gorge got bad enough in December and January to cancel both a regular game and a unit game. My home's location at the foot of a hill kept me from being able to get out for well over a week, but eventually my truck found its way out to by then a bare street!

We in the West like to think we are above being immobilized by snow, which is a godsend to many who hope Mount Hood gets enough snow to open for skiing by Thanksgiving, as it did this year.

That same storm totally ground Portland to a halt for a day. Weather is a strange thing — snow, sleet and ice can be bread with lots of butter for some, for whom too much snow makes no difference. In the gorge, where weather greatly impacts orchards, most would prefer to see less snow. Two members of our unit, however, are the exception to this rule.

Introducing **Lynne** and **Mike Annett**, who are founders of a summer ski camp on Mount Hood. For 35 years they have welcomed thousands of kids from all over the world to attend their summer camp. Some are Olympic-level skiers and snowboarders or trying to get there; others come for fun.

Their camp staff includes up to 75 employees, some skilled professionals. Each day participants are videoed on their runs, and the evening brings all kids to the screening room for critiques. This has



Mike and Lynne Annett

proved to be an effective training method. The camp teaches a wide variety of skiing and has a history of consistent success.

The Annetts and their camp were featured in an OPB video (available on their website, mthood.com). I discovered it when I heard Mike's voice coming from my TV.

Mike and Lynne don't often make it to bridge due to business, and when camp is over they chase off to their favorite shores in Brazil, which could soon be lost due to upcoming Olympics. There, in addition to bathing on the beach, they play at three duplicate clubs in Rio. Lynne, a competitive tennis player, also makes time for her sport. Though they play most of their bridge in Rio, the Annetts made it to the Seaside tournament last year.

Fay Lemuel has a new initials added to her name; she became a Silver Life Master.

The **Dick Miller** family experienced a tragedy, losing their eldest son, who was almost 60, to a surfing accident in Florida. Chris, a mechanical engineer who lived life to the fullest, was very active in all sorts of sports. The Coast Guard found him 7 miles offshore the next day.

AROUND THE UNITS

Forestry consultant advances in Eureka

Meet our newest Life Master, **Sandra Brown**.

Sandra grew up in the Saratoga/San Jose area, but her interest was the out-of-doors. She received her bachelor's in environmental planning from UC Davis and her master's in watershed management from Humboldt State. Despite stints in Crested Butte, Colo., and Bend, Ore., which provided excellent skiing, Sandra couldn't resist the lure of Humboldt County with its challenging kayaking waters.



Sandra Brown



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

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She took up bridge in 1997, with her friend **Greg Field** as partner and instructor. Now she mostly plays with **Phillip Frankel**, and they are a formidable duo, frequently coming in at the head of the pack. Despite her job with Natural Resources Management, a forestry consulting company, Sandra is willing to travel to competitions to nail down those special

points needed to win a title. Because of her pleasant personality, we all look forward to coming to Sandra's table, even if we come away bested!

Visiting Bend area

Ken and I recently went to Sunriver, Ore., to spend the week skiing at Mount Bachelor. The weather did not cooperate, but we salvaged a rainy Thursday by playing in the Redmond duplicate club. They were very friendly and provided us with such a good afternoon that we didn't mind the bad weather after all. That's the great thing about being an ACBL member: wherever you are, you can find a game.

New I/N chair seeks recruits, searches for aliens in Chico

The unit recently welcomed back "Lucky **Jack**" **Woodard** following his lengthy rehab from major back surgery. His back is coming along fine but, after this long hiatus, has he still got game? "I'm always minding my squeeze and coups," was the delphic reply. No kidding. In his first game back, he and his partner lapped the field (on a walker yet) with a 67% win.

And just who was that partner, you ask? None other than former unit president **Sherri Faroky** who, like agents Mulder and Scully, is embarking on a search for intelligent life as the unit's new intermediate/newcomer coordinator. This FBI drama (Find Bridge Inductees) will feature Sherri combing the Internet, educational establishments, churches, rec centers and pool halls of our five-county empire in search of those elusive folks too smart to play pinocle, too good looking to play poker, and too sociable to play chess. She hasn't tried the jails yet, but wasn't it Warren Buffet who once said he would willingly go to prison if there were three other bridge players there? The truth is out there.

Like Americans of a certain age everywhere, you have probably wondered what ever became of **Charlie McCarthy** after **Edgar Bergen** passed away. You'll be happy to know he is alive and well (sans top hat and monocle), not in a witness protection program, but in Chico. After Edgar made his last Bergen Raise, Charlie went on to earn a degree in physics from Harvard and work in several executive and management positions in Europe and the U.S. He is now retired, but



Charlie McCarthy



Chico/ Paradise



By Doug Jones

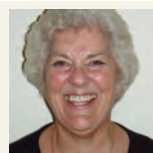
not inactive. Ever the bon vivant, his avocations besides bridge include teaching adult courses on wine, fine dining in New York, and insights into the secrets of Paris and London. He also sings in classical and liturgical choral groups. Now it's Bach and Handel putting words in his mouth. While the rest of us have been trying to run between the raindrops, or taking our goldfish out for a walk, **Chuck Hodel** — founder and CEO of the unit's newest club, a Thursday afternoon must for the bridge A-list, and B- and C-lists, also — has abandoned us for more temperate climes. Palm Springs, where it's warm. Not raining. Hitting golf balls. Humph.

Many thanks to **Mark Bloom** for his exemplary service as the unit's Trumpet reporter for the last six years. The Bloom may not be off the rose, but he's off the hook.

Please don't forget the Almond Blossom Sectional in Chico on Easter weekend. Join the parade!

Results

Unit Game, Dec. 20 — 1A/B: Mark Bloom — Doug Jones; 2A: Jack Woodard — Danny O'Brooklyn;
Junior Fund Game, Jan. 11 — 1A: Doug "the Younger" Jacobs — Doug "the Elder" Jones, 2A: Carol Huston — Mohamed Shagrún, 1B: Pete & Doris Roth, 2B: Libby Bryson — Mary O'Neal.
Junior Fund Game, Jan. 12 — 1A: Chuck Hodel — Carol Huston; 2A Carol Myers — Mohamed Shagrún, 1B: Marilyn Franks — Hesh Kaplin, 2B: Sharon McNutt — Carolyn Bergholdt.
Individual Game, Jan. 15 — 1A/C: Sherri Faroky, 2A/C: Jan Keller.
Unit Game, Jan. 17 — 1A/B: Sherri Faroky — Jan Keller, 2B: Fay Frazier — Sharon McNutt.



Yuba City



By Carol Nelson

Chico player scores pair of big games

Wow — **Doug Jacobs** has had fabulous games recently at our club. At the Nov. 6 game, he and partner **Mark Bloom** achieved a 76%. If that wasn't impressive enough, Doug and partner **Carl Oeser** scored a 77% on Jan. 15. We are in awe of this caliber of play.

Don Hay continues his good work of bringing new players to the club. This time, it is his wife **Lois**. Lois is a good player, although new to duplicate bridge. Thank you, Don, and hearty welcome to Lois.

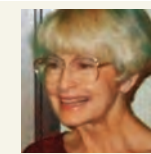
Our Canadian friend, **Michel Leduc**, has escaped the snow and joined us again for a few weeks. **Bruce Boley** has resumed playing at times, and **Fred Till** even made an appearance. It is so nice to see these friends again.

On the downside, **Jo Anne Murdock** is taking somewhat of a hiatus from bridge. We miss her and all she does for this club.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 9 — 1A/1C: Fred Kawashima — Don Hay, 2A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 3A/2B: Carol Nelson — Terri Okimoto, 2-3B/C: Shirley Eckhardt — Alan Ludwig, Dick Lohmann — Kathy Peterson.
Club Championship, Dec. 11 — 1A/1B: Carol Nelson — Jo Anne Murdock, 2A: Tom Frye — Don Johnson, 3A/2B: Alan Ludwig — Johnnie Houser, 3B/1C: Don & Lois Hay.
Unit 457 Xmas Party, Dec. 13 — 1A/1C: Carol Nelson — Terri Okimoto, 2A/2C: Bruce Boley — Johnnie Houser, 3A: Carolyn Bergholdt — Shirlee Shaw, 3B: Melvina Marble — Fay Frazier.
Club Championship, Dec. 14 — 1A/1B: Johnnie Houser — Kathy Peterson, 2A/2B: Mary Mayfield — Pat Pommerenck, 3A: Fred Kawashima — Danny O'Brooklyn, 3B/1C: Shirley Eckhardt — Alan Ludwig.
Junior Fund Game, Jan. 4 — 1A/1C: Alan Ludwig — Dick Lohmann, 2A/2B: Don Johnson — Michel Leduc, 3A/3B: Mary Mayfield — Carol Nelson, 2C: Bruce Boley — Lyn Clark.

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Redding



By Joan Sullens

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Gold LM at 96

Proving once again that age is no deterrent, **Jeanne Carpenter**, 96 years young, achieved Gold Life Master status! The Redding Club applauded her achievement — party time to help her celebrate!

Let's take time to remember and thank those tireless volunteers who make our games so pleasant. All we have to do is come in, sit down and play. Thanks to our directors as well, who keep us on track. Thanks to our partners for being good partners. Thanks to all the new players for coming to duplicate. Thanks to our instructors for giving their time to teach.

Most of us may not ever reach Jeanne's GLM rank but we can appreciate and enjoy the fun of trying. Here's to good, fun bridge throughout 2016!



Jeanne Carpenter

Results

Redding Monday Club Appreciation Game — 1A: Bob Wierman — July Ratley, 1B: Jim & Carol Reed, 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman. Restricted 1D: Aloma & Ray Butler.
Bridge Werks Club Championship — 1: Bill Kurz — Ron Linebarger, 2: Don Carlson — JoAnn Perkins.
Unit Game, October — 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 1C: Shorty Armstrong — Mike Hollins.
Bridge Dreams Club Championship — 1A/1B: Larry Koncewicz — G. Downing, 2A: Marilyn Avey — Marvin Grudem.
Redding Monday Club Championship — 1A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford, 1B/1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. Restricted 1D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan.
Redding Thursday Club Appreciation Game — 1A: P.J. Gans — Diane Prettyman, 1B: Marilyn Avey — Joan Corbeau.
Redding Monday Club Team Game — 1-2A: Wilhelmina White — Marvin Grudem — Carole Schmitz — Ken Murray, Jerry Clark — George Clarke — Mike Hollins — Gerri Wolfe. Restricted 1D: Andrea Hughes — Johnny Braze.
Redding Thursday Club Team Game — 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman — Terry Drennan — Judy Hotchkin, 2A: Jim & Diane Norton — Susan Haas — Cindy Huntington.
ICC Game, Redding Thursday — N/S 1A/1B: Marilyn Avey — Marlene Lamoreaux, 1C: Peg Moseman — Vicki Pugh. E/W 1A: Jerry Clark — Marvin Grudem, 1B: Bud Hamilton — Ken Murray, 1C: Joan Corbeau — Sandy Cook.
Redding Monday Club Championship — 1A/1B: Jim & Carol Reed, 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. Restricted 1D: Leanna & Larry McGowan.
Redding Thursday Club Championship — N/S 1A/1B: Bud Hamilton — Ken Murray, 1C: Wilda Hawes — JoAnn Perkins. E/W 1A: Fred & Carol Nelson, 1B/1C: Jeanne Pedersen — Gerri Wolfe.
STaC Wednesday, Bridge Werks — 1-2A/1B: Norm Hagey — Polly Dense, Marvin Grudem — Marilyn Avey.
STaC Thursday, Redding — N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford — Gail Lonnberg, 1B: Carol Nelson — Marilyn Avey, 1C: Jeff & Kim Speer. E/W 1A: Wilhelmina White — Marvin Grudem, 1B/1C: Marlene Lamoreaux — Jan Joiner.

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Growth could be on the horizon as beginner lessons progress

Happy new year to all and may it be a great and healthy one for everyone. The past year has really been very good for our club. It has grown from two tables to four and a half tables, and we are looking forward to at least one more table as **George Kuppler** is going to be giving lessons to our newer players, and they have friends who wish to learn also.

We have some old and new visitors who have played at the club and are always happy to welcome them. **Warren** and **Dee Glaze** are new to the club and play in our Monday and Thursday games. Dee has joined ACBL. Nice to have you both.

Visitors included **Pat Werlich** of Medford; **Jim** and **Nancy Hitchcock**, Grants Pass; Larry Krause of Yuma AZ; John Grasham and Linda Herrick, San Rafael CA; **Dyrel**



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By Dottie Ellis

and **Judi Faulstick**; and always nice to see **Sandy Waddle** at the table. She is a member of ACBL and is able to play once in a while with her husband **Bill Waddle**.

New members to the club board of directors are **Betty McCormack**, George Kuppler, and Jack Grasham. Retiring for at least two years are **Claudia Kemper** and **Ray Shipman**. President **Kirk Roberts** thanked them for their great support and work they put into the club. Claudia Kemper isn't exactly retiring as she will remain

as the secretary/treasurer. Club board includes **Kirk Roberts**, president; **George Kuppler**, vice president; **Jack Grasham**, **Ron Smith** and **Betty McCormack**.

Earning the most points for the past three months are: **Ruby Bryson**, **Claudia Kemper**, **Kirk Roberts**, **Ray Shipman**, **Ned Flaxington**.

Big games: Kirk Roberts and Ray Shipman scored 72.9% on Nov. 5; **Claudia Kemper and Ned Flaxington** scored 72% on Dec. 14; **Ruby Bryson and Kirk Roberts** scored 71.7% on Oct. 22.

With great gratitude and appreciation for a job well done as editor for the Trumpet these past years, we bid a fond farewell to **Chip Dombrowski** and wish him the very best as he takes on a new position with the Bridge Bulletin. I personally thank **Chip** for always making my column look so great

and wish him luck.

That's about all the news from our end of the Southern Oregon Coast. Till next time, be good to yourself and to others. May all your days be Grand Slams.

Results

Unit Game, Oct. 19 — 1: Kirk Roberts — Ray Shipman; 2-3: Bill Waddle — George Kuppler, Linda Herrick — John Grasham.
Membership Game, Nov. 30 — 1: Ray Shipman — Kirk Roberts; 2: George Kuppler — Bill Waddle; 1C: Carol Stewing — Ron Smith.
Unit Game; Nov. 19 — 1: George Kuppler — Bill Waddle, 2: Valerie Al — Betty McCormack.
STAC Monday, Dec. 7 — 1: Kirk Roberts — Ray Shipman; 2: Claudia Kemper — Ned Flaxington; 3: Warren & Dee Glaze.
STAC Thursday, Dec. 10 — 1: Bill & Sandy Waddle; 2: Claudia Kemper — Ned Flaxington; 3: Ruby Bryson — Kirk Roberts; 1-2C: Warren & Dee Glaze, Valerie Al — Betty McCormack.
Unit Game, Dec. 21 — 1: Warren & Dee Glaze; 2: Dottie Ellis — Ned Flaxington.

AROUND THE UNITS

New classes aim to recruit; board shrinks

In an effort to stem the attrition experienced by clubs in the unit due to aging, deaths and relocation, **Gee Gee Walker** has launched a "Learn To Play Bridge" class at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix.

"It will be bridge for beginners," Walker said at a club game when she announced the series. She said she hopes the excitement of the game that regular players feel will infect the newcomers who eventually, she hopes, will join the clubs.

Classes on the basics are held Saturday mornings from 10 until 12:30. The first class was free, with subsequent classes costing \$5 each, or \$1 for youth 18 and under.

"We hope our players will invite friends who might be interested in learning the game," Walker said. For more information, contact her at ggwalker@gmail.com.

New leadership for unit board

Neal Smith is the new president of the board of directors for Unit 484. He was new to the board last year and served as vice president in 2014.

Other officers are **John Cowles**, secretary; and **Michael Pavlik**, treasurer.

At the annual membership meeting in December, three were elected to the board to fill vacant positions. They are **Gee Gee Walker**, **Jill Wolcott**, and **Pavlik**. Holdover board members are **Bob Scott**, **Maynard Vitalis** and **Cowles**.



Jackson County



By Jim Flint

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In other business at the annual meeting, a change in the bylaws was approved, reducing the number of board members from eight to seven.

Refresher workshop

Jerry Kenefick conducted one of his popular refresher workshops on Jan. 30. Forty players attended the event.

"My audience is usually non-Life Masters who have been playing duplicate at Bob Fox's Phoenix Rising Bridge Club," Kenefick said. "But this time I had about six people I had not yet met and three people who play in the open games."

Kenefick covered such topics as overcalls, signaling, comparison of notrump interference bidding conventions, and responses to strong 2♣ openings, among others.

The workshop was held at the bridge center at a cost of \$10 per person.

Spring sectional

Besides the tax filing deadline, there's another April date bridge players should put on their calendars: a three-day bridge tournament in southern Oregon. The Rogue Valley Spring Sectional will be held

at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, just minutes south of Medford, on April 22-24.

"We're looking forward to seeing old friends and newcomers from around the unit," said tournament chair Bob Scott. "We promise you the kind of hospitality you've come to expect at our tournaments."

A free reception will be hosted by Voorhies Bridge Center owners Leah and Mark McKechnie immediately after the second session on Friday.

The Voorhies Bridge Center is located in Phoenix at 4149 S. Pacific Highway. From the north or south, take exit 24 off I-5, go west on Fern Valley Road, turn right at South Pacific Highway, and go one block to the center on the right.

Sessions start each day at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., leaving evenings free for other pursuits. Many players use the time for a leisure dinner out. Some attend a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in nearby Ashland.

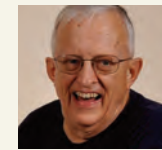
Details on games scheduled and more can be found on page 5 and the websites of ACBL, District 20 and Unit 484.

Special rates of \$70 per double plus tax have been negotiated by the unit at nearby America's Best Inns & Suites, 300 Pear Tree Lane, in Phoenix. Call 541-535-4445 and ask for the bridge rate.

Jeff Jacob will be the tournament director, with partnerships handled by Gee Gee Walker, 541-292-3474 or at ggwalker@gmail.com.

Player fees per session are \$8 for players with fewer than 50 masterpoints, \$9 for others, except \$12 for non- and unpaid ACBL members.

For more information, contact Scott at 541-488-7930 or grtscott@charter.net.



Klamath Falls



By Bobby Thompson

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Higgs on first?

The Spring NABC (March 10-20) in Reno, Nev., will be put on by folks that know how to put on a party. Having attended many of Christmas Regional tournaments that were held in "The Biggest Little City in the World," trust me, those folks party!

Doug Higgs and **Randall Paul** won the fall open which helped Higgs top the October point parade, followed by **Bobby Thompson** and Paul. Intermediate honors went to **Patti Collom**, **Dale Taylor** and **Ethel Rust**. November point leaders were **Carol McClure**, **Laila Griffith** and **Higgs**, with Taylor, Collom and **Reid Sherwin** for the intermediates. The December trifecta was reversed from November with Higgs, Griffith and McClure, while Taylor topped the second race followed by Collom and Rust. Now and only now can you ask who's on first!

Big games: **Ed McClure** and **Doug Higgs** scored 74.2% on Nov. 15; **Teddy Romtvedt** and **Ruth O'Connor** scored 71.2% on Nov. 24; **Laila Griffith** and **Carol McClure** scored 70.2% on Jan. 21.

The yearly trophy trail saw numerous winners with Paul (3) and Higgs (2) leading the way. Other winners included **Ted Gessner**, Griffith, Thompson and the McClures.

When the summer issue of comes out we will have our snowbirds back at the tables and plenty of stories from their "winter in the sun."

Our Klamath Falls Sectional June 17-19 will again be held at Elmer's Restaurant. It worked out very well last year and players were happy with the weekend event. Check page 7 of this edition of the Trumpet for the schedule.

Results

Fall Open Pairs, Oct. 25 (5 tables) — 1A: Randall Paul — Doug Higgs; 2A: Dick Halousek — Ruth O'Connor; 3A/1B: Patti Collom — Ruth Porterfield; 2B: Don Messner — Marge Narramore.

Club Championship, Oct. 27 (7 tables) — 1A/1B: Dale Taylor — Dick Halousek; 2A: Patti Collom — Pat Florence; 3A: Harvey Bush — Bobby Thompson; 2B/1C: Ethel Rust — Jo Ann Koenig; 2C: Tom & Petra Gellner.

Unit Game, Nov. 15 (6 tables) — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 2A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson; 3A: Carol McClure — Laila Griffith; 1B/1C: Reid Sherwin — Patti Collom; 2B: Keith Thorp — Dale Taylor; 2C: John & Judy Woodward.

Unit Game, Dec. 6 (4 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Randall Paul — Doug Higgs; 3A/1B: Teddy Romtvedt — Ethel Rust; 2B: Jo Ann Koenig — Bud Wakefield.

Growing Bend ranks high among ACBL units

Lael Cooksley reports the unit now has 174 ACBL members, 53 of whom are Life Masters. Our membership has increased nearly 11% from last year, ranking our unit #2 for growth in the district and #10 in the ACBL.

Congratulations to our own **Huub Bertens**, whose team won the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match at the Denver NABC.

A week before Thanksgiving, our club held a charity game to benefit Dylan Cain, an 11-year-old with cerebral palsy. Dylan is the son of Mark Cain, an employee of Bend Senior Center. We raised over \$2,000 toward the purchase of an exercise machine to help Dylan learn to walk on his own. Mark and Dylan wrote a heartfelt letter of thanks, in which Dylan promised to hug all the club members when he walks into a duplicate game in the future.

Book your accommodations now for our popular **High Desert Regional** coming to Sunriver May 9-15. Featuring more knockouts, Gold Point pairs, and 299er



Bend/Redmond



By Frank Larson

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games, more lodging and playing areas from Sunriver Resort, this regional will rule. And sign up early for the director course and/or teacher course to make a difference in your local bridge community!

Elections were held for both the unit board and the Cascade Club.

Unit 476 board members: **Lorraine Rodich**, president; **Frank Larson**, vice president, publicity and Trumpet; **Susan Battistella**, secretary; **Chip Cleveland**, treasurer; **Lael Cooksley**, membership; **Nelda Linman**, president emeritus.

Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club board members: **Ron Mundt**, president; **Dennis Douglas**, vice president; **Gayle Larson**, secretary; **Julie Johnson**, treasurer; **Chip**

Cleveland, club manager.

Big games: **Larry Smith** and **Frank Larson** scored 74% Jan. 14 at the Redmond Club. **Chip** and **Berta Cleveland** scored 70% Jan. 8 at the Cascade Club.

Big games at the Ace of Hearts (199er club): **Jim** and **Ree Tudor** scored 75% on Nov. 17 and Dec. 29; **Kent Franklin** and **Joe Jezukewicz** scored 71% on Dec. 15; **Buck** and **Susan Antle** scored 71% on Jan. 12.

Results

Cascade Club

Club Championship, Nov. 6 — 1: Berta & Chip Cleveland, 2: Larry & Laura Smith, 3: Frank Murphy Jr. — Lorraine Rodich.

Unit Game, Nov. 18 — 1: George & Willa Watts; 2: Nancy Serne — Rich Gettman; 3: Diane Guilfooy — Dee Cockfield.

Club Championship, Dec. 2 — 1: Gary Quanstrom — Kent Franklin, 2: Berta & Chip Cleveland, 3: Larry & Laura Smith.

Unit Game, Dec. 21 — 1: Susan Battistella — Debbie Cole; 2: Lorraine Rodich — Aloha Kendall.

Unit Game, Jan. 9 — 1: Larry & Laura Smith; 2: Joy Jones — Lorraine Rodich; 3: Mark Hickman — Debbie Cole.

Redmond Club

Unit Game, Nov. 19 — 1: Joan Young — Will Pearson; 2: Judy Davidson — Pat Douglas; 3: Frank Murphy Jr. — Ken Waskom.

GP player knows value of a good bribe; classes continue

We focus this month on one of our valued senior players, **Adele Tingley**. At 96, Adele has been playing since the 1940s and continues to play every Tuesday with a variety of partners.

Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Adele has lived in many states and traveled all over the world. She and her husband of some 60 years played mostly party bridge. In Newport Beach, Calif., they played in a bridge club.

After her husband's death, she packed up his scotch and gifted it to the club members, whereupon it was voted for her to remain in the club rather than join other dispossessed widows. With tongue in cheek, the members said she bribed them!

Adele has three master's degrees, in



Adele Tingley



Grants Pass



By Bobbie Tolliver

dance education, drama and speech. She taught dance at Pasadena City College and at the University of Maryland. When she and her husband retired from their varied careers, they bought a travel agency and proceeded to travel the world. They tried duplicate but found it too stressful and competitive in their local clubs.

Upon her arrival in Grants Pass, she tried the Tuesday morning game and still enjoys it for its friendly atmosphere. As an Old Goren player, she has embraced a few of the newer conventions but continues to have success with her tried and true methods.

Education and classes

One thing that the Grants Pass Bridge Club does very well is education, both for beginners and those wishing to improve their bridge skills. **Arne Williams**, our senior bridge fellow (no pun intended), is in the process of updating his Standard Yellow Card bidding system for modern bidding and play. Our teaching team began its latest series of Sunday bridge lessons on Jan. 31. This series focuses on play of the hand. Our Tuesday morning game is the perfect venue for beginning players to hone their skills with seasoned players. No partner needed.

Club news

This year's board officers were elected at the annual Christmas party held at the Grants Pass Country Club. We are being led by **Myra Falletta**, president; **Judy Taylor**, vice president; **Jim Garton**, secretary; and ex officio **Denise McElney**, treasurer.

New board members elected at the time were **Peg Myers**, **Leslie Coster** and **Myra Falletta**, who will serve with **Jim Hitchcock**, **Judy Taylor** and **Joan Anderson**.

Our players

We were sorry to hear that long-time GP player **Helene Hayes** will not be returning to Grants Pass. Due to health challenges she will be staying in Santa Cruz with her daughter. We wish Helene good luck and continued bridge playing in California as her health allows. It is with sadness we report the death of **Joe White's** wife, Suzanne, after a short illness. Joe is one of the mainstays at the club as a regular director.

Four members traveled to Vancouver WA for the Oregon Trail Regional in February: **Myra Falletta**, **Doug Merritt**, **Donna Andrews** and **Connie Sloper**. We wished them luck and success and hope to see evidence of such on pages 18-19 in this issue. (They won a bracket 3 knockout!)

AROUND THE UNITS

Tournaments brought to you by unit board

November and December just flew by here in the Portland area. We were all kept busy with holiday parties, special games, and sectional tournaments at the clubs. Oh, maybe family too.

Our unit kicked things off with the second Battle of the Willamette Sectional in November. Originally this was a non-life master competition between the players of the east- and west-side bridge clubs. It still is, but we expanded the event to include open games and a Sunday swiss event.

In 2014 the NLM games were at the Portland Bridge Club, with the open games at the Ace of Clubs. We switched it around for 2015 and turnout was great. Winners of the trophy were **Nancy Remple** and **Tom Chambers**, who had a monster 71.8%, with 44 pairs competing. Second place went to **Anne Savaria** and **Linda Howe**. On the other side of the river for the open game, we did IMP pairs again, which continued to be unpopular and confusing for most of the room.

So who's in charge of stuff like this, anyway? The answer is your local unit board, which just happens to have an election coming up over the next couple of months. Among other things, the unit board is charged with planning and running sectional tournaments. We do this mostly thanks to **Alan Johnson**, our tournament manager.



The rest of the crew is elected to three-year terms. Our most daunting task is "the big three" — the sectional tournaments in winter, spring and fall that we put on at a large, rented facility. We decide the format, stratifications, game times, etc. We get there early to set up tables, chairs and other materials.

During the tournament we are the busy bees making coffee, putting out snacks, cleaning up the playing area, finding partners for people and answering questions. Then we tear it all down on Sunday. Many hands make light work, lots of players pitch in and help, and we are always grateful.

We have an impressive list of candidates this year; look for their bios and an accompanying ballot at your local club.

The member roster is another item that the board handles. An updated version was printed last summer. We have run out of copies available to players. It has been decided that we will update information again before reprinting, so if any of the data for you is incorrect, please either update your player profile on the ACBL's

website or email the board at pdxunit487@gmail.com.

Please feel free to use that email address for any suggestions, comments or concerns you may have regarding bridge in the Portland area.

On Sunday, April 3, there will be an election party at the Ace of Clubs. The new board members will be announced, as well as winners of the unit races. There will be two sessions of bridge starting at 11 a.m. with a potluck in between. The entire will be provided by the unit; bring a side dish to share if you wish.

Swipe right for ongoing lessons

Both the Ace of Clubs and the Portland Bridge Club have really made outstanding efforts to introduce beginning (and returning) players to the game. There are lessons for nearly every level available, as well as games with upper masterpoint restrictions so that new players can learn comfortably with each other.

You don't even need a partner. In fact, at Irene's Wednesday 199er she was overheard talking to herself about needing to match up five players. A newcomer asked, "Oh, you help them find dates, too?" Now that's service!

Check out the clubs' websites for more information, or ask a club director for a schedule.



Class on doubles coming in April

Hey! The grass is riz. I wonder where the flowers is? If the April showers bring May flowers, what do the May flowers bring? Pilgrims!

It's spring and we're growing! Give a warm welcome to these new members: **Dana Marble**, **Kathy Kershner** and **Virginia Griffiths**. We're glad you have joined the VBC.

Toni McLeod and **Polly Bullert** made Life Master.

Do you need to improve your game so you can join the advancers? Play of the Hand is offered on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. It is taught by **Marie Gemulska** and **Sandee Canton**. Learn how to defeat those evil opponents and score more points! It is followed by the Saturday 499er game at noon.

Doubles are so tricky (pun intended). Takeout doubles, negative doubles, doubles for penalty. Learn how to use them effectively (and when not to use them) in this class taught by Marie Gemulska and **Deborah Lackey**. The classes are at 10 a.m. Tuesdays in April. If you have questions or want to make reservations, call Deborah Lackey at 360-216-7484.

Promotions: Kay Pankritz, Sectional Master; Elsie Chan, NABC Master; Mike Ampsacher, Advanced NABC Master; Darrell Graham, Bronze Life Master; and Garland Wilson, Gary Todd, Bill Mauck (and Sophie), Ruby Life Masters.

Holy bridge, Batman! Swiss team events are scheduled at VBC for April 13, May 22, June 15, and July 10. Grab your fave team members, and score big.

Exciting events department: The Vancouver Spring Sectional on April 9-10; the Portland Sectional on April 29-May 1. Attend one or all and grab those silver points!

Class yields 9 new members; award honors 3



Astoria Club moves

After three wonderful years at the Port of Astoria Building watching seals in the harbor, tankers and barges in the river, and logs loaded on ships (and of course, playing bridge twice a week) the Astoria Club has relocated back to the renovated and transformed Astoria Senior Center at 1111 Exchange St., Astoria.

Celebrating new ACBL members

Jed He, a 20-year-old immigrant from China, has never taken lessons but already he's a whiz at the table. Nine of Sue Kroning's beginner class are out and playing duplicate like old pros — the six in the photo plus **Judhi Chopping**, **Sally Ann Wells** and **Jane Mannex** (who plans to relocate to Seaside).

Then we also have Ann Gramson and Sandy Baker's students, Sunny Pederson, Celia Tippit, Carolyn Willis, jolly judge Doug Goelz, mother and son pair Jan and Steve Amend, Tom and Linda Schaeffer, and transferees in Jim Hanratty, and Doug and Nan Hagin. Ann and Sandy are teaching another beginner course so we expect more new players from there.

Unit Goodwill Awards

Every year the local members of the National Goodwill Committee choose Unit Goodwill awards for outstanding service



New players Jed He, Jenna Meeks, Nancy Hornshuh, Sandy Sandel, Don Sandel, Dan Negley.

to bridge. Congratulations to **Ann Gramson** who received a national Goodwill Committee award from the district.

The Unit Goodwill awards went to **Ray Lowe** and **Monica Taylor** for all the work they do as directors, and to **Gayl West** for many years of providing extraordinary hospitality at club games. Who will ever forget the chocolate fountain?

Christmas unit party

We had another marvelous Christmas Party game and dinner at the Astoria Country Club with 64 players, many dressed in bright holiday reds and greens. See results below.

Elections

Fred Lundin, **Rick Gardner** and **Carol Brown** were elected to the unit board; **John Curtis**, **Ray Lowe** and **Lew Richardson** to the Seaside DBC board.

Mini-McKenney race

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Jed He; (5-20) Daryl Birney; (20-50) Connie Spencer; (50-100) Manny Suarez; (100-200) Jane Beach; (200-300) Jane Swynenburg; (300-500) Rick Gardner; (500-1000) Ray Lowe; (1000-2500) Monica Taylor; (2500-5000) Sue Kroning.

Seaside Sectional

Ah! Seaside in the spring, with your friends, partners and family. Come one and all to enjoy the coast, the beach, the food and the bridge! 0-5 play free in the Saturday afternoon

99er Pairs, and on Sunday, April 17, we have a brand new event: 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss Teams. (This replaces Strats B/C/D and 299er Swiss Teams.) Newer players are catered for in the lowest bracket.

Big game: Tom and Linda Schaeffer scored a 73% at Bridge Games R Us.

Manny's Corner

New players ("C players") sometimes get discouraged when they make mistakes at the bridge table. Remember that other members have been playing for over 30 or 40 years and are still making mistakes. Some articles have claimed that even A

players make over 60 mistakes in one afternoon of bridge. Celebrate your successes and set your goal to reach 40% when playing against A and B pairs.

Results

Christmas party — N/S 1A/B: Ted Jefferson — Terry Jefferson, 1C: Joyce Haller — JoAnn Dawley; E/W 1A/B: Doug West — Rick Gardner, 1C: Jan & Fred Kulczycki. 299ers: 1D: Sandra & Don Sandel, 2D: Jim Hanratty — Patti Patton.

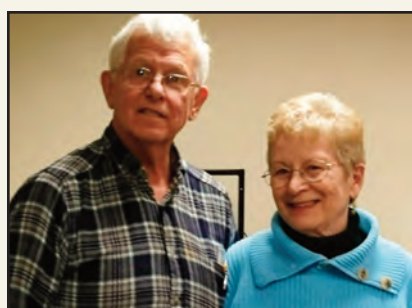
Tying the knot

About four years ago, **Jane Beach** started playing duplicate at the club in Seaside, where she met **Ray Lowe**. Her game expanded to four times per week, including one in Astoria, where Lowe directs.

"We started playing together in September 2014," said Lowe. "Our partnership has turned into a lifetime commitment."

The pair began dating last July and were married just a few weeks ago, on Valentine's Day.

Lowe is in the process of teaching Jane Precision, which he has long played with his brother Garry.



Ray Lowe and Jane Beach married on Feb. 14.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB

Spring Sectional
April 9 and 10, 2016

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Saturday:	Morning Pairs	10 a.m., single session
	Afternoon Pairs	3 p.m., single session
Sunday:	Swiss Teams	10 a.m. & TBA, two sessions

Player Fee: \$9 ACBL; \$12 unpaid and non-ACBL members; 0-5 masterpoints play FREE
Flight A: unlimited; Flight B: 750-2000; Flight C: 0-750
(Average masterpoints of pair or team; 299er sections on Saturday if attendance permits)

Director: Michael Weber
Chairperson: Steve Tubbs, (360) 921-4806, steven.tubbs@comcast.net
Partnerships Chair: Barbara Pyles, (971) 275-4508, barbarapyles@gmail.com

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AROUND THE UNITS

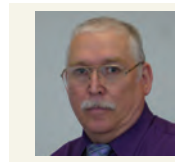
Corvallis players lead district in many races

This year's elections are pretty much over with for all the governing bodies under the Unit 477 umbrella. **Darrell Christenson** is the new president of the Albany club, **Carol Harms** remains the president of the unit board and **Mary Alice Seville** is still the head honcho of the Corvallis club.

For a list of the board members and their positions, log onto the Albany/Corvallis website. It will be up to date by presstime.

The awards for 2015 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs are now finalized and published on ACBL's website. There are around 4,000 members in District 20. Taking that into account our unit did fairly well in the district masterpoint races.

Five players won their bracket in either the Mini-McKenney or the Ace of Clubs, three of them winning both. **Dick Jarvinen** won 200-300, **Eileen Boal** 300-500 and **Irva Kay Neyhart** 2500-5000. In the 1000-2500 bracket, **Brian Breckenridge** won the Mini-McKenney and **Dennis Harms**



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won the Ace of Clubs.

Others placing in the top 10 in the Mini-McKenney include: (5-20) **Clifford Fairchild** 7th; (20-50) **Gayle Peterson** 4th, **Linda Smith** 6th; (100-200) **Allison Evans** 6th; (300-500) **Stan Blasgow** 5th; (500-1000) **Mark Rowe** 3rd, **Paul Hochfeld** 4th; (1000-2500) **Dennis Harms** 2nd, **Carol Harms** 8th.

In the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs: (20-50) **Peterson** 2nd, **Smith** 8th; (100-200) **Evans** 8th; (500 -1000) **Rowe** 3rd, **Hochfeld** 6th; (1000 - 2500) **Carol Harms** 2nd, **Breckenridge** 5th.

Irva Neyhart has had a magical year. Lots of tournaments and lots and lots of games have put her at almost 814 points for the year. That is quite an achievement

for our little club. She ranks in the top half of the ACBL's Barry Crane Top 500 list for the year at #170 — in the top 0.1% of 168,000 members. Truly an amazing accomplishment.

The Corvallis club continues to improve the game of bridge locally through innovative ideas and new approaches to old problems. Their latest request that the Bridgemates results not be discussed at the table is a fine case in point. By placing the Bridgemate in the middle of the table for all who wish to see it, scores can be seen and not heard. It seems to be working in cutting down the number of complaints about overheard scores from adjacent tables giving unauthorized information.

If any of you readers have ideas for improving either club, please contact your favorite club representative.



Irva Kay Neyhart



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Springfield**
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Short book shelf a sign of times?

Recently I had the good fortune to be able to chauffeur my dear friend **Leigh Wells** to Portland so that he could take delivery on his new Moto Guzzi. After safely delivering Leigh to the dealer, I treated myself to a few hours at Powell's Books.

Part of my routine when visiting Powell's is always to cruise the Games and Puzzles section to see what bridge books I cannot live without. It has been interesting to witness, over several years time, the amount of space given over to bridge books. I can report to you that it now consists of one 3-foot-long shelf. That's it!

The poker book section seems to have grown almost exponentially. The chess books are very well represented. Why, even Backgammon seems to be flourishing if you base your assessment on number of titles.

So there were the bridge books — one lonely, 3-foot-long shelf. That was it! I even said to myself, "That's it?" I cannot tell you how much shelf-space was given over to bridge books when I first discovered Powell's oh so many years ago. I can tell you it was considerable. I guess this all just means that bridge players must be keeping their books. I'm sure that's it.

Speaking of shrinking, I am finding it more of a challenge to come up with appropriate material for this column now that the Trumpet has gone quarterly. Much of the material will be dated by the time the publication hits the newsstands. These times, they are a changing.

By the time you read this, the unit will have had its annual election/business party at Shadow Hills Country Club and new board members will have been selected. We give our thanks to **Norma Smith** for her many years of service on the board. She is choosing to not run for re-election. Norma has made great contributions these many years.

Also not running for re-election is **John Wolf**. We would most assuredly be remiss if we did not take a moment to express our thanks to him for all his efforts. John served as president of the board for what must have been the last 20 years. OK, it just seems that long. What is true is that John did nothing less than a stellar job serving as prez. He pulled us through several tough situations and always did it with grace and verve.

My penultimate statement about John is that he ran a great meeting. On-time start, limited rambling discussions and knew when to call for adjournment. Lastly, he secured a refund from Experience Oregon for the crappy service, so to speak, that we received from them. Thanks again, counselor.



John Wolf

Redding

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STaC Friday, Bridge Werks — N/S 1A: Ken Murray — Ken King, 1B: Sue McKown — JoAnn Perkins. E/W: 1A/1B: Jim & Carol Reed.

STaC Saturday Unit Game — N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 1B/1C: Gerri Wolfe — Jim Commons. E/W 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 1C: Mike Hollins — Shorty Armstrong.

Poll results suggest divide within Salem club

After a seven-year absence from the top spot, **Kevin Kacmarynski** roared through the final four games of 2015 to capture the Kathryn Lewis Memorial award for the most masterpoints won during a calendar year in unit games.

Going into November, he trailed 2014 winner **Tom McGuire**, 13.90 to 16.47. Kevin K. collected 6.80 points while McGuire flailed away at the tables with only a 2.17-point pickup. Kevin K. wound up with 20.70 points, McGuire second with 18.64. **Jackie Mishler** was third with 17.66 points, **Claudine Lake** had 14.89 and **Rick Dellenback** 14.41.

Kevin K., meanwhile, will be hosting a reception for NLM players between sessions on Saturday, June 25, at the Salem Summer Sectional. It's a new event for the tournament and will be entertaining and informative, not to mention filling.

Salem Bridge Club polls its members

Well, what do you think? The board of directors of the Salem Bridge Club asked its members. Here are the results:

- 1) Would you be interested in playing, on a regular basis, in an open game that would run at the same time and place as the Wednesday 299r game? Yes **22**, No **45**.
- 2) Would you be interested in participating in a mentoring program in which a more experienced player would partner



Salem
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with a less experienced player for a period of time agreed to by the mentor and mentee? Yes **37**, No **32**.

3) Would you be interested in the club holding STaC games, keeping in mind extra cost per player, extra work for the club manager, and lower attendance history, but on the other hand, the possibility of winning silver points? Yes **28**, No **38**.

4) Would you be interested in undergoing training to be a director (with the club reimbursing your costs)? Yes **3** (unsigned).

5) Should we start our Tuesday game at noon and dispense with the lunch break? Yes **28**, No **33**.

6) Should we record opening leads on the Bridgemates if we acquire the software necessary to show them on our website? Yes **33**, No **29**.

7) Do you want to have a timer operating during club games? Yes **38**, No **30**.

This is just a report; explaining it is up to others. It seems the club is divided on most of the issues.

Tournament winners

Three unit pairs were involved in flighted Swiss team wins early in the last quarter.

In the Vancouver Fall NLM, **Randy Naef** of McMinnville and **Mike Green** of Yamhill

shared in the Sunday NLM Swiss Teams strat A win, while **Jan Petroski** and her brother, **Jerry Bauman**, both of Woodburn, shared flight B honors.

Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth and **Jerry Gordon** of Salem shared a B/C Swiss triumph at the East Willamette Sectional.

Welcome mat is out

We welcome **Rachel Frame**, McMinnville; **Elisabeth** and **J.P. (Jean-Pierre) Perchellet**, newcomers to Salem and originally from France; and **Dr. Victor Langhans** of Dallas.

Farewells go to **Dr. Chuck Stringham**, who has relocated to Maine, and **Bill Carpenter**, who now lives in Portland.

Sue Baarsch, 74, passed away Dec. 20, just three days after playing at Salem Bridge Club's Friday game and a month after becoming a Bronze Life Master.

Big games: **Susan Palmer** and **Gayle Goodman-Wilkins** notched a 71.9% Nov. 24 at Salem Bridge Club. Palmer and **David Canoy** compiled a 71.5% Dec. 4 at SBC. **Jackie Mishler** and **Claudine Lake** rolled to an even 70% Nov. 1 in the Unit Game.

Promotions: Junior Master: Andy Ono; Club Master: Roseanna Gordon; Sectional Master: Loren Meyer; Regional Master: Ann Teal, McMinnville; Advanced NABC Master, Mike Green, Yamhill; Bronze Life Master: Jerry Gordon.

Masterpoint races

Mini-McKenney — (0-5) Andy Ono, Salem, 11.46; (5-20) Ross and Jeanne Hibler, 29.92; (20-50) Michael Fagan, McMinnville, 22.93; (50-100) Chuck Stringham, 46.36; (100-200) Jan Petroski, Woodburn, 65.78; (200-300) Mike Green, Yamhill, 94.33; (300-500) Randy Naef, McMinnville, 99.82; (500-1000), Tom McGuire, Salem, 87.03; (1000-2500) Susan Palmer, McMinnville, 109.97; (2500-5000) Isolde Knaap, Woodburn, 75.13.

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs (same unless listed) — (50-100) George Foust, Woodburn, 41.70; (100-200) Necia Hasbrook, Salem, 49.26; (200-300) Bill Anning, Salem, 63.23; (300-500) Sue Baarsch, Jefferson, 53.61; (2500-5000) Gayle Goodman-Wilkins, Salem, 55.09.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 1 (10.5 tables) — 1A: Jackie Mishler — Claudine Lake; 2A/1B/1C: Randy Naef — Michael Green; 3A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Rick Dellenback.

Unit Game, Nov. 18 (5 tables) — 1-2A (tie): Jeanne & Ross Hibler, Kevin Kacmarynski — Mike Sweet; 3A: Randall Jordan — Stan Page.

Unit Game, Dec. 13 (17.5 tables) — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson — Randall Jordan; 2A/2B/1C: George Foust — Cathy Urban; 3A/3B/2C: Roseanna Gordon — Jerry Gordon.

Unit Game, Dec. 16 (5 tables) — 1A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Mike Sweet; 2A/1B: Shane Oleson — Jerry Gordon; 3A/3B: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge.

Unit Game, Jan. 10 (10 tables) — 1A: Jackie Mishler — Claudine Lake; 2A/1B/1C: Chris Owens — Sue Owens; 3A/2B/2C: Ray Barbour — Clo Barbour.

Unit Game, Jan. 20 (5 Tables) — 1A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge; 2A/1B: Ellie Hall-Pitzer — John Peterson; 3A: Miriam Brand — Tom McGuire.



Kevin
Kacmarynski

Free seminar!

THE POWER OF TWO-SUITED HANDS and Their Impact on Hand Evaluation

<p>Instructor: Denise Hoffman, Program Director Audrey Grant's Better Bridge Teacher Accreditation</p> <p>When: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016</p> <p>Where: Oregon High Desert Regional Sunriver Resort Vandevent Room 17600 Center Drive Sunriver, Oregon</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p>Due to extremely limited space, advance registration is required by May 1.</p> <p>RSVP to: Deborah Lackey, D20 Education Liaison Deborah @ deborahlackey.com (360) 216-7484</p>	<p>Due to extremely limited space, advance registration is required by May 1.</p> <p>RSVP to: Deborah Lackey, D20 Education Liaison Deborah @ deborahlackey.com (360) 216-7484</p>
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Ask John

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

Dear John,

Break in tempo calls are the worst as a director, especially when a flight A player is calling on a flight C player. The rule book's legalese wording is hard to decipher, even for myself, a club director, albeit an inexperienced one. Do you have any practiced speech to deliver at the table or a rule of thumb to help sort these out?
— Ask first, shoot later

Dear Polite Selfie Fanatic,

If called while the auction is still in progress, I always tried to get both sides to agree that a break in tempo did occur. I would then say something to the hesitator's partner similar to, "Your partner has unintentionally put you under extra pressure and the law states that you should 'carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information.' It also says that you 'may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information.'"

The TD must determine what a "logical alternative" is and can consider the player's ability and experience in doing so. At bigger tournaments, TDs will frequently pose the situation to other players with similar knowledge of bridge. Participants in pair games will be given team problems and vice versa. This might also alert the TD to considerations that he might have missed in his original appraisal.

This procedure is obviously not practical in a single-section club game.

When one player uses Blackwood and signs off after his partner's response, to bid more after a moment of thought by the inquirer is rarely, if ever, allowed.

If, say, an opponent bid a nonvulnerable five of a minor after a power auction by the opposing side to a vulnerable four of a major and the next player considered his call for some time, the situation is different. Pass would not be a "logical alternative" for the other opponent regardless of the hesitation, and the implication of the slow action would be hard to identify, suggesting that either double or five of the major would likely be allowed.



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Opp	Partner	Opp	You
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	?

Dear John,

Should I give partner a response with this hand? Whether yes or no, what is the smallest change to the hand that would cause you to change your answer?
— The tipping point

Dear 18%,

As a card-carrying member of the OBA, Optimistic Bidders of America — sometimes referred to by partners as the Over-Bidders of America — I think the example hand screams for a 1♥ response to 1♦. I've been taught that aces are worth more than the four points that Goren assigned them. In addition, the lower honor under the ace complements its power.

I fully understand that bad things can happen as the auction unfolds, but I'm willing to go forward without the temptation of passing a subsequent forcing bid from partner. In my dreams partner raises me to 2♥ and I score +110, a good result.

If the ♠A was replaced by the ♠K, I very well might pass even though I find the agony of watching partner struggle in a six-card fit beyond disheartening.

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



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

MARCH 2016

25 – 27 Chico Almond Blossom Sectional Eagles Hall, Chico CA

APRIL 2016

8 – 10 Redding Spring Sectional Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
 9 – 10 Vancouver Spring Open Sectional Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
 15 – 17 Seaside Spring Sectional Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
 22 – 24 Rogue Valley Spring Sectional Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
 29 – May 1 Portland Spring Sectional Camp Withycombe, Clackamas OR

MAY 2016

2 – 8 Western Conference STaC Local clubs
May 9 – 15 HIGH DESERT REGIONAL Sunriver Resort, Sunriver OR
 13 – 15 Honolulu Sectional Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
 21 – 22 Grand National Teams Online at various locations
 28 – 29 Grand National Teams Online at various locations

JUNE 2016

3 – 5 Eugene Sectional Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
 17 – 19 Klamath Falls Sectional Elmer's Restaurant, Klamath Falls OR
 24 – 26 Salem Sectional Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR

JULY 2016

15 – 17 Honolulu Sectional Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
 29 – 31 Rogue Valley Summer Sectional Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

AUGUST 2016

5 – 7 Sutter Buttes Sectional Whiteaker Hall, Yuba City CA
Aug 8 – 14 GREAT POTATO REGIONAL Wyndham Garden Airport, Boise ID
 19 – 21 Vancouver Summer Sectional Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
 22 – 28 Western Conference STaC Local clubs

SEPTEMBER 2016

9 – 11 Boise Harvest Sectional Wyndham Garden Airport, 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
Sept 26 – Oct 2 OREGON COAST REGIONAL Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR

OCTOBER 2016

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

NOVEMBER 2016

4 – 6 Redding Fall Sectional Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
 5 – 6 Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
 18 – 20 Honolulu Sectional Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
 19 – 20 Vancouver Fall Sectional Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

April 1-3 Victoria Sectional BC
 April 1-3 Yakima Sectional WA
 April 4-10 Spokane Regional WA
 April 22-24 Tacoma Sectional WA
 April 28-May 1 Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
 May 13-15 Port Ludlow Sectional WA
 May 27-30 Seattle Sectional WA
 June 10-12 Spokane Sectional WA
 June 13-19 Penticton Regional BC
 June 20-26 Anchorage Regional AK
 Aug. 22-28 Lynwood Regional WA

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

April 2-3 Santa Cruz Sectional CA
 April 2-3 Marin Sectional, Larkspur CA
 April 8-10 Silicon Valley Sectional, Saratoga CA
 April 16-17 Diablo Valley Sectional, Danville CA
 April 20-24 Reno Sectional NV
 April 29-May 1 Sacramento Sectional CA
 May 14-15 Reno Sectional NV
 May 30-June 5 Sacramento Regional CA
 June 11-12 San Francisco Sectional CA
 June 18-19 Oakland Sectional CA
 Aug. 30-Sept. 5 All-Western Regional, Santa Clara CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

April 8-10 Billings Sectional MT
 April 18-24 Idaho Falls Regional ID
 May 9-15 Lethbridge Regional AB
 May 19-22 Twin Falls Sectional ID
 June 3-5 Casper Sectional WY
 June 17-19 Salt Lake City Sectional UT
 Aug. 8-14 Red Deer Regional AB

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

March 28-April 3 Chandler Senior Regional AZ
 April 11-14 Tucson Sectional AZ
 April 21-24 Colorado Springs Sectional CO
 May 24-30 Denver Regional CO
 June 6-12 Las Vegas Regional NV
 June 17-19 Albuquerque Sectional NM
 Aug. 15-21 Phoenix Regional AZ

DISTRICT 22: acblidistrict22.com/d22

March 21-27 San Diego Regional CA
 April 15-17 Ventura Sectional, Oxnard CA
 April 29-30 Oceanside Sectional CA
 June 3-5 Orange County Sectional, Garden Grove CA
 June 17-19 Big Bear Lake Sectional CA
 June 24-25 San Diego Sectional CA
 Sept. 5-11 Irvine Regional CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 10–20	Spring 2016	Silver Legacy, Reno NV
July 21–31	Summer 2016	Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC
Nov. 24 – Dec. 4	Fall 2016	Swan & Dolphin, Orlando FL
March 9–19	Spring 2017	Westin and Sheraton, Kansas City MO