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Bridge Across the District

Winter 2016-17

Record Seaside exceeds 3000 tables

Much in store for regionals in 2017: OTR next

It was exciting to be part of another record-breaking **Oregon Coast Regional** in Seaside. We tallied an unprecedented table count of 3099 and hosted such players as ACBL CEO Robert Hartman, who joined in the fun on Thursday and Friday. I want to thank everyone who contributed and remind

readers to mark your calendars for next year's tournament, Oct. 2-8, 2017.

Next up is the **Oregon Trail Regional**, again held at the Hilton in downtown Vancouver WA. There will be plenty of games

for all skill levels and, of course, our famous D20 hospitality. Pay particular attention to the Friday evening game, which will be followed by a wine, beer and cheese party. See you there Feb. 20-26, 2017.

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The Seaside Regional was hugely successful, with 3099 tables, up from 2961 in 2015 and 2769 in 2014. That's a few tables more than Houston, Sarasota and Atlanta, enough to make Seaside the fifth-largest regional of 2016.

ACBL CEO Robert Hartman visited the tournament (again), as did quite a few world-class professional players: Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, Billy Miller, Geoff Hampson, Marc Jacobus and Mark Itabashi, among others.

More than 1400 players won masterpoints, and while many were from outside of D20 enjoying our location and hospitality, the bulk of them were our friends and neighbors from the area.

District board meets with CEO in Seaside

The **Seaside Regional** continues to be D20's most popular and well-attended tournament. Reversing a national trend, this year's attendance was about five percent higher than last year's, just short of 3100 tables.

The weather cooperated for most of the week, enabling us to walk around town and enjoy shopping, dining and sightseeing. Thanks to the diligence of head director **Matt Smith** and tournament manager **Judy Davis**, our staff was up to the challenge to accommodate the multitude of players.

We also thank local volunteers, headed by tournament chairs **Gil and Ann Gransom**, for providing extraordinary services that make Seaside such a favorite.

The Monday evening KO was well attended, despite some back and forth as to whether it would be on the agenda. Initially, we decided to eliminate the Monday evening KO that continued on Tuesday morning, in favor of a single-session Swiss. That move came in response to player complaints

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Judy Davis

Tournament Manager



Robert Hartman and Rich Carle



Rich Carle
D20 President

Flight of the snowbirds

Dozens of D20 players spend part of the year elsewhere



Bob and Lynn Studley
Coquille OR and Green Valley AZ

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Cold weather is for the

birds, right? It is for some of your fellow bridge players.

Meet some of the many who have chosen to flock to

warmer weather for the winter months. Perhaps they're on to something.

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Hendrik Sharples Mr. Ethics

From promoting goodwill to cleaning up the game, his goal is making the bridge world a better place

By Chip Dombrowski
The Trumpet

The cheating scandal that rocked the bridge world last fall came to a conclusion this summer with the ending almost everyone hoped for: lifetime bans for both of the pairs charged. The effort to clean up top-level bridge was hailed as historic, and ACBL President Ken Monzingo proclaimed "a new dawn for bridge."

Boye Brogeland, who instigated the charges, was honored with the Sidney Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award. Many of the other players who helped crack the codes the two pairs used to cheat are well known, thanks to Bridge Winners, a social media website where the matter first came to public notice, and the ensuing swell of mainstream media attention that included



Hendrik Sharples

articles in Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone and The New Yorker.

Among those who have received less recognition for their roles in the effort are those who handed down the punishment: the members of the ACBL's Ethical Oversight Committee. Among them was District 20's own Hendrik Sharples, one of seven selected from the 15-member blue-ribbon committee to hear the case of Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz of Israel.

"The cases against these big names were the most important ones ever heard by the Ethical Oversight Committee, and certainly the most important bridge-related event I've ever been involved in — other than meeting my wife, of course," Sharples said.

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Resilience gets us through the disasters

Well, the last time I sat down to write this column I was pretty confident that we would have a different president than the one we got. I kind of feel like my team blew a 50-IMP lead in a national tournament.

But the word that I keep hearing is *resilient*.

It's not a bad word for a bridge player to have in their vocabulary; it's pretty important to have the ability to bounce back psychologically from disasters. As I was walking through my thoroughly blue Portland neighborhood full of Little Free Libraries and poetry posts, I saw the following Winston Churchill quote: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

For those of you who do not consider the election to be a disaster, congratulations.

And we move on, actually to another election, as **Rich Carle** will be stepping down from his role as president of our district. I would like to thank him for his years of service. It is difficult to describe the volume of work that Rich and many others do, with little or no compensation.

Steve Tubbs, for example, has been

tournament manager for Vancouver's Unit 452 for over three years. Their recent winter sectional was Steve's swan song, and it was well run, with table numbers up 30%.

On Saturday a Flight C pair, **Mike Ampsacher** and **Elsie Chan**, placed second in the first session and first in the second session *open games*, netting over 18 masterpoints. Ampsacher has been a familiar face around the tournaments lately, so it's no surprise that he's now a Life Master and therefore was eligible to play only in the open game.

On Sunday a team traveled from Idaho and won the BCD Swiss. I played with a new partner, **Kevin Kacmarynski** from Monmouth, teaming up with **Katie Leonard** and **Krista Garver** of Portland. I was honored to be referred to as Kamy for the day.

We joked about playing only in notrump contracts but the joke turned out to be on me, as I proceeded to go down five out of six times in that particular strain. The sixth time, the hand I actually made, we were cold for 6♦ but I *just had to* get to a making 3NT for once!



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

Amy's great idea; robots are the worst

I miss bridge. Since coming back from Washington, D.C., in August, the sum total of my real-life bridge activity has been: two days at the local Tunica Regional; one evening of home bridge; and two eight-board lunch-break games.

That's not counting my online bridge activity, which consists mainly of cursing at robots. Oh how I'd like to meet the robot who's been my regular partner for the past year in a dark alley with nothing but a hammer.

So when North American Pairs came around, I was excited for the opportunity to watch people I like play online.

Kibitzing District 20's North American events has become quite popular; sometimes there are more people watching than there are playing. Which raises an interesting question: Why aren't all of you kibitzers out there playing?

I hoped to play again this year but my partner was unavailable. I would have watched Flight A anyway if I was playing in B, but I noticed some people played both. Like **Amy Casanova** and **Paul Wrigley**, who got such a good warmup in the A event that they won Flight B. The Trumpet staff has a reputation to uphold in these events, and since I had to sit this one out, I was pleased to see Amy picking up the mantle to represent us in Kansas City.

In her column last issue, Amy wrote about some of the resources available on the ACBL website and encouraged readers to explore them. At the same time, she suggested the ACBL do more to let our

members know what's available on the website and how to find it. This great idea was roundly supported by the editors of the Bridge Bulletin, who noted that a many of the calls we get are from people looking for help finding something online.

By now you've had the opportunity to see the first two installments of "Untangling the Web," the series I'm writing. November's article focused on the MyACBL section and December's analyzed the home page. In January, we'll look at the Tournaments section, and in February, Clubs. It will probably go eight or nine parts.

So for those ardent fans who have been asking when I'm going to have a column, this is something. I know, it's not Chip's World, but happily George Jacobs is still with us. Besides, without opportunities to interact with all of you who have inspired so much of my comedy, it would be

hard to pull off a monthly humor column. Stories of frustration with robots and "Teen Wolf" references will only go so far.

My apologies to those who have already read about the following hand on Facebook, but I like it enough to tell it again.

[see next column]

After the 1NT overcall, I reopened with a double, intending it for takeout. I was surprised when partner passed. If she had enough to pass for penalty, why not double herself? (This was a misunderstanding.)

West redoubled looking for a runout, but East passed and there we were.



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

My teammates and I could have snuck in to the BCD Swiss but chose to play in A/X. To me, it's the coolest thing ever to see first across the board in all flights. To me, it was a huge victory to lose by only 2 IMPs to a team with 35,000 masterpoints compared to our collective 3500.

It goes to show that anyone can win — otherwise why would we play? If only the "best" players won all the time, the game would be pretty boring. If you've been staying home instead of going out and playing against "the big boys," I'd say you're missing out on at least three things: the chance to learn, the chance to win and the chance to have a lot of fun.

In Seaside there was an almost unbelievable pro presence. It was kind of surreal to see Mike Passell and Eddie Wold wandering around. The pros were mostly lurking in the bracket 1 knockouts, and it must have been pretty intimidating to enter an event knowing the odds were likely stacked against you. It takes a lot of courage and nerves of steel to play this game. And it helps to be resilient.

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Dlr: West	♠KJ 7 4	♠A Q 2	
Vul: None	♥A J 7 3	♥K Q 6 5	
	♦7 6	♦K J 8	
	♣A 7 2	♣Q 9 8	
	♠8 6	♠10 9 5 3	
	♥9 8 2	♥10 4	
	♦9 5 3 2	♦A Q 10 4	
	♣K 6 5 3	♣J 10 4	
West	Chip	East	Partner
Pass	1♣	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	Pass!	Pass

The ♦4 was led and dummy announced, "You aren't making this." It went 2, 6, 8. Declarer led the ♠8, covered by the 10 and king. I won the ♣A and returned a spade, knowing I would be in again soon enough to give partner a diamond. Declarer won the ♠Q and led the ♥K to my ♥A.

I now returned a diamond and watched my partner cash three tricks as I pitched my clubs. She exited with the ♠10, which forced declarer's ace. Declarer cashed his ♥Q — but not the ♠Q — and played another heart to my jack. My last three cards were good: the ♠K J and the ♥7.

That was down three redoubled for 1000, and we don't even have a making game.

I have my share of disasters — or more — but when they happen at a table with real people, I can appreciate the humor. I'd much rather laugh at myself in public than sit at home trying to bludgeon an invisible robot.

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In Memoriam

Dean Pierose

Aug. 19, 1942 – Aug. 15, 2016

Dean Pierose was my bridge partner and friend, a father to five, a grandfather to 11 and the world's all-around-best good guy. Dean, who loved the outdoors as much as the bridge table, often said a perfect day was a round of golf, going fishing and a game at the club.

Dean grew up in Southern California, where he earned high-school honors in golf and football. He received a scholarship to play football at the University of Washington. They won a Rose Bowl, and Dean, who loved to party,

was invited not to come back. After a brief conversation with his father, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he learned about computers, which became his career.

I met Dean at the bridge table where his sense of humor always produced smiles in everyone who knew him. He epitomized the attitude we could all aspire to: have fun and make sure everyone else does, too. I loved playing bridge with Dean. We laughed as much as we played, and he helped me to enjoy the game all the more.

Dean slowed down when he became ill, but his love for the game seemed only to

grow. We played in the last Eugene Regional and laughed our way to several firsts. In his final month, fresh out of the hospital and looking completely worn out, he insisted we go to the Salt Lake Sectional. On Thursday night Dean seemed exhausted and I thought, "We'll never make it the whole weekend." Little did I know. We placed in every event and paired with the Martindales to finish second in the Swiss Teams.

Dean was totally energized on the trip back to Boise. He kept saying, "That was so much fun!"

That will always be my best of so many great memories.

— Craig Jones

Coming soon to Facebook

An article by Eric Stoltz will discuss fun problem hands from the GNT in Washington DC. Watch for it.



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Regionals

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The I/N friendly **Rogue Valley Regional**, held at the Inn at the Commons in Medford, Ore., May 15–21, 2017, will provide ample opportunity for players at all levels to earn gold points. I especially encourage all new and intermediate-level players to attend. Between games you might want to take in some theater in nearby Ashland or visit a local winery. Please note the schedule change for games Tuesday through Saturday to a 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. format. Also note that the Monday evening game will still be held at 7 p.m.

Many of you will want to participate in Barbara Seagram's Educational Festival, held Aug. 2–4, 2017, during the **Emerald Empire Regional** in Eugene. If you haven't already submitted your registration, you can pick up a form at your local club or one of our tournaments or download it from the D20 website, acblid20.org. The regional will be held at the Valley River Inn on the banks of the Willamette River July 31–Aug. 6, 2017.

We have a year filled with lots of bridge and hospitality. I look forward to seeing you at all four D20 regionals in 2017.

Enjoy the games.

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

Deaths

Carol Brown — 80, of Seaside OR, died Aug. 1, 2016.

Don Carlson — 90, of Redding CA, died Aug. 17, 2016.

Kay Hartley — 96, of Eureka CA, died Sep. 17, 2016.

Frances Hewes — 75, of Corvallis OR, died Oct. 14, 2016.

Dean Pierose — 73, of Boise ID, died Aug. 15, 2016.



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NAP AND GNT

Kansas City, here we come: 11 pairs qualify for NAP

By Hal Montgomery
D20 NA Events Coordinator

A total of 44 pairs competed in three flights of play in the North American Pairs finals in October. When the games were done, 11 pairs qualified to go to the national championships in Kansas City next spring (see box).

With the exception of two restarts at the beginning of the second session of Flight A, the event ran very smoothly. For that, I credit the efforts of D20 I/N coordinator Margi Redden, D20 president Rich Carle, director in charge Mike Weber and the North American Events Committee.

One valuable part of those efforts was an I/N Program-sponsored lesson on how to use BBO held at the Seaside Regional, led by Kent Livingston and attended by more than 30 players. In a further effort to make players feel more comfortable with BBO, Rich and I ran a practice game prior to the finals. Mike did a great job setting up the game and helping people through many issues.

The Flight A problems stemmed from our inexperience in running online events. We ended up with 17 pairs, which resulted in a poor movement. In an unbalanced field, most of the strongest pairs sat the same direction.

We have learned from those problems and are developing new guidelines for future events.

Flight A



Rich Carle and Mark Bennett



Linda Redman and Jean Johansson



Hal Montgomery and Jeff Taylor

Flight B



Amy Casanova and Paul Wrigley



Mark Rowe and Eileen Boal



Tom and Katie Fagan

Flight C



Janice Smith and Phyllis Sutter



Bev Fraser and Greg Wilson



Benjamin Levy and Beverly Walker

We will give more direct control to the director in charge and the coordinator and rely less on BBO.

We had winners in four states; next time I hope that will be five. Albany hosted a venue for the

first time, and sent a pair to the finals. It is fairly easy to host a venue and I urge more to do so. With a few more venues, practically all D20 players can compete without leaving their local areas.

Making GNTs more accessible

Qualifying for Grand National Teams in four flights has started and continues through the end of February. D20 subsidizes the win-

NAP winners

Flight A

- 1 Rich Carle, Longview WA – Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
- 2 Linda Redman – Jean Johansson, Portland OR
- 3 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR – Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR

Flight B

- 1 Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR – Amy Casanova, Portland OR
- 2 Mark Rowe, Philomath OR – Eileen Boal, Albany OR
- 3 Thomas Fagan – Katie Fagan, Kailua, HI
- 4 Ray Robert, Portland OR – Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR

Flight C

- 1 Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR – Janice Smith, Portland OR
- 2 Beverly Fraser – Greg Wilson, Boise ID
- 3 Benjamin Levy – Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA
- 4 Kevin Marnell, Portland OR – Angel Almanza, Beaverton OR

ning teams in each bracket with \$2000 in travel expenses.

Requirements to qualify for the district finals are lenient; for example, in flights A, B and C, players need only compete in a qualifying game. If there are no games nearby in a given unit, players can pay a small fee and petition the coordinator to allow them to play in the finals.

We also will provide additional BBO lessons, practice matches and any other activities that might improve access and the general experience for players in North American events. We welcome readers' suggestions.

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

PORTLAND KO SECTIONAL Jan. 27-29, 2017

FRIDAY, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.

Open Pairs, stratified, one session
Pairs, non-LM (0-500, stratified)
Pairs, novice (0-100, stratified, # of tables permitting)

FRIDAY, Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m.

KO teams (bracketed, round 1 of 3); non-handicapped
Open Pairs, stratified, one session
Pairs, non-LM (0-500, stratified)
Pairs, novice (0-100, stratified, # of tables permitting)

SATURDAY, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.

KO teams (bracketed, round 2 of 3)
Open Pairs, stratified, one session
Pairs, non-LM (0-500, stratified)
Pairs, novice (0-100, stratified, # of tables permitting)

SATURDAY, Jan. 28, 3:30 p.m.

KO teams, bracketed (round 3 of 3)
Open Pairs, stratified, one session
Pairs, non-LM (0-500, stratified)
Pairs, novice (0-100, stratified, # of tables permitting)

SUNDAY, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA

Flight A/X Swiss Teams, VPs (A=3000+, X=0-3000)
Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss Teams, VPs
Single session Swiss 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

Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn St.
Portland, Ore. 97210
(I-405 to Hwy. 30W to Vaughn)
503-228-72759



All pair and team strats determined by average masterpoints of pair/team, but AX, BCD and non-LM masterpoints limits apply

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

Please plan on eating out or bringing your own lunch. No scents or perfume, please

FREE Coffee & Snacks

New players (0-5) play FREE!

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

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

Partnership: Janet Linebarger, 503-523-9860, jbug48@gmail.com

\$10 per session. \$13 for unpaid and non-ACBL members. Sanction #S1701109

\$5 for students under age 26 with student I.D. (\$8 if non-member)

Boise Sweetheart Sectional

February 10-12, 2017

Wyndham Garden Boise Airport
3300 Vista Ave., Boise, ID
208-343-4900

Friday, February 10

Dagwood & Blondie Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 6 p.m.
Archie & Edith 199ers (single session) 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

Frankie & Johnny Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Mickey & Minnie 199ers (single session) 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 12

Red Roses Stratified Swiss Teams 10 a.m.
Blue Violets 199er Swiss Teams 10 a.m. (single session)

Masterpoint Ranges

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

Stratification for pair and team events by average masterpoints

Entry fees

Pairs games: \$10 per session for ACBL members (\$13 for non-ACBL or unpaid members)
Swiss teams: \$120 per team includes lunch
0-99 Single-session Swiss Teams: \$40 per team

Tournament chair: Bev Fransen, 208-336-3525, b_fransen@hotmail.com
Tournament director: John Gram

Cupid Cup

A necklace hand-crafted by Gary Crupper is awarded to the lady earning the most points

THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Winter sectionals

Vancouver NLM

The Vancouver NLM Sectional will be held Jan. 14-15 at Vancouver Bridge Club in Vancouver WA. See ad page 16.

Garden Isle

The Garden Isle Sectional will be held Jan. 20-22 at the Sun Village Recreation Center in Lihue HI. See ad page 16.

Portland

The Portland Winter KO Sectional will be held Jan. 27-29 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 3 for details.

Boise

The Boise Sweetheart Sectional will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boise. See ad page 3 for details.

Maui

The Maui Snowbird Sectional will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Kenolio Recreation Center in Kihei HI. See ad page 17.

Big Island

The Big Island Sectional will be held Feb. 24-26 at Makua Lani Christian Academy in Kailua Kona HI. See ad page 17 for details.

Albany

The Heart of the Valley Sectional will be held March 17-19 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany OR. See ad this page for details.

Chico

The Almond Blossom Sectional will be held March 17-19 at the Eagles Hall in Chico CA. See ad this page for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Yuba City (84 tables)

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

Vancouver Summer (253 tables)

- 37.20 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 37.20 Oris Mowry, Phoenix AZ
- 32.31 Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
- 32.31 Irva Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 24.85 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 24.85 David Brower, Portland OR
- 17.21 Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 16.50 Edward Lee, Portland OR
- 16.50 David Green, Sherwood OR
- 15.51 Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA
- 14.60 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 14.31 Mark Smith, Milwauke OR
- 13.81 Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
- 11.56 Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA
- 10.89 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 10.85 Molly Harris, Portland OR
- 9.90 Gwendolyn Graff, Newberg OR
- 9.90 Bruce Graff, Newberg OR
- 9.77 Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR
- 9.28 Jack Marsh, Portland OR
- 9.12 Holly Hummel, Portland OR
- 9.00 Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR
- 8.73 Ram Kashyap, Portland OR
- 8.71 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
- 8.71 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA

Boise (109 tables)

- 16.75 Bill Neely, Boise ID
- 16.65 Suzanne St Thomas, Boise ID
- 16.65 K.C. Jones, Boise ID

- 14.03 Linda Brinton, Boise ID
- 13.89 William Wood, Meridian ID
- 13.89 Jill Wood, Meridian ID
- 12.85 Duane Christensen, Boise ID
- 12.85 Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 12.70 Craig Jones, Boise ID
- 11.74 Larry Chase, Boise ID

Eureka (40 tables)

- 11.01 Henri Farhi, Chula Vista CA
- 10.56 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
- 8.48 John Hoffman, Mountain View CA
- 8.03 Kit Humphrey, Berkeley CA
- 7.72 Russ Rector, Oakland CA
- 7.72 Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA

Portland Fall (248 tables)

- 37.03 James Elliott, Portland OR
- 25.80 Richard Carle, Longview WA
- 23.21 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
- 23.21 Oris Mowry, Phoenix AZ
- 22.30 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
- 21.31 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA
- 18.76 Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
- 18.31 Flo Savage, Beaverton OR
- 16.75 Marc Zwerling, Portland OR
- 13.88 Laura Huss, Gresham OR
- 13.63 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 13.53 Sylvia Riewerts, Milwauke OR
- 13.44 Renee Ferrera, Portland OR
- 13.24 Jim Wiser, Portland OR
- 13.20 Randy Pickett, Portland OR
- 13.20 John Lusk, Portland OR
- 12.28 Beau Hovda, Bothell WA
- 11.87 David Green, Sherwood OR
- 11.41 Donald Tofte, Portland OR
- 11.05 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 10.04 Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR
- 9.90 Michael Levy, Keizer OR
- 9.90 John Ashton, Portland OR
- 9.90 Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR
- 9.86 Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA

Honolulu (105 tables)

- 21.61 Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
- 17.60 Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
- 16.61 Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI
- 13.53 Leo Williams, Honolulu HI
- 13.13 Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
- 12.51 Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI
- 12.42 Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
- 12.20 Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
- 12.07 Richard Lanke, Honolulu HI
- 11.40 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI

Vancouver I/N (51 tables)

- 5.34 Mike Goffe, Portland OR
- 4.10 Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
- 4.10 John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA
- 4.09 Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
- 3.81 Dave Muller, Vancouver WA

Central Oregon Coast (191 tables)

- 22.43 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
- 22.43 Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 21.94 Edwin Miller, Ashland OR
- 20.61 Renee Ferrera, Portland OR
- 20.13 Terry Ansnes, Ashland OR
- 18.47 Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 17.91 Steven Pessin, Eugene OR
- 17.91 Ginny Stark, Eugene OR
- 16.66 Kemble Yates, Ashland OR
- 16.45 Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
- 16.45 Allan Selberg, Albany OR
- 15.66 Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR
- 14.65 Laura Huss, Gresham OR
- 14.33 Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
- 12.88 Terry Nagel, Eugene OR
- 12.88 Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR
- 11.16 James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 11.16 Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR
- 10.61 Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
- 10.61 Carol Harms, Corvallis OR

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Ontario

The Ontario Sectional will be held March 17-19 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Medford

The Rogue Valley Sectional will be held March 24-26 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad page 5.

Unit 477

Heart of the valley sectional

March 17-19, 2017

Santiam Building,

Linn County (Albany) Fair & Expo Center

3700 Knox Butte Road NE, Albany, OR 97322

ACBL members: \$9 per player, per session • Non-ACBL or unpaid members: \$12 per player, per session

Friday, March 17

10 a.m.* 3 p.m.*

Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs

Strat A: 2000+ Strat B: 500-2000 Strat C: 0-500
(Strat determined by top player)

*These are separate events, not play-through

Saturday, March 18

10 a.m. 3 p.m.

Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs

Strat A: 2000+ Strat B: 500-2000 Strat C: 0-500
(Strat determined by top player)

Novice (0-300) games at all sessions
if there are enough participants!

Sunday, March 19

10 a.m. and TBA

Louise Wang two-session, stratified Swiss Teams

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♥ New location at the Expo Center! See acbridge.org for map. ♥

Almond Blossom 2017 Sectional

March 17-19, 2017

Unit #457

Eagles Hall, 1940 Mulberry, Chico, CA

Friday, March 17

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
Stratified 299ers, single sessions

Saturday, March 18

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, double session
- (Grass roots fund game, play through)
- Single-session players welcome
Stratified 299ers, single sessions

Sunday, March 19

10 a.m. and TBA

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
- 20-point victory scale
- 6 boards/8 rounds, out by 5:30 p.m.

Open Pairs stratifications

A=2000+

B=750-2000

C=0-750

D=150-300

E=50-150

F=0-50

(Stratifications may be adjusted by the director)

Fees

\$10 per session; \$13 for unpaid or non-ACBL members

Sandwiches and other refreshments will be available for purchase during the Sunday intermission

Partnership Chair: **Fay Frazier**, (530) 892-0350 or (530) 228-9046 (cell); cfraz@saber.net.

Tournament Chair: **Doug Jacobs**, (530) 342-6144

Sanction No. S1703082

This is a zero-tolerance policy event

The Bidding Toolbox

Is it a game invite or Minorwood?

There is a bidding sequence that can be sticky because there are so many avenues to explore and you want absolute clarity in your bids.

That sequence is when there is agreement in a minor suit at the three level. How can you best explore for a 3NT game? Is a bid of four in the minor a game invite or **Minorwood**?

The answer is **Reeves Flint Reverse Minorwood** with its corollary bidding tools. Bill Reeves of Ashland suggested the idea of Reverse Minorwood, and I added the rest.



Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolkit

With this package in your toolbox, you can pass after minor-suit agreement at the three level if not interested in game or higher. You can investigate the possibility of 3NT while reserving game or slam exploration. Or you can simply invite game or investigate slam directly. What follows are the various possibilities.

After agreement at the three level in a minor suit, four of the other minor is Minorwood for your agreed minor:

After:
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
 ♦ 4♣ is game invite.
 ♦ 4♦ is Minorwood for clubs.

After:
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
 ♦ 4♣ is Minorwood for diamonds.
 ♦ 4♦ is game invite.

Or you can search for 3NT instead:

After:
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
 ♦ 3♦ or 3♥ shows a control and invites partner to bid 3NT if he has the other suit.

After:
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
 ♦ 3♥ shows a heart control, asking responder to bid 3NT with a club control.
 ♦ 3♠ shows a stopper in clubs. It says nothing about spade length, because with six spades in her hand, opener would rebid them to show her length instead of bidding 2♦.

Here's how this works in a 2/1 auction:

After:
 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
 3♣ Pass
 ♦ 3♦ or 3♥ shows a control, inviting to 3NT if opener has other suit stopped.
 ♦ 3NT is to play, showing the other two suits stopped.
 ♦ 4♣ is invite to minor game. Even though responder has made a 2/1 game-going bid, his invite shows a minimum, which opener can pass if he opened light.
 ♦ 4♦ is Minorwood for clubs.

After:
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
 3♦ Pass
 ♦ 3♥ shows a heart control, asking opener to bid 3NT with clubs stopped.
 ♦ 3♠ shows club control, asking opener to bid 3NT with a heart stopper.
 ♦ 3NT is to play.
 ♦ 4♦ is invite to game (not a 3NT-type hand, possibly a two suiter).
 ♦ 4♣ is Minorwood for diamonds.

These tools do not keep responder from showing delayed support for partner's major when holding three-card support. In a 2/1 auction, after the minor-suit agreement at the three level, responder, depending on his strength, can proceed as follows:

After:
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
 3♦ Pass
 ♦ 4♣ shows a spade fit and no interest in slam.
 ♦ 4NT shows a spade fit and interest in slam.

Over 4♣, opener may have slam interest, and can then use 4NT if he wants. There, key card is for opener's first suit.

With spade support and interest in slam, responder can become captain and ask for key cards. 4NT is key card for opener's first suit because Reverse Minorwood is available to ask in the minor.

If you have interest in slam and would value information about the minor suit more than the major, you can use Reverse Minorwood, delaying the reveal that you have support for opener's major. Then you can sign off in 4 or 5 of the major, depending on the Reverse Minorwood response, or bid slam in the major.

On the other hand, you may decide that your, say, 4-4 fit in the minor has a better chance at slam than your 5-3 fit in the major because of the ability to sluff losers on the long spades. Whatever you decide, you're the captain. You place the contract.

You can reach Jim Flint at pubathome@yahoo.com.

NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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| Kathy Hampton, Vancouver WA | | Sandi Willis, Lake Oswego OR |
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Welcome!

2017 Ontario Sectional

Four Rivers Cultural Center

676 SW 5th Ave., Ontario, Ore.
541-889-8191

New dates and location!

Friday, March 17

Stratified Pairs 1 p.m.
Stratified Pairs 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

Stratified Pairs 10:30 a.m.
Stratified Pairs 4 p.m.

All Stratified Events: C = 0-500; B = 500-1500; A = 1500+
I/N games, attendance permitting: 0-299

Sunday, March 19

Swiss Teams 10:30 a.m.
Play-through, Stratified (average of team members), VPs
Luncheon served between sessions: \$TBD

Entry Fees:\$10 per session
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members: ...\$13 per session

Non-smoking Tournament

Partnerships: Beth McDaniel, 208-739-3630, abmcd_7@q.com;
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Come join us for some good food, great hospitality and some fantastic bridge!

Sanction #1703089

Rogue Valley 2017 Spring Sectional

March 24-25, 2017
Phoenix, Ore.

4149 S. Pacific Highway, just south of Medford

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

<p>Friday, March 24 (Single Sessions)</p> <p>299er Pairs (0 - 300) * 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, March 25 (single sessions available)</p> <p>299er Pairs (0 - 300) * 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs <i>Play Through</i> 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, March 26</p> <p>Stratified Swiss Teams 10 a.m. and TBA Stratified by average masterpoints Subway sandwich lunch available</p> <p><small>* 299er games depend on player availability</small></p>	<p>There's SILVER in them thar hills!</p> <p>Need silver MPs? Come and get 'em!</p>
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Great games for everyone!

- 299er games
- Open games
- Swiss teams

~ Plus ~

Early start times so you can dine out at leisure, see a play or concert, or paint the town! We've got it all!

Director: Jeff Jacob
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Sanction #1703021

Reception Friday!

Leah and Mark McKechnie of the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center invite you to join them for refreshments after the second session Friday!

WINNERS AT THE OREGON COAST REGIONAL

Seaside Mon-Tues Knockout



Dave Green, Ed Lee, Mark Smith, Don Tofte

Bracket 2

Monday, Sept. 26

Monday Evening Charity Pairs(98 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA
- 2A Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR; Gard Hays, Veradale WA
- 3A Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID; Flo Savage, Beaverton OR
- 1B/C Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA; Tim Berta, Sequim WA
- 2B Gustav Axen – Laila Axen, New Westminster BC
- 3B Margi Redden, Portland OR; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukee OR
- 2C Marjorie Mandery – Roger Mandery, Mount Vernon WA
- 3C Shirley Carlson – Julie Coghill, Juneau AK

Monday Evening 299er Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1D/E Darlene Allen, Squamish BC; Denise Holst, Courtenay BC
- 2D/E Patricia Shribbs – John Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 3D/E Carol Rosenthal – Keith Rosenthal, Sammamish WA
- 1F Pamela Brady, Eagle ID; Joy Pearson, Oak Harbor WA
- 2F Vernan Fowler Jr., Seaside OR; Cynthia Gould, Gearhart OR
- 3F Dixie Kroupa – Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR

Monday Evening Charity Swiss Teams(32 teams)

- 1A Dave Westfall – Charles Bennett, Spokane WA; Peter Herold, Naimaio BC; Judy Harris, Salmon Arm BC
- 2A Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR; Kathy Hansen – Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA; Ross Armour, Edmonton AB
- 3A/1B/C Fred Parkinson – Lee Parkinson, Tacoma WA; Louis Akerman – Linda Akerman, Silverdale WA
- 2B Jim Burbridge – Linda Yount, Federal Way WA; Paul Evanoff – Wende Keirsey, Kent WA
- 3B/2C Candace Garvey, Sedona AZ; Bernie Widolff, Portland OR; Kathy Kuebbing, Newport OR; Terry Adarnik, Boulder City NV
- 3C Gale Gropp – Marjorie Sinel – Joan Peterson, Bellingham WA; Marilyn Knipp, Delta BC

Astoria Wed-Thurs Knockout



David Reid, Eleanor Gibson, Danielle Goulet, Tony Farr

Bracket 3

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 1(12 teams)

- 1 Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA; Marc Jacobus – Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Mike Passell, Plano TX
- 2 Gaylor Kasle – Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Roseville CA
- 3/4 Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Linda Lewis – Paul Lewis – Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA
- 3/4 Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 2(12 teams)

- 1 Donald Tofte – Edward Lee, Portland OR; Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
- 2 Marty McCune – Mary McCune – John Swanson – Reidun Decker, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Mary Allen, Peoria IL; Lori Moore – Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL; James Milam, Idaho Falls ID
- 3/4 Michael Moffatt – Vicki Moffatt – Doug Hansford, Surrey BC; Susan Peters, Vancouver BC

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 3(13 teams)

- 1 Danielle Goulet – Tony Farr – Eleanor Gibson – David Reid, Victoria BC
- 2 Richard Morris – Katherine Morris, Beaverton OR; Jill Roberts, San Diego CA; Mariam Saner, Vancouver WA
- 3/4 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Patricia Dennis – Ronald Dennis, Beaverton OR
- 3/4 Leda Fields – John Fields, Arroyo Grande CA; Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Don Doolittle, Burlingame CA

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 4(16 teams)

- 1 Wayne Fahie, Saskatoon SK; Fraser Glen, N. Battleford SK; Bob Neil, Zehner SK; Rick Grieman, Regina SK
- 2 Denny Gibson, Bellingham WA; Debbie Martignago, Pitt Meadows BC; Jim Garnier, Maple Ridge BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC
- 3/4 Layne Benben – Cookie Hegge – Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR
- 3/4 Nancy Crawford – George Crawford – Mary Hepokoski – Peter Hepokoski, Portland OR

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 5(16 teams)

- 1 Michael Shuster – Shelley Mardiros – Carole Kirk, Banff AB; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB
- 2 James Stahl – Linda Stahl, Chagrin Falls OH; Edwin Van Dam, Portland OR; Edward Celnicker, Milwaukee OR
- 3/4 Harriett Kessinger – Terry Nagel – Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3/4 Bruce Boan – Peggy Boan, Mill Bay BC; Jane Wagner – Roy Wagner, Naimaio BC

Tuesday Open Pairs(72 pairs)

- 1A Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Mexico
- 2A Frances Schenk – Jan Galey, Baton Rouge LA
- 3A Jessie Brunswig, Kirkland WA; Jerry McVay, Lacey WA
- 1B/C Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 2B/C Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Stacy Walthall, Camino CA
- 3B Lamya Agelidis, La Jolla CA; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA
- 3C Faye Gilrairie – Gary Gilrairie, Vancouver BC

Tuesday Razor Clam Gold Pairs(62 pairs)

- 1C/D Dennis Berg, Santa Barbara CA; Arthur Levine, Goleta CA
- 2C Linda Baker – Lou Arevalo, Spokane WA
- 3C Elizabeth Cole, Naples FL; William Moore, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D Vicky Fine – Wendy Saville, Eugene OR
- 3D Joan Eck – Theresa Eck, Seattle WA
- 1E Zack Woodbury – Mike Goffe, Portland OR
- 2E Richard Collingham – Tarene Collingham, Pasco WA
- 3E Carol Schmid Peterson – Barbara Bloch, Lake Oswego OR

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs(44 pairs)

- 1A Charles Burns, Vancouver WA; Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
- 2-3A Mary Ose, Sacramento CA; Carolyn Benner, El Dorado Hills CA
- 2-3A/1B Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Lee Hanson, McMinnville OR
- 2B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR
- 3B Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Douglas West, Ocean Park WA
- 1C Diane Parker, Medina WA; Barbara Aydelott, Edmonds WA
- 2C Brian Wood, Golden CO; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR
- 3C Mary Collins, Tulsa OK; Mary Brown, Crested Butte CO

Tuesday Morning 299er Pairs(26 pairs)

- 1D/F Charlotte Riviera, Bellevue WA; Joanne Kerr, Kirkland WA
- 2D Frank Larson – Gayle Larson, Bend OR
- 3D/2E Janet Meister, Bellevue WA; Karen Trenner, Kirkland WA
- 3E/2F Vicki Sensiba – Greg Sensiba, Sequim WA
- 3F Carol Kato, Eagle Point OR; William NewComb, Shady Cove OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs(52 pairs)

- 1A Samuel Jones, Portland OR; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 2A Jeff Reynolds – Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 3A Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Martha England, Mill Valley CA
- 1B Susan Wheeler – Steve Wheeler, Castle Rock CO

- 2B Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Louise Johns, Beaverton OR
- 3B Art Silvas – Lee Silvas, Renton WA
- 1C Pamela Ann Kitto – Glo Klinger Williams, Stockton CA
- 2C Linda Thomas – Darrel Mooney, Boise ID
- 3C Ellen Waatainen – Gloria Shabbits, Naimaio BC

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs(18 pairs)

- 1D/E Patricia Jacob, Wilsonville OR; Jane Urban, Portland OR
- 2D Bryan Craddock – Shirley Craddock, Naimaio BC
- 3D Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA; Salena Johnson, Portland OR
- 2E/1F Carol Koch, Portland OR; Geraldine O'Neill, Charlottesville VA
- 2F Joe Halloran – Ellie Halloran, Portland OR
- 3F Virginia Retford, Sagle ID; Gayle Hanset, Sandpoint ID

Tuesday Afternoon 99er Pairs(18 pairs)

- 1G Charlotte Riviera, Bellevue WA; Joanne Kerr, Kirkland WA
- 2G/1H Stanley Slete, Auburn WA; Robin Dowd, Des Moines WA
- 2H Louise Nagel – Terry Nagel, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs(40 pairs)

- 1A June Hensala, Lake Oswego OR; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 2A/1B Candace Allen – Robert Richardson, Clinton WA
- 3A/2B Carolyn Adams – Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA
- 3B Stanley Harris MD, Olympia WA; Fax Koontz, Longview WA
- 1C Shawna Cheney, Wailuku HI; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA
- 2C Sandra Straus, Newport OR; Therese Price, Toledo OR
- 3C Linda Thomas – Darrel Mooney, Boise ID

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs(16 pairs)

- 1D/F Stanley Slete, Auburn WA; Robin Dowd, Des Moines WA
- 2D/E David Wolfe – Elke Wolfe, Gold Hill OR
- 3D/E/2F Sandra Lindstrom – David Lindstrom, Mercer Island WA
- 3F Jack Grasham – Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR

Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams(52 teams)

- 1A Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA
- 2A/1B Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Chuck Irwin – Jack Johnson, Surrey BC; Diane Griffiths, Langley BC
- 3A Robert Micone, Tustin CA; Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA
- 2B Fred Lundin – David Wigutoff, Astoria OR; Joseph Habeich – Hans Wandel, Portland OR
- 3B Leeanne Creech, Snoqualmie WA; Betty Williams, Bainbridge Isle WA; Marilyn Helbig, Bellevue WA; Dana Lawrence, Kirkland WA
- 1C Susan Bradford, Dallas OR; Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR; Judith Ferguson – Irma Jean McKinney, Salem OR
- 2-3C Milt Mansell – Sharon Mansell – Linda Ellsworth – Bill Ellsworth, Calgary AB
- 2-3C Dan Masters, Colbert WA; Gregory Smith, Spokane WA; Linda Smith – David Smith, Corvallis OR

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 1(15 teams)

- 1 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Robert Morris – Eddie Wild, Houston TX
- 2 Judy Harris, Salmon Arm BC; Dave Westfall – Charles Bennett, Spokane WA; Peter Herold, Naimaio BC
- 3/4 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
- 3/4 Marie Ashton – John Ashton – Irene Pickett, Portland OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 2(13 teams)

- 1 Marcia Dean – Robert Dean, San Jose CA; Richard Williams – Jody Williams, San Carlos CA
- 2 Stephen Heller, Auburn WA; Barbara Kolpala, Puyallup WA; Sharon Gaunt, Tacoma WA; Marjorie Blunt, Federal Way WA
- 3/4 Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 3/4 Susan Kroning, Seaside OR; Sharon Fosses, Welches OR; John Yadon, Gresham OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 3(12 teams)

- 1 Chris Cookson – Marianne Daem, Naimaio BC; Barbara Schultz, Shawnigan Lake BC; Ben Sills, Powell River BC
- 2 Kat Tiano – Lynda Burch, Albuquerque NM; Sheldon Fein – Piper Smith – Fein, Lincoln CA
- 3/4 Larry Smith – Laura Smith – Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 3/4 Carl Bartone, Penticton BC; Karen Bartone, Bonita Springs FL; Karen Westerlund, Kirkland WA; Karen Vaillancourt, Kent WA

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 4(16 teams)

- 1 Bob McLeod – Shirley McLeod – Helen Dillen – Gamil Tados, Calgary AB
- 2 Ronald Krueger – Geraldine Krueger – Massimo Gallotti – Cristina Gallotti, Spokane WA
- 3/4 Becky McKenzie – Karen Nelson – Mary Alice Seville – Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR
- 3/4 Mary Egger, Springfield OR; Donald Peterson, Green Valley AZ; Donna Janner – Virgie Craig, Longview WA

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 5(16 teams)

- 1 Eileen Deutsch – Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA; Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA; Tim Berta, Sequim WA
- 2 Barry Heller, Burbank CA; Margaret Evenson – Betsy McCormick, Portland OR; Michael Schultz, Lake Oswego OR
- 3/4 Jim Burbridge – Linda Yount, Federal Way WA; Wende Keirsey – Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 3/4 Donald Robinson – Pete Grice, Boise ID; Leslie Muir – Arthur Crawford, Meridian ID

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 6(16 teams)

- 1 Alan Stewart – Elsie Chan – Mike Ampacher – Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA
- 2 Fred Parkinson – Lee Parkinson, Tacoma WA; Louis Akerman – Linda Akerman, Silverdale WA
- 3/4 Sharon Hills – Leonard Hills – Timothy Newland – Phyllis Newland, Sequim WA
- 3/4 Joan Peterson – Gale Gropp – Marjorie Sinel, Bellingham WA; Marilyn Knipp, Delta BC

Gearhart Tue-Wed Knockout



Ray and Ann Clemmons, Diane Weissman, Tracey Guice

Bracket 7

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 7(16 teams)

- 1 Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Diane Weissman, Fountain Hills AZ; Ann Clemmons – Raymond Clemmons, Langley BC
- 2 Thomas Chambers – Constance Cleaton – Wendy Mednick – Nancy Remple, Portland OR
- 3/4 Paul Huntress, Auburn WA; Linda Longmire, Yarrow Point WA; Susan Cothorn, Woodinville WA; Ruthann Quinn, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Denise McElney, Gold Hill OR; Sharon Warren, Merlin OR; William Pontius, Burlington WA; Richard Sentner, Bow WA

Gearhart Tue-Wed KO Bracket 8(13 teams)

- 1 Mark Hatten – Marlene Manion, Bonners Ferry ID; Anna Keith Carter – Chuck Fishburne, Sandpoint ID
- 2 William Dalton, Dublin OH; Margaret Dalton, Saratoga CA; Joel Reimnitz – Charlene Reimnitz, Pacific Grove CA
- 3/4 Allen Carter, Salem OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR; Gayanne Alexander, Corvallis OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 3/4 Sabine Heyde – Max Heyde – Jan Banks, Cranbrook BC; Fay Otto, Moyle BC

Wednesday Open Pairs(88 pairs)

- 1A Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
- 2A Bjorgvin Kristinson, Minneapolis MN; Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA
- 3A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA
- 1B William Fleming, Seattle WA; Kathy Hauck, Shoreline WA
- 2B James Madison, Silver Creek WA; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
- 3B Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 1C Bill McGeary – Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 2C Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR
- 3C Susan Bradford, Dallas OR; Ellie Hall-Pitzer, Keizer OR

Wednesday Coho Gold Pairs(95 pairs)

- 1C Marcia Wasserman – Andy Wasserman, Piedmont CA
- 2C Jerome Gordon, Salem OR; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA
- 3C Donna Gering – Lynn Morgan, Vashon WA
- 1D David Roe – Dennis Berg, Santa Barbara CA
- 2D/1E Carol Schmid Peterson – Barbara Bloch, Lake Oswego OR
- 3D Susan Servais, Bellevue WA; Sharon Riddle, Kirkland WA
- 2E Richard Kennedy – Tony Alberts, Seattle WA
- 3E John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs(39 pairs)

- 1A Peter Barthels – Theresa Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2A/1B/C Brian Koblenz, Leavenworth WA; Daniel Rogers, Albany OR
- 3A/2B/C Gayle Helfrich, Springfield OR; Donna Espeseth, Eugene OR
- 3B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR
- 3C Candace Garvey, Sedona AZ; David Gustafson, Florence OR

Wednesday Morning 299er Pairs(32 pairs)

- 1D/E Brad Hanna – Jeanette Hanna, Clackamas OR
- 2D/E Richard Kennedy – Tony Alberts, Seattle WA
- 3D/E Nely Johnson – Stuart Director, Portland OR
- 1F Yvette Orme – Sharla Coon, Grants Pass OR
- 2F Patricia Robbins – Orrin Robbins, Olympia WA
- 3F Lonnie Barron – Tammy Barron, Happy Valley OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs(60 pairs)

- 1A John Coone, Vernon BC; Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 2A Phyllis Rakevich, Tumwater WA; Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 3A/1B Pamela Ann Kitto – Mary Sievers, Stockton CA
- 2B/1C Marilyn Phillips – Ivor Phillips, Bellevue WA
- 3B David Weil – Joseph Habeich, Portland OR
- 2C Maggie Burke, Tacoma WA; Janice Nelsen, Puyallup WA
- 3C Candace Garvey, Sedona AZ; David Gustafson, Florence OR

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs(24 pairs)

- 1D/F Elizabeth Cole, Naples FL; Diane Nangle, Lake Oswego OR
- 2D/E Michael Stoner – Judy Stoner, Portland OR
- 3D/E/2F Beverly Walters, Portland OR; Jennie O'Conner, Wilsonville OR
- 3F Ronnie Conour, Tucson AZ; Dalice Bromfield, Portland OR

Wednesday Afternoon 99er Pairs(14 pairs)

- 1G/H Patricia Armstrong, Boise ID; Marybeth Davis, Ketchum ID
- 2G/H Claire Doherty – Patricia Shaddix, Portland OR
- 3-4G/H Jack Grasham – Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR
- 3-4G/H Bryon Van Fleet – Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs(50 pairs)

- 1A Stephen Hosch, Olympia WA; Doris Murdoch, Federal Way WA
- 2A/1B/C Ellen Waatainen – Gloria Shabbits, Naimaio BC
- 3A Phyllis Rakevich, Tumwater WA; Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 2B Carolyn Adams – Bert Adams, Steilacoom WA
- 3B Marta Cannell, Hood River OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR
- 2C Marilyn Phillips – Ivor Phillips, Bellevue WA
- 3C Brian Wood, Golden CO; Chris Cople, Eureka CA

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs(22 pairs)

- 1D/E Nancy Anderson – Ron Anderson, Campbell River BC
- 2D/E/1F Sandra Lindstrom – David Lindstrom, Mercer Island WA
- 3D/E Richard Crawford – Barbara Crawford, Lacey WA
- 2F Nigel Williamson – Audrey Mactier, Victoria BC
- 3F Bryon Van Fleet – Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR

Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams(54 teams)

- 1A Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; Irene Pickett – John Ashton – Marie Ashton, Portland OR
- 2A Polly Dunn – Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; David Caprera – Anne Brenner, Denver CO
- 3-4A John Yadon, Gresham OR; Sharon Fosses, Welches OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR; Susan Kroning, Seaside OR
- 3-4A/1B Lily Johannessen – Tor Johannessen, Honolulu HI; Mitsuko Kodama – Lester Kodama, Mililani HI
- 2-3B Donald Robinson – Pete Grice, Boise ID; Arthur Crawford – Leslie Muir, Meridian ID
- 2-3B Donald Amend, Ocean Park WA; Sandra Baker, Seaside OR; Gilbert Gramson – Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
- 1C Daniel Rogers – Alan Lawrence, Albany OR; Cynthia Rose, Tumacacori AZ; Ann Shaylor, Tucson AZ
- 2C Beth Cookson – Daryl Krepps, Naimaio BC; Sharon Feduniak, Courtenay BC; Rita Cannon, Ladysmith BC
- 3C Porki Harris – Paulette Fopp, Kalispell MT; Julie Cassetta – Catherine Brown, Bigfork MT

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri Knockout



Eric Pan, Baixiang Lin, Jack Lee, Lei Chao

Bracket 2

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 1



Diane Griffiths, Jack Johnson, Chuck Irwin, Ed L'Heureux

Bracket 3

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 2



Tim Garnier, Denny Gibson, Debbi Mantignago, Andy Hellquist

Bracket 4

Seaside Mon-Tue KO Bracket 3



Diane Moffatt, Bree Watts, Esther Wiebe, Ann Mazuruk

Bracket 5

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat Knockout



Brian Breckenridge, Irva Kay Neyhart, Carol Harms, Dennis Harms

Bracket 2

Astoria Wed-Thurs Knockout



Wendy Saville, Harriett Kessinger, Terry Nagel, Vicky Fine

Bracket 7

Player roundup

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Coast Regional, we asked several players this question: *What's your favorite convention and why?* Here are their answers.



Michael Walker



Pat Johnson



Nelda Linman



Mark Itabashi



Liz Axford



Kathleen Holahan



Sherry Weinberg



Linda Marshall



Luanne Stoltz



Ed Stark

Puppet Stayman. It allows you to find eight-card major suit fits and show the strength of your hand.

Michael Walker
Vancouver WA

XYZ, because it's more flexible than New Minor Forcing and Fourth Suit Forcing.

Pat Johnson
Clinton WA

Raptor. It's a INT overall showing a 5-4 two-suiter.

Nelda Linman
Bend OR

Revised Jacoby 2NT.

Mark Itabashi
Murieta CA

New Minor Forcing.
Gordon MacNevin
Napa CA



Gordon MacNevin

TONTO (Transfers over 3NT overcalls), because the opponents are befuddled.

Liz Axford
Clinton WA

Transfer Landy. It allows you to find a fit at the right level and preserves the penalty double over INT.

Kathleen Holahan
Portland OR

Flannery. Especially when your partner opens it, because you know shape and point count. And it gives partner a lot of information when you open 2♦.

Sherry Weinberg
Mercer Island WA

Stayman, transfers and takeout doubles.

Linda Marshall
Beaverton OR

Transfers allows you to let partner play the contract.

Luanne Stoltz
Portland OR

Inverted minors — but reverse [Criss Cross]. I don't know — something where bidding the other minor shows support. They called it "perverted minors."

Ed Stark
Happy Valley OR

Thursday, Sept. 29

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 1(15 teams)

- 1 Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Marc Jacobus — Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 2 Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; John Mohan, Las Vegas NV
- 3/4 James Elliott — John Lusky — Randy Pickett, Portland OR; Raffael Braun — Marie Eggeling, Berlin, Germany
- 3/4 Robert Micone, Tustin CA; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 2(16 teams)

- 1 **Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA; Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR**
- 2 Sheldon Spier, Chemainus BC; Mervyn Adey — Michael Ainsley, Victoria BC; Ingrid Anderson, Nanose Bay BC
- 3/4 Kathy Hansen — Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA; Ross Armour, Edmonton AB; Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR; Martin Hemens, Pacific City OR
- 3/4 Dennis Heller — Connie Heller, Clinton WA; John Weinberg — Sarah Weinberg, Mercer Island WA

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 3(12 teams)

- 1 Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; Tom Cotton — Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC
- 2 James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Dwayne Brackhahn — Ron Senn, Beaverton OR; Robert Hormel, Lake Oswego OR
- 3/4 John Crouch, Edina MN; Bob Frank, Eugene OR; Mary Johnson — Marv Riedesel, Prior Lake MN
- 3/4 Charles Kelley — Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific Palisades CA; Barbara Simon — Wayne Kaneko, Honolulu HI

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 4(13 teams)

- 1 **Jerold Wershba — Felicia Wershba, Portland OR; Ira Grifel, Beaverton OR; Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR**
- 2 Cynthia Sinn — Donna Braniff — Louise Johns, Beaverton OR; Darlene Thompson, Lake Oswego OR
- 3/4 Danielle Goulet — Tony Farr — David Reid — Eleanor Gibson, Victoria BC
- 3/4 Donald Berry — Russell Page — Rita Beny — Neville Hircok, Victoria BC

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 5(15 teams)

- 1 Slava Simice, Comox BC; Marek Foff, Edmonton AB; Shirley Charters, Duncan BC; William Voth, Ladysmith BC
- 2 John Jonas — Linda Jonas, Dana Point CA; Carol Armstrong, San Clemente CA; Judy Alvord, Laguna Niguel CA
- 3/4 Leda Fields — John Fields — John Fields, Arroyo Grande CA; Dianne Maffia, Bend OR
- 3/4 Nancy Swanson — Margot Leonard, Portland OR; Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Steve Tubbs, Vancouver WA

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 6(16 teams)

- 1 Carole Kirk — Shelley Mardiros — Michael Shuster, Baniff AB; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB
- 2 Patrick Johnson — Elizabeth Axford — Candace Allen — Robert Richardson, Clinton WA
- 3/4 Larry Holdren — Myrtis Holdren — Bob Shelley — Carol Shelley, Bellevue WA
- 3/4 George Kuppler — Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR; Burt Echtenkamp — Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID

Astoria Wed-Thurs KO Bracket 7(16 teams)

- 1 **Harriett Kessinger — Terry Nagel — Wendy Saville — Vicky Fine, Eugene OR**
- 2 Judith Lynch — Ruth Scott, Omaha NE; Beth Howard, Portland OR; Maria Declusin, Newport Beach CA
- 3/4 Mary Ferguson — Leanne Zaring — Lucie Fritz, Richland WA; Donna Parkes, Kennewick WA

Morning Side Game Series(201 players)

- 1-2 Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 3 Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA

Afternoon Side Game Series(342 players)

- 1 Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 2-3 Martha England, Mill Valley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA

Evening Side Game Series(390 players)

- 1 Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL
- 2 Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 3-4 Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR

Thursday Open Pairs(103 pairs)

- 1A **Irene Pickett, Portland OR; Flo Savage, Beaverton OR**
- 2A Anne La Cour — Ron La Cour, Freeland WA
- 3A Susan Peters, Vancouver BC; Doug Hansford, Surrey BC
- 1B James Wu, Surrey BC; Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC
- 2B Jack Bradshaw, Courtenay BC; Brenda Mathews, Kamloops BC
- 3B Lamya Angelidis, La Jolla CA; Christine Denny, Encinitas CA
- 1C Thomas Kuehne, Berrington WA; Nancy Sjoblom, Tumwater WA
- 2C Faye Gilrairie — Gary Gilrairie, Vancouver BC
- 3C Sandee Canton, Washougal WA; Linda Tubbs, Vancouver WA

Thursday Chinook Gold Pairs(70 pairs)

- 1C Kamlesh Batra — Shiv Batra, Mercer Island WA
- 2C Maggie Burke, Tacoma WA; Janice Nelsen, Puyallup WA
- 3C Gary Griesmeyer, Tumwater WA; Glen Scroggins, Olympia WA
- 1D/1E Richard Kennedy — Tony Alberts, Seattle WA
- 2D/2E Gordon Macnevin, Napa CA; Manny Suarez, Astoria OR
- 3D Joan Peres, Portland OR; Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR
- 3E Terry Huxter — Elizabeth Huxter, Grand Forks BC

Wed-Thurs Morning Swiss Teams(23 teams)

- 1A Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Gaylor Kasle — Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Roseville CA; Ron Smith, Chicago IL
- 2A Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Peter Weichsel — Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA
- 3A Robert Micone, Tustin CA; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI
- 1B Rick Grieman, Regina SK; Bob Nell, Zehner SK; Wayne Fahie, Saskatoon SK; Fraser Glen, N. Battleford SK
- 2B/1C Terry Foster — Benelda Ainsley, Victoria BC; Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Diane Weissman, Fountain Hills AZ
- 3-4B Charles Kelley — Jo Anne Kelley, Pacific Palisades CA; Barbara Simon — Wayne Kaneko, Honolulu HI
- 3-4B/2C Donald Hanset, Sandpoint ID; William Drayton, Naples ID; Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA; Karen Rise, Leavenworth WA
- 3C Donald Berry — Russell Page, Victoria BC; Gary Griesmeyer, Tumwater WA; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA

Thursday Morning Side Game(40 pairs)

- 1A John Coone, Vernon BC; **Robert Law, Tigard OR**
- 2A/1B/C Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Allen Custer, Edmonds WA
- 3A Jeff Reynolds — Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2B John McCaslin — Beth McCaslin, Kirkland WA
- 3B/2C Eileen Milligan — Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR
- 3C Chris Cople, Eureka CA; Brian Wood, Golden CO

Thursday Morning 299er Pairs(41 pairs)

- 1D/F **Kay Ward — Dee Poudaje, Portland OR**
- 2D/E Kathie Schriver, University Place WA; Judith Hussey, Fircrest WA

- 3D David Gustafson, Florence OR; Jane Lowe, Astoria OR
- 3E Darlene Allen, Squamish BC; Denise Holst, Courtenay BC
- 2F Marilyn Blitz — Eric Blitz, Palm Desert CA
- 3F Fran Allen — Toni Albano, Portland OR

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs(80 pairs)

- 1A Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA; Danielle Le Blanc, Pasadena CA
- 2A/1B Colette Castellino — Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA
- 3A Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Martha England, Mill Valley CA
- 2B Barry Sorenson — Lucille Sorenson, North Bend OR
- 3B Judy Duning, Olympia WA; Linda Shallit, Burien WA
- 1C **Linda Smith — David Smith, Corvallis OR**
- 2C Peter Hepokoski — Mary Hepokoski, Portland OR
- 3C Sandra Hedlund, Aloha OR; Virginia Sinclair-Brooks, Portland OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs(26 pairs)

- 1D/F **Joe Halloran — Ellie Halloran, Portland OR**
- 2D/F Janet Landesberg — Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA
- 3D/E Robert Giffin — Carolyn Giffin, Mill Creek WA
- 3F Carol Koch, Portland OR; Geraldine O'Neill, Charlottesville VA

Thursday Afternoon 99er Pairs(24 pairs)

- 1G/I Stanley Slete, Auburn WA; Robin Dowd, Des Moines WA
- 2G/I Susan Vollmer — Jo Ann Saucedo, Federal Way WA
- 3G Joan Powell — Leeann Jones, Portland OR
- 3H Brian Brady — Pamela Brady, Eagle ID
- 2-4I Rasool Doneshar — Shirley Metcalf, Woodinville WA
- 2-4I Martha Wolf — Jeanette Roberts, Lake Oswego OR
- 2-4I Lee Szanto — Elaine Szanto, West Linn OR

Thursday Evening Side Pairs(46 pairs)

- 1A Lew Levy — Pat Levy, Houston TX
- 2A Dennis Heller — Connie Heller, Clinton WA
- 3A/1B Ruth Rahe — Donald Rahe, Twin Falls ID
- 2B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR
- 3-4B Paula Strand, Kirkland WA; Larry Verrall, Mount Vernon WA
- 3-4B Michael Moffatt, Surrey BC; Mirko Varga, Coquitlam BC
- 1C Russell Page — Donald Berry, Victoria BC
- 2C Shawna Cheney, Wailuku HI; Sandy Freeling, Edmonds WA
- 3C Layne Benben — Cookie Hegge, Portland OR

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs(21 pairs)

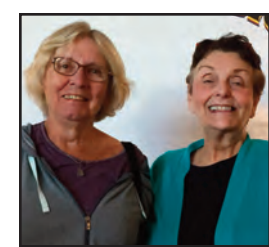
- 1D/F **Nasir Ali, Happy Valley OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR**
- 2D/E David Wolfe — Elke Wolfe, Gold Hill OR
- 3D/E William Norton — Susan Norton, Spokane WA
- 2F John Shoosmith — Margaret Shoosmith, Redmond WA
- 3F Patt McConnell — Donald McConnell, Portland OR

Thursday Evening Swiss Teams(52 teams)

- 1A/B Tim Berta — Thomas Loveday, Sequim WA; Eileen Deutsch — Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA
- 2A Christopher Class — Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA; Leo Glaser, Lake Country BC; Koba Ter Neuzen, Victoria BC
- 3-4A Robert Micone, Tustin CA; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY
- 3-4A/2B Alan Lawrence — Daniel Rogers, Albany OR; Carolyn Timmermann, Vancouver WA; Marion McLaren, Honolulu HI
- 3B Carol Orzetti — Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Rosalyn Borys, Vancouver WA; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 1C **Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Gene Hval — Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR**
- 2C George Kuppler — Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR; Burt Echtenkamp — Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID
- 3C Susan Brown — Nancy Rilling, Portland OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR



Hal Montgomery, Julie Smith
Saturday Open Pairs



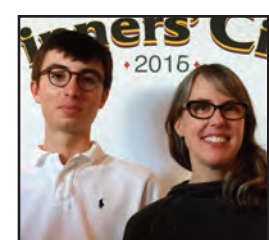
Irene Pickett, Flo Savage
Thursday Open Pairs



Hendrik Shaples, Gerry Marshall
Tuesday Open Pairs



Robert Johnson, Merlin Vilhauer
Wednesday Open Pairs



Louis Beauchet, Amy Casanova
1B/1C Tuesday Open Pairs



Andy and Marcia Wasserman
Wednesday Gold Pairs



David Muller, Roy Wilkinson
Friday Gold Pairs



Sharla Coon, Yvette Ome
Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs



Darlene Allen, Denise Holst
Monday Evening 299er Pairs



Nasir Ali, Martha Maroney
Thursday Evening 299er Pairs

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Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 19,203.01 earned by 1405 players. Total attendance: 3099 tables.		69.11 Marie Eggeling, Berlin, Germany	51.65 Helen Dillen, Calgary AB	112 33.80 Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR	205 24.48 Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA	...	20.86 Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR
30	67.40 Paul Lewis, Las Vegas NV	51.65 Gamil Tadros, Calgary AB	132 31.75 Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI	...	24.48 Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA	...	271 20.79 Dianne Maffia, Bend OR
31	65.15 Howard Epley, Kent WA	51.65 Bob McLeod, Calgary AB	135 31.28 Marie Ashton, Portland OR	212 23.53 Donna Braniff, Beaverton OR	272 20.72 Jerold Wershba, Portland OR	...	272 20.72 Felicia Wershba, Portland OR
1	64.82 John Ashton, Portland OR	62 51.40 Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR	138 30.62 Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR	214 23.51 Ian Martindale, Boise ID	278 20.54 Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID	...	278 20.54 Burt Echtenkamp, Boise ID
2	64.53 Flo Savage, Beaverton OR	63 50.95 Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	141 30.14 Pete Grice, Boise ID	214 23.51 Charlene Martindale, Boise ID	280 20.53 Amy Casanova, Portland OR	...	280 20.53 Amy Casanova, Portland OR
3	63.91 Peter Herold, Naimaio BC	64 49.79 Dave Ewing, Spokane WA	148 29.26 Ira Grifel, Beaverton OR	221 23.37 Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR	283 20.46 Jon Neimander, Eugene OR	...	283 20.46 Jon Neimander, Eugene OR
4	63.91 Judy Harris, Salmon Arm BC	64 49.79 Charles Bennett, Spokane WA	156 28.47 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR	222 23.22 Leslie Muir, Meridian ID	284 20.25 James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA	...	284 20.25 James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA
5	62.96 Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	66 48.72 Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC	160 27.95 Margi Redden, Portland OR	225 23.14 George Kuppler, Brookings OR	288 19.96 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	...	288 19.96 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR
6	62.96 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV	67 47.96 Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA	163 27.82 Tom McKenna, Eugene OR	228 23.22 George Kuppler, Brookings OR	289 19.87 Douglas West, Ocean Park WA	...	289 19.87 Douglas West, Ocean Park WA
7	62.79 Robert Johnson, Tigard OR	68 47.38 Kim Eng, Issaquah WA	166 27.72 Molly Harris, Portland OR	232 23.22 Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR	292 19.73 Wendy Saville, Eugene OR	...	292 19.73 Wendy Saville, Eugene OR
8	61.58 Tony Farr, Victoria BC	68 47.38 Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA	170 27.27 Anna Sung, Honolulu HI	233 22.81 Michael Schultz, Lake Oswego OR	301 19.73 Vicky Fine, Eugene OR	...	301 19.73 Vicky Fine, Eugene OR
9	61.58 Eleanor Gibson, Victoria BC	70 46.91 Ira Neyhart, Corvallis OR	176 26.75 Oris Mowry, Phoenix AZ	235 22.79 Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR	307 18.99 Robert Law, Tigard OR	...	307 18.99 Robert Law, Tigard OR
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12	61.58 Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA	72 46.76 Bonnie Broders, Port Townsend WA	182 25.70 Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR	237 22.71 Ron Senn, Beaverton OR	316 18.56 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR	...	316 18.56 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
13	61.28 Dennis Metcalf, Portland OR	74 46.69 Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY	185 25.65 Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	239 22.21 Vicki Sutton, Honolulu HI	317 18.50 Arthur Crawford, Meridian ID	...	317 18.50 Arthur Crawford, Meridian ID
14	61.28 James Elliott, Portland OR	74 46.69 John McCaslin, Kirkland WA	189 25.52 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR	240 22.19 Duane Christensen, Boise ID	328 18.26 Daniel Rogers, Albany OR	...	328 18.26 Daniel Rogers, Albany OR
15	61.28 John Lusky, Portland OR	75 45.77 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA	190 25.40 Eileen Boal, Albany OR	242 22.19 Carol Christensen, Boise ID	329 18.23 Nelda Linman, Bend OR	...	329 18.23 Nelda Linman, Bend OR
16	61.28 Irene Pickett, Portland OR	75 45.77 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA	192 25.36 Richard Morris, Beaverton OR	244 22.15 Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR	333 18.05 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA	...	333 18.05 Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
17	61.28 Edward Lee, Portland OR	77 45.46 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	199 36.61 Ed Ulman, Portland OR	245 22.13 Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR	...	...	...
18	61.28 David Green, Sherwood OR	78 44.58 Julie Smith, Vancouver BC	201 24.64 Mark Rowe, Philomath OR	248 21.94 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA	...	...	...
19	61.28 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	79 44.34 Michael Levy, Keizer OR	203 24.52 Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	256 21.49 Leslie Kelinson, Portland OR	...	...	...
20	61.28 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	80 44.00 Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA	203 24.52 Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	259 21.37 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR	...	...	...
21	61.28 Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA	88 41.87 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	203 24.52 Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	259 21.37 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR	...	...	...
22	61.28 John Mohan, Las Vegas NV	88 41.87 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	203 24.52 Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	259 21.37 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR	...	...	...
23	61.28 Ellen Anten, Encino CA	88 41.87 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	203 24.52 Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	259 21.37 Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR
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WINNERS AT THE OREGON COAST REGIONAL

Friday, Sept. 30

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 1 (16 teams)

- 1 Gaylor Kasle — Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Roseville CA
- 2 Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Peter Weichsel — Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC
- 3/4 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Robert Morris — Eddie Wold, Houston TX
- 3/4 Karen Snyder, Spicewood TX; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville TX; Pat McMullin — Nancy Boothe, Houston TX

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Lei Chao, West Vancouver BC; Baixiang Liu — Eric Pan, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC
- 2 Darcy White — David Sackett — Joy Balsler — Clark Ransom, Tempe AZ
- 3/4 Ron Root, Beaverton OR; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 3/4 Richard Morris — Katherine Morris, Beaverton OR; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA; Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 3 (16 teams)

- 1 Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Chuck Irwin — Jack Johnson, Surrey BC; Diane Griffiths, Langley BC
- 2 Scott Chupack — J.C. Chupack, Seattle WA; Christina van Leeuwen, Media PA; Bryan Delfs, Kent WA
- 3/4 Bob McLeod — Shirley McLeod — Helen Dillen — Gamil Tadors, Calgary AB
- 3/4 Mary Alice Seville — Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 4 (16 teams)

- 1 Denny Gibson, Bellingham WA; Jim Garnier, Maple Ridge BC; Debbie Martignago, Pitt Meadows BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC
- 2 Donald Robinson — Pete Grice — Betty Coursey, Boise ID; Arthur Crawford — Leslie Muir, Meridian ID
- 3/4 Karen Hudesman — Lorenzo Migliorini — Thomas Brown — Monty Gray, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Mark McKechnie — Leah McKechnie, Medford OR; Edwin Miller, Ashland OR; Noreen Tibbet, Gold Hill OR

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 5 (16 teams)

- 1 Bree Watts — Diane Moffatt — Ann Mazuruk — Esther Wiebe, Victoria BC
- 2 Joan Peterson — Gale Gropp — Marjorie Sinel, Bellingham WA; Marilyn Knipp, Delta BC
- 3/4 Joel Speiser — Wendy Speiser, Delray Beach FL; Sandra Grimes, Mount Vernon WA; Susan Haas, Cottonwood CA
- 3/4 Dirinda Venneau, Mount Vernon WA; Shawn Goenen — Patricia Caltrider, Bellingham WA; Patricia Schoening, Lynden WA

Lewis & Clark Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 6 (16 teams)

- 1 Anna Keith Carter — Donald Hanset, Sandpoint ID; Martha Schwake, Hayden ID; William Drayton, Naples ID
- 2 William Dalton, Dublin OH; Margaret Dalton, Saratoga CA; Charlene Reimnitz — Joel Reimnitz, Pacific Grove CA
- 3/4 Marylee Webber — Carole Murphy, Hood River OR; Mary Bell, Canyonville OR; Lynn Rosen, White Salmon WA
- 3/4 Denise Cox — Judy Francis — Joan Fulton, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR

Friday Open Pairs (82 pairs)

- 1A Christopher Class — Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA
- 2A Kim Eng, Issaquah WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA
- 3A Howard Epley, Kent WA; Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 1B/C Jeff Howell, Corvallis OR; Yiping Wang, Beaverton OR
- 2B James Madison, Silver Creek WA; Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
- 3B/2C David McGraham, Vancouver WA; John Wood, Blaine WA
- 3C Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR

Friday Oyster Gold Pairs (72 pairs)

- 1C/D Roy Wilkerson, Portland OR; David Muller, Vancouver OR
- 2C Jerome Gordon, Salem OR; Alan Bostrom, San Francisco CA
- 3C Gary Griesmeyer, Tumwater WA; Glen Scroggins, Olympia WA
- 2D Wendy Saville — Vicky Fine, Eugene OR
- 3D Arthur Levine, Goleta CA; N Dennis Berg, Santa Barbara CA
- 1E Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Ann Clemmons, Langley BC
- 2E Richard Collingham — Tarene Collingham, Pasco WA
- 3E Terry Huxter — Elizabeth Huxter, Grand Forks BC

Friday Morning Side Pairs (38 pairs)

- 1-2A Patrick Kallaus, Holualoa HI; Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
- 1-2A Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA
- 3A/1B Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR; Douglas West, Ocean Park WA
- 2B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Mark Rowe, Philomath OR
- 3B/1C Sylvia Jackson, Edmond OK; Karen Couch, Destin FL
- 2C Gordon Sawyer, Seattle WA; Allen Custer, Edmonds WA
- 3C Toni Brown, Eugene OR; Kay Bland, Issaquah WA

Friday Morning 299er Pairs (41 pairs)

- 1D David Gustafson, Florence OR; Jane Lowe, Astoria OR
- 2D/1E Nely Johnson — Margaret Matin, Portland OR
- 3D/2E/1F Charlotte Riviera, Bellevue WA; Joanne Kerr, Kirkland WA
- 3E Denise Holst, Courtenay BC; Darlene Allen, Squamish BC
- 2F Sally Ann Wells, Seaside OR; Melody Boyce, West Linn OR
- 3F Jo Ann Saucedo — Susan Vollmer, Federal Way WA

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (62 pairs)

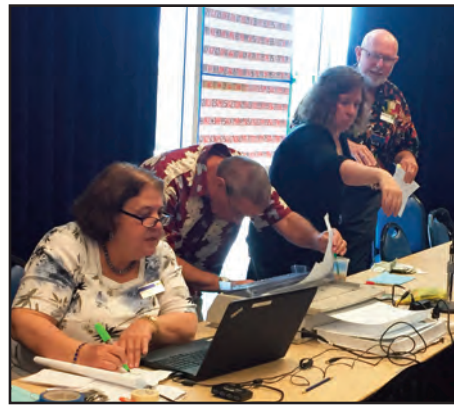
- 1A Richard Carter, Medina WA; Robert Moore, San Diego CA
- 2-3A/1B Ira Grifel, Beaverton OR; Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR
- 2-3A Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 2B Garry Lowe, Newport OR; Ray Lowe, Astoria OR
- 3B Robert Zimmerman — Virginia Zimmerman, Ocean Park WA
- 1C JoAnn Marks — Inez Weiss, Portland OR
- 2C Cloyd Sweigert — Phyllis Bottomly, Portland OR
- 3C Avi Tayar, Portland OR; Gerald Holland, Post Falls ID

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1D Frank Larson — Gayle Larson, Bend OR
- 2D/1E Vicky Howard — Elizabeth Burdick, Albany OR
- 3D Sharon Morrison, Bermuda Dunes CA; Sandra Kolls, Goodyear AZ
- 2E Karen Klug — Norman Jacox, Portland OR
- 3E/1F Nasir Ali, Happy Valley OR; Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
- 2-3F Sharla Coon — Yvette Ome, Grants Pass OR
- 2-3F Toni Albano — Fran Allen, Portland OR

Friday Afternoon 99er Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1G Vicki Sensiba — Greg Sensiba, Sequim WA
- 2G Margaret Walthall — Noreen Warwick, Sequim WA
- 3G/1H/1 Martha Wolf — Jeannette Roberts, Lake Oswego OR
- 2H Barbara Horrell — James Horrell, Redmond WA
- 3H Stanley Slete, Auburn WA; Robin Dowd, Des Moines WA
- 2I Rasool Doneshvar — Shirley Metcalf, Woodinville WA
- 3I Illona Wilken — Mary Hansen, Eugene OR



Directors Patty Holmes, Bob Bleil, Chris Wiegand and Steve Kaessner sort knockout entries into brackets at the start of a session in Seaside.

Friday Evening Side Pairs (38 pairs)

- 1A Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 2A Gene Fomin, Glacier WA; Ronald Woodard, Olympia WA
- 3-4A/1-2B/1C Judith Stewart, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vasks, Camas WA
- 3-4A/1-2B Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 3B/2C Jill Entsminger, Henderson NV; Avi Tayar, Portland OR
- 3C Ellen Waatainen — Gloria Shabbits, Nainaimo BC

Friday Evening 299er Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1D/E Graham Budd, Cobble Hill BC; Marg Budd, Chandler AZ
- 2D Frank Larson — Gayle Larson, Bend OR
- 3D/2E/1F Jack Grasham — Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR
- 3E/2F Patt McConnell — Donald McConnell, Portland OR
- 3F Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA; Janice Fallen, Arlington WA

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (53 teams)

- 1A Patrick Dunn — Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Anne Brenner — David Capera, Denver CO
- 2A Don Tofte — Ed Lee — Irene Pickett, Portland OR; Dave Green, Sherwood OR
- 3A Jeroen Swinkels, Evanston IL; Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Susie Miller, Boca Raton FL; Sondra Schubiner, Franklin MI
- 1B Helen Dillen — Gamil Tadors — Bob McLeod — Shirley McLeod, Calgary AB
- 2B/1C George Kuppler — Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR; Burt Echtenkamp — Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID
- 3B Ann Romeo, Sammamish WA; Jim Dukelow, Benton City WA; Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA; Karen Rise, Leavenworth WA
- 2C Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Gene Hval — Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR
- 3C Fred Sutherland — Kathy Sutherland — Joan Borberg — Ginny Gainer, Portland OR

Saturday, Oct. 1

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 (16 teams)

- 1 Marie Eggeling — Raffael Braun, Berlin, Germany; James Elliott — Randy Pickett — John Lusk, Portland OR
- 2 Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Marc Jacobus — Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 3 Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; John Mohan, Las Vegas NV

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2 (17 teams)

- 1 Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge — Carol Harms — Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
- 2 Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA; Catherine Collinson, Tucson AZ; Sue Anderson — Cynthia Glad, Seattle WA
- 3 Susan Krassy — Cheryl Schwartz, Colorado Springs CO; Peggy Ware — Joan Kushner, Denver CO

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 3 (16 teams)

- 1 Danielle Goulet — Tony Farr — David Reid — Eleanor Gibson, Victoria BC
- 2 Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; Tom Cotton — Vicki Moffatt — Isabel Chernoff, Surrey BC
- 3/4 Robert Vetter, Aurora CO; Sheryl Siegel, Greenwood Village CO; Shirley Hayes — Frank Alexander, Kirkland WA
- 3/4 Mary Allen, Peoria IL; Lori Moore — Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL; James Milam, Idaho Falls ID

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 4 (16 teams)

- 1 Anna Sung — Vicky Sutton — Busaba Williams, Honolulu HI; Catherine Hess, Kaneohe HI
- 2 Gary Johnson — Carol Johnson, Beaverton OR; Deborah Cosier, Wilsonville OR; William Rylander, Tigard OR
- 3/4 Richard Gettmann — Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Ronald Mundt — Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
- 3/4 Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Jonathan Bean, Netarts OR; Kevin Marnell, Portland OR

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 5 (16 teams)

- 1 Tim Berta, Sequim WA; Bonnie Broders — Eileen Deutsch, Port Townsend WA; Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA
- 2 Terry Foster, Victoria BC; Elsie Chan — Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3/4 Patrick Johnson — Elizabeth Axford — Robert Richardson — Candace Allen, Clinton WA
- 3/4 Alan Stewart — Kent Livingston — Mark Giovannozzi, Vancouver WA; Irwin Yablok, Portland OR

Sand Dollar Fri-Sat KO Bracket 6 (16 teams)

- 1 Mary Ferguson — Leanne Zaring — Lucie Fritz, Richland WA; Donna Parkes, Kennewick WA
- 2 Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Frank Straulemann, Portland OR; Shari Jerand, Tigard OR; Norma Bueno, Beaverton OR
- 3/4 Ruthann Quinn, Seattle WA; Susan Cothorn, Woodinville WA; Sandy Freeling, Edmonds WA; Shawna Cheney, Wailuku HI
- 3/4 Giff Kassebaum — James Kassebaum, Sonoita AZ; Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR

Saturday Open Pairs (88 pairs)

- 1A Julie Smith, Vancouver BC; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 2A Sondra Schubiner, Franklin MI; Susan Miller, Boca Raton FL
- 3A Howard Epley, Kent WA; Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 1B/1C Jeff Howell — Yiping Wang, Corvallis OR
- 2B Susan Kroning, Seaside OR; David Wigutoff, Astoria OR
- 2C Gary Gilrairie — Faye Gilrairie, Vancouver BC
- 3C Chris Cookson, Nainaimo BC; Charles Richmond, unknown

Fri-Sat Morning Swiss



Aaron Jones, Jin Hu, Jonathan Fleischmann, Oren Kriegel, Robert Micone

Saturday Steelhead Gold Pairs (48 pairs)

- 1C/D Dennis Berg — David Roe, Santa Barbara CA
- 2C Janet Crossley — Peggy McCormick, San Rafael CA
- 3-4C Jim Burbidge, Federal Way WA; Paul Evanoff, Kent WA
- 3-4C William Moore, Lake Oswego OR; Elizabeth Cole, Naples FL
- 2D Michael Claassen — Lorna Logan, Bandon OR
- 3D Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR; David Muller, Vancouver WA
- 1E Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Karen Soutar, Albuquerque NM
- 2E Marion Hull, McMinnville OR; Walter Thies, Corvallis OR
- 3E Jeanne Hibler — Ross Hibler, Salem OR

Fri-Sat Morning Swiss (24 teams)

- 1A Robert Micone, Tustin CA; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Jin Hu, Wappingers Falls NY; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL
- 2A Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Gaylor Kasle — Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Roseville CA
- 3A Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA; Jean Barry, Livermore CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA
- 1-2B Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Steven Drew — Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 1-2B Fraser Glen, N. Battleford SK; Wayne Fahie, Saskatoon SK; Bob Nell, Zehner SK; Rick Grieman, Regina SK
- 3B Pamela Thaut, Tucson AZ; Skip Carson, Denver CO; Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA; Karen Rise, Leavenworth WA
- 1C Lynda Hirst — Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA; Angel Almanza — Kevin Marnell, Portland OR
- 2C Anna Keith Carter — Donald Hanset, Sandpoint ID; Martha Schwake, Hayden ID; William Drayton, Naples ID
- 3C Ruthann Quinn, Seattle WA; Susan Cothorn, Woodinville WA; Sandy Freeling, Edmonds WA; Shawna Cheney, Wailuku HI

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 1 (12 teams)

- 1 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Eddie Wold — Robert Morris, Houston TX
- 2 Ian Martindale — Charlene Martindale — Duane Christensen — Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 3 Sharon Anderson — Roger Anderson, Eagan MN; Marv Riedesel — Mary Johnson, Prior Lake MN

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; June Hensala, Lake Oswego OR; Fred Dorr, Portland OR; Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR
- 2 William Fleming — David Binney, Seattle WA; Carol Kilmer, Portland OR; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR
- 3 Gayle Marr, Fort Walton Beach FL; Karen Couch, Destin FL; Sylvia Jackson, Edmond OK; Doris Needham, Navarre FL

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 3 (12 teams)

- 1 Donald Berry — Russell Page — Rita Beny — Neville Hircock, Victoria BC
- 2 Donald Rahe — Ruth Rahe, Twin Falls ID; Bert Adams — Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA
- 3 John Emmerson, Federal Way WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 4 (13 teams)

- 1 Helen Dillen — Gamil Tadors — Shirley McLeod — Bob McLeod, Calgary AB
- 2 Slava Simice, Comox BC; William Voth, Ladysmith BC; Marek Foff, Edmonton AB; Shirley Charters, Duncan BC
- 3 Ronald Krueger — Geraldine Krueger — Cristina Gallotti — Massimo Gallotti, Spokane WA

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 5 (16 teams)

- 1 Leda Fields — John Fields — John Fields, Arroyo Grande CA; Dianne Maffa, Bend OR
- 2 Barry Heller, Burbank CA; Michael Schultz, Lake Oswego OR; Virginia Sinclair-Brooks — Arlene Matusow, Portland OR
- 3 Shelley Mardiros — Michael Shuster — Carole Kirk, Banff AB; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB

Jellyfish Saturday Compact KO 6 (16 teams)

- 1 Judith Lynch — Ruth Scott, Omaha NE; Beth Howard, Portland OR; Maria Declusin, Newport Beach CA
- 2 Paul Huntress, Auburn WA; Linda Longmire, Yarrow Point WA; Lynne Phillips, Sammamish WA; Martha Jenkins, Kirkland WA
- 3 Anna Keith Carter — Donald Hanset, Sandpoint ID; Martha Schwake, Hayden ID; William Drayton, Naples ID

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (25 pairs)

- 1A Theresa Barthels — Peter Barthels, Cheney WA
- 2A/1B Pete Grice — Donald Robinson, Boise ID
- 3A/2B/1C Elaine Pollock, Anchorage AK; Sylvia Miller, Ketchum ID
- 3B/2C Gary Griesmeyer, Tumwater WA; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA
- 3C Christopher Gorton — Cynthia Gorton, Boston MA

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs (26 pairs)

- 1D/F Michael Pham — Mike Goffe, Portland OR
- 2D/E Nely Johnson — Margaret Matin, Portland OR
- 3-4D Marylee Webber, Hood River OR; Lynn Rosen, White Salmon WA
- 3-4D/3E Denise Holst, Courtenay BC; Darlene Allen, Squamish BC
- 2F Toni Albano — Fran Allen, Portland OR
- 3F Chita Becker — Nancy Delbrueck, Portland OR

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (44 pairs)

- 1A Nancy Boothe — Pat McMullin, Houston TX
- 2A/1B/C Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Steve Tubbs, Vancouver WA
- 3A/2B Marla Patterson — David Fallen, Arlington WA
- 3B Maureen Schroder, Kirkland WA; Dorene Smyth, Portland OR
- 2C Erezia Connell — William Connell, Eureka CA
- 3C Patricia Caltrider, Bellingham WA; Patricia Schoening, Lynden WA

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D/F Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA; Janice Fallen, Arlington WA
- 2D/E Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR; Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR

- 3D/E/2F Gordon Macnevin, Napa CA; Jiadi He, Astoria OR
- 3F Patt McConnell — Donald McConnell, Portland OR

Saturday Afternoon 99er Pairs (17 pairs)

- 1G/1 Illona Wilken — Mary Hansen, Eugene OR
- 2G/1 Sally Ann Wells, Seaside OR; Melody Boyce, West Linn OR
- 3G/1 Hayward Reed — Karen Crooch, Salem OR

Saturday Evening Side Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A Elinor Hood — Donald Weber, Portland OR
- 2A Sharon Crapko, Seaside OR; Douglas West, Ocean Park WA
- 3A/1B Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
- 2B/1C Marla Patterson — David Fallen, Arlington WA
- 3B/2C Art Hutton — Jackie Hutton, Stanwood WA
- 3C Nancy Swanson — Margot Leonard, Portland OR

Saturday Evening 299er Pairs (16 pairs)

- 1D/F Mary Stoa, Shoreline WA; Janice Fallen, Arlington WA
- 2D/E Barbara Horrell — James Horrell, Redmond WA
- 3D Nora Laughlin — Donna Brooks, Juneau AK
- 3E Janet Landesberg — Beverly Walker, Vancouver WA
- 2F Barbara Horrell — James Horrell, Redmond WA
- 3-4F Teresa Mendenhall — Sherry Lacombe-Ingham, Vancouver WA
- 3-4F Gordon Macnevin, Napa CA; Jiadi He, Astoria OR

Saturday Evening Swiss Teams (46 teams)

- 1A Eric Stoltz — Marc Zwering, Portland OR; Wolfe Thompson, Vancouver WA; Duncan Smith, Victoria BC
- 2-3A Leslie Kelson — Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR; Joan Stark, Happy Valley OR; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR
- 2-3A/1B/C Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR; Gene Hval — Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR
- 2-3B Dena Senn — Ron Senn — Cynthia Sinn — Donna Braniff, Beaverton OR
- 2-3B Mary Alice Seville — Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Steven Drew — Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 2C Mark Giovannozzi — Alan Stewart — Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA; Irwin Yablok, Portland OR
- 3C Fred Sutherland — Kathryn Sutherland — Joan Borberg — Ginny Gainer, Portland OR

Sunday, Oct. 2

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (52 teams)

- 1A Paul Lewis — Linda Lewis — Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA
- 2A James Elliott — John Lusk, Portland OR; Rafael Braun — Marie Eggeling, Berlin, Germany
- 3A/1X Aaron Mohrman — David Taylor, Seattle WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Kim Eng, Issaquah WA
- 2X Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR; Jim Lopes, La Quinta CA; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 3X Debbie Wastle, Victoria BC; Jack Bradshaw — Carole Bradshaw, Courtenay BC; Katie Christie, Vernon BC

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 1 (8 teams)

- 1 Danielle Goulet — Tony Farr — David Reid — Eleanor Gibson, Victoria BC
- 2 Gamil Tadors — Bob McLeod — Shirley McLeod — Helen Dillen, Calgary AB
- 3/4 Michael Walker, Vancouver WA; Darryl Hendershot, Thousand Palms CA; Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 3/4 Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Sylvia Markham — Roy Markham, Montesano WA

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 2 (8 teams)

- 1 Art Hutton — Jackie Hutton, Stanwood WA; Bill McGeary — Sheryl Clough, Clinton WA
- 2 Art Silvas — Lee Silvas, Renton WA; Ivor Philips — Marilyn Philips, Bellevue WA
- 3/4 Ronald Krueger — Geraldine Krueger — Cristina Gallotti — Massimo Gallotti, Spokane WA
- 3/4 Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Norma Bueno — Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR; Shari Jerand, Tigard OR

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 3 (8 teams)

- 1 Denny Gibson, Bellingham WA; Jim Garnier, Maple Ridge BC; Andy Hellquist, Surrey BC; Debbie Martignago, Pitt Meadows BC
- 2 Leda Fields — John Fields — John Fields, Arroyo Grande CA; Dianne Maffa, Bend OR
- 3 Thomas Reis, Port Angeles WA; Tim Berta, Sequim WA; Bonnie Broders — Eileen Deutsch, Port Townsend WA

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 4 (8 teams)

- 1 Mike Ampsacher — Elsie Chan — Jim Windus, Vancouver WA; Terry Foster, Victoria BC
- 2 Becky McKenzie — Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
- 3 Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Krista Garver — Katherine Leonard, Portland OR; Jerome Gordon, Salem OR

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 5 (8 teams)

- 1 Rita Cannon, Ladysmith BC; Sharon Fedunick, Courtenay BC; Shirley Charters, Duncan BC; Maureen Steele, Nainaimo BC
- 2 George Kuppler — Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR; Burt Echtenkamp — Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID
- 3 Betsy McCormick — Margaret Evenson, Portland OR; Ira Grifel, Beaverton OR; Lynn Perey, Beaverton OR

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 6 (8 teams)

- 1 Arthur Levine, Goleta CA; David Roe — Dennis Berg, Santa Barbara CA; Bob Frank, Eugene OR
- 2 Michael Shuster — Shelley Mardiros — Carole Kirk, Banff AB; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB
- 3 Anna Keith Carter — Donald Hanset, Sandpoint ID; Martha Schwake, Hayden ID; William Drayton, Naples ID

Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss 7 (10 teams)

- 1 Mike Goffe — Zack Woodbury — Michael Pham, Portland OR; Judee Woodbury, Palm Desert CA
- 2 John Shribbs — Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA; Brian Brady, Eagle ID; Bruce Thornburgh, Boise ID
- 3 Christy Coupland, Dublin OH; Jude Boardman, Vashon Island WA; Lisa Korick, Vancouver WA; Janice Smith, Portland OR

Sunday Fast Open Pairs (35 pairs)

- 1A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA
- 2A Ian Kirk — Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 3A John Ashton — Jon Bartlett, Portland OR
- 1B Helen Miller — J. Penney, Lacey WA
- 2B Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR
- 3B Tom McKenna, Eugene OR; James Madison, Silver Creek WA
- 1C Karen Rise, Leavenworth WA; Nobi Morris, Wenatchee WA
- 2C J.C. Chupack — Scott Chupack, Seattle WA
- 3C Jiadi He — Manny Suarez, Astoria OR



SCHEDULE

MONDAY February 20

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

TUESDAY February 21

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

WEDNESDAY February 22

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

THURSDAY February 23

- 9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
- 1 & 7 p.m.Beaverton Bracketed KOs (continues 1 & 7 Friday)
- 1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
- 1 & 7 p.m.♦ Rhododendron Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
- 1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
- 1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5)
- 7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
- 7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6)
- 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

FRIDAY February 24

- 9 a.m.Rise & Shine Stratified Swiss Teams (continues 9 a.m. Saturday)
- 9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
- 1 & 7 p.m.Mt. Hood Bracketed KOs (continues 1 & 7 p.m. Saturday)
- 1 & 7 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
- 1 & 7 p.m.♦ Azalea Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
- 1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
- 1 p.m.Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)
- 7 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
- 7 p.m.Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6)
- 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

SATURDAY February 25

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

SUNDAY February 26

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

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STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Pairs: Open/2000/1250.
Gold Pairs: 750/300/200.

Stratified Events:

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

299er Stratified Events:

A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50.

Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams:

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

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:

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

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

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- One bracket KO may be handicapped.
- Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
- ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) events.

Snowbirds: Across District 20, birds of a feather flock to warmer weather

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Harvey and Sharon Bush

Harvey Bush

One of the most popular locations for snowbirds in District 20 is Green Valley, Ariz., a town outside Tucson. Our first snowbird is one of several part-time residents there. Harvey Bush of Klamath Falls, Ore., and his wife, Sharon, first started sneaking away to Mazatlan, Mexico, 10 years ago.

But a few years later they decided to make the switch to Green Valley because, as Bush puts it, "the bridge there was fantastic, and we had close friends in the area." Jon and Roberta Stromquist, former club owners in Coos Bay, moved there in 2011.

So, what does one do while snowbirding? According to Bush, "lots of bridge, hiking, working with dog rescue organizations, partying and lots of exercising." And while "partying" may have piqued your interest too, Bush says it's nothing too exciting. "Green Valley parties are pretty laid back," he explains. "They start at 5 p.m. and end at 8. Pretty boring, but it fits us."

And while his wife is more into the dog rescue and volunteer efforts, Bush makes sure to work in a bridge game at least four times a week. So, why head south for the winter months? Bush simply says, "Winter," which has a very specific meaning in Klamath Falls, where average lows are in the 20s. "Hard to lay our eggs in the snow."



Bob and Lynn Studley

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Our next warm-weather lovers have been flocking south since 1999. Bob and Lynn Studley of Coquille, Ore., are also friends of the Stromquists who head to Green Valley to escape the winter chill.

Unlike many snowbirds, Bob and Lynn live in their RV, a decision that evolved as they got closer to retirement. "During our working years, we thought about retirement and planned to travel at some point," Lynn says. "As we moved closer to retirement time, we saw many of our peers develop health problems. So the decision was made to travel sooner rather than later."

When Bob retired in 1999, they sold their house and hit the road. Lynn describes their winter break activities as swimming, walking, shuffleboard, day trips around the desert, yard sales, hosting "happy hour" for other winter escapees and – of course – playing bridge. "I play two days per week and Bob plays three to four," she says.

So, what's the best part about being a snowbird? Lynn says it's the feeling of being on a perpetual vacation. Sounds pretty fab.



Ruby and Harry Boyd

Ruby Boyd

Our next snowbird is Ruby Boyd of Ontario, Ore. She heads to Sun City, Ariz., right after Christmas and doesn't return until April. There, she plays bridge, swims and socializes while soaking up the warmer Arizona temperatures. When asked what she feels the best part of being a snowbird is, Boyd says, "You go to the same place and have established a regular 'family' there." And while she enjoys her time away, she's always glad to get back home in the spring. For Boyd, Sun City will always just be a winter getaway. "Ontario will always be home," she says. "We have lived here over 50 years, and don't plan to call any other place home."

Lorna Logan

This bridge player and club director spends more than half her time in Todos Santos, Mexico. Lorna Logan spends summer and Christmas in Bandon, Ore., then flocks to Mexico for fall, winter and spring.

Why? Well, it's those pesky gray, rainy days (duh!).

Logan, who directs at clubs in both Bandon and Todos Santos, describes her snowbird activities as playing bridge, writing, doing yoga, and photography. Her favorite part of being a snowbird? "When you have friends in two places and the experience of a different culture, and sun in the winter, who could ask for more?"



Lorna Logan

Peyt Turner

After years of working too much, Peyt Turner was forced to take time off in 1974 because she had acquired too much leave. She thought to herself, where to go? What to do? That's when she met a co-worker who owned a house in Mexico. So, Turner decided to fly into La Paz, Mexico, where she bumped into a couple from the U.S. who happened to be bridge players.

"That was a new lease on life," Turner says. After that, Turner worked in Mexico as a chef on a yacht until quitting in the mid-'80s. She now heads to La Paz two to three months a year to escape the rainy winter of her hometown, White Salmon, Wash.

Turner says the quality of life in Mexico is "off the charts." And minus her drive to Todo Santos to play bridge at Lorna Logan's club, Turner says she can drive less than 15 miles a week to meet all of her needs — which includes visiting beaches and time for recreational activities.

Besides soaking up sun and playing bridge, Turner also enjoys writing, photography and daily 3-mile walks. "My life is fuller and more social there," she says.



Peyt Turner



Toni and Mike McLeod

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Not all snowbirds flock to the same location every year. Take it from Toni and Mike McLeod. These two live in Longview, Wash., but escape to different hot spots (pun intended) each winter for the last three years. "For two years, we traveled around the Southwest in a Winnebago," Toni says. "That became stressful, so we sold it!" Last year, they rented houses in both San Diego and Palm Desert, Calif., staying in each place for one month.

This year, they plan to rent a house in Huntington Beach, Calif., after the holidays, then skip over to San Clemente and Phoenix, where they'll spend a month in each spot. But all of the bouncing around is worth it to escape the cold and rainy weather, according to Toni. So, what do they enjoy doing while away? Well, bridge of course. "I actually achieved my Life Master last winter playing in a team game in San Diego with three strangers while my husband was playing golf with a friend," Toni says. Otherwise, they just enjoy the warm weather.



Dolly Gill

Dolly Gill

Our next snowbird might not have started playing bridge if not for her winter locale. Dolly Gill lives in Fruitland, Idaho, for six months of the year and travels to Yuma, Ariz., for six months in the winter. "I retired 10 years ago and became a snowbird at that time," Gill explains. She had friends and neighbors already in Yuma, so it was a logical choice.

It was on a trip to Yuma where Gill was first introduced to duplicate bridge. She says she could see right away that it was something she wanted to do, but would need more instruction before getting to a competitive level.

When she found out the College of Southern Arizona in Yuma was teaching duplicate bridge, she decided to take beginner bridge the first year, then intermediate bridge the second year and her final class the third year. By then, she was hooked. "I joined the ACBL in Yuma and became a member of Yuma Unit 358," Gill explains. Now, she serves on the Yuma unit board.

"I have made so many bridge friends that it's almost like a family reunion when I see them at tournaments," she says. "It's a great game."

Jim Lopes

Instead of flocking south for the winter, Jim Lopes and his wife head north to Ashland, Ore., for the summer. The two reside in La Quinta, Calif., near Palm Springs most of the year but look to escape as soon as the desert sun gets too intense. "The weather in the desert is brutal during the summer months," Lopes explains.

So four years ago, Lopes and his wife bought a home in Ashland, where

Lopes's wife is vice chair of Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In both locations, they enjoy golf, exercise, reading and bridge. "There are huge games in the Coachella Valley during the winter and a great regional in December," he says. Of course, they'll be back in time for Medford's regional in May.



Jim Lopes



Mary Egger

Mary Egger

Our last snowbird has been in the Green Valley crowd since 1997. Mary Egger of Springfield, Ore., and her late husband, Ralph, first house-hunted for a winter getaway in Palm Springs, Calif., and Hilton Head, S.C., but couldn't find what they were looking for.

A trip to Arizona and a six-week stay at a villa in Green Valley sealed the deal. "We decided this was the place we wanted to spend our winters and bought a town house," Egger says. They later upgraded to a bigger house in their Arizona hideaway.

Back in the Eugene area, Egger is known for the annual spring potluck she has hosted for the bridge club since 1988. "There are usually 14 or more tables," Egger says. "Everyone loves to come to the farm."

While snowbirding, Egger enjoys volunteering, hiking and – you guessed it – bridge. Egger says she feels very fortunate to have good health so she can continue her annual trek south. She perfectly sums up her overall snowbirding experience with one line: "Life is good."

Ethics: Sharples was early proponent of recorder system

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Sharples is a Platinum Life Master who has been a fixture in the Portland/District 20 bridge community for nearly 40 years. A personal property appraiser, he lives in Brush Prairie, Wash., near Vancouver, with his wife, Karen. He is the district's disciplinary chair, and previously served as district recorder for about 20 years.

Growing up in Northern California, Sharples took up bridge in high school, learning it at the Stanford Coffee House, his go-to hangout spot. In 1972 he started at Reed College in Portland. There he met Larry Moore, a fellow coin collector, who convinced him to try duplicate. It didn't make a good first impression for two reasons: the slow pace compared to party bridge and the prevailing attitude in the pre-Zero Tolerance days.

"It was just a bunch of grumpy old people sitting around being grumpy," he said. "It didn't seem like fun."

Fortunately he gave it another try a couple years after college. A business partner who was taking a beginning bridge class from Barbara Davis at Portland Bridge Club convinced him to go to a 1999 game there. This time it stuck.

In 1981, the year he became a Life Master, Sharples began his partnership with Gerry Marshall of Calgary, Alberta, which is still going strong after 35 years.

Although he'd grown to love duplicate bridge, Sharples still wasn't impressed with the attitude many bridge players displayed. He began a campaign to change the culture of bridge, putting together a pamphlet promoting many of the themes that would later be echoed in the ACBL Goodwill Committee messages and codified in the Zero Tolerance policy.

Sharples distributed his pamphlets only locally at tournaments in the Northwest in the mid-'80s. Barbara Seagram likely never saw them before launching the nationwide campaign in 1996 that led to the adoption of the Zero Tolerance policy.

The ACBL introduced the recorder system in 1985, with Bobby Wolff serving as the first national recorder. When district-level recorder positions were created,



Hendrik Sharples is District 20's disciplinary chair and part of the ACBL's Ethical Oversight Committee.

Sharples volunteered to serve as the first recorder in any district.

"I thought it was a really good idea," Sharples said. "I still think it's a good idea. 'There are things that happen at the table where you don't call the director but you are suspicious of what happened. When something happens that's suspicious, it's very difficult to say to anyone, 'I think these people are cheating.' ... It's good for bridge players to have a place where they can say, 'this happened.'"

When players witness something that suggests a behavioral or ethical issue that can't be resolved with an immediate director call, they can fill out a player memo, also known as a recorder form. As such reports accumulate, the recorder can establish evidence of a pattern of behavior and decide to refer the matter to a disciplinary hearing.

Sharples continued to serve as district recorder until about 10 years ago when the job was divided and a separate position of disciplinary chair was created. "District 20 is a good place with good people, so I have had relatively little to do over the years," he said.

The most notorious case he handled

involved the late Ron Andersen, whom Wolff has described as one of the reasons the recorder system was needed, at the 1996 Reno Regional. A group of juniors who had recently qualified to represent the USA at the 1997 junior world championships in Italy came to Reno and entered a bracket 1 knockout; they were beating Andersen's team handily at half-time. Andersen told them they were terrible and that they would fare poorly in Europe. He was given a 30-day suspension and 90 days probation.

Throughout his time as recorder and disciplinary chair, Sharples also served on appeals committees, including at nationals for the past decade, until they were recently abolished.

Four years ago, when Don Mamula was preparing to begin his term as ACBL president, he asked Sharples to serve on the Ethical Oversight Committee. When he was assigned to hear the Fisher-Schwartz case, it was originally scheduled for a year ago in Denver, postponed to Reno and then the Summer NABC in Washington DC.

Although Sharples hadn't planned on going to Washington, he went – at his own expense – to serve on the committee (and played no bridge). After three days of testimony and deliberation, the panel expelled both players and nullified their titles and masterpoints. Per ACBL regulations, the same titles and masterpoints were taken away from their partners and teammates in the events they played with them during the previous four years.

Another group of seven heard the case of Italians Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes, reaching the same verdict.

While many celebrated the outcome, for Sharples, the occasion was solemn, not joyous — like serving on a jury.

"It's very sad that two young men made a choice to compete in this manner, and to know that we were changing their lives forever," he said. "But when we considered the damage they did to high-level bridge, it became clear that for the good of bridge what we did was necessary."

Issues can be reported to the ACBL recorder at web3.acbl.org/player-memo.

Teachers' Corner

Teachers discuss practice material

More than 20 bridge teachers attended breakfast at Seaside to share their stories and ideas with one another. ACBL CEO **Robert Hartman** joined our enthusiastic group and thanked us for our hard work. He acknowledged it is the efforts of teachers and local clubs that bring in new members.

Hartman told us of another teachers' meeting, in Houston, where participants collaborate on preparing materials so



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

that students can enjoy consistent teaching texts as they progress from one level to the next. D20 President **Rich Carle** also joined our breakfast and echoed Hartman's gratitude for the efforts that D20 teachers put in.

The consensus was that students

love to play and want opportunities to practice newly learned skills. **Sue Kroning** shared her experience running a supervised-play class using hands from "Duplicate Bridge at Home" by Fred Gitelman and Mark Horton. The book is set up so the students can deal their own hands and each hand has its own analysis. Sue familiarizes herself with the hands before class so she can offer guidance, as needed, at each table. Everyone at the breakfast loved the idea of this book as a resource for practice play.

In support of new-player development, D20 will reimburse expenses incurred by teachers for beginning bridge classes. To learn more about this reimbursement, go to www.acbl20.org and click the Education tab. There you will find expense guidelines and reimbursement forms.

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Carle: District president's time in office will expire in February; election coming

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about having to arise early to make the 9 a.m. second-session start time. But after players were notified of the change, many more clamored to return the schedule to what it had been. So the board put the KO back in, while retaining the Monday evening Swiss. Table count was great for both events, so you will see them featured again on next year's schedule.

The D20 board did not meet formally in Seaside. However, we were happy to accept an invitation to a dinner hosted by ACBL CEO **Robert Hartman**, who was there to play in the open pairs with District Director **Merlin Vilhauer**. We appreciate the CEO's interest in our district, and this get-together afforded us a chance to voice concern about issues facing the ACBL and D20 in particular.

Robert said that the ACBL couldn't function without the efforts of the many volunteers who work to make our events successful. So even though there is a paid staff, he is deeply appreciative of the unpaid workers: unit and district board members plus all those others who help organize and run the tournaments. I am confident that consideration will be given to suggestions offered by individuals at the dinner and at the bridge tables.

One of the subjects we discussed was the declining attendance at most sectionals. There are many contributing factors, including perhaps too many sectionals, availability of satisfactory facilities, compe-



District officials and board members met with ACBL CEO Robert Hartman over dinner in Seaside during the regional.

tion from STaCs, popularity of online bridge and rising costs for directors, facilities and other services. There are no easy answers, but the good news is that the ACBL membership is not declining.

North American events

The D20 NAP finals took place in October (see results, page 3). Please root for our finalists when they compete in the national finals in Kansas City in March.

The qualifying period for the 2017 GNTs is in progress and continues through February in clubs. The online D20 GNT finals are the last weekend in April (Open and Flight B) and the first weekend in May (Flights A and C). Winners will be invited to the national finals in Toronto in July.

Plan to participate, and encourage your club manager to schedule club-qualifying

team games (which pay half red points) and to hold Grass Roots Fund pair games that help raise money for travel subsidies.

End of term

My term as D20 president expires at the board meeting at the 2017 **Oregon Trail Regional**, where a new president will be elected. I have served two terms and must retire per the bylaws.

It's been a privilege to serve D20 in this capacity and I recognize that I couldn't have done it alone. Many thanks to the hard-working board members who supported me during this period, and thanks also to the many folks who have provided helpful feedback and suggestions.

I would especially like to acknowledge and thank my predecessor, **Molly Harris**, who has been a tremendous mentor throughout my term. She has been a long-time Area 5 representative for Unit 487 (Portland) and treasurer for the last year. Alas, she is retiring effective at year's end. **Mike Eyer** has been elected to replace her as area rep.

D20 is in good financial health, and generally our regionals have been successful. The new president will need to respond to changing conditions to maintain that success.

The bylaws state: "The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision of

the affairs of D20, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office or are assigned by the Board of Directors."

One of the challenges is to anticipate things a year or two in advance so that the proper foundation can be laid, whether it be getting finance committee approval, assigning or acquiring personnel or advertising the event.

Luckily, the folks who are responsible for these things are doing a great job with minimal input from me and I expect that their leadership will continue "under new management."

There are always things that pop up that need to be dealt with, but our board has shown flexibility in dealing with them, often via online correspondence. The bylaws require two formal meetings annually, one of them at the Oregon Trail Regional. A second meeting is held at another regional later in the year (probably Eugene in August).

The bylaws say that any D20 member in good standing can serve as president. If you are interested, you must announce your candidacy in writing to Secretary **Gee Gee Walker** by Jan. 1, 2017. The election will be conducted by the board at its meeting at the Oregon Trail Regional on Feb. 25, 2017.

Thanks to all for your support of District 20! See you in Vancouver in late February.

Remember: play bridge; have fun!

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

Rogue Valley Regional

May 15-21, 2017 • Inn at the Commons, Medford, Ore.

Schedule

MONDAY May 15

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

TUESDAY May 16

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

WEDNESDAY May 17

- 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.♦ Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m. & 3 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m.Grants Pass Side Game Series (4 of 5)
3 p.m.Grants Pass Side Game Series (5 of 5)

THURSDAY May 18

- 10 a.m.Medford Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 3 p.m.; and 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Friday)
10 a.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
10 a.m. & 3 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (1 of 6)
3 p.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (2 of 6)
3 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
3 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

FRIDAY May 19

- 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.♦ Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m. & 3 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (3 of 6)
3 p.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (4 of 6)

SATURDAY May 20

- 10 a.m.Compact Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 3)
10 a.m. & 3 p.m.♦ Gold Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m. & 3 p.m.Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
10 a.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (5 of 6)
3 p.m.Rogue Valley Side Game Series (6 of 6)
3 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

SUNDAY May 21

- 10 a.m. & TBA.....Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams (2 sessions)
10 a.m. & TBA.....Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (2 sessions)

Stratifications

Three Strat Pairs: Open/2500/1250. ♦ Gold Pairs: 750/300/200.
Stratified Events: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750. ♦ 299er Events:
A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50. Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams: A:
3000; X: 0-3000 (plays alone, 20 VP). Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
(20 VP): 0-2000; Teams play in small groups by masterpoint range; gold
points in each bracket. Eligibility for flighted events based on top
player's 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'
INT openings allowed in all events. KO with 1 bracket may be
handicapped. ♦ Indicates Newcomer/Intermediate games

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541-779-5811.

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- Airport shuttle.

Pets accepted.

Table fees

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



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541-292-3474; ggwalker@gmail.com

Spotlight on Intermediate and New Players!

A special table is hosted by the District 20 I/N Coordinator: **Margi Redden**
d20incoord@yahoo.com; 503-239-0218. In addition to our regular events, we
have workshops and special events designed for newer players.

Workshops

2 p.m. workshops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with gifts for
attending! Speakers include:

- SOU Professor Kemble Yates
- Director Jeff Jacob
- The ever popular OIT professor Randall Paul
- Meet the new D20 Education Liaison, Deborah Lackey.

Exclusive I/N Events

Gold Pairs: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday;
299er Stratified Pairs: 10 a.m. Thursday;
299er Swiss Teams: 3 p.m. Thursday.

Special Events

- 299er Swiss Teams on Thursday at 3 p.m.
- I/N party between sessions on Friday.
- Partners available: Gee Gee Walker,
541-292-3474 or ggwalker@gmail.com
- Winner prizes and pictures every session.
- ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events: Look for the
red diamond in the schedule to find exclusive I/N events.

Explore the scenic Rogue Valley!

Oregon Shakespeare Festival plays available
during the regional in Ashland, near Medford:
Shakespeare in Love, Julius Caesar, Mojada.
1-800-219-8161; www.osfashland.org

Medford is located close to the **Rogue Valley and Applegate Valley wine regions**

Ashland Wine Trail: <https://is.gd/oDlaFi>

Bear Creek Wineries: www.BearCreekWineries.com

Applegate Wine Tasting: www.applegatetwinetasting.com

Southern Oregon Wine Association: www.sorwa.org

And many other activities!

AROUND THE UNITS



**Nampa/
Caldwell**
♣♦♥♠
By Marilyn Tripple

New recruit aces director test

We welcome our newest director, board member and club treasurer **John Pearson**, who recently took the ACBL test and aced it like a youngster. John joins **Bruce Thornburgh** to provide much-needed backup for director **Duane Christensen** to ensure well-orchestrated games.

Attendance has been impressive of late: 12 tables on Sept. 19 and 13 on Oct. 17.

Then there was our very successful Halloween sectional at the Canyon Creek Restaurant & Lounge in Nampa.

Witches, pumpkins, scarecrows, bats and all things fall and/or Halloween adorned the room, and delicious snacks abounded.



Witches Marilyn Tripple and Sonya Shue haunted the local Halloween sectional.

More than a few Nampa-Caldwell members made a nice showing for themselves at that tournament. Among them were **John Zamboni** of Caldwell and partner **Paul Penland** of Eagle, winners of the Friday Scaredy Cat Pairs. In the evening game **Sonya Shue** and **Marilyn Tripple** came in first in C. Spooky Swiss Teams winners were **Duane** and **Carol Christensen** paired with **K.C. Jones** and **Suzanne St. Thomas** of Boise.

Among 110 players, 481.14 total masterpoints were earned, with top Nampa-Caldwell winners including Duane and Carol Christensen, John Zamboni, Sonya and Marilyn and John Pearson. We extend special thanks to **John Gram** and "guest speaker" **Anita Hansen** for making sure everyone had a great time.

Until next time, goodnight Mama, goodnight Ben, good night Jim Bob, see you on the radio! Love you guys!

Players to the rescue with last-minute alternate venue

In fall, a game of bridge is especially nice. We're done with garden work and the weather is not yet hazardous for our drive to the game.

The camaraderie in our club is wonderful and everyone takes a real interest in his or her fellow players' welfare. One example is that several of our senior ladies need help getting to the club and we cheerfully see to it that they can.

We experienced a brief moment of panic on Oct. 12, when our usual venue told us at the last minute they could not accommodate us. But **Jerry, Dauna** and **Winnie Henggeler** rose to the occasion and offered their business's lunchroom, which worked beautifully.

It was a Club Appreciation Swiss Team game, and we drew our partners' names out of a hat. The team of **Pat and Fred Trenkel** and **Beverly Kasee** and **Ingeborg Dickerson** won all four of their matches to win the event.

Throughout spring and summer we revised our bylaws to bring the club into the computer age. Special thanks go to



Ontario
♣♦♥♠
By Inge Dickerson

Mella-Dee Mayberry, who pitched in with her thorough understanding of both the computer and the intricacies of game laws.


Good games for some novices lately: On Oct. 3, **Linda Simmons** and **Sharon Wada** won the limited game,

and a week later Sharon paired with **Beulah Gray** to win the East-West in the open game.

Winners in the yearly Instant Matchpoint Game were **Lorinda Pearson** and **Mary-Jo Rode** (North-South) and **Winnie Henggeler** and **Glenora Wright** (East-West).



Beulah Gray and Sharon Wada



Redding
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By Joan Sullens
www.bridgescore.com/redding

Redding gets a fourth Gold LM

We have a new Gold Life Master, **Marvin Grudem**. He joins an elite three in Redding: **Florence Hungerford**, **Judy Hotchkin** and **Jeanne Carpenter**. **Bob Wierman** will join them soon.

Bridge is challenging and fun. We can make it even better by remembering a few simple things. Greet fellow players as they join your table. When on lead, lead first and then write down the contract. No lessons at the table unless asked. Keep a poker face. No postmortems at the table. Thank your opponents and wish them luck. Easy!

We are sad to report the passing of Redding player **Don Carlson**. His wit is sorely missed.

Results

NAP Qualifier, Redding — 1A/1B: Diane Norton — Cindy Huntington, 2A: Gene Biek — Gail Lonnberg, 3A/2B: Ken Murray — Bud Hamilton, 3B: Jan Joiner — Jerry Anderson.

Swiss Teams Game — 1: Gail Lenz — Cheryl Bell — Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman, 2-3: Shorty Armstrong — Jeanne Pedersen — Joann Perkins — Sue McKown, 2-3: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin — Marlene Lamoreaux — Jan Joiner.

Unit Game, August — N/S 1A: Marilyn Avey — Marlene Lamoreaux, 2A: Jim — Carol Reed. E/W: 1A: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz, 2A: Jerry Clark — George Clarke.

NAP Qualifier, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Wilhelmina White — Marvin Grudem, 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford, 3A/2B/1C: Gail Lenz — Jan Williams, 2C: Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz. Restricted 1D: Phyllis Cummins — Shirlean Duntch, 2D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger.

ICC Game — N/S 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 2A/1B: Chuck — Sandi Cook, 2B: Susan Haas — Mike Hollins. E/W 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman, 2A: Carole Schmitz — Marvin Grudem, 1B: Dave Klasson — Joann Jensen, 2B: Barbara Hopson — Shorty Armstrong.

STAC Monday, Redding, Aug. 22 — N/S 1A/1B: Jerry Clark — Bud Hamilton, 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Gene Biek, 2B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey, 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman, 2C: Pat Denniston — Jan Williams. E/W 1A/1B/1C: Gail Lenz — Susan Haas, 2A: Joanne Weillbrenner — Carol Nelson, 2B: Marlene Lamoreaux — Shorty Armstrong, 2C: Nancy Duggan — Joyce Morrow. Restricted 1D: Jackie McCall — Elsa Zoll, 2D: Joan Kleczka — Linda Odegard.

STAC Wednesday, Bridge Werks, Aug. 24 — N/S 1A: Joanne Weillbrenner — Judy Hotchkin, 2A: Florence Hungerford — Marlene Lamoreaux, 1B: Carole Schmitz — Marilyn Avey, 2B: Susan Haas — Bud Hamilton, 1C: Janet Druckenmiller — Capri Pearce. E/W 1A/1B: Bob Wierman — Jerry Clark, 2A/2B: Mike Hollins — July Ratley, 1C: Sandi Cook — Joan Corbeau, 2C: Joann Perkins — Jeanne Pedersen.

STAC Thursday, Redding, Aug. 25 — N/S 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Marilyn Avey, 2A/2B/1C: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom, 3A/3B: Dorothy Hoots — Mary Hawkins, 2C: Joan Corbeau — Terry Dell, 3C: Sandi Cook — Lorraine Dumont. E/W 1A/1B: Jim Norton — Carol Nelson, 2A/2B: Gail Lonnberg — Bud Hamilton, 1C: Jan Williams — Jerry Anderson, 2C: Mike Hollins — George Clarke.

STAC Friday, Bridge Werks, Aug. 26 — N/S: 1A: Florence Hungerford — Carol Nelson, 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Joanne Weillbrenner, 1B/1C: Jan Thieleman — Dave Jannuzzi, 2B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey, 2C: Joan Corbeau — Marlene Lamoreaux. E/W: 1A: Jim Norton — Jerry Anderson, 2A/1B/1C: Bill Kurz — Jan Williams, 2B/2C: Mike Hollins — George Clarke.

Club Championship, Redding Monday — 1A/1B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz, 2A: Marilyn Avey — Nancy Abbott, 3A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin, 2B: Joan Corbeau — Joanne Weillbrenner, 3B/1C: Jeff — Kim Speer, 2C: Cheryl Bell — Gail Lenz. Restricted: 1D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan, 2D: Johnny Brazo — Margaret Hughes, 3D: Joe Willardson — Ron Ramsey.

Club Championship, Redding Thursday — 1A: Marilyn Avey — Carol Nelson, 2A: Judy Hotchkin — July Ratley, 3A: Wilhelmina White — Marvin Grudem, 1B: Shorty Armstrong — Jerry Clark, 2B: Cindy Huntington — Jan Williams, 3B: Bud Hamilton — Barbara Hopson, 1C: Gerri Wolfe — Gail Lenz, 2C: Jeanne Pedersen — Pat Maddox.

Unit Game, September — 1A: Terry Drennan — Ted Marconi, 2A: Bud Hamilton — Jeanne Carpenter, 3A: Marvin Grudem — Joanne Weillbrenner, 2B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz, 3B/1C: Shorty Armstrong — Mike Hollins.

Club Appreciation Game, Redding Monday — 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson, 2A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman, 1B: Mike Hollins — Marvin Grudem — Marlene Lamoreaux — Joan Corbeau — Joanne Weillbrenner, 1C: Gail Lenz — Cheryl Bell, 2C: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson. Restricted 1D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger, 2D: Nikki Blum — Jim Smith.

Boise players win in Seaside, Nampa

Boise players have been making a big impact on the tournament trail. Quite a few of them played in Seaside, helping to boost that event's record attendance.

Among them were **Pete Grice** and **Don Robinson**, who won a bracketed KO.

Winners from the recently completed Nampa-Caldwell Sectional include **Carol Holmes** and **John Gitzen**, who won the Saturday afternoon open pairs, and **K.C. Jones** and **Suzanne St. Thomas**, who won the Friday afternoon open pairs and the Sunday Swiss Teams.

Nice work from **Bev Fraser** and **Greg Wilson**, who placed second in the D20 NAP Flight C online competition, qualifying to compete in Kansas City.

The Boise unit board is preparing for its annual membership meeting and Christmas party. There, we will present revised bylaws to bring us into the modern age, providing for notice of meetings by



Boise
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By Ian Martindale
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email and website. We thank Secretary **Nancy Feldman** for designing and implementing the website, *boisebridge.club*, and invite everyone to visit.

Also at that meeting we will present the three new candidates for election to the unit board: **Leslie Muir**, **Phil Emerson** and **Gene Gerard**. We urge everyone to attend the meeting and party and to get involved with bridge promotion in this area.

The Boise Unit is sad to report that **Dean Pierose**, a very longtime and prominent player in Boise, died on Aug. 15 after a lengthy illness. See the obituary written by Craig Jones on page 2.

The Dalles hosts memorial cancer fundraiser



Mid-Columbia
♣♦♥♠
By Peyt Turner

We are happy to report that a benefit game held at The Dalles raised over \$400 in memory of **Dave Slegel**, whom we lost to cancer in August. Those proceeds will benefit OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, where they are making amazing progress against many cancers.

I urge everyone who missed the game to donate individually in Dave's memory and to learn more about what the institute is doing. One study there is seeking healthy women age 65 and older for ongoing research into blood cancers. If you are a woman in that age group, google "WEAR Study" to learn more.

At the bridge table, we were recently honored to host a 10-year-old visitor, **Ana Murphy**, granddaughter of **Carole Murphy**. Ana quietly kibitzed and turned cards for Carole when she was dummy. What a delight to see a child showing interest in the game and without a cell



Ana Murphy sat in and turned cards for her grandmother, Carole Murphy, while visiting The Dalles.

phone anywhere in sight!

We are happy to have **Rich Hess** with us as a regular, thanks to **Anne Bialous**. **Marilyn Urness** and **Judy Dosier** returned from a trip to Russia, where they loved the food. **Elaine Rife** and husband, bird watchers and photographers, are due back from a lengthy road trip including the Grand Canyon.

We welcome fall, even though it means a slowdown in the summer bounty that graced our entry-room table for the past few months — tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, cherries, pears, apples, rhubarb

and more from players' gardens and trees. **Alyce Dunn** continues to bring a great variety of cakes to celebrate birthdays, including one chocolate cake made partly from a large zucchini donation.

Fall also means the departure of snowbirds. **Nancy Ramsey** prepares to leave for Arizona, as do **Jean Puddlefoot** and **Jerry Morgan**, recent regulars from the Hood River Club.

Delores Smith has moved from her home of 62 years in The Dalles to a retirement home. She says it is like being in a spa. **Janet Meader** is returning to mobility after a tough bout with a knee repair.

We send our deepest condolences to **Bev Van Nice**, whose oldest son, Billy, died during heart surgery following years of struggle with heart problems.

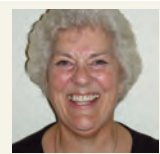
Results

Unit Game, Sept. 1 — 1: Norma Clark - Jim Heitkemper, 2: Alyce Dunn - Marylee Webber, 3: Carole Murphy - Lynn Rosen.

Unit Game, October — 1: Bev Van Nice - Colleen Fredrickson, 2: Marylee Webber - Lynn Rose, 3: Darlene Kemper - Gary Cotter.



AROUND THE UNITS



Yuba City



By Carol Nelson

Sutter Buttes sectional wraps; a time of change

At our annual three-day Sutter Buttes Sectional, held in early August, we hosted 90 players and a table count of 84. Local players earning points included **Don Johnson** and **Alan Ludwig**, **Johnnie Houser**, **Pat Pommerenck**, **Mary Mayfield**, **Danny O'Brooklyn** and **Kathy Peterson**. We congratulate the winners and thank those who put time and effort into making the event successful.

This has been a time of change for many of our members. We welcome back snowbirds **Dick Lohmann** and **Shirley Stefano**, who have returned from Alaska. We say a distant hello to **David Chinn**, now living in Ecuador, and farewell to **Terri Okimoto** and **Diane Nagler**, who have moved from the area. We hope our paths will cross again.

Fred Kawashima and **Jo Anne Murdock** have been dealing with very ill spouses, with some good news that both have improved enough to be living at home again. We extend supporting thoughts and prayers to Fred and Jo Anne and hope to see you at the table when your schedules allow.

We offer our sympathies to **Don** and **Lois Hay**, who lost their uninsured second home in the Susanville fire. This is a classic example of bad things happening to good people.

To help strengthen ties between the clubs in our unit, we held the October board meeting in Yuba City. We are very grateful for the board's willingness to do this and to consider the needs of this club.

Our Friday game has moved to Thursday to reduce conflicts for use of the Moose Hall and with the Friday game in Chico. So far, the new schedule seems to be working.

Big games: We have noticed more than a few pairs scoring games at 70% or more. They include **Tom Frye** and **Dick Lohmann** (73.8%) on Sept. 26; **Don Johnson** and **Tom Frye** (71.8%) on Oct. 17; **Steve Kaessner** and **Danny O'Brooklyn** (70.1%) on Sep. 22; and **Johnnie Houser** and **Bruce Boley** (70%) on Sept. 19.

Results

Club Championship, Aug. 11 — 1A: Tom Frye — Kathy Peterson, 2A/1B: Alan Ludwig — Johnnie Houser, 2B: Shirley Eckardt — Pat Pommerenck.

Club Championship, Sept. 19 — 1A/1B: Johnnie Houser — Bruce Boley, 2A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 2B: Ramon Lopez — Alan Ludwig.

Club Appreciation, Oct. 17 — 1A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 2A/1B: Johnnie Houser — Bruce Boley, 3A/2B/1C: Shirley Eckardt — Kathy Peterson.

What else is there to do after curfew in Libya?

If one could play bridge on a horse, **Carol Myers** — the doyenne of Chico bridge, who has been saddling up since the age of 4 — would probably forgo heaven. Given the logistical constraints involved, however, Carol is forced to pursue her pastime passions sequentially, rather than simultaneously.

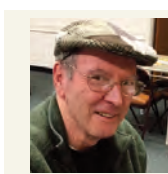
Not that there isn't a certain crossover effect: She rides with finesse and plays bridge at a gallop, often leaving her opponents (and occasionally her partner) at the post, as she breaks from the pack, hurdles the hedges and goes straight to slam, sometimes without looking at her hand. She is Chico's own Card Whisperer.

Carol took up bridge while earning a degree in psychology at the University of Oregon in the early '50s, a field of study highly adaptable to the game. Since then, she has played with and against the greats, near-greats and the rest of us all over the West Coast. She is a Sapphire Life Master.

At the same time, Carol is remarkable for her patience and generosity with newer players, to which I can testify personally. In fact, asked the changes she finds most significant over the years she has been playing, she dismissed rule tweaks and byzantine bidding systems and said, "People are nicer now."



Carol Myers and Rosie



Chico/Paradise



By Doug Jones

She recalled an incident at a tournament in San Francisco many years ago in which an opponent collapsed at the table and lay unconscious on the floor while the victim's indignant partner complained to the tournament organizers that the replacement they had found wasn't a good enough player.

Horses are so much more reliable.

Then there is Mo Better Bridge, **Mohamed (Mo) Shagrun**, who credits his introduction to bridge to former Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi. When the cantankerous colonel pulled off his trump coup in 1969, he imposed a nationwide curfew. Stuck indoors every evening, Mo and his wife Gloria, whom he met while doing undergraduate work at UC Davis, took bridge lessons from neighboring expats.



Mo Shagrun

Up to that time, his preferred game had been chess, which he also learned at Davis. He once tested his skills by crossing pawns with world champion Bobby Fisher, the *enfant terrible* of the chess world. Of course, Fisher was playing 40 other competitors at the same time, but who among us, in our Walter Mitty fantasies, wouldn't relish that experience? Shagrun, who earned a doctorate in plant pathology at Davis, went on to found and lead the School of Agronomy at what was then Libya's only university in Tripoli.

In hindsight, it's fairly easy to see why the good doctor would have preferred bridge to the game of kings: He finds the latter too long, too solitary and often too inconclusive. More important, there isn't much outlet for a sense of humor (did you ever hear a chess joke?). And Mo, along with all his exceptional tactical and analytical skills, is something of a raconteur who enjoys — at club games anyway — some impish displays of gamesmanship.

Not infrequently, he will point to an opponent's vulnerable status with a rueful shake of his head, implying that to bid again will only invite disaster. Occasionally, he will feign replaying a card with which he has just taken a trick, and his reputation is so formidable that opponents are sometimes on the verge of accepting it.

These days, bridge and a sense of humor provide Mo with a brief diversion from the suffering that has been visited on his native country for so long. The rest of us owe Qaddafi a debt of thanks, however. Without his curfew, we would not have the pleasure of enjoying one of Chico's most engaging personalities.

Sutter Buttes sectional

Chico cardsmiths came to play at the Sutter Buttes Sectional in Yuba City in August. **Garth Gregory** finished first in the masterpoint race, with **Mark Bloom** third and **Carol Huston** fourth. Huston and Bloom were joined by **Chuck Hodel** and **Doug Jones** in the Swiss teams, finishing first in B, third overall.

Results

Unit Game, Aug. 21 — 1A: Garth Gregory — Ken King, 1B: Fay Frazier — Sharon McNutt.

Unit Game, Sep. 18 — 1A: Jack Woodard — Danny O'Brooklyn, 1B: Peggy & Larry Skinner.

Unit Game, Oct. 16 — 1: Fay Frazier — Sharon McNutt, 2: Carol Myers — Doug Jones, 3: Sherri Faroky — Mark Bloom.

GP player Hong relishes our 'numbers game'

Local player **Frank Hong** was born in Japan, spent his younger years in Taiwan, studied medicine in Chicago, and practiced for nearly three decades here in Grants Pass, where he served as the sole pathologist at Josephine General/Memorial Hospital, now Asante Three Rivers Medical Center. Frank and his wife, Bess, had four children, all of whom were valedictorians and national merit scholars. Frank retired in 1998, after his youngest child graduated from medical school.

Frank began playing social bridge with friends in 1962, later taking up duplicate at the Grants Pass Elks Club. Among his accomplishments are the most points won in a sectional, twice having received the Memorial Childrud Award and, in the early 1980s, playing on a team that made it to the semifinals of a na-



Frank Hong



Grants Pass



By Leslie Coster

tional competition. Based on his extensive experience, Frank enjoys sharing his thoughts on the game:

"Among its challenges and fascinations, bridge is a game that will never bore you. To say that every hand is different is an understatement: Considering the permutations, there are more than two trillion different 13-card hands that a player can pick up, and more than a hundred thousand trillion trillion different combinations of an entire four-hand deal.

"Perhaps more than the general population, bridge players are intrigued by math, logic, counting and concentration. Those without math expertise typically have developed great card sense instead. And to

play at one's best always requires the ability to visualize the end game.

"Bridge players also love solving problems, many of them the kind that require hours of thought after a hand has been played. No bridge player could solve every problem. And every bridge player makes mistakes, even the experts."

Frank occasionally uses safety plays in pairs games (at matchpoints) "just for the fun of it." More than half the time he will get a low score, sometimes even the lowest. On the other hand, he enjoys the satisfaction of making the contract more often than most of the players when it would go down on normal play. The safety play is against the odds to make the most tricks for a given hand.

Frank points to the intricate thought required to solve tough declarer plays as another way to enjoy the game. "Though a problem may take hours to solve," he says, "when it happens, that eureka! feeling is great."

SECTIONAL RESULTS

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Nampa-Caldwell (120 tables)

1	18.16	Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
	18.16	K.C. Jones, Boise ID
3	15.33	Martin Mack, Henderson NV
	15.33	Dudley Brown, Grandview WA
5	13.30	Ian Martindale, Boise ID
	13.30	Charlene Martindale, Boise ID
7	12.58	Jim Thomas, Boise ID
	12.58	Craig Jones, Boise ID
9	12.51	Duane Christensen, Boise ID
	12.51	Carol Christensen, Boise ID
11	11.93	Stephen Nafus, Boise ID
12	11.70	John Zamboni, Caldwell ID

Nevada City (128 tables)

1	17.34	Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA
2	16.10	Kathryn Le Gro, Carmichael CA
3	15.61	Steve Sellers, Eureka CA
	15.61	Garth Gregory, Chico CA
5	12.91	Denis Racine, North Highlands CA
6	12.31	Marge Roe, Grass Valley CA
7	11.49	Larry MacCaughy, Grass Valley CA
	11.49	Jeff Gunn-Smith, Grass Valley CA
9	9.72	Cynthia Fredrickson, Fair Oaks CA
	9.72	Chris Copple, Eureka CA
11	9.71	Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA
	9.71	Carl Oeser, Roseville CA
13	9.64	Tom Jacobson, Fairfield CA
	9.64	Gerald Fox, Napa CA

Ask John: Learning laws is helpful

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to an irregularity when it occurs; after play of the hand, any player including dummy may call attention to an irregularity.

In addition to addressing common irregularities such as a revoke or a bid or play out of turn, the book explains what to do when there is a lengthy hesitation by a player during bid or play (Law 16B), and how to determine whether a card has actually been played (Law 45C.2).

Law 16B discusses a player's obligations to avoid a logical alternative that may

have been suggested by partner's hesitation in the auction or during play. Understanding that clause is important.

The aim of the Laws Commission of the ACBL, in my opinion, is to restore equity to a situation rather than impose a penalty. I think reading the laws concerning bids and plays out of rotation and an insufficient bid (changed in the latest revision) might help a newer player. Take a look and you will be surprised what you learn.

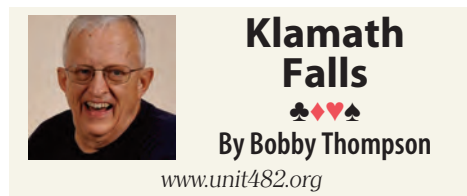
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AROUND THE UNITS

Klamath Falls dominates Medford sectional like never before

Klamath Falls players started playing duplicate bridge in the 1950s. We held our first sectional tournament in June 1964 with Jim Chambers, a national director from Salt Lake City, running the show. In the 52 years since, KF players have never had a tournament, home or away, with results like those from the Rogue Valley Sectional the last weekend in July, just after the unit report deadline for the fall edition of the Trumpet. So we give credit, belatedly, to seven members from Unit 482 who together won more than 120 masterpoints.

Introducing "The Magnificent Seven": **Laila Griffith, Harvey Bush, Doug Higgs, Randall Paul, Dale Taylor, Keith Thorp** and **Bobby Thompson**, who scored big with some help from out-of-the-unit play-



ers **Frank Hong** (Grants Pass), **Scott Foster** (Medford) and **Jeff Taylor** (Eugene).

How big? They took overall first place in all five events plus second overall in four events while Dale Taylor and Thorp were first overall in Flight C in two events and second overall in Flight B in the team game. As always, it was a great sectional put on by our friends in the Rogue Valley and we were very fortunate with our tournament results.

The Summer Open Pairs champions

were Bush and Higgs while the Fall Open was captured by Paul and Thompson. The Pro-Am winners were **Rosella Wilde, Nancy Batie, Linda Lilly** and Higgs.

Only 1.74 points separated club quarterly point-parade leaders (July, August and September) **Carol McClure**, Higgs, Thompson and Griffith. Intermediate big hitters were Taylor, **Reid Sherwin** and **Ruth Porterfield**.

Talking about "big," **Ed McClure** and Higgs managed a 72.1% with Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Griffith scoring a 70.8%.

Our snowbirds have headed south until April, so if you're in our neck of the woods please stop by and play some bridge. We are small in numbers but loads of fun. From all of us in unit 482 we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Results

Summer Open, July 24 — 1A: Harvey Bush — Doug Higgs, 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure, 3A/1B: Vi Metter — Shay Kinney, 2B: Patti Collom — Ruth Porterfield.
Unit Game, Aug. 14 — 1A: Bobby Thompson — Doug Higgs, 2A: Harvey Bush — Ed McClure, 3A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp, 2B: Neal Shelton — Ruth Porterfield.
Unit Game, Sept. 11 — 1A/1B: Vi Metter — Shay Kinney, 2A/2B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp, 3A: Carol McClure — Laila Griffith, 3B/1C: Don Mesner — Marge Narramore.
Fall Open, Sept. 25 — 1A: Randall Paul — Bobby Thompson, 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure, 3-4A/1B: Reid Sherwin — Duane Weiss, 3-4A: Rosella Wilde — Doug Higgs.
Club Appreciation, Oct. 6 — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure, 2A: Harvey Bush — Bobby Thompson, 3A/1B: Nancy Batie — Linda Lilly, 2-3B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp, 2-3B: Tom & Petra Gellner.
Unit Game, Oct. 9 — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure, 2A: Rosella Wilde — Doug Higgs, 3A: Harvey Bush — Ed McClure, 1B: John & Judy Woodward, 2B: Patti Collom — Jo Ann Siebecke.

Unit 484 campaign aims to reverse attendance decline

From 2011 to 2015, attendance at games in Unit 484 has declined more than a third, from 1597 tables to 1012. The projection for 2016 is fewer than 1000 tables.

Membership is down mainly because of attrition due to infirmity, deaths and players moving away. In addition, those who remain active are playing less frequently.

The unit board is tackling the problem head on.

"We have to," said board member **John Cowles**. "If this trend continues, our bridge clubs risk failure and we may lose the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center."

A letter outlining the problems and suggesting possible solutions was sent by the board to all unit members in late September, enlisting their help.

Before the bridge center opened about six years ago, clubs leased space at other venues in the Medford area where tables, chairs and equipment had to be set up and taken down for each session. The Voorhies Center, which hosts five regular games per week, offers the convenience of a venue dedicated to bridge.

Significant improvements have been made to the Voorhies center this year. The center's new appearance has been applauded by both members and visitors from out of the area.

"It makes us proud to invite others to join us," Cowles said.

The clubs are supporting efforts to build membership with workshops and lessons offered by directors **Bob Fox, Leah McKechnie** and **Sharon Fauss**. Directors believe their efforts may result in more NLM players dipping their toes into the open games.

Board member **Gee Gee Walker** has two newcomers' classes going — one for raw beginners and another for other



novices who have had some exposure to the game. That effort, it is hoped, will attract new players to the duplicate scene.

Along with the letter sent to players, the board enclosed a flyer advertising games and lessons for members to copy and share with friends or post in the community.

Leah McKechnie started a social bridge game on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

"It's for anyone who wants to gather with other bridge players and enjoy an afternoon of bridge," McKechnie said. "People can come with or without a partner. We'll have a short lesson and provide coffee and snacks, and the cost is only \$4."

Her thinking is there are many players in the party bridge and country club bridge communities who might find duplicate to their liking if exposed to the game.

The board invited members to join them in the effort to revitalize the unit.

"Become a promoter of bridge," Cowles said. "Encourage your friends and neighbors to try it out."

The board also urges members to help by adding a game a week to their schedules. Some unit games have been designed to mix more experienced with less experienced players. The hope is that the mentoring aspect of such games will produce more enthusiasm and excitement for duplicate.

The week after the letter went out, attendance was up at some of the games, including people who said they decided to play more because of the letter.

Others on the board helping to spearhead the campaign are **Neal Smith, Bob Scott, Mike Pavlik, Jill Wolcott** and **Maynard Vitalis**.

Christmas party

The final unit game of the year will be a Christmas party this Saturday, Dec. 3, combined with a brief annual meeting and election of new board members.

"In addition to extra points, we'll also have a great lunch buffet with ham and all the trimmings, free for all players," said Cowles.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the game to follow at about noon. The player fee is the usual \$8.

The party will be held at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center at 4149 S. Pacific Highway in Phoenix, just south of Medford.

"We hope players from nearby units join us in the fun," Cowles said. "We promise to feed you well." **Jerry Kenefick** will direct.

Spring sectional

Mark your calendars for the Rogue Valley Spring Sectional, set for March 24-26 at the Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix.

Session start times will be early to allow for extracurricular activities in the evenings. See page 5 for the schedule and other details.

A reception will be hosted by local club owners Leah and Mark McKechnie after Friday's second session, at which time refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Smith at 541-890-3810 or email him at nealsmith645@msn.com. Partnership chair is Gee Gee Walker, 541-292-3474 or ggwalker@gmail.com.

Big games: On Aug. 8, **David McKee** and **Gee Gee Walker** posted a 71.7%. On Aug. 18, **Robert** and **Jill Wolcott** scorched the field at 72.2%.

Results

Unit Game, Sept. 17 (9 tables) — 1A: Peter Jack — Sylvia Wade, 2A: Mark McKechnie — Angie Knight, 3A: Randall Paul — Harvey Bush, 1C: Helen Mills — Marion Gribben.



Lots of sad news

This fall we appreciate the power of bridge to help us forget our troubles or distressing news. It is so much less stressful to worry about the placement of the trump queen for a while, rather than real troubles that beset us.

In our own club, we mourn the loss of **Kay Hartley**, a Sequoia Bridge Club member for over 40 years. Kay died at the age of 96, having achieved the rank of Gold Life Master. She was a steady and competent player to the end, with a ready smile.

Kay and I bonded over knitting, a passion we shared. She would knit socks and other accessories for Christmas fairs and craft shows, even late into old age. Outside the club, she was known as "the Doll Lady," for her doll collection and expertise in judging collectible dolls. I regularly saw her at antique fairs, with a doll display.

Another person we have been missing is **Lonnie Songy**, who has been struggling with health issues. We hope that she will overcome these issues and return to the club soon, as she is a major person in its management.

Finally, **Suzanne Cook** has suffered a family tragedy, for which we extend our sincere sympathies. We look forward to welcoming her back in time.

Getting a bad score for misbidding or misplaying is a lot less painful than what the real world can dish out. Discussing the hands afterwards usually gets less heated than discussing politics. So thank you, bridge, for giving us a therapeutic distraction!

I/N games in Bend grow to three a week

A cool and rainy fall blew into the Central Oregon high desert, and the non-snowbirds among us anticipate a La Niña winter with above-average snowfall. Two of our members will keep themselves warm and dry with their new Silver Life Master status: **Joren Traveller** and **Rich Gettmann**.

Many of our members played at the Oregon Coast Regional in Seaside, and also plan to attend other Pacific Northwest tournaments over the next few months.

Our Intermediate/Newcomer base is broadening with the launch of a new non-life-master club by **Jim Tudor**, who started directing two games a week in October. With **Judy Davidson's** well-established



299er session, we now boast three I/N games a week.

Many of the players at these games are experienced, having played social bridge for years, and the unit looks forward to welcoming new ACBL members and increased overall interest in all the club games.

Big games: In the Sep. 30 Cascade Pro-Am, **Patty Massler** and **Mark Hickman**

scored a scorching 74%. In the Aug. 30 Ace of Hearts 299er game, **Gayle** and **Frank Larson** scored a 70%.

Results

Cascade Club
Unit Game, August — 1: Don Crozier — Sue Tripp, 2: Carolyn Malmquist — Pat Christy.
Club Championship, August — 1: Cam Meyer — Joren Traveller, 2: Patty Massler — Don Crozier.
Unit Game, September — 1: Sue Tripp — Chip Cleveland, 2: Patty Massler — Don Crozier.
Club Championship, September — 1: Mark Hickman — Don Crozier, 2: Joy Jones — Connie Fox.
Redmond Club
Unit Game, August — 1: Jean Finch — Aloha Kendall, 2: Patty Massler — Lorraine Rodich.
Unit Game, September — 1: Frank Murphy — Ken Waskom, 2: Sharon Hettick — Cam Meyer.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club
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By Dottie Ellis

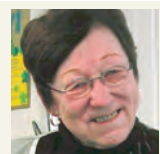
No news in Brookings

Due to illness and technical difficulties, there is no report this time from Dottie Ellis at the Tri-City Bridge Club in Brookings.

Dottie would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and merry Christmas from all at the club.

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

AROUND THE UNITS



Vancouver/ Longview



By Sarah Reuter

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Assisted play is offered Saturdays

"Hey, partner, I can open. I have 15 points and a good heart suit. What do you have?"

"I have only 8 points but strong heart support; let's go to game."

Of course, that is not how the game is played, with the exception of Assisted Play on Saturday mornings at the VBC, where table talk is allowed and laughter is encouraged.

The art of bridge (and I do believe it is an art) lies in accurately communicating your hand to your partner. You must do this quietly, with only the bidding box as your "carrier pigeon" bearing tidings of good or not-so-good news.

In addition to those fun sessions on Saturday morning, there is always something going on at the VBC. Grab your favorite partner and practice your art at one of the weekly events, or at our holiday party on Dec. 4. Enjoy food first (we do have our priorities straight) and then an afternoon of bridge.

Sectional winners

We are proud to announce winners of our October NLM Sectional.

Saturday morning: Carol Nystrom, Dave Muller, Charlie Hulse, Else Chan, Rich Zier, Vicki Setzer, Normal Haller and Philip Porter; **Saturday afternoon:** Charlie Hulse, Elsie Chan and Molly Schwabe; and **Sunday Teams:** Janet Landesberg, Dan Edelstein, John Dove, Sue Freitag, Dave Mead, Dave Muller, Kimberly Dauphin, Deanna Birch and Molly Schwabe.

VBC players placing among the top 20 masterpoint winners were John Dove, Dave Muller, Janet Landesberg, Dan Edelstein, Carol Nystrom, Deanna Birch, Elsie Chan and Charlie Hulse.

Milestones

A number of VBC players have advanced into the upper ranks of Life Master: **Rich Carle** (Emerald), **Mike Hansen** (Diamond), **Bill Mauck** (Gold), and **Kent Livingston, Joan Holbrook** and **Rich Rodeman** (Silver).

Promotions

Rachel Alvarez and Rick Sherer, Junior Masters; Carol McLeod, Virginia Griffiths, Marie Muller, Judy Brown, Dan Edelstein and Bill Watkins, Club Masters; Ken Stulgis and Julie Gish, Regional Master; Deanna Birch, John Dove, David Muller and Nancy Cole, NABC Masters; and Elsie Chan, Advanced NABC Master.

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PBC attendance is highest ever; chairs for sale

Bridge is apparently flourishing district-wide. Not only did the Seaside Regional shatter prior attendance records, but local-area clubs are seeing increased participation, too. **Dave Brower** reports that in October, the Portland Bridge Club attendance was its highest ever. Across the river, the Ace of Clubs is also drawing increased crowds at its new digs.

If you are among those helping to break attendance records at the PBC, you might have noticed the nice new playing tables. If you like to plan way ahead, mark your calendars for the club's second anniversary party, the first weekend in March.

Changes here and there

The PBC has had a couple of director changes. **Mike Walker** has taken his leave, opting to direct games on the high seas instead. Also, **Mike Weber** now directs the Friday night games. **Mary Hovda** and **Jim Wisner** are recovering nicely from heart surgery and a car accident, respectively.

The Ace of Clubs will offer some new lesson series this winter. **Hal Montgomery** begins weekly Beginner II lessons there Thursday, Jan. 5, 3-5 p.m. That series provides eight weeks of tips and tricks from one of Portland's finest players/instruc-



Portland



By Ron Root

www.acbld20.org/unit487

tors. Better your skills for a scant \$120. Also in the works: lessons for the advancing player. Dates and times TBA.

At the unit level, our upcoming sectionals have moved. The new site is Montgomery Park in Portland's northwest industrial district. The Portland Winter Sectional, Jan. 27-29, will be the first one held there. Note that parking is limited, so those planning on attending the Friday event there are strongly urged to carpool.

Willamette winners

This year's Battle of the Willamette champions are **Bernie Wildoff** and **Karen Sharples**, who won the Saturday morning NLM game at the 2016 Willamette Sectionals (see additional results below).

Holiday fun

Holiday parties and special games will be in abundance at all bridge-playing locations. During this season of giving, be sure to notice **Dave Green's** charity that bene-

fits children and families in the Sherwood area. Every year he and his family work to brighten the lives of those less fortunate. You can make cash donations at the Ace of Clubs, or sign up to purchase a gift requested by a specific child.

Chairs for sale

The unit has a lot of chairs it no longer needs, so we are putting them up for sale at the bargain-basement price of just \$5 each. They are folding chairs with cushions on the seat and back, ideal for card games at home or hosting a party. If you are interested, contact either club's management or any board member.

West Willamette Open Sectional results

Saturday morning — 1A: Alan Johnson — Judy Kay, 1B/C: Andrey Ayupov — Andrey Dashkov. **Saturday afternoon** — 1A: Rick Soohoo — Ron Frazier, 1B: Nancy Swanson — Deborah Lackey, 1C: Roy Wilkinson — David Muller. **Sunday Swiss** — 1A: Rich Carle, Merlin Vilhauer, Rick Soohoo, Ron Frazier; 1B: Paul Wrigley, Louis Beauchet, Mike Eyer, Amy Casanova; 1C: Kathi Marcus, JoAnn Marks, Gene Hval, Inez Weiss.

East Willamette NLM Sectional results

Saturday morning — 1D: Bernie Wildoff — Karen Sharples, 1E: Stuart Director — Nely Johnson, 1F: Monte Garrett — Thomas Shaffer. **Saturday afternoon** — 1D/E: Stuart Director — Nely Johnson, 1F: Dee Poujade — Linda Marshall. **Sunday Swiss** — 1: John Dove, Susan Freitag, Janet Landesberg, Dan Edelstein.

Seaside among top growing units in ACBL



Seaside/ Astoria/Ilwaco



By Sue Kroning

www.seasidebridge.org

this is a significant improvement.

Promotions

Among our growing membership are players who have earned new rankings: Verle and JoAnn Prickett are new Regional Masters and Dolores Sharp is a new Junior Master.

Lew Richardson, our unit webmaster, is now a Ruby Life Master.

Good news and sad news

How nice to see **Don** and **Sandy Sandel** back. Having taught and nurtured them as new players we wanna keep 'em! Besides, they are such nice people.

On the sad side, we lost unit board member and popular player **Carol Brown**. Carol did not arrive to play one afternoon, and we just shrugged because people forget or miscommunicate. We later found out that Carol had suffered a stroke and was unconscious on her kitchen floor. Now we have a new policy: if someone whom we know lives alone should fail to

show up, we follow up and may inform the police if we are really worried.

We wish a speedy recovery for **Irene Harowitz**, who recently took a painful fall down concrete steps and now has multiple bruises and bandages and contraction with pins bolted into her wrist. But we know it takes a lot to keep plucky Irene, age 91, from the bridge table. When the emergency-room doctor gave her a mirror to see her bruises, she said, "Do you think I can still get a man?"

Summer party

This annual event at the Gramsons' lovely house on the Columbia River is always fun. This year we hosted 19 tables of players who enjoyed watching passing ships and seabirds up close. We even sighted a whale! Wine, barbecue and potluck followed inside and outside the house to end a marvelous day. We named this year's event the Carol Brown Memorial Game and toasted to her memory.

Big games: In September **David Wigut-off** and **Fred Lundin** scored a 73.2%.

Local games: From Long Beach to Seaside there is a regular daily game Monday through Saturday, and once a month a 299er game at the Bridge Games "R" Us club. Check us out at seasidebridge.net.

Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

Non-Life Master Sectional

Jan. 14-15, 2017

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

Stratifications:

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

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



Fees: \$9 per player per session
Unpaid and non-ACBL members pay \$3 more per session
Sunday lunch: \$5 includes pizza and salad



Director: Ian Kirk • **Tournament Chair:** Liz Fullerton, 360-258-1900, Liz4bridge@gmail.com • **Partnerships:** Barbara Pyles, 971-275-4508, barbarapyles@gmail.com

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Garden Isle Sectional

Jan. 20-22, 2017

Sun Village

Recreation Center

3-3400 Kuhio Hwy.

Lihue, Kauai 96766

(located behind
Wilcox Hospital)

Head Director: Patrick Kallaus

Tournament Chair: Doug McCalla,
dmccalla@cox.net

Visiting players, please notify the Tournament Chair by email.

Friday, Jan. 20

1 p.m. ... Kilauea Lighthouse Stratified Open Pairs, \$20/pair

Saturday, Jan. 21

9 a.m. ... Wailua Falls Stratified Morning Open Pairs, \$20/pair
1 p.m. ... Poipu Beach Stratified Afternoon Open Pairs, \$20/pair

Sunday, Jan. 22

9 a.m., ... Waimea Canyon Stratified Swiss Teams
1 p.m. (Two sessions, 20 Victory Point Scale; \$80/team, includes both sessions)

Complimentary catered lunch provided between morning and afternoon sessions

• Stratified Open Pairs/
Stratified Swiss Teams
A:1000+; B: 200-1000;
C: 0-200

Add \$3 per player per session for non-ACBL and unpaid members

Sanction #S1701087 Sponsored by ACBL Unit 470

AROUND THE UNITS

Seminar with McNay, Taylor coming soon

It appears that I have drawn the proverbial short straw and am the new Unit 479 reporter for the Trumpet.

My bridge history seems far from unique. Like many fellow players, I learned the rudiments during my college days, took a hiatus of some 40 years, then picked up the cards again about 10 years ago. At that time, my knowledge of bidding extended to little more than Stayman, Blackwood, strong forcing 2♣, weak preempts and 20-21 HCP 2NT opener.

Fortunately, the Emerald Bridge Club, owned by **Don Marsh** and **Sherri Morgan**, has long been a strong supporter of bridge education, and upon returning to the game I rode the wave of their generos-



**Eugene/
Springfield**

♣♦♥♠
By John Lean

www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

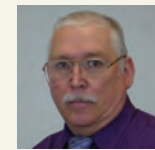
ity. Since I started learning and playing again with them, my game has improved, though I won't be admitted to the Bridge Hall of Fame anytime soon. That said, the satisfaction of playing at a personal best is undeniable, and is surely a goal worth pursuing.

For other improving players, and maybe an expert or two who could stand having the rust knocked off, EBC has organized a

seminar to be taught by **Roger McNay** and **Jeff Taylor**. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at EBC and will cost \$80 per person, which includes lunch.

Laurie Rowe recently completed a well-received course for newcomers and is considering starting another one. If you are interested, contact Laurie directly. Another instructor, **David Partridge**, is thinking of launching a course for party-bridge players who want to move to duplicate or simply better their current game with new conventions or strategies. If that kind of course appeals to you, let David know.

We close on a sad note, sending our condolences to **Cindi Palman** on the loss of her mother.



**Albany/
Corvallis**

♣♦♥♠
By Bob Peery

www.albanycorvallisbridgeclub.org

Win over Salem; director absence

In October, **Hal Montgomery** made a special trip from Portland to announce the top finishers of the NAP finals in D20. Placing second in Flight B across the district, our very own **Eileen Boal** and **Mark Rowe** have the opportunity to represent us at the North American Bridge Championships next March in Kansas City.

Speaking of winners, **Irva Neyhart** is leading the 2016 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs contest for D20 across all brackets, having accumulated over 325 points through September.

In October, Albany/Corvallis players descended on Salem for our semi-annual showdown pairs game. There were 18.5 tables, half ours, half theirs, and Salem didn't stand a chance. We overwhelmed them by a total of six points, roughly 272 to 266, retaining the trophy until the next go-around in our facilities.

My wife has been after me to take a few extra days off from the bridge circuit, so this August I arranged a little double-bypass surgery. After three or four weeks at home, it was good to be back playing.

I wish to say a special thanks to **Jan Boger** for stepping up to the plate during my vacation, as well as to **Wanda Knight** and **Elizabeth Burdick**, who stepped up to the dealing machine and have been doing a great job seeing that the boards are dealt and delivered to the club.

Recently, I sent a query to the general membership asking for article ideas for the Trumpet. The following was one of the more interesting replies:

"We should all take a moment and pay homage to our dear friends down in Eugene-Springfield at the Emerald Bridge Club. Especially worthy of note is their outstanding director, **Don Marsh**. Don is both underappreciated and underpaid, but still rises to the occasion each and every game, always performing at the highest level. It's easy to take EBC and Don for granted, but let's give recognition where it is due. All hail EBC."

What I want to know is how did that get into my responses? Do we have a spy in our midst?



Don Marsh

An occasion for goodwill and excuses

*For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name,
He marks—not that you won or lost—
But how you played the Game.*

—Grantland Rice (1880-1954)

The quote above, from the poem "Alumnus Football" by an early 20th-century American sportswriter known for his elegant prose about athletic events, seems apropos to our wonderful game of bridge.

While it's doubtful that Rice played bridge, what he wrote captures the essence of the game, advocating good sportsmanship in a zero tolerance world.

But enough of this maudlin-inity and on to the news ... we lost, and they won: "They" being Albany-Corvallis Unit 477 in our Inter-Unit Championship contest on Oct. 9. By 6.78 points. Our worthy opponents now keep the revolving trophy until we visit them next spring to take it back.



Salem

♣♦♥♠
By Tom McGuire

www.salembridgeclub.org

On the tournament trail

Several Unit 490 members found success in a sectional and a regional during the last quarter. **Kevin Kacmarynski** of Monmouth paired with **Rick Garvin** of Corvallis to win the B strat in the Vancouver Sectional.

At the Seaside Regional, there were three Unit 490 wins:

- ♦ **Lee Hanson** of McMinnville paired with Mary Sievers of Stockton, Calif., for 1B in the Tuesday Morning Side Pairs.
- ♦ **Sue Bradford** of Dallas, **Ellie Hall-Pitzer** of Keizer, and **Judy Ferguson** and Irma **Jean McKinney** of Salem were 1C in the Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams.
- ♦ Kevin K., **Eileen Milligan** of Corvallis, and **Randy Naef** and **Steve Drew** of McMinnville were in a tie for 1B of the Friday-Saturday Morning Swiss Teams.

Big game: On Aug. 26, **Mike Levy** of Keizer and **Stan Sather** of Vancouver grabbed a 70.5% at the Salem Bridge Club.

The unit welcomes new ACBL members **Bill Gille** and **Laurie Naemura**.

Promotions

Our hearty congratulations go to **Randy Naef** of McMinnville for becoming a Life Master.

The following also have advanced in rank: Rachel Frame, Elisabeth Perchellet, J.P. Perchellet, Sabine Baer and Manfred Wiesel, Junior Masters; Claudia Burton,

Club Master; Nancy Sullivan, Chris Owens, and Frank Taussig, Regional Masters; Cathy Urben, NABC Master; and Fran Theis, Silver Life Master.

Masterpoint races

Mini-McKenney (through Sept. 30) — (0-5) George and Shirley Silva, 18.68; (5-20) Claudia Burton, 25.64; (20-50) Jeanne and Ross Hibler, 26.21; (50-100) Don Pitt, 34.20; (100-200) Jan Petroski, 37.19; (200-300) Frank Taussig, 26.10; (300-500) Randy Naef, 137.07; (500-1000) Tom McGuire, 81.81; (1000-1500) Susan Palmer, 67.37; (1500-2500) Lee Hanson, 60.41; (2500-3500) Gayle Goodman-Wilkins, 26.10; (3500-5000) Steve Drew, 51.24; (10,000+) Mike Levy, 582.64.

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs (same unless listed) — (100-200) Necia Hasbrook, 31.49; (300-500) Bill Anning, 53.18; (1500-2500) David Astle, 40.55.

The autumn leaders for the Kathryn Lewis Memorial Award for the most masterpoints won in Unit 490 games during a calendar year are **Tom McGuire**, 26.18; **Kevin Kacmarynski**, 17.62; **Susan Palmer** and **Bill Anning**, 15.13; and **Norma Stofiel**, 14.95.

Results

Unit Game, Aug. 7 (12 tables) — 1A: Susan Palmer – Bill Anning. 2A: Michael Fagan – Lee Hanson. 3A: David Astle – Kathy Astle.

Unit Game, Aug. 17 (5 tables) — 1A: Kevin Kacmarynski – Mike Sweet. 2A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge. 3A: David Astle – Tom McGuire.

Unit Game, Sept. 4 (12 tables) — 1A/1B: Claudine Lake – Jackie Mishler. 2A: Carol Sanner – Janet Suggs. 3A/2B: Zina Galaka – Shain Oleson.

Unit Game, Sept. 21 (5 tables) — 1A/1B: Randy Jordan – Tom McGuire. 2A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge. 3A/2B: Jerry Gordon – Shain Oleson.

Inter-Unit Championship Contest, Oct. 9 (18.5 tables) — 1A: Steve Drew – Benson Mitchell. 2A/1B: Judy Kleen – Fran Theis. 3A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge.

Unit Game, Oct. 19 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Mike Sweet – Kevin Kacmarynski. 2A/1B: Jerry Gordon – Shain Oleson. 3A: Judy Lathrop – Don Brockhaus.

Vancouver

Continued from previous page

Lessons and more

We are always on the lookout for players seeking to brush up their game. Consider registering for these new 2017 lessons: Play of the Hand, Saturdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting Jan. 16; Beginner Bridge, Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m., starting Jan. 12; Doubles, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, starting April 5.

Assisted Play continues Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

We wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

Maui Snowbird Sectional Feb. 10-12, 2017

Maui Bridge Club • 131 South Kihei Road • Kihei, HI 96753
(808) 891-1093

Feb. 10

Stratified Open Pairs, single session ... 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

Feb. 11

Stratified Open Pairs, single session ... 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

Feb. 12

Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions) 9 a.m., TBA.

Stratifications

Open pairs

A: 2000+
B: 500-2000
C: 0-500

Swiss teams

A: 1500+
B: 300-1500
C: 0-300

Tournament Chair

Jack Patnode: 808-205-4783,
jacknode@fastmail.fm

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Judy Rimer: 858-395-5839,
judyrimer@roadrunner.com

Fees: \$8 per session, single events (\$11 for non- and unpaid ACBL members).

Swiss Teams: \$88 per team, \$94 for 5-man team (this fee includes lunch between sessions).

The Bridge Building
Makua Lani
Christian Academy
74-4966 Kealaka'a St.
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Hawaii 2017

Big Island Sectional

February 24-26

Schedule

Friday, Feb. 24

Stratified open pairs: 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 10 a.m.
(stratified at Director's discretion)

Saturday, Feb. 25

Swiss Teams: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Side Swiss Teams 0-299 MP: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
(20 VP scale & stratified by average)

Sunday, Feb. 26

Stratified open pairs: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
Stratified 299er pairs: 9 a.m.

Stratification
by
average

A=Open
B=500-1500 MP
C=500 MP and below
299er: 0-300 MP
(all by Director's discretion)



ACBL Unit 469 • Hilo, Kona, Waikoloa

Entry fees

Lunch provided every day!

Open pairs events: \$10 per player; \$14 per unpaid or non-ACBL member.

Swiss Teams: This two-session event is \$100 per team of 4, plus \$10 for each additional player.

Side Swiss Teams: Each session, \$50 per team.

299er pairs events: \$8 per player; \$12 unpaid or non-ACBL members.

***Free play** for a player in a 299er event with fewer than 5 masterpoints and is a paid ACBL member.

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ACBL District 20 Grand National Teams 2017 Finals

Win a trip to the summer NABCs in Toronto, Ontario!
 Play in the D20 GNT Finals online. Winning teams in each of the four flights are eligible to advance and receive a subsidy of \$1,800 or more.

Club qualifying going on now!

Eligible players are members in good standing from District 20 who played in GNT club qualifying games (*club qualifying is September-February*). Players can form new teams with other eligible participants. Exemptions from club qualifying are available in case of hardship – consult with the North American Events Coordinator at the contact information below.

District Finals

All matches will be played **online with BBO** at various locations throughout D20. Pre-qualification and pre-registration is required (see conditions online for details)!

Flight	MP limits	Day and date
Championship	Unlimited	Sat-Sun, April 29-30, 2017
Flight A	Under 6000	Sat-Sun*, May 6-7*, 2017 (* if necessary)
Flight B	Under 2500	Sunday, April 30, 2017
Flight C	NLM (< 500)	Sunday, May 7, 2017

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

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

Advancing: Winning teams will advance to the GNT Finals in Toronto.

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

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

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

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

National Finals

Winning teams advance to the GNT National Finals against the other district finalists and receive \$1,800 travel subsidy from D20. National Finals will be held at the **Summer NABCs in Toronto ON**, starting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. All four flights are 2-session Swiss Qualifying, followed by all-day knockout matches. Visit the ACBL web page for schedule details:

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?tourid=23464>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Look on the district web site for additional details, including the D20 Conditions of Contest:
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Or contact the Coordinator, Hal Montgomery, at dewitt@imaginata.com, phone (503) 583-3717.

The Emerald Empire Regional Educational Festival presents



Barbara Seagram

August 2, 3 and 4, 2017
 For Novice, Intermediate & Advanced Intermediate Players

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 8:45–9 a.m.: Meet and Greet
 9–11:30 a.m.: Lesson
 Wednesday: Defensive Strategy and Signaling
 Thursday: Preempts for Fun and Profit
 Friday: Stripping Can Be Fun

VENUE: Columbia Ballroom, Valley River Inn,
 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 97401

Barbara Seagram is the co-author of 24 published bridge books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." She was recently named No. 40 on the list of top 52 bridge personalities who have most influenced the game.

Barbara now owns and runs a School of Bridge in Toronto. She and her husband, Alex, travel the world teaching the game. Their real passions are Africa, Cambodia and Laos, where among their many charities, they have built a school and continue to sustain four schools.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
 Registrations received by July 17, 2017, for all three sessions receive a discount AND will be put in a drawing for a chance to play with Barbara Seagram in Wednesday afternoon's game.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR BARBARA SEAGRAM SEMINAR

COST: \$30 per lesson, or \$80 for all three, if payment is received by July 17, 2017.
 \$35 per lesson, or \$90 for all three for registrations after July 17, 2017.

I plan to attend Weds Thurs Friday (check boxes)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Mail this form with a check for the appropriate amount made payable to **ACBL District 20** to:

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Sherry Squirrel and Franny Fox were excited and nervous heading to their first NLM tournament. On the drive there, they both mentally reviewed and tried to sort out all the maxims that made no sense when they were taking lessons: All new suits by an unpassed responder are forcing. Count your cards before looking at them. When it looks like you do have a game or slam, try to bid it. And so on.

This is supposed to be fun, right?

The first hand comes up and Franny opens 1NT. Sherry is looking at this hand:

♠KJ ♥10 3 ♦KJ 8 7 ♣AQ 10 8 3



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

“Oh my gosh — is it game or slam? How do I find out? Well I shall start with 2♣, transfer to clubs, so the strong hand plays it.”

Sherry smiles when her partner says “transfer” and dutifully bids 3♣. Next, Sherry reaches for the 3♦ card, thinking that that bid will be forcing. Isn’t a new suit by an unpassed responder forcing? Her hands are shaking so badly that she accidentally pulls the 3♥ card instead, and doesn’t realize it until she sees her partner’s raise to 4♥, accompanied by a very puzzled look. This is Franny’s hand:

♠10 4 ♥AKQ 5 2 ♦A 10 5 ♣K 6 5.

“Why didn’t Sherry transfer to hearts and then bid clubs?” Franny thinks. “Could she be holding six clubs and four hearts, or is she trying to show shortness? Either way, I have hearts covered and good cards in the minors.”

Next, Sherry bids 4NT and Franny wonders: “Is this key-card-asking for hearts or for clubs? Hearts is the last-bid suit, so I have to figure it’s for that.” Holding three key cards, she bids 5♦ (playing 1430).

Sherry breathes a sigh of relief. With a showing of two or fewer key cards she would not want to be in slam, but did not remember how to stop in 5NT. (Do you know how to do that?) So she laid down the 6♣ card and hoped for the best.

Sitting West, Steve Owl agonized a bit and then led the ♠7. Franny hoped he held the ♠Q and not the ace and inserted the ♠J. Sure enough, Sammy Snake played the ace, and this time it was Franny’s turn to breathe. A spade return put her in dummy, as Steve’s queen fell.

She led the ♣A and continued a club. When Sammy showed out, she celebrated mentally. “I can pick up that pesky ♣J on the correct side. So if the clubs are on my left, maybe the ♦Q is on my right.”

After collecting all the trumps, Franny looked at her possible two-way finesse and could not figure out any other plan to play the diamonds, so she held her breath and finessed the ♦10. It worked! She had no club losers, no diamond losers, no heart losers and just one spade lost at trick one.

Seemed like a wonderful beginning to the day. At the end of the day, Sherry and Franny were exhausted but looking forward to the next tournament. There were no director calls, no leads out of turn and they were too tired to stop for a drink on the way home.

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Here is the full deal:

Dlr: East ♠KJ
Vul: Both ♥10 3
♦KJ 8 7
♣AQ 10 8 3

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

♠10 4
♥AKQ 5 2
♦A 10 5
♣K 6 5

Steve Owl’s Advice

When there is a suit with a possible bad break, play it the only way you can to pick up the bad break. In this case, you want the ♣J-9-x-x on the side where you can finesse the ♠10.

When deciding which way to take a two-way finesse, try to get as much information about the opponents’ shape as you can. Length in one suit on one side can be a clue that you should take a finesse in another suit on the opposite side.

Discuss with your partner whether transferring to clubs and then bidding diamonds is forcing. For many partnerships it is a sign-off, showing a weak diamond hand, so it was a good thing Franny accidentally grabbed the 3♥ card instead. (By the way, how do you and your partner prefer to bid a weak hand with diamonds across from a 1NT opener?)

If you have asked for key cards and discover that you need to sign off in 5NT, you cannot just bid 5NT, because that would be interpreted as asking for kings. Instead, respond with the highest unbid suit so partner can bid 5NT. In the sequence described here, after Sherry bids 5♦ Franny would bid 5♣ so that Sherry can bid 5NT and leave it there. (Spades was bid, but as a transfer to clubs rather than a natural suit, so for this purpose it is considered unbid.)

If you transfer to a minor suit over a 1NT open and then bid a major, is this shortness or a second suit? Partners need to agree on this sort of thing before it’s time to bid.

66TH HAWAIIAN REGIONAL

Jan. 23-29, 2017



Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 5) 9:30 a.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (3rd session) 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (20 VP) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams (20 VP) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
OAHU Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 7 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 2nd of 4) 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

3-Session AM Bracketed KO Teams (final session) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 5) 9:30 a.m.
KAUAI Compact Bracketed KOs (1st/2nd session) 9:30 a.m.
Jim Hopkins Open Pairs (2000+, 0-2000) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
Orchid Gold Point Pairs (300-750, 0-300) 1:30 & 7 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) * 1:30 p.m.
***Do NOT enter this event if you are still alive in the KAUAI Bktd KOs!**
Afternoon Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 5) 1:30 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series (stratified, 4th of 4) 7 p.m.
HAWAII Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 7 p.m.
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (20 VP) 9:30 a.m. & TBA
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 ♦ 2
 ♣ 1043

♠ A3 ♠ —
 ♥ Q95 ♥ AKJ6
 ♦ QJ1084 ♦ AK9763
 ♣ KQ6 ♣ J72

♠ QJ1087
 ♥ 732
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A985

West	You	East	Partner
		1♦	1♠
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dbf	All Pass

Dear John

I got into trouble on this hand beginning when partner overcalled my six-card suit. It was clear West was bidding 3NT on the ♠A and running diamonds. It should have been clear before the opponents arrived there that they were cold for 6♦. Even at favorable vulnerability, the cost of 6♠ was too much at 1400. In trying to take the opponents out of two good spots, I gave them a near top, escaping a zero only because I had a small amount of company.

Do you agree with North's 4♠ bid? If so, what are you planning to do when the inevitable 5♦ bid comes?

— Annoyed by Opponents

Dear Alley Cat,

Your 4♠ bid seems automatic, even though you were then positioned to score minus 800 rather than minus 660. 5♠, on the other hand, is, charitably put, undisciplined. Rarely is it correct to take additional action after having accurately described your hand and profitably steered East-West from notrump. Partner may have a surprise for the opponents or a better sense of your side's (considerable) losers.

You continued your individual Whack-a-Mole game after pushing the alleged opponents to 6♦, their optimum spot! This reminds me of a hand in my nascent professional bridge career, in which I shoved my table foes to a grand slam and helplessly watched them, after two winning finesses, score plus 2210.

A wise man once said, "A good objective is to allow the opponents to make the final guess at the five level." A wiser man earlier opined, "Let partner make the decision after you have narrowly described your hand to him."

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Dear John,

It occurred to me the other day that there may be no other game in which so many players are so unaware of the actual rules. (I am not necessarily leaving myself out of this group.) Do you have any advice for newer players who might feel intimidated by the legalese of the rule book? Which rules might they familiarize themselves with?

— Interested

Dear Bookworm,

While the "Laws of Duplicate Bridge" does not make scintillating reading, the book does address virtually any irregularity that might surface during a session.

For newer players in particular, the book explains the protocol surrounding when to make a director call and what the director does upon arriving at the table.

For example, during play of the hand any player but dummy may call attention



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FEBRUARY 2017

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