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Bridge Across the District

Spring 2017

Sam Asai is new D20 president

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Trail Regional, Sam Asai was elected president by the District 20 board. Asai has served twice before, in 2002-04 and again in 2009-11.

Asai originally was not sure if he wanted to serve as president again, but by December two directors had asked if he would reconsider, and no other candidates had presented themselves for the job.

In the month before the deadline two others, Jean Johansson and Hal Montgomery, stepped forward and another, Mary Alice Seville, considered it but then withdrew. This was the first time there were three candidates in a contested race. It's exciting to know that there are members of our district willing to volunteer their time to help organize our regional events.

Asai is a CPA and currently runs an orchard with his son in Hood River. He sells wholesale and to the food service industry.

He has served on the district's finance committee. He would like to apply his analytical skills to the financial statements and ensure enough time for the board members to study them before the annual meetings, since it can be difficult to fit everything in with adequate time to spend on each item.

He thinks the future of bridge in our area is bright. "All of the clubs in the Portland/Vancouver area offer lessons that are attracting

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Stars of service

A new class of District 20 members arrives on the national Goodwill Committee

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Spring is on its way, which can only mean one thing — a new crop of Goodwill Committee members is in full bloom. These folks are appointed to the committee by district director Merlin Vilhauer. Meet the newest honorees and see what made each rise to the top this year.

Irva Kay Neyhart

Our first honoree is a very active member of the Albany-Corvallis bridge community; served as a member of the district finance committee until last month; gives lessons at the Emerald Bridge Club near Eugene, where she also is an active member; is one of the district's top players by number of masterpoints won per year, and the top-winning woman; and recently won a national Ace of Clubs award. It's no wonder Irva Kay Neyhart made the Goodwill cut this year.

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The 'Bridge Queen' turns 100



In honor of Betty Rossmann's 100th birthday, her daughter reveals the secret to Betty's long, successful bridge career. See story, Page 11.

Neyhart wins national race

Irva Kay Neyhart of Corvallis has won the national Ace of Clubs race for the 2500–3500 bracket. Neyhart earned 856.65 masterpoints in 2016, with 479.25 at club games. Neyhart was fourth in her Mini-McKenney bracket, just 0.26 behind third place, and third among all players in District 20, behind



Irva Kay Neyhart

Huub Bertens and Roger McNay. She was 148th among all ACBL players in the Barry Crane Top 500 and had the ninth-most club points.

If she maintains her current pace, the five-time winner of District 20 Ace of Clubs races will be a force in the national race for years to come. All but one of those who had more club points were in the top bracket, so Neyhart's total would have been good enough to win the next two brackets and finish second in the one after that.

Two other District 20 players finished second nationally in Mini-McKenney races. Louis Beauchet of Sherwood OR, who was second in the 100–200 bracket, was also fourth among all youth players and ninth among all juniors. Dawn Campbell of Portland was second in the 1000–1500 bracket. Dennis Harms of Corvallis placed 10th in the Ace of Clubs for the 1500–2500 bracket.

Results from District 20 races are on page 3.

ACBL board approves measures to cut costs

Winners of annual awards are named

The trip to the fall NABC in Orlando was warm and very nice, as you might expect in sunny Florida. The tournament was not well attended. It seemed that the number of local players was down.

At the board meeting, Bob Heller of District 7 was elected president. He represents North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and eastern Tennessee.

Two have left the board — Beth Reid of D11 and Dan Morse of D16. Morse had the longest tenure on the board, serving since

1993. Paul Cuneo will complete the remainder of Morse's term. A.J. Stephani of Cincinnati was elected to the board from D11.

I have served the past three years as a representative to the World Bridge Federation. I will serve three more years on the WBF board and will not seek re-election.



Merlin Vilhauer
D20 District Director

Eldon Clayman of Valdese, N.C., was named the 2017 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year. Eddie Wold of Houston was named 2017 Honorary Member of the Year. Nancy Erickson of Indio CA was honored as the 2016 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year.

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Spring in Medford is what we all need

I write this article on a frigid 19-degree morning in January, dreaming of the warmer days of spring and all the bright, cheerful colors of bulbs, perennials and blooming trees. The Rogue Valley Regional brings us all that and more.

These games, held at the Inn at the Commons in Medford, Ore., May 15–21, are open to all, with a special wel-

come to I/N players.

Gold pairs are offered Tuesday through Friday. On Thursday we have a 299er stratified pairs game, 299er Swiss teams, and Margi Redden will be hosting one of her famous I/N parties between sessions that day.

Come get your gold points!



Judy Davis
Tournament Manager

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Aloof to online play? These events are worth it

By the time this paper reaches the bridge clubs, the North American Pairs, held every year at the Spring NABC, will be history. I am impressed that there are pairs representing just about every corner of the district, and they all competed against each other in their respective flights. That is not easy to achieve considering how large District 20 is. We have players from Boise, Hawaii, Portland, Vancouver and Albany going to the NABC.

What makes it possible is online play. The district finals have been run on BBO for a few years. There have been many frustrating issues. Some of them are beyond the control of the organizers of these events, but the ones that are their responsibility, I feel will be resolved.

Certain problems are due to players' lack of education about how to play on BBO, browser compatibility, computer problems and the like. These are also being addressed with seminars at regionals and better communication with registrants.

The district board pays a lot of attention to participation and attendance at all regional events. Trying to create a tournament that appeals to as many players as possible is in everyone's best interest.

It can be hard to ascertain why some events and tournaments are more popular than others, or why attendance falls or spikes. There has been feedback, both negative and positive, about holding the NAP and GNT events online. It could be that is the reason turnout is poor, or it

could be a myriad of other reasons. Maybe people aren't aware of the events at all, or how easy it is to participate. Maybe they have no interest in attending an NABC so don't bother to play in the finals.

While I most certainly prefer playing face to face, I understand that organizing a fair event in a location accessible to all is virtually impossible. You will not see me playing on BBO unless it's a few weeks prior to the district finals and I am practicing.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

I detest the robots, and while playing with random people from around the world is cool and interesting, ultimately I think it's kind of bad for your game. I find some will do outrageous things (OK, myself included) because they don't trust their partners, or because it's "just online," and sometimes that behavior carries over into their real game. However, calling up your partner and another pair and rendezvousing to play against each other can be very effective.

Maybe I am fond of these events because the very first NABC I attended, in 2011, was due to the fact I was representing Flight C with my partner at the time, **Ted Runstein**. Although we did not do all that well in the district final, a pair ahead of us declined to go, so we got bumped up. I had never traveled any significant distance to play bridge.

Trying to get to Kentucky seemed nearly impossible. My son was only 3 at the time and I really could not afford it. My brother had died that January and life felt sad and

bleak. But thanks to my family and friends, I cobbled a plan together and found myself on an airplane.

I really enjoy exploring new cities, navigating their public transportation, people-watching, looking at architecture and different trees and plants. It felt so good to get away from wintry gray Portland and my problems and just have one thing to do: play bridge. It felt like an investment in the future.

Ted and I did quite well the first two qualifying sessions and we were fourth going into the finals, but totally fell apart after that. I don't know that I even knew what that meant at the time, having a carryover or any of the terminology. I was very inexperienced!

I still have a hard time understanding aspects of this game, even after having had the opportunity to represent District 20 four times at nationals. But I do know that my life is richer for having played. It gives me something to look forward to, it gets me to new places, and it fills my life with new friends.

Now, as a member of The Trumpet staff, I zigzag around the district and get to play in every regional. I try to get to as many sectionals as I can. My goal with this paper is to communicate to you what, where, when, why and how you can play this game — as little or as much as is best for you — and to connect you with others so that you may improve your experience. Your feedback is very welcome.

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Flint joins staff

Jim Flint of Ashland OR has taken on the role of copy editor for the Trumpet, as of this issue.

Flint is familiar to Trumpet readers. The longtime writer of the Jackson County unit report, he has since 2014 also written "The Bidding Toolbox" column for the Trumpet.



Jim Flint

A former editor and publisher in Central Washington, Flint brings more than 40 years of newspaper experience to the Trumpet. He is a Washington Newspaper Publishers Association award winner.

A special column from him will be coming soon to the Trumpet's Facebook page.



Election notice

The district offices of First and Second Alternate are up for election this year. Merlin Vilhauer was elected last year for another three-year term as our District Director, representing us on the ACBL board. Among other things, his duties include attending the board meetings at the three NABC tournaments each year. The First and Second Alternates stand in for Merlin if he can't attend a meeting.

To declare candidacy for one of these positions, you must send notification to ACBL at elections@acbl.org or ACBL Elections, PO Box 289, Horn Lake, MS, 38637-9902.

Tell them your name, player number and the office you want: First or Second Alternate. Key: The declaration must be received by May 31, 2017. If two or more declarations are received, an election is held with the units having the vote.

Looking for a partner to die for?

I finally have an answer to an old question. A year ago, the Player Roundup question for the Oregon Trail Regional was: "If you could play with any person living or dead, who would it be and why?"

The idea for this question came up at Seaside in 2015, and I didn't have an answer. But now, after reading "The Devil's Tickets" by Gary Pomeranz, I do: Myrtle Bennett.

Myrtle Bennett, of course, is the "glamorous Kansas City housewife" who shot and killed her husband, Jack, over a bridge game in 1929 and was famously acquitted of murder. The book weaves her life story with that of Ely Culbertson, who successfully used her scandal to market bridge to the masses.

And why I chose her: One of the hardest things about bridge is discipline — resisting the urge to make a bid you know is probably wrong in the face of temptation. What better motivation for staying within the limits of your hand than fear for one's life?

I've been fascinated by the story since I first encountered it, in a 2007 New Yorker article. Citing the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers, the article claims that in the 1940s, bridge was played in 44% (!) of American homes. That's a staggering number, and partly a testament to Culbertson's marketing skills — and to Myrtle, who inspired so much curiosity by committing the original zero-tolerance violation. The Bennett murder is featured prominently in the ACBL Bridge Museum.

When I chose to read the book over Christmas, I had so many questions. Like, what exactly constitutes a "glamorous Kansas City housewife"? Did she have 100,000 followers on Instagram?

The legend that a bridge expert testified how Jack should have made 4♠ doubled, and that a jury of Myrtle's bridge-playing peers agreed, is so great — does it even matter whether it's true?

The book was terrific. I can't count how often I came across a detail so interesting I had to immediately text it to my brother.

A few years before meeting Jack, Myrtle saw a picture of him — let's say it was on a Tumblr devoted to hot guys off Instagram — and decided right then and there she was going to marry him. Commenting "Jyrtyle is endgame" would not by itself unusual behavior for a teenage girl, but how often does such a prediction come true?



Chip Dombrowski
Editor at Large

People did not say no to Myrtle. And that was long before she started shooting them if they did. The fateful hand is also fascinating. While visiting family over the holidays and imposing bridge lessons on them, I made several relatives play it, stipulating the Bennetts' auction (see below). Jack opened an aceless 10-count — aggressive by today's standards but positively unheard of in 1929. With four-card support, two aces, a singleton diamond

and a decent side suit, Myrtle had a perfect 3♦ cuebid limit raise, but those hadn't been invented yet, so she jumped to game.

Dr: South ♠A 10 6 3
Vul: E-W ♥10 8 5
♦4
♣A 9 8 4 2

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

♠KJ 9 8 5
♥K 7 6 2
♦8 5
♣K 10

West	North	East	South
Charles	Myrtle	Mayme	Jack
Hofman	Bennett	Hofman	Bennett
			1♠
2♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Charles led the ♣J. (My dad's comment when the skimpy dummy came down: "Well, she should be shot!")

There are so many inferences immediately available. Missing 22 HCP, you can't assign all of them to Charles, but he must have most. He showed better than an

opening hand with his two-level vulnerable overcall and subsequent penalty double, but with 18+, he would start with a double, so he's probably in the 14-17 range. His lead tells you Mayme has the ♣Q, but that's not all. Why didn't he lead a diamond?

Holding the ♦AK or the ♦KQ, Charles would lead the suit. Since he didn't, his suit is most likely headed by the ♦AQ.

Mayme has only 5-8 HCP, but you can already place 5 of them: the ♦K and the ♣Q. There's room in her hand for at most another queen and a jack.

Jack wins the ♠K in hand and cashes the ♠K. When he continues with a spade, Charles follows with the ♠7. With a nine-card fit, it's normal to play for the drop — as Jack did — but not if you listened to the auction. Which trump holding did Charles likely double on, ♠Q-x-x or two small?

As Culbertson told the crowds who packed his lectures during Myrtle's 1931 trial, if Jack had finessed the ♠10, he'd still be alive. Then he could pull the last trump, cash the ♠A and lead dummy's ♠9 for a ruffing finesse against Mayme's ♠Q. After giving up a diamond, a diamond ruff would get him back to the board to cash the good clubs for two heart pitches.

You'd think a guy who was making the equivalent of \$250,000 a year in 2017 dollars could figure that out, but Jack, a cocky traveling salesman who preferred to play by instinct, didn't have the time or interest to study bridge like Myrtle did. When he went down two, they began arguing. His last words: "Get me my gun."

Myrtle Bennett lived to be 96. She died in 1992 with an estate worth more than \$1 million. The building where she and Jack lived in Kansas City is still standing. It's too bad their apartment hasn't been turned into a museum.

Though I won't have much free time while working at the Kansas City NABC, the Bennett house would be at the top of the list of places I'd want to visit if I could. I hope to see many of you in Kansas City.

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Deaths

Vivian Ellicock — 95, of Redding CA died Dec. 4, 2016

Ralph Faulkner — 96, of Salem OR died Dec. 18, 2016.

James Fish — 81, of Redding CA died Oct. 5, 2016.

Jane Spencer — 96, formerly of Redding/Anderson CA died Jan. 7, 2017, in Colorado.

David Toy — 84, of Eureka CA died Dec. 17, 2016

Jerry Walsh — 86, of Eugene OR died Jan. 13, 2017.



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District 20 Mini-McKenney winners for 2016



Dan Edelstein



Alan Ludwig



Mike Goffe



Mark Hickman



Louis Beauchet



Elsie Chan



Mike Ampsacher



Eileen Boal



Dawn Campbell



Dennis Harms

0-5

1. Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA 71
2. Joe Grafe, Kihei HI 70
3. Paul Penland, Eagle ID 46
4. Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR 44
5. Angel Almanza, Portland OR 42
6. Karen Jean Boss, Boise ID 38
7. Virginia Griffiths, Vancouver WA 36
8. Ronald Holbrook, Portland OR 36
9. Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR 32
10. Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR 32

5-20

1. Alan Ludwig, Yuba City CA 88
2. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 65
3. Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR 49
4. Karen Stone, Portland OR 45
5. Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA 45
6. Barbara Hopson, Redding CA 41
7. Peter Heroy, Eugene OR 41
8. Richard Zier, Vancouver WA 37
9. Bryon Van Fleet, Corvallis OR 36
10. Claudia Burton, Salem OR 34

20-50

1. Mike Goffe, Portland OR 121
2. Greg Wilson, Boise ID 81
3. Beverly Fraser, Boise ID 75
4. William Elston, Keaau HI 65
5. Barbara Bloch, Lake Oswego OR 56
6. Ancer Haggerty, Portland OR 48
7. Harold Baas, Waikoloa HI 46
8. Clariner Boston, Tigard OR 45
9. Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR 45
10. Deb Dotters, Eugene OR 44

50-100

1. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 115
2. Nely Johnson, Portland OR 106
3. Stuart Director, Portland OR 76
4. Gayle Larson, Bend OR 76
5. Linda Smith, Corvallis OR 68
6. Timothy Trinkle, Longview WA 66
7. Donald Pitt, Salem OR 64
8. Gayle Peterson, Corvallis OR 62
9. Sandee Rose, Cave Junction OR 61
10. Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA 60

100-200

1. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 403
2. Kevin Marnell, Portland OR 197
3. David Muller, Vancouver WA 168
4. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 125
5. John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA 118
6. Frank Larson, Bend OR 115
7. Zack Woodbury, Portland OR 112
8. Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR 111
9. Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA 102
10. David Gustafson, Florence OR 101

200-300

1. Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA 188
2. Darrel Mooney, Boise ID 175
3. Rebecca Rodenbush, Boise ID 172
4. Patti Moore, Kalaheo HI 167
5. Ralph Zack, Eugene OR 142
6. Judy Nevell, Eugene OR 138
7. Duane St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 125
8. Evelyn St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 125
9. Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA 119
10. Roy Wilkinson, Portland OR 101

300-500

1. Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA 264
2. Gene Hval, Portland OR 225
3. Terry Nagel, Eugene OR 190
4. Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR 182
5. Linda Thomas, Boise ID 163
6. Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI 155
7. Randy Naef, McMinnville OR 147
8. Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR 143
9. Michael Green, Yamhill OR 136
10. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 134

500-1000

1. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 303
2. Pete Grice, Boise ID 274
3. Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR 263
4. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 257
5. Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR 254
6. Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA 238
7. Mark Rowe, Philomath OR 200
8. Donald Robinson, Boise ID 197
9. Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA 184
10. Carole Schmitz, Redding CA 182

1000-1500

1. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR 661
2. Amy Casanova, Portland OR 415
3. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 294
4. Robert Liu, Honolulu HI 272
5. Loring Harkness III, Kilauea HI 268
6. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 250
7. Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR 211
8. Sharon Crapko, Seaside OR 199
9. Garry Lowe, Newport OR 188
10. Jim Newfield, Vancouver WA 187

1500-2500

1. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 484
2. Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR 404
3. Edward Lee, Portland OR 359
4. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 324
5. Ginny Stark, Eugene OR 312
6. Douglas West, Ocean Park WA 253
7. William Wood, Meridian ID 240
8. July Ratley, Redding CA 238
9. Jill Wood, Meridian ID 236
10. Robert Hope, Honolulu HI 225



Irva Kay Neyhart



Jon Bartlett



John Ashton



John Lusky



Huub Bertens



Louis Beauchet

2500-3500

1. Irva Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR 857
2. Robert Johnson, Tigard OR 473
3. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 345
4. Duane Christensen, Boise ID 309
5. Kathy Downen, Boise ID 297
6. Charles Burns, Vancouver WA 288
7. Craig Jones, Boise ID 274
8. Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI 273

3500-5000

1. Jon Bartlett, Portland OR 556
2. Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA 430
3. Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA 407
4. David Green, Sherwood OR 347
5. Judy Kay, Beaverton OR 338
6. Carol Christensen, Boise ID 333
7. Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR 266
8. Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI 264

5000-7500

1. John Ashton, Portland OR 551
2. Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID 546
3. Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR 489
4. Richard Carle, Longview WA 417
5. Hal Montgomery, Portland OR 375
6. Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR 364
7. James Elliott, Portland OR 298
8. Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA 281

7500-10,000

1. John Lusky, Portland OR 376
2. Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA 363
3. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 271

Over 10,000

1. Huub Bertens, Bend OR 1589
2. Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 1126
3. Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR 661

Juniors

1. Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR 403
2. Jake Olsen, Portland OR 58
3. Ben Bomber, East Lansing MI 43
4. Jiadi He, Astoria OR 24
5. Andrea Lim, Portland OR 4
6. Natalie Dodson, Portland OR 1
7. Peyton Hummelt, Portland OR 1

District 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners for 2016



Joe Grafe



Alan Ludwig



William Elston



Mark Hickman



Frank Larson



Duane & Evelyn St. Clair



Gene Hval



Bill Jones



Jim Newfield



Dennis Harms

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3. Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA 35
4. Ronald Holbrook, Portland OR 29
5. George Silva, Salem OR 28
6. Shirley Silva, Salem OR 28

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2. Gale Alvistur, Chico CA 55
3. Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA 37
4. Peter Heroy, Eugene OR 32
5. Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR 31
6. Barbara Hopson, Redding CA 29

20-50

1. William Elston, Keaau HI 63
2. Mike Goffe, Portland OR 47
3. Harold Baas, Waikoloa HI 46
4. Greg Wilson, Boise ID 45
5. Kathleen Patrick-Baas, Waikoloa HI 43
6. Beverly Fraser, Boise ID 39

50-100

1. Mark Hickman, Bend OR 93
2. Timothy Trinkle, Longview WA 63
3. Sandee Rose, Cave Junction OR 61
4. Katherine Trinkle, Longview WA 56
5. Nely Johnson, Portland OR 53
6. Walter Bobb, Kailua Kona HI 52
7. Sarah Bobb, Kailua Kona HI 52

100-200

1. Frank Larson, Bend OR 88
2. Michael Hollins, Redding CA 86
3. David Muller, Vancouver WA 70
4. John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA 69
5. Roger Nootenboom, Bend OR 64
6. Jeff Gunn-Smith, Grass Valley CA 63

200-300

1. Duane St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 91
2. Evelyn St. Clair, Sun City West AZ 91
3. Ralph Zack, Eugene OR 83
4. Judy Nevell, Eugene OR 77
5. Allison Evans, Corvallis OR 74
6. William Neely, Boise ID 67

300-500

1. Gene Hval, Portland OR 141
2. Rick Gardner, Arch Cape OR 109
3. Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA 98
4. Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR 86
5. Terry Nagel, Eugene OR 81
6. Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR 80

500-1000

1. Bill Jones, Grass Valley CA 193
2. Eileen Boal, Albany OR 182
3. Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR 165
4. Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA 150
5. Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR 143
6. Linda Hann, Roseburg OR 117

1000-1500

1. Jim Newfield, Vancouver WA 169
2. Carol Harms, Corvallis OR 160
3. Sharon Crapko, Seaside OR 153
4. Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR 153
5. Patricia Massler, Redmond OR 140
6. Marilyn Avey, Redding CA 124

1500-2500

1. Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR 286
2. Douglas West, Ocean Park WA 191
3. Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR 175
4. Marvin Grudem, Redding CA 162
5. Jerold Wershba, Portland OR 152
6. Steven Pessin, Eugene OR 152



Irva Kay Neyhart



Ric Soohoo



Janie Percy



Iku Donnelly



Godfrey Chang



Mark Bennett

2500-3500

1. Irva Kay Neyhart, Corvallis OR 479
2. Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI 177
3. Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI 158
4. Charles Burns, Vancouver WA 131
5. Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR 130
6. Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR 126

3500-5000

1. Ric Soohoo, Vancouver WA 219
2. Helen Henning, Penn Valley CA 156
3. Mary Dee Overton, Waikoloa HI 151
4. Marge Roe, Grass Valley CA 140
5. Florence Hungerford, Redding CA 124
6. Jamie Newman, Nevada City CA 122

5000-7500

1. Janie Percy, Vancouver WA 180
2. Rich Carle, Longview WA 149
3. Stan Sather, Ridgefield WA 122
4. Ron Jauch, Nevada City CA 122
5. Ian Martindale, Boise ID 98
6. Charlene Martindale, Boise ID 94

7500-10,000

1. Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI 113
2. Duane Meador, Vancouver WA 105

Over 10,000

1. Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI 123
2. Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR 108

Online

1. Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI 839
2. Nelda Linman, Bend OR 277
3. Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI 247
4. Christopher Earl, Oregon House CA 244
5. Sandra Watson, Boise ID 238
6. Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR 238

THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Spring sectionals

Vancouver NLM

The Vancouver NLM Sectional (postponed from January) will be held March 11-12 at the Vancouver (WA) Bridge Club. See ad page 16 for details.

Redding

The Redding Spring Sectional will be held April 7-9 at the Win-River Casino in Redding CA. See ad this page for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Spring Sectional will be held April 8-9 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad this page for details.

Eugene 299er

The new Eugene/Springfield 299er Sectional will be held April 14-15 at the Emerald Bridge Club in Springfield OR. See ad page 16 for details.

Seaside

The Seaside Sectional will be held April 21-23 at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside OR. See ad page 5 for details.

Eugene

The Eugene Sectional will be held June 2-4 at the Morse Event Center at Northwest Christian College in Eugene OR. See ad page 6 for details.

Portland

The Portland Spring Sectional will be held June 9-11 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 6 for details.

Klamath Falls

The Klamath Falls Sectional will be held

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Redding Fall Sectional (101 tables)

1	28.20	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
	28.20	Robert Lorensen, Eureka CA
3	17.58	Marilyn Avey, Redding CA
4	16.56	Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
	16.56	Garth Gregory, Chico CA
6	14.99	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
	14.99	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
8	13.15	Marvin Grudem, Redding CA
9	12.87	Joan Sullens, Redding CA
10	9.41	Harvey Bush, Klamath Falls OR

Corvallis 299er Sectional (43 tables)

1	3.63	Linda Smith, Corvallis OR
	3.63	David Smith, Corvallis OR
3	3.35	Virginia Weis, Corvallis OR
	3.35	Barbara Dowling, Corvallis OR
5	2.89	Valerie Caldwell, Corvallis OR

Willamette NLM Sectional (43 tables)

1	5.75	Stuart Director, Portland OR
	5.75	Nely Johnson, Portland OR
3	5.44	Bernie Widolff, Portland OR
4	5.22	Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
5	3.46	Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA

Willamette Open Sectional (68 tables)

1	14.34	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
	14.34	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
3	10.80	Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
	10.80	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
5	6.61	Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR
	6.61	Andrey Ayupov, Beaverton OR
7	6.60	Richard Carle, Longview WA

8	6.60	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR
9	6.47	Ram Kashyap, Portland OR
	6.47	Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA

Honolulu (Nov.) Sectional (112 tables)

1	25.44	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
2	23.68	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI
3	17.22	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
4	15.87	Iku Donnelly, Honolulu HI
5	14.45	Howard Co, Honolulu HI
6	14.30	Margaret Cooling, Honolulu HI
7	13.87	A. Acey, Honolulu HI
8	13.62	Lillian Johannessen, Honolulu HI
9	12.30	Warren Fukushima, Pearl City HI
	12.30	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
11	11.37	Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
12	11.11	Yasuko Shrenzel, Honolulu HI

Vancouver Fall Sectional (123 tables)

1	18.88	Mike Amspacher, Vancouver WA
	18.88	Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA
3	15.05	Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR
	15.05	Chris Wiegand, Portland OR
5	13.47	Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
	13.47	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
7	10.16	Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
	10.16	Edward Lee, Portland OR
9	9.63	Mike Redden, Lake Oswego OR
	9.63	Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA
11	8.83	Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA
12	8.73	Charles Hulse, Vancouver WA
13	7.75	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
14	7.22	Duane Meador, Vancouver WA
	7.22	Joseph Titone, Vancouver WA

Garden Isle Sectional (50 tables)

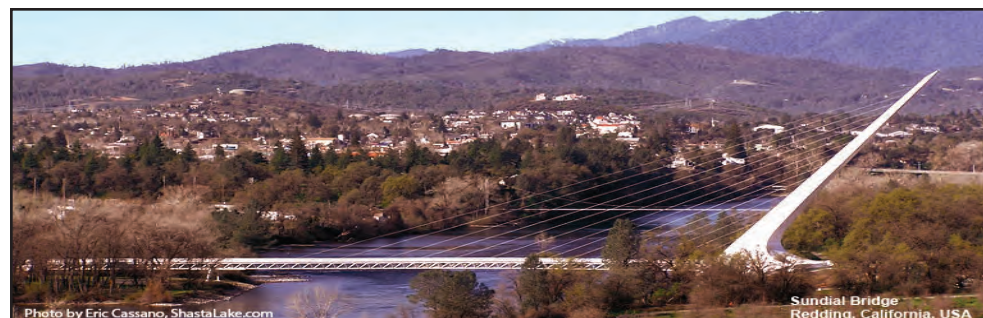
1	13.52	Douglas McCalla, Kalaheo HI
2	11.60	Karen Epley, Kent WA
	11.60	Howard Epley, Kent WA
4	10.58	Roger Passal, Woodside CA
5	9.90	Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI

Portland KO Sectional (250 tables)

1	30.16	Jim Wiser, Portland OR
2	21.50	Charles Swart, Portland OR
3	19.39	Amy Casanova, Portland OR
4	19.11	Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
5	18.89	Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
6	18.77	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR
7	18.03	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA
8	17.83	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
9	16.68	Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
10	13.62	Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR
11	12.83	Sandra Wolfe, West Bloomfield MI
12	12.63	John Ashton, Portland OR
13	12.56	Ray Robert, Portland OR
	12.56	Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR
15	12.39	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA
16	11.70	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
17	11.55	Mark Tolliver, Portland OR
	11.55	Christopher Gibson, Tigard OR
	11.55	Chris Wiegand, Portland OR
20	11.27	Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
21	11.08	Stan Sather, Lake Oswego OR
22	10.90	Mike Amspacher, Vancouver WA
	10.90	Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA
24	10.77	Donald Tofte, Portland OR
	10.77	David Green, Sherwood OR

Deadline notice for Sectional Tournament organizers

Please submit tournament flyers to the ACBL website at least **six months** in advance of **all** tournaments to ensure timely inclusion in the Trumpet. Flyers for sectionals held in July, August and September are due in April; those held in October, November and December are due in July; those held in January, February and March are due in October; those held in April, May and June are due in January.



Redding Unit 464 Presents

The Sundial Bridge Sectional

April 7-9, 2017

Win-River Resort & Casino • 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd. • Redding, Calif.
 Ask for bridge tournament rate (deadline March 24): \$89/double occupancy Thursday and Sunday; \$109/double occupancy Friday and Saturday
 530-243-3377 or 800-280-UWIN; www.winriver.com

Friday, April 7		
299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Saturday, April 8		
299er Pairs	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
Open Pairs (two session event)	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
(Single session pairs welcome; if 3 or more tables sign up for single session, a separate side game will be held)		
Sunday, April 9		
Stratified Swiss Teams (20 Victory Point scale)	10 a.m.	
Two sessions play through		
(Lunch will be provided between sessions)		
Per-session fee of \$10 per player • \$5 extra for non- and unpaid ACBL members		
This is a Z-T policy event • Players with 0-50 points: \$5 per session		

<p>Stratifications</p> <p>A: 2000+</p> <p>B: 750-2000</p> <p>C: 0-750 (NLM)</p> <p>299ers: 0-299.99</p>	<p>Director: Steve Kaessner</p> <p>Chairperson: Gerald Clark, 530-357-2694</p> <p>Partnerships: Wilhelmina White, 530-246-1036</p>
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Sanction No. 1704056

Vancouver Spring Sectional

April 8-9, 2017

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)

299er Stratified Pairs (single session)

Saturday, April 8, 3 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)

299er Stratified Pairs (single session)

Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m.

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (20 victory point scale)

*Stratified Fast Pairs (single session)

*Field stratified by director based on entries

Sunday, April 9, TBA .

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (20 victory point scale)

Washington School for the Deaf
 611 Grand Blvd.
 Vancouver, WA

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

Strats for all events are based on average masterpoints of team or pair

FREE coffee, tea & snacks

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

Partnerships: Barbara Pyles, 971-275-4508, barbarapyles@gmail.com

\$10 per session. \$13 for unpaid and non-ACBL members.
 Free for 0-5 MP players.

Sanction #S1704086

DISTRICT 20 RANK CHANGES

JUNIOR MASTERS

Connie Anderson, Chico CA
 George Block, Lake Oswego OR
 Robert Brewer, Portland OR
 Pat Carroll, Tualatin OR
 Marvin Cohen, Kihei HI
 Sharron Cosby, Eugene OR
 Yvonne Evans, Portland OR
 Barbara Eyerly, Bend OR
 Carol Field, Corvallis OR
 Jeffrey Foote, Portland OR
 Fredrick Goll, Salem OR
 Valerie Hanseth, Bend OR
 Wayne Harrison, Vancouver WA
 Timothy Heilman, Portland OR
 Nancy Hornshuh, Cannon Beach OR
 Jayne James, Eagle ID
 Mark Jansa, Portland OR
 Larry Jessie, Portland OR
 Irene Jue, Astoria OR
 Keith Kalway, Honolulu HI
 Manuel Karlin, Portland OR
 James Klapmeier, Kailua Kona HI
 Jane Lackey, Corvallis OR
 David Larsen, Honolulu HI
 Ramon Lopez, Yuba City CA
 Jane Mannex, Gearhart OR
 Nancy Mittelstadt, Portland OR
 Angela Nord, Albany OR
 Randy Puseman, Astoria OR
 Susan Raines, Corvallis OR
 Stacy Rutledge, Vancouver WA
 John Schmidt, Arcata CA
 Harold Shrader, Bend OR
 Elizabeth Scully, Portland OR
 Alexandra Smith, Bend OR
 Gina Swenson, Bandon OR
 Sandra Waddle, Brookings OR
 Nick Warden, Corvallis OR

New Life Masters



Barbara Ball
Portland OR



Mike Green
Yamhill OR



Terry Nagel
Eugene OR



Jane Swyneburg
Cannon Beach OR

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 Mary Jo Bergstrom, Medford OR
 Robert Brewer, Portland OR
 Michael Buchbinder, Lincoln City OR
 Valerie Caldwell, Corvallis OR
 Alfred Deichsel, Longview WA
 Shermin Emre, Chico CA
 Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Portland OR
 Chris Fitzgibbons, Bend OR
 Janet Gardner, Bend OR

Monte Garrett, Beaverton OR
 Dolores Glaze, Brookings OR
 Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR
 Dixie Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR
 William Kurz, Shingletown CA
 Cheryl Maderazo, Boise ID
 Bill McCormack, Lake Oswego OR
 Ann McMahon, Portland OR
 Fred Nelson, Redding CA
 Margaret Nielsen, Grass Valley CA
 Andrew Ono, Salem OR
 Jean-Pierre Perchellet, Salem OR

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 Irwin Roberts, Astoria OR
 Gregory Said, Boise ID
 Linda Scott, Portland OR
 Thomas Shaffer, Beaverton OR
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 Galen Willardson, Millville CA

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Chita Becker, Portland OR
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 Marvin Buff, Kailua HI
 Bunt Burkhalter, Lahaina HI
 Jane Cooper, Oregon House CA
 Denise Cox, Eugene OR
 Robert Cram, Oregon City OR
 Wendell Enders, Redding CA
 Mary Flynn, Honolulu HI
 Virginia Griffiths, Vancouver WA
 Susan Haacke, Roseburg OR
 Barbara Hopson, Redding CA
 Susan Kaneta, Kailua Kona HI
 Robin Messenheimer, Pahoa HI
 Ryan Porter, Brookings OR
 Eleanor Ramsey, Kailua Kona HI
 Sandee Rose, Cave Junction OR
 Mary Saylor, Vancouver WA
 Laura Shi, Corvallis OR
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 Roger Thomas, West Linn OR
 Rose White, Kailua Kona HI
 Richard Zier, Vancouver WA

REGIONAL MASTERS

Sally Anderson, Portland OR
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 Lisa Korick, Vancouver WA
 Kathleen Moore, Jacksonville OR
 Naomi Nortman, Honolulu HI
 George Oleary, Portland OR
 Betsy Ovitt, Eugene OR
 Kay Pankratz, La Center WA
 Kelly Sandulli, Kamuela HI
 Anne Savaria, Portland OR
 Molly Schwabe, Vancouver WA
 Jeff Speer, Redding CA
 Ginni Van Cleave, Honolulu HI
 Greg Wilson, Boise ID
 Ken Wood, Longview WA

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 Craig Cooley, West Linn OR
 Judith Curry, Kailua HI
 Lisa Derock, Princeville HI
 William Fry, Portland OR
 Janet Landesberg, Vancouver WA
 Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA
 Susan Owens, Salem OR
 Bob Shuken, Auburn CA
 Judith Wilkinson, Portland OR

ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

Benjamin Levy, Vancouver WA

BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

C. Arnold, Portland OR
 Daniel Berman, Honolulu HI
 Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI
 Linda Echtenkamp, Boise ID
 Edward Goldman, Ashland OR
 Dick Jarvinen, Corvallis OR
 Kathi Marcus, Lake Oswego OR

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Gary Crupper, Boise ID
 Kathie Dunn, Kurtistown HI
 Cheryl Glaza, Kaneohe HI
 Jean Johansson, Portland OR
 Rene Morand, Grass Valley CA
 Joe White, Grants Pass OR
 Jim Wiser, Portland OR
 David Wong, Honolulu HI

RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Renee Ferrera, Portland OR
 Ming Lee, Honolulu HI
 Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
 Tom McKenna, Eugene OR

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Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR
 Vernon Nafus, Boise ID
 Charles Rethlefsen, Corvallis OR
 Larry Smith, Redmond OR
 Bob Wierman, Anderson CA

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
 Cam Meyer, Bend OR

Submit Life Master photos

Don't wait for us to ask! Upon reaching Life Master, all District 20 players are invited to send a photo for the Trumpet to trumpeteditor@gmail.com. Proud partners and friends at the club can also snap a picture of a new Life Master and send it to us. Just make sure to send it in a large file size.



Eugene Sectional

June 2-4, 2017

Known for our Hospitality & Fabulous Food

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

Friday June 2

*11 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session) ***New Times**
 * 4 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)

Saturday, June 3

10 a.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)
 3 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single session)

Stratified 199er Pairs (if warranted)

Sunday, June 4

10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
 Second Session – TBA

Teams Stratified by Average

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

\$10 Per Player Per Session (\$13 Unpaid/Non-Members)

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

Directions from 1-5:

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

Do not park in U of O lot



PORTLAND SPRING SECTIONAL

June 9-11, 2017

FRIDAY, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

FRIDAY, June 9, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

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

Stratified Open Pairs, 2 session play through
 (single session pairs welcome)
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

SATURDAY, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs, 2nd session
 (single session pairs welcome)
 Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
 Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

SUNDAY, June 11, 10:30 a.m., 2nd session TBA

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

Please plan on eating out or bring your own lunch

FREE Coffee & Snacks

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

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 #S1706097

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





THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Sometimes a strong hand doesn't get to bid

I love holding hands that I can bid, especially when I get to bid first. When I pick up a lovely hand like the one below and somebody opens in front of me, it truly irks me. One night I had that happen multiple times. This is the first example. And I love my aces! How dare they?

So I pick up:

♠A 9 ♥A 7 6 ♦A 6 ♣J 9 8 7 4 3.

And that dang right-hand opponent opens my suit, 1♣. And then his partner has the audacity to say, "Could be short." I have no bid! If I bid



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

2♣, my partner thinks that I have majors. So I pass, thinking maybe later that I can come back in with clubs. My left-hand opponent bids 1♠, my partner passes, and I hear an astonishing 2♣ on my right.

I think I know where at least 11 of the clubs are, so I cannot lead this suit. Which ace

should I lay down on the lead? Then I hear 2♦ on my left, and then 2NT on my right. Then 3♦ on my left, pass, 3NT (should I double?). To recap, the auction:

Opp	Partner	Opp	Me
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

What is the shape of the hand on my left? What is the shape on my right? Misfit hands are no fun and they were not happy

with each other.

I find it more irksome when I am in fourth seat and happy with my hand until the opponents start bidding. I hear 1♣ to my left, my partner passes, and my right-hand opponent bids 1♠. Now I am truly annoyed because I have so many points:

♠A K 3 2 ♥A Q 6 ♦6 4 ♣K 9 8 7.

This was how the auction progressed:

Opp	Partner	Opp	Me
1♣	Pass	1♠	1NT
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

I have both opponents' suits stopped, so at my first turn I bid 1NT. It is a bidder's game, so they tell me.

Undaunted, the opener bids 2♦ (dang, my ♠K just went down in value as opener's sequence showed a real club suit, with four diamonds and longer clubs.) And I hear 2NT on my right.

Of course, I am on lead. It could have been worse — I could be playing 1NT doubled! You know how many points my partner has.

These big fourth-seat hands are killing me. I pick up this hand:

♠A Q 10 9 ♥K 7 6 4 ♦K 6 ♣Q 8 7.

My LHO opens 1♥ and my RHO says 1♠. The owl says to review what I know and try to be logical.

So I am trying to remind myself that if I have majors and they are bidding majors, maybe they have a misfit and I just need to wait in the woods for them to get into trouble. But I cannot help myself. I have an opening hand, so I double. Opener passes and my partner bids 2♣ (at least it's my three-card suit). Right hand oppo-

Owl's Advice

Hand No. 1 — Passing in a live auction is usually a good idea if you have your values in their suits.

Hand No. 2 — Most partnerships do not play 1NT following bids by both opponents to be notrump values with a balanced hand. Do you really want to be playing 1NT when you can never get to partner's hand?

Hand No. 3 — Sometimes your opponents will reward you for bizarre bidding, but you cannot count on it.

nent bids 3♣. Hmm, should I double?

I decide to pass and see what happens. 3NT happens on my left, and 4♥ is bid on my right. This was the layout:

Dlr: West	♠5 4 2		
Vul: E-W	♥2		
	♦A 10 9 3		
	♣J 10 5 4 2		
	♠7		♠K J 8 6 3
	♥Q J 9 8 3		♥A 10 5
	♦Q 7 2		♦J 8 5 4
	♣A K 9 3		♣6
	♠A Q 10 9		
	♥K 7 6 4		
	♦K 6		
	♣Q 8 7		

Opp	Partner	Opp	Me
1♥	Pass	1♠	Dbf
Pass	2♣	3♣(!)	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When they are bidding your suits, I guess I will just practice that four-letter word: pass.

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

What's a GNT?

I/N players: National events are for you, too

NAP and GNT stand for North American Pairs and Grand National Teams. They are held at the Spring and Summer NABCs, respectively.

Unlike most events at NABCs, pairs and teams must qualify at the club level and then win their district finals to participate in NAP or GNT at the nationals. Winning pairs and teams get subsidies, providing compensation for players to attend the national event and represent their district.

Because our district covers a large area, District 20 has held district finals since 2012 online so that players would not have to travel long distances to play face to face.

These are regionally rated events, paying red points at the club level and gold at the district and national finals. They were created in the 1970s to provide more opportunities for players of various levels to compete in national events.

There are four flights for teams:

- ♦ Championship Flight — unlimited masterpoints.
- ♦ Flight A — no player can have more than 6000 masterpoints.
- ♦ Flight B — no player can have more than 2500 masterpoints.
- ♦ Flight C — non-Life Master players with less than 500 masterpoints.

For NAP, there are three flights, with the same limits for B and C.

NAP play at the NABC consists of two qualifying sessions and two final sessions. The GNT competition is a five-day event for teams making it all the way to the finals — a qualifying two-session Swiss teams, then knockout matches eliminate half of the remaining teams each day.

Klamath Falls 'Top Gun' Sectional

June 16-18, 2017

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

Entry fee: \$10 per session, \$13 unpaid and non-ACBL members

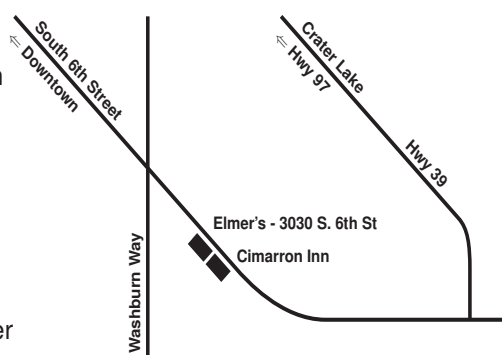
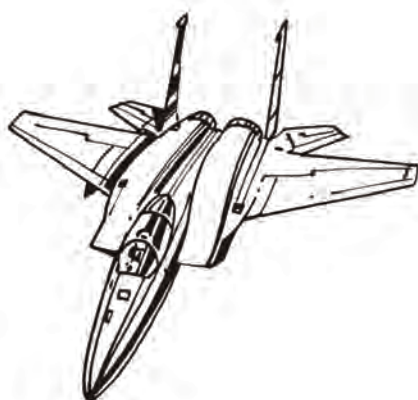
Day	Session	Stratification
Friday June 16	STRATIFIED PAIRS:	
	A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500	1st Single Session..... 10 a.m. 2nd Single Session..... 3 p.m.
Saturday June 17	STRATIFIED PAIRS:	
	A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500	1st Session..... 10 a.m. 2nd Session..... 3 p.m. (may play only one session)
Sunday June 18	STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS:	
	A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500	1st Session..... 10 a.m. 2nd Session..... TBA p.m.

Free Snacks, coffee, soda

Partnership: Bobby Thompson
541-331-0524

Co-Chairs: Laila Griffith
541-883-7810
Carol McClure
541-884-7413

Director: Steve Kaessner
sanction number: 1706010



Salem Summer Sectional

June 23-25, 2017

Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center

930 Plymouth Drive NE
Keizer, OR

Unit 490



Kevin Kacmarynski hosts a special free reception for 299ers between sessions on Saturday, June 24. There will be snacks and ice cream and lots of discussion about your favorite game.

Friday, June 23

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

Saturday, June 24

11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs—Play-through and Single Sessions
299er Pairs*—Single Sessions
Friday morning/Saturday strats: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
*3-table minimum; if no 299er Pairs, strats are 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+
(New players with 0-5 masterpoints play for free)

Sunday, June 25

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

Director: Jeff Jacob

Tournament Contact: Kevin Kacmarynski, 503-838-1102

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

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

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

Free coffee and cookies
Lunch available between sessions Sunday

NAP AND GNT

Everyone should play online in GNT

Our **Grand National Teams** online finals are coming up soon. The championship and B flights are on April 29-30 while flights A and C are on May 6-7. Please look at the D20 website for complete information about the conditions of contest and schedules.

We have made a lot of improvements this past year that should result in smoother running contests. In Seaside we had a training session on how to use Bridge Base Online. One of our players, **Benjamin Levy**, learned enough to qualify for a spot in the NAP finals in Kansas City.

We had another BBO training session at the Oregon Trail Regional in February. We also ran a BBO practice event the week before the NAP finals and plan on another before the GNT finals.

As more players gain experience using BBO in tournament settings, play will become smoother for everybody. Also improving the experience are better equipment at our hosting sites, better personal computers and software, as well as more experienced directors and coordinators.

Last fall, two pairs from Corvallis (**Eileen Boal – Mark Rowe** and **Eileen Milligan – Mary Alice Seville**) decided to play in our NAP online finals. These pairs found an approved venue and monitor. They had a good experience, including a

home-cooked dinner, without having to travel across the district. They were playing locally while competing regionally. I am sure their experience was made better by the 12 gold points Boal and Rowe won along with their qualification to represent District 20 at the Kansas City NABC.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

I hope that more groups of players decide to host venues in their own areas so they don't have to travel across mountains, rivers and oceans. Last fall we had small venues in Bend, Chico, Corvallis, Nevada City, Redding and Roseburg.

I hope these venues expand and accommodate additional local pairs. Our Honolulu venue expanded to twice its previous size. We have room for more venues in Klamath Falls, Kona, the Mid-Columbia area, Salem and Seaside. We can grow our tournament until everybody who wants to play can play locally

District 20 GNT

Championship	April 29-30
Flight A	May 6-7
Flight B	April 30
Flight C	May 7

Register by April 21 at acblid20.org. See ad page 5 for more information.

while competing regionally.

Our venue hosts are to be congratulated. It takes a bit of courage but the responsibilities are not too onerous.

A host must provide a reliable Internet connection for the players and have a monitor to assure that nobody gets unauthorized information. In all but the smallest venues, the monitors get free plays and the hosts get an expense reimbursement.

The monitors never make bridge rulings. Rulings are handled by the ACBL directors. It is as if you hosted a bridge party for your friends but you all played on the computer instead of face to face. I will post more detailed information on the D20 website.

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

Teachers' Corner

'Fat free' version demystifies the convention card

A recent graduate of my beginner class called with a problem that happened during play in a 299er game. His partner made a bid and right-hand opponent asked the meaning of the bid. With only two or three games under his belt, that had never happened to him before.

The question intimidated him so much that he decided to pass! (*Sigh*.) I am happy that the student called with his concerns. Let me clarify, that:



Deborah Lackey
D20 Education Liaison

1. Opponents have the right to ask about the meaning of bids *at their turn to bid*.
2. If you don't know the meaning of the bid, it is OK to say, "I don't know."
3. *Never ever* make a ruling at the table. Any procedural questions a player has during play warrants a director call.

This brings to light that as bridge teachers to newcomers, our jobs go beyond just teaching bidding, play of hand or defense. We want to get them involved in playing in duplicate games, so that means we become their counselors, comforters and cheerleaders.

We have to explain that the director is a good person. Don't take it personally if you get the director called to your table, and for heaven's sake don't be afraid to call the director. Newcomers also need help understanding the lingo of strats, stop and alert cards, and the many other nuances of a competitive game.

One of things that helps with the transition to their first game is to give them a filled-out convention card. To a beginner, a blank convention card looks like the IRS 1040 long form. The ACBL has a "fat free" convention card that I have found to be a helpful handout.

At acbl.org, scroll to the bottom and find the link to "Convention Cards" under the Tournaments heading. This page contains links to several sample convention cards and card editors; near the top is the one labeled "fat free." My new students seem pleased to have that piece of onerous paperwork taken care of so they can concentrate on the play in their first game.

If they are really afraid to play in a game, they can be invited to simply come kibitz a game. This gives them an opportunity to see a game in progress without the pressure of actually participating. Gee Gee Walker shared that she tried this and it helped to transition her more timid students to playing in a sanctioned game.

Do you have any ideas you like to use to help new students transition into sanctioned games? Please share them with me!

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HAWAII REGIONAL RESULTS

Total masterpoints: 6332.36 earned by 467 players.		27 46.17 Christopher Young, San Diego CA		21.13 Richard S.H. Wong, Honolulu HI		140 13.98 Jean Johansson, Portland OR	
Total attendance: 1004 tables.		28 45.62 Jan Soules, Elk Grove CA		89 21.03 Stuart Vance, Kapaa HI		143 13.89 Mitsuko Kodama, Mililani HI	
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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.
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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
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player's total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
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Gold Pairs: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday,
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299er Swiss Teams: 3 p.m. Thursday.

Special Events

- 299er Swiss Teams on Thursday at 3 p.m.
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Goodwill: Four are recognized for service to bridge, setting good examples



Irva Kay Neyhart, left, of Corvallis, Lily Johannessen of Honolulu, Nancy Jonske of Portland and Steve Tubbs of Vancouver, Wash., were recently appointed to the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee.

Irva Kay Neyhart

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As if that wasn't enough, Neyhart is also said to be generous with her time when it comes to helping out new players. "She came down to EBC and taught a class for us on declarer play," says Don Marsh. "It was one of the best received things ever."

Neyhart herself says she loves teaching and loves bridge, so it only made sense to put the two together. Neyhart teaches every Friday night after the game at the Corvallis club, and occasionally she offers workshops. "I hope to do more teaching after I retire," says Neyhart, a CPA who maintains a practice in Corvallis. "I just need more hours in the day!"

In addition to teaching, Neyhart goes above and beyond for her club in a variety of ways. "She was instrumental in planning and bringing to fruition a plan to occupy permanent space for the Corvallis Duplicate Bridge Club," says Rick Garvin. "This allowed the expansion of club games from nine games per month to our current 28 games."

So, how in the heck did Neyhart manage to earn 800 masterpoints in each of the past two years and win the Ace of Clubs while taking on so many additional responsibilities at her local clubs? Neyhart says it comes down to two things: having more time to play and having good partners. "I have been very fortunate that some of the more experienced players have been willing to play with me," she says. "I learn a lot each time I play. That is one of the things I love about duplicate is the continual learning." It's those partners and their willingness to play often that helped her win the Ace of Clubs. "After I realized that I was within reach in my category nationally for this award, I decided to set as a goal for 2016 to try and win," she says. "I played a lot in November and December and had great partners who were willing to go to club games with me whenever we could."

But when you have someone as likable at the table as Neyhart, it's not surprising others were willing to join her at the drop of a hat. Marsh calls her a "top-flight player," noting her bridge-playing behavior as a standout. "She is such a great ambassador for the game because of her demeanor at the table," Marsh says. "I find her to be an incredibly ethical player. And we all know that we need more – not less – of that quality in all our players."

But maybe Neyhart's most surprising quality? Her penchant for giving great advice. "She can be a person of few words, but what is true, you can count on what she says," Marsh notes. "When I have folks at the club ask me a bridge question, I always say, 'Ask Irva.' In fact, that should be a new column for the Trumpet – Ask Irva."

Lily Johannessen

Our next nominee has been described by Muriel Stitt as a "smart, funny and very generous individual who has been something of a goodwill ambassador for Honolulu Unit 470 over the years."

Lily Johannessen is originally from Hawaii, but lived in Scandinavia for 36 years. She returned to the islands in 2006 after retiring from her job with the Scandinavian Airlines. Johannessen learned to play bridge in 1988 when introduced to the game in Norway. As she became more active, she got acquainted with club owners who needed backup directors when they went on vacation. That led Johannessen to become a certified ACBL director, and her passion only picked up from there.

"I don't think I've ever met another person who is as willing to help and volunteer for anything that needs to be done or who finds as much joy in the game as Lily," says Stitt, who moved to Hawaii in 2004 with her husband and soon became very involved with bridge activities there. "I heard about Lily almost immediately after my arrival and we have been very good friends in the 10-plus years since we met," she says.

Stitt has watched Johannessen take on leadership role after leadership role over the years, admiring her ability to go above and beyond for the bridge community. "Lily has been in charge of hospitality at the Hawaii Regional for many years, she serves on the Unit 470 board of directors, has represented Hawaii in District 20 and has been a great help with partnerships and with scheduling our unit club games," Stitt explains. Johannessen is now taking over partnership responsibility for the regional. In addition to her leadership roles, Johannessen also lends her time to teach others. "Lily loves the game of bridge and she has been very generous with her time, mentoring and playing with less experienced players, helping them to improve their skills," Stitt notes.

Merle Stetser agrees, saying "Lily has a 'can do' attitude and is always willing to cheerfully help do whatever is needed." And Johannessen is also active in the airline bridge league, which meets all over the world for tournaments.

But it's her positive attitude that makes Johannessen a true standout at the bridge table. "She's a friendly, worldly bridge partner and opponent," says Stetser. Stitt can't say enough good things, noting Johannessen "is fiercely competitive at the bridge table but she is always pleasant and brings laughter wherever she goes."

When asked how it feels to receive a Goodwill nomination, Johannessen says, "It is a terrific honor for me to be included in this prestigious group. *Mahalo nui loa!*"

Stitt thinks Johannessen couldn't be more deserving. "Lily is an integral part of our bridge community in Hawaii and we are very lucky to have her here."

Nancy Jonske

Our next nominee is best known for her school bridge program where she helps teach the game to middle schoolers. But that's just a piece of Nancy Jonske's goodwill recognition. Ginny Kopacz first met Jonske at a bridge camp in Seaside about 10 years ago. "Immediately I found her to be a very warm, positive and encouraging individual," Kopacz describes. "It was because of people like Nancy that I wanted to take duplicate lessons."

Jonske first started playing bridge in the mid-'70s and finally decided she wanted to teach it in 1993. That year, she organized a math enrichment program for a nearby elementary school. "In 1990 when I lived in Nebraska, our elementary school math teacher wanted to set up an enrichment program for a precocious sixth grade class," Jonske explains. She enjoyed the experience so much, when she was elected to the board of Portland's Unit 487, Jonske became the education chair and decided to get back in the teaching game. "I wanted to do outreach for beginner classes," Jonske explains. "Catlin Gabel has an elective class program, and welcomed a bridge class offering."

Her elective class at Catlin has been going for six years now, and according to Jonske, "The kids love the game!" Jonske, who called the award a total surprise, says it was her teachers who inspired her to keep sharing the fun of the game with others.

Many in the bridge community admire her efforts in education, including good friend Diane Mackenzie. "She has been a champion advocate for youth, teaching middle school children the game of bridge at Catlin Gabel School," Mackenzie says. "But she is equally passionate about making sure our senior bridge players feel welcome in the bridge community."

Kopacz couldn't agree more. "Working with Nancy at Catlin, it is very apparent how much she loves working with the students and teaching them this great game," she says. "Her lessons are very organized, her handouts informative, and the students are learning very quickly."

And sometimes, those lessons happen outside of the classroom. Kopacz finds that she learns from Jonske during a regular game of bridge. "Playing with Nancy as a partner is always a positive learning experience," says Kopacz. "She is always kind, patient, competitive, helpful, and fun."

But Jonske's efforts go beyond the realm of education. Kopacz says Jonske is a hard worker and extremely organized — something that's been apparent during her work on the unit board. "She has served as the I/N education chair, worked diligently with hospitality and has served as the president," Kopacz says. "She spent countless hours seeking and exploring a new venue for the Portland sectionals. Prior to sectional tournaments, she personally has gone out to the local games to encourage newer players and intermediate players to attend these events."

Steve Tubbs

Our final Goodwill Committee member has been described by his fellow players as a "gracious opponent." Steve Tubbs of the Vancouver Bridge Club played his first game of bridge in the early '70s, but it wasn't until 2006 when he got serious about the game and joined the ACBL. Since then, he has achieved a great deal, including Life Master status in 2012, and most recently, the Goodwill Committee appointment.

In addition, Steve has served as Unit 452 president and tournament chair for his local bridge club in Vancouver. "In both positions, he has worked hard to make folks feel comfortable and welcome at the club and/or tournament," says Tubbs' nominator, Rich Carle. "When an issue arose, he stepped in to resolve differences of opinion and put the matter to bed to everyone's satisfaction."

Carle goes on to say that Tubbs, as a retired lawyer, considers the facts carefully along with various points of view involved in any given conflict. "His goal is to be fair and reasonable. I've never seen him get unduly upset at the table, taking any mistake by himself or partner as a learning experience," Carle explains.

District education liaison Deborah Lackey, who teaches at the Vancouver Bridge Club, says Tubbs deserves this honor because he has cheerfully stepped in and taken on various roles when the VBC needed him. Among them, Lackey notes Tubbs taught beginner bridge classes, became a club director, served as president and club board member, was tournament chair for the unit's sectional tournaments and would basically do "anything the club needed."

Giving back to the bridge community is important, Tubbs says. "The bottom line is simply that the club can always use help to keep it going, and I'd hope that my example will inspire others to step up when the need appears."

Lackey describes Tubbs as having an "out of the box" approach to promoting the game of bridge. "Steve coordinated with a community college to get his class of beginning bridge lessons in their catalog, which brought several new players into the ACBL," Lackey explains. "Vancouver has a popular farmer's market on the weekend. He organizes bridge players to play bridge close to the market to create interest in the game. People will come by and inquire, and it gives an opportunity to promote the club and the game."

"You could not ask for a nicer person than Steve," Lackey says. "He is a competitive player, but he doesn't let that get in the way of making his opponents feel comfortable at the bridge table. He has an infectious laugh and sense of humor that leave opponents wishing they could stay longer at his table."

Tubbs says he is surprised, honored and flattered by the recognition. "I'm anxious to meet the standards and expectations of the title."

Betty Rossmann celebrates 100th

By Betsy McCormick
Special to the Trumpet

Betty's children call her the "Bridge Queen" and feel so fortunate to have such an amazing mom. Her charismatic nature supports a radiant intelligence and grand sense of humor. Her 100 years of life is a testament to her determination, a Christian Science background, bridge and daily scotch.

Betty was born Feb. 18, 1917, at home in the Portland neighborhood of St. Johns. Her mother, Marvel, hosted a dinner party that very night. It's clear that Betty got some of her pluck and love of entertaining from her.

Betty was always independent and challenging. The next door neighbor used to tell Marvel, "Oh my god! How do you do it? I'd rather raise a wild cat in Africa than a child like Betty!"

Precocious in school, Betty skipped two grades. At age 16 she entered the University of Oregon to study architecture. Betty loved design, creating, working with patterns and solving problems. These interests also served her well at bridge. She always had the uncanny ability to count the cards, find the queen and remember previously played hands.

How did the Bridge Queen get interested in bridge? She learned the game from her mother and grandmother and at age 5 filled in as a fourth.

Betty remembers when her father came home one day and told her that Harold Vanderbilt had just invented a new game called contract bridge. He encouraged her to take bridge lessons, which she did — not because she really wanted to learn contract bridge, but because there were so many cute boys in the class. Betty loves men! She was married three times.

Long after Betty became a Life Master, she married her third husband, Wally. He was an excellent bridge player who loved to go to tournaments, but he really preferred to play with his buddies. Wally told



Betty Rossmann and daughter Betsy McCormick

Betty that there was a young kid who wanted to see if he'd like to be a bridge pro and he persuaded her to play with him. That kid turned out to be Paul Soloway, who later became one of the greats in the bridge world.

Betty and Paul had a lifelong love/hate relationship. Paul loved to eat and my mom loved to drink. Paul wanted Betty to be more serious and Betty sought amusement — which, if you've played with her, you know she always had fun at the table. Her having two drinks of scotch at night, even if they were in the finals, was an essential element for a good time. I think she must have made Paul crazy at times!

A Platinum Life Master with more than 12,000 masterpoints, Betty truly feels her accomplishments were a result of her attendance record and longevity. Despite the fact that Betty had a light-hearted approach to bridge, she was extremely competitive.

She once was part of a winning team of women to qualify for the GNT. Before the NABC, Betty was diagnosed with cancer and started treatment. The men's team, who came in second, protested to the district thinking they should be the ones to go because Betty would be too weak following her surgery. Nothing else could have made Betty get her health on track so fast. She protested right back and the women's team was off to the nationals!

Friends, bridge and scotch — it was her winning combination!

The Longest Day ACBL continues to raise money for Alzheimer's Association

The ACBL will partner with the Alzheimer's Association for the fifth-annual The Longest Day fundraising event June 21 to benefit Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Traditionally held on the longest day of the year, the event symbolizes the difficult journey for both patients and caregivers.

The top fundraiser in D20 in 2016 was one of the new teams.

Phoenix Rising, a Medford-area club, brought in \$3200. The event was led by club owner Bob Fox and co-captains Sherry Schroeder and Jeanne Walcher.

Clubs, teachers, tournaments and players are invited to form fundraising teams. Special games with upgraded masterpoints, raffles and donations are part of the strategy.

Since partnering with the Alzheimer's Association, the ACBL has raised more than \$2.4 million as the first global team partner for The Longest Day.



The Longview (Wash.) Bridge Club has been a regular participant in The Longest Day.

Participation is flexible in that events may be scheduled for any day during June, which is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

For more information, contact team coordinator Stephanie Threlkeld at stephanie.threlkeld@acbl.org or at 662-253-3112.

Asai: Goal is 2% increase in turnout

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large numbers," notes Asai. "And player retention seems to be strong"

His goal as president is to increase attendance at regionals by 2%, and plans to do this by playing more around the district and drumming up support and interest.

He also plans to focus on the internal administration of the board, and its function, which is to profitably run regional tournaments for the district. Also on Asai's agenda is outreach to neighboring districts, encouraging attendance and brainstorming marketing ideas.

Other officers

In other election news, **Rich Carle** is now the secretary and **Duane Christensen** is treasurer. **Jim Smith** will stay on as vice president.

Also of note, the board is looking for a new tournament manager. **Judy Davis** will continue on in that role through the end of 2017. Plenty of training and support will be available to the new hire. Look on the district's website for more information.

Asai will begin writing the president's column in the next issue. He can be reached at samuel.p.asai@gmail.com.

Many smooth transitions; one more needed

It's been an honor to represent D20 as its president for the past two years. In looking back, there have been several notable accomplishments:

- ◆ A new tournament manager, **Judy Davis**, was hired to replace retiring TM **Marie Ashton**. The transition was smooth.

- ◆ The first D20 regional was held in Boise. Although the tournament lost a little money, it did better than expected. We plan to do even better in 2018, hopefully even turning a profit.

- ◆ Mainland tournaments were successful both years: most (5 of 8) had more tables than previously; table count overall was up 10% in 2015 and 18% in 2016. All but one (Boise) were profitable.

- ◆ The Trumpet was reconfigured from six issues to four per year. A new staff headed by **Amy Casanova** was set in place and has continued to publish excellent newspapers. Amy replaces **Chip Dombrowski** who moved to Horn Lake but remains heavily involved.

- ◆ Personnel turnovers due to retirement in the treasurer and education liaison positions were handled effectively. **Molly Harris** stepped in to replace **Sue Kroning**, and **Deborah Lackey** continues the good work of **Mary Alice Seville**.

- ◆ Plus, the just-completed 2017 Oregon Trail Regional attendance was up almost 6% versus last year!

Tournament manager needed

Unfortunately, **Judy Davis** has tendered her resignation as tournament manager, effective after the Seaside tournament this year. She expressed a strong commitment

to do a great job in the remaining months and I'm sure she will. A search committee has been appointed to consist of **Judy, Marie Ashton**, and **Marilyn Vilhauer**. One current board member also will be asked to serve. If you are interested in this position, please contact one of the committee members for details.

Board elections

The D20 board met at the Oregon Trail Regional and elected new officers: **Sam Asai**, president; **Jim Smith**, vice president; **Rich Carle**, secretary; and **Duane Christensen**, treasurer.



Rich Carle
D20 Past President

The last two replace officers leaving the board — **Gee Gee Walker** and **Molly Harris**, whose terms as area representative were completed. **Judy Mundt** was welcomed as the new Area 7 representative (southern Oregon).

Mike Eyer left the recorder position after the Oregon Trail Regional, to focus on his new job as Area 5 representative (Portland). And finance committee member **Irva Kay Neyhart** resigned after several years of service. Please let the new D20 president know of anyone you would recommend for recorder or to serve on the finance committee.

Thanks to these retiring volunteer officers mentioned above for doing their jobs well in service to D20.

Club games to benefit Hawaii NABC

The Hawaii unit has requested that D20 hold promotional games to benefit the NABC to be held there in November 2018. The D20 board approved this request. Clubs can have one of these games for each sanctioned session during the weeks



Tournament manager Judy Davis enjoys a laugh with Portland players Mike Pham and Mike Goffe at the Oregon Trail Regional, where attendance was up 6%.

specified. Masterpoint rating is 81.8% sectional-rated black. Although details are still being firmed up, the weeks of Sept. 18–24, 2017, and July 3–9, 2018, are proposed. Please plan to support these games at your clubs.

North American events

The D20 board discussed the format of the North American events (GNT and NAP). Online contests allow most players to play locally, thus saving them significant travel expense and inconvenience. The teams participation has improved recently with the online competition. However, the pairs event has suffered because some players seem averse to it.

In an effort to improve participation, the NA events coordinator, Hal Montgomery, intends to do more promotion and training throughout the district. The board continues to study the NA events format, so please contact your area representative and express your feelings on how they

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Regionals

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If you need help finding a partner, **Gee Gee Walker** will be pleased to assist you. She can be reached by phone at 541-292-3474 or email her at ggwalker@gmail.com.

Be sure and play in the Friday afternoon game and join me afterward for some D20 hospitality.

Head down for Mother's Day and take in a winery or see a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland before the games start Monday at 7 p.m. Or stay over for a few days after the Swiss teams on Sunday and enjoy all that the Rogue Valley has to offer. In addition to wine and plays, there are hiking and cycling trails, river rafting trips, and jet boat excursions. And, of course, plenty of shopping in unique shops.

Next up after your games in Medford is the **Emerald Empire Regional** in Eugene, July 31–Aug. 6, held at the popular Valley River Inn on the Willamette River.

Renowned author and bridge teacher **Barbara Seagram** will present a three-day seminar Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Learn tips on defensive strategy, signaling and preempting. If I have not yet captured your attention, don't miss her Friday class on stripping (your hand, of course!) Mark your calendars.

Enjoy the games.

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

Emerald Empire Regional

July 31-Aug. 6, 2017
Eugene, Oregon

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 31

7 p.m.Blue Heron Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 9, 1 & 7 Tuesday)
 7 p.m.Stratified Open Charity Pairs (1 session)
 (part of Side Game Series I) (1 of 5)
 7 p.m. ...♦ Stratified 299er Charity Pairs (1 session)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)
 1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 & 7 p.m. ♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 p.m.Side Game Series I (2 of 5)
 1 p.m. ♦299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
 7 p.m.Side Game Series I (3 of 5)
 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

9 a.m.Morning Stratified Swiss Teams
 (winners continue at 9 on Thursday)
 9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)
 1 p.m.McKenzie River Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Thursday)
 1 & 7 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 p.m.Side Game Series I (4 of 5)
 1 p.m.♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
 7 p.m.Side Game Series I (5 of 5)
 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
 1 p.m.Eugene Skinner Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Friday)
 1 & 7 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 p.m.Side Game Series II (1 of 6)
 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
 7 p.m.Side Game Series II (2 of 6)
 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

9 a.m.Valley River Compact KOs
 (winners continue at 9 on Saturday)
 9 a.m.Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 1 p.m.Weekend Bracketed KOs
 (winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Saturday)
 1 & 7 p.m.Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 p.m.Side Game Series II (3 of 6)
 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
 7 p.m.Side Game Series II (4 of 6)
 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 1 p.m.Willamette Valley Compact KOs
 (winners continue at 7)
 1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 & 7 p.m. ♦ Gold Point Pairs (2 sessions)
 1 p.m.Side Game Series II (5 of 6)
 1 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
 7 p.m.Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
 7 p.m.Side Game Series II (6 of 6)
 7 p.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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



Barbara Seagram 3-day Seminar
 Wed - Fri. Contact the D20 Education Liaison
 Deborah@DeborahLackey.com, 360-216-7484
 or see flyer at acbid20.org to book.

LODGING INFORMATION

Valley River Inn

1000 Valley River Way, Eugene OR
 800-543-8266 or 541-743-1000.

- On the banks of the Willamette River and next to the Valley River Center Mall.
- Free Wifi, Pool and 24-hour Fitness Center.
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle.
- Deluxe (single or double) \$99.
- Riverview (single or double) \$103.
- Additional adults \$20 each per night.
- Reservations guaranteed until June 30, 2017, or until "bridge block" is full.

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STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Pairs: Open/2000/1250
 ♦ **Gold Point Pairs:** 750/300/200
Stratified Events:
 A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750
 ♦ **299er:** A: 100-300; B: 50-100; C: 0-50
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams A/X
 A: 3000+; X: 0-3000. (Plays alone; 20 vp)
Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
 B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500.
 (teams play in groups of 7-9 by MP range; gold points in each bracket.)
 ♦ Indicates **Intermediate/ Newcomer** events.
 Play 2 times in **side game series** to qualify for overall gold points.

ELIGIBILITY, TABLE FEES

Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
Mid-chart conventions: Allowed in stand-alone Flight A/AX & top bracket of KOs (except Compact).
Mid-chart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings allowed in all events. KO with 1 bracket may be handicapped.
Table Fees: ACBL members \$12; non- and unpaid \$16; under age 26, \$5.

D20 website: www.acbid20.org

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAM

- 299er games twice daily
 - I/N party
 - Daily talks
 - Prize games
- D20 I/N Coordinator:**
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AROUND THE UNITS



Boise



By Ian Martindale

boisebridge.club

Boise elects new officers

We held our annual membership meeting in December and adopted a new set of by-laws that brings us into the world of email, websites and Facebook.

Many thanks to **Nancy Feldman** for her work creating the unit website and for acting as the webmaster.

We thanked the members of the unit board who have served their two-year terms — vice-president **Darrell Mooney**, treasurer **Nancy Harris** and tournament chair **Bev Fransen**. Nancy installed Quickbooks as our financial reporting.

Newly elected members of the board are **Leslie Muir**, **Gene Gerard** and **Phil Emerson**, who also will serve as tournament chair, treasurer and secretary, respectively. **Tim Kempf** remains as membership chair, **Mike Hurt** as hospitality chair and **Nancy Feldman** as vice president. **Ian Martindale** continues as president.

The unit membership also recognized the owners of the Bridge Cooperative of Boise — **Kay Read**, **Judy Staufer** and **Daryl Sallaz** — for their continuing work in providing a comfortable and safe environment for our game.

We hope 2017 will bring wider participation and new bridge accomplishments by our members.



Ontario had at one point over 3 feet of snow. Games were canceled for a week and a half due to snow.

Snow cancels Ontario games

This has been some winter! It started out with a deep freeze after we got spoiled by a beautiful and warm autumn.

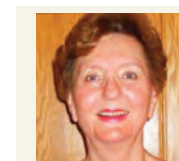
We received at least a foot of snow before Christmas, which made for a fairy tale holiday. But then temperatures plunged to minus 15 for several days in a row, and in between we received more and more snow, over 3 feet of the white stuff.

There was heavy ice floe traffic on the Snake River, and then the entire river froze over. After a brief warm spell, the packed ice began to move. It sounded like a freight train and took trees and bushes out with it. Then it stopped, and the water began to rise. Some people were evacuated. The heavy snow caused many roofs and carports to collapse, and rain and sleet made it impossible to get around. So, our new president **Beth McDaniel** did the sensible thing and can-



Beth McDaniel

celed bridge for three sessions.



Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

We live in an isolated area and even in the best of times it is difficult for our players to attend tournaments. Local tournaments are usually sectionals. To attend a regional tournament requires at least one day's drive, hotel stays and meals eaten in a restaurant. It gets costly and some of our players cannot leave an ailing loved one for several days.

We have a joke, that each gold point earned costs the player at least \$1,000. I would say it is pretty amazing that our club has done so well. At least half of our members are Life Masters and beyond. We brave snow, ice, heat and costs in order to play this wonderful game. A big hand for our players, a hardy and dedicated lot. And a warm welcome to spring.



Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

Directors get a holiday break

Greetings from your faithful correspondent reporting from Snowpocalypse, Snowzilla or Snowtopia, any and all of which describe Nampa and Caldwell in the last few weeks. Enough, already! Let the snow gods concentrate on some other area.

A bright spot, however, was our wonderful Christmas party, held Dec. 6, at the Elks Lodge in Caldwell. There were 20 tables of A, B and C players, and six tables of 199ers. A delicious ham dinner was served by the Elks staff to men and women dressed in their holiday best; tables were decorated with red poinsettias, all of which were given away as raffle prizes.

Unit 398 would like to give special thanks to **Ian Martindale** for directing, freeing up **Duane Christensen**, **John Pearson** and **Bruce Thornburgh** to enjoy participating as players for a change. Also, special thanks to **Mary Gabioli** for taking over her annual duties as cashier!

A big thanks to all the many players who joined us from Boise, Meridian, Eagle and other points east, as well as the large contingent of players from Ontario, Ore., who support our Christmas party.

A small but enthusiastic group of players celebrated the new year on Jan. 2.

For the first time we can remember, our Monday game was canceled due to the weather, on Jan. 9. On Jan. 16, though, 11 tables were in attendance. The actual star of the day, however, was the gorgeous monthly birthday cake, chocolate with raspberry filling.

In closing I'd like to quote from an article by Bill Dunn, a copy of which was given to me by **Sonya Shue**, wherein he states that we elders are sometimes referred to as getting older, senior citizens, or extremely mature. But he said we more accurately should be referred to as "chronologically gifted." Hail to all my "gifted" friends out there.

Results

Christmas party — N/S, 1: Cindy Amos — Cindy Maher, 2: John Zamboni — Elazar Friedman. E/W, 1: Kathy Downen — Duane Christensen, 2: Erik & Anita Hansen. 199ers, 1: Beverly Fraser — Greg Wilson, 2: Dauna & Gerald Henggele.
Jan. 2 — N/S, 1: Linda Brinton — Larry Chase. E/W, 1: Art Crawford — Leslie Muir.
Jan. 16 — N/S, 1: Dan Johnson — Don Robinson; E/W, 1: Susanne St. Thomas — John Gram.



Photos by Peyt Turner / The Trumpet

Deep snow covers the Columbia Gorge area in January. Games were canceled in The Dalles.



Heavy snow creates issues for Gorge residents

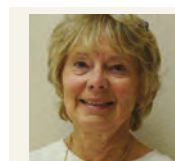
Weekly reports to ACBL might indicate The Dalles bridge groups have given up the game. That's not the case, however.

Our players routinely come from four counties and drive up to an hour to get to The Dalles. The weather vortex has put travel on hold for many, with snow, ice and flooding getting in the way of travel.

We held our Christmas party on Dec. 26 with a game and dinner. Winners were Lynne and Mike Annett (see results below).

To say all the winter weather made us cranky is an understatement.

Anne Dollarhide almost had a serious loss when her carport roof caved, falling between two of her cars. She has recov-



Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

ered beyond expectations of doctors from her fall down the stairs a year ago.

Adele Andrews had 17 family members for Christmas from Australia, London, Texas and Washington. Luckily she got all of them off to trains and planes before bad weather returned.

Janet Meader's house has undergone repairs after an attic furnace melted snow and sent water down the inside windows

and walls. Many of us fell on the ice, serving as a warning not to go out in that kind of weather.

Meanwhile, **Marilyn Carmichael** called from Alaska, her northern escape during winters, to say how wonderful it was there, how much bridge she played, and to let us know she was going to have knee surgery.

Results

Unit Game, October — 1: Colleen Fredrickson — Bev Van-Nice, 2: Marylee Webber — Lynn Rosen, 3: Darlene Kemper — Gary Cotter.
Unit Game, November — 1: Jim Heitkemper — Alyce Dunn, 2: Janet Meader — Norma Clark, 3: Bev VanNice — Colleen Fredrickson.
Christmas party — 1: Lynne & Mike Annett, 2: Gary Cotter — Darlene Kemper, 3: Sam Asai — Sylvia Riewerts.

Redding

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Unit STaC Game, Dec. 10 — 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey; 2A/2B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz; 3A/1C: Jerry Clark — Mike Hollins; 2C: Joann Jensen — Sue McKown.

ICC Game, Redding Monday — N/S, 1A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford; 2A: Ken Murray — Jeanne Carpenter; 1B/1C: Shorty Armstrong — Cheryl Bell; 2B/2C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman; E/W, 1A: Marvin Grudem — Jerry Clark; 2A: Gene Biek — Joan Sullens; 1B: Gerri Wolfe — Gail Lonnberg; 2B: Dorothy Hoots — Carol Sandberg; 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen; 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer; Restricted, N/S, 1D: K. Buther — Thomas Ray; 2D: Carolyn Chandler — Sharon Dent; E/W, 1D: Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz; 2D: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan.

Unit Game, January — 1A/1B: Jeff Speer — Joan Sullens; 2A: Marvin Grudem — Joanne Weibrenner; 3A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 2B: Gerri Wolfe — Jan Williams; 3B: Jim & Carol Reed.

Redding Club Swiss Team Game — 1A: Jim & Diane Norton, Bud Hamilton, Dolores Mackey; 2A: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom, Sue McKown, Susan Haas; 1C: Capri Pearce, Fred Nelson, Janet Druckenmiller, Wendell Enders; 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer, Dorothy Hoots, Carol Sandberg.

AROUND THE UNITS

Eureka world traveler finds ways to get places



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

www.acbld20.org/unit458

We begin the year with sad news of the demise of **David Toy**. He and his wife, Pat, have been longtime members of our club. Shortly after his death, she suffered a fall. We hope that she will recover and be able to rejoin us in the future.

A person of great interest in our club is **Louise Campbell**. Raised on a farm in Ohio, she wanted to see the world, despite not having the funds for travel. Just after World War II, she applied to the Department of War and was posted as a clerical worker to Japan for three years. There she served as secretary to the commander of Camp Tokyo, learning bridge on the side, as there was a frequent demand for a



Louise Campbell has boarded freight ships and taken wartime jobs to get her travel fix.

fourth. She also fell in love with Japanese ceramics.

Back in the U.S., she went back to school and landed a clerical job with Marlin Aircraft in Maryland. Marriage and a move to California followed, and it was back to school again for her, from which she emerged with a master's degree in

Japanese art history. She and her husband had three children – two daughters and a son – who became a nurse, a mathematician and a stockbroker. The youngest daughter (the stockbroker) lives in Humboldt County, which helps explain Louise's move here in 2006.

When she's not playing bridge, Louise is throwing pots at the Firearts Center in Eureka. Having been the ceramic tech at Cal State Dominguez Hills, Louise knows all about glazes and firing.

Always a learner and adventurer, Louise has made several trips as a passenger aboard freighters, including an around-the-world voyage which lasted four and a half months. This was in 2004, when she was 75 years old.

"It's the only way to travel!" she said. She requires a special light to see well at the bridge table, but this cheerful, sprightly woman plays a good game of bridge at age 88 and is an inspiration to us all.

Is there life in a small town without bridge?

If, as has been quipped, Britain and the U.S. are two nations divided by a common language, perhaps Chico and Yuba City might be described as two towns united by the (alas) increasingly less common game of bridge. Gone are the days when the game was so much a part of our culture that a hit radio show centered on jokes at the bridge table. (Anyone remember "Easy Aces?" Nor do I, but it ran for 15 years!)

The ACBL tells us that bridge is thriving, and that is no doubt true in terms of the enthusiasm of those who still play it. But it is hardly a part of the national consciousness as it once was. Times can get hard in the hinterlands as more contemporary pastimes vie for shrinking attention spans and the actuarial tables hover over the bridge tables.

To revive the player base, adaptation is the order of the day. So it was that two years ago Chico and Yuba City, long independent units, agreed to a merger that would help bridge the 50-mile gap between them and offer prospects for greater participation.

Territorially, this union was spectacular, encompassing six counties; nearly the size of New Jersey! Unfortunately, in that vast inland empire of rice fields and "ammund" groves, the only bridge lights still on are in the two main towns themselves.

It wasn't always thus. Paradise, Oroville and Marysville were once bridge oases, the former boasting the biggest game in the area and the latter, three clubs. Now all is quiet there. Oh, people still live in



Chico



By Doug Jones

those towns but, to paraphrase Sportin' Life, "Who calls that livin'" when you can't find a game of duplicate?

One veteran who recalls those halcyon days well is ACBL Tournament Director **Steve Kaessner**, who played in Marysville in the early '70s while stationed at nearby Beale Air Force Base. The clubs apparently got along like a sack of cats, but the bridge atmosphere was vibrant. When he returned to Beale on assignment 10 years later, the bridge scene had largely shifted to Yuba City and interaction with Sacramento and Chico was more common in those days when players ventured longer distances for a game.

Enter geopolitics. When the Soviet Union passed its expiration date in '89, leading to dramatic American troop drawdowns, Col. Kaessner, like thousands of other cold warriors, found himself between the dog and lamppost with respect to further prospects for promotion. So he retired, moved to Marysville,

and USAF's loss became ACBL's gain. Now he patrols the left coast and environs, directing tournaments large and small.

He also became something of a living symbol of the recent merger by marrying and moving to Chico and exercising a certain gravitational pull in both directions, organizing special events and intra-unit games of mixed teams from both towns as his travel schedule permits.

Yuba City players are venturing forth to play at the serendipitously-named Bidwell Bridge Studio in Chico and, thanks to a scheduling readjustment by the Yuba City club, Chicans can play there more frequently these days as well.

The games are smaller in both towns, but the competition is still keen, the hospitality nonpareil and morale high. Chico games are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; Yuba City's on Monday and Thursday.

Points, schmoins

Chico's **Jack Woodard** and Yuba City's **Danny O'Brooklyn** teamed up to finish first in the Friday open pairs at the Nevada City Sectional in October. **Garth Gregory** finished fourth in masterpoint total in both that tournament and the November Redding Sectional.

Results

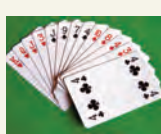
Unit Game, Oct. 16 — 1A/B: Fay Frazier — Sharon McNutt, 2A: Carol Myers — Doug Jones, 2B: Sherri Faroky — Mark Bloom.

Unit Team Game, Nov. 20 — 1: Dennis Deromedi, Mark Bloom, Garth Gregory, Ken King; 2: Fay Frazier, Pat Fitzgerald, Sharon McNutt, Mary King.

Unit Game, Dec. 18 — 1A: Carol Myers — Carol Huston, 2A/1B: Mark Bloom — Dennis Deromedi.



Steve Kaessner



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club

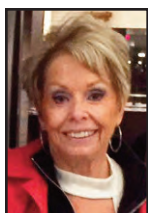


By Dottie Ellis

Illnesses strike

Dottie Ellis is still ill and unable to contribute a unit report, and she's not the only one.

Genevieve Wilson has been fighting brain cancer. She had surgery in January and began treatment in February. Wilson is familiar to Trumpet readers from stories about her marriage to Al Wilson (Jan. 2015) and the saga of her missing purse (Winter 2015-16).



Genevieve Wilson

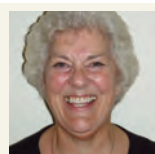
Moves, illness leave absences felt

Our Canadian friend, **Michel Leduc**, has returned to the area for a visit. Welcome back, Michel. It is always wonderful to have him join us.

Don Hay has been ill. We wish him the best and hope he is soon able to rejoin us for bridge.

Dick Lohman and **Shirley Stefano** have moved from the area. Their new home is close enough that we will still see them occasionally, but we miss seeing them every week.

We all had a good time at our Christmas party at Peach Tree Country Club. The food was good and the company was great. Those from the local club earning points were 3A/1B/1C, Alan Ludwig — Ramon Lopez; 5A, Don Johnson — Tom Frye; 3B, Mary Mayfield — Danny O'Brooklyn; 3C, Carol Nelson — Kathy Peterson.



Yuba City



By Carol Nelson

Results

Junior Fund Game, Nov. 14 — 1A: Tom Frye — Don Johnson; 2A/1B/1C: Carol Nelson — Rick Shipley; 3A/2B/2C: Lyn Clark — Ramon Lopez; 3B: Don & Lois Hay.

Club Championship, Nov. 17 — 1A: Doug Jacobs — Carl Oeser; 2A, Dick Lohmann — Tom Frye; 3A/1B: Mary Mayfield — Fred Till; 2B: Don Johnson — Alan Ludwig.

Club Championship, Dec. 5 — 1A: Danny O'Brooklyn — Steve Kaessner; 2A/1B: Don Johnson — Alan Ludwig; 3A/2B: Lyn Clark — Bruce Boley; 3B/1C: Mary Mayfield — Carol Nelson.

Club Charity, Dec. 8 — 1A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 2A/1B: Johnnie Houser — Alan Ludwig, 3A/2B: Rich & Norma Hayes.

Junior Fund Game, Dec. 12 — 1A: Don Johnson — Tom Frye, 2A/1B: Fred Till — Bruce Boley, 3A/2B: Shirley Eckardt — Alan Ludwig, 3B: Pat Pommerenck — Mary Mayfield.



Redding



By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

Sectional coming

Spring has sprung! With it comes our spring sectional which you won't want to miss. It's scheduled April 7-9 at Win-River Resort & Casino (upstairs).

Starting time is 10 a.m., with a \$10 fee per session. Those with 0-50 masterpoints will pay \$5 per session. There also will be a 299er game. Come, learn and have fun.

We have another new Gold Life Master, **Bob Wierman**. Wierman credits good partnerships. **Jesse Cecil** and **July Ratley** have been his mainstays. He joins **Florence Hungerford**, **Judy Hotchkin**, **Marvin Grudem** and **Jeanne Carpenter** in our growing GLM club.

Sincere condolences to the families of **Jim Fish**, **Vivian Ellicock** and **Jane Spencer**.

Results

Bridge Werks Club Appreciation Game — 1A/1B: July Ratley — Michael Hollins; 2A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens; 3A: Dot Hall — Judy Hotchkin; 2B: Jim Smith — Dorothy Hoots.

Redding Club Appreciation Game — N/S, 1A/1B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz; 2A/2B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom; 3A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman; E/W, 1A: Marvin Grudem — Jerry Clark; 2A/1B: Gail Lenz — Gerri Wolfe; 3A: Pat Ashton — Joan Sullens; 2B: Mike Hollins — George Clarke; 3B: Susan Haas — Jan Joiner.

Unit Game, October — 1A: Mike Hollins — Shorty Armstrong; 2A: Joan Corbeau — Marilyn Avey; 3A: Dolores Mackey — Jan Williams.

Instant Matchpoint Game, Bridge Werks — N/S, 1A: Marvin Grudem — Carole Schmitz; 2A/1B: Jim & Carol Reed; 3A: Gail Lonnberg — Gerri Wolfe; 2B: Shorty Armstrong — Jeanne Pedersen; 1C: Jackie McCall — Pen Boehm; 2C: Ron Linebarger — Kathie Callahan; E/W, 1A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman; 2A/1B: Pat Ashton — Susan Haas; 3A/2B: Pat Denniston — Jan Williams; 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman.

Swiss Team Game, Redding Monday — 1A: Judy Hotchkin, Florence Hungerford, Joan Corbeau, Gene Biek; 2A, Jeanne Carpenter, Joan Sullens, Dolores Mackey, Ken Murray; 1B: Marilyn Avey, Terry Dell, Sue McKown, Dorothy Hoots; 2B: Jan Joiner, Jerry Clark, Marlene Lamoreaux, Shorty Armstrong; 1C: Lorraine Dumont, Joyce Morrow, Lucille Tyner, Linda Nelson; 2C: Capri Pearce, Fred Nelson, Janet Druckenmiller, Wendell Enders.

Swiss Team Game, Redding Thursday — 1A: Judy Hotchkin, Florence Hungerford, Jim Norton, Carol Nelson; 2A/1B: Marlene Lamoreaux, Kathy Shoffner, Jan Joiner, Shorty Armstrong; 3A/2B/1C: Lorraine Dumont, Carl Larkin, Chuck & Sandi Cook; 3B: Cindy Huntington, Diane Norton, Jim & Faye Hickenbottom.

ICC Game, Bridge Werks — 1A: Marilyn Avey — Marvin Grudem; 2A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens; 3A/1B: Wilhelmina White — Carole Schmitz; 2B/1C: Lucille Tyner — Linda Nelson; 3B: Gerri Wolfe — Diane Norton; 2C: Ron Linebarger — Bill Kurz.

Club Championship Game, Redding Thursday — 1A/1B: Mike Hollins — George Clarke; 2A/2B: Terry Dell — Marilyn Avey; 3A: Gail Lonnberg — Gene Biek; 3B: Gail Lenz — Jan Williams.

Club Championship Game, Redding Monday — 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson; 2A/1B: Marilyn Avey — Terry Dell; 3A/2B: Ken Murray — Carole Schmitz; 3B/1A: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen; 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer; 3C: Shorty Armstrong — Joan Corbeau; Restricted, 1D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger; 2D: Leanna & Larry McGowan; 3D: Carolyn Chandler — Sharon Dent.

StAC Monday, Redding, Dec. 5 — N/S, 1A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford; 2A: Jeanne Carpenter — Diane Pretymann; 3A/1B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom; 2B: Carole Schmitz — Wilhelmina White; 1C: Cheryl Bell — Gail Lenz; 2C: Wendell Enders — Janet Druckenmiller; E/W, 1A: Carol Nelson — Gail Lonnberg; 2A/1B: Joanne Weibrenner — Joan Corbeau; 3A/1C: Jeff & Kim Speer; 2C: Jeanne & Keld Sorensen.

StAC Wednesday, Bridge Werks, Dec. 7 — N/S, 1A: Florence Hungerford — Marilyn Avey; 2A/1B/1C: Jo Ann Perkins — Jeanne Peersen; 3A/2B: Susan Haas — Ken Murray; E/W, 1A/1B: Jeff Speer — Pat Ashton; 2A/2B: July Ratley — Mike Hollins; 3A/3B: Joann Jensen — Sue McKown; 1C: Jim Smith — Dorothy Hoots.

StAC Thursday, Redding, Dec. 8 — N/S, 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Florence Hungerford; 2A/1B: Marilyn Avey — Carol Nelson; 3A/2B: P.J. Gans — Wilhelmina White; 1C: Cindy Huntington — Jan Williams; 2C: Pat Maddox — Jeanne Pedersen; E/W, 1A/1B/1C: Terry Dell — Jan Joiner; 2A/2B: Carole Schmitz — Bob Wierman; 3A: July Ratley — Judy Hotchkin; 2C: Shorty Armstrong — Jerry Clark.

StAC Friday, Bridge Werks, Dec. 9 — N/S, 1A: Ken Murray — Bob Wierman; 2A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens; 3A/1B: Carole Schmitz — Wilhelmina White; 2B: Jan Joiner — Marilyn Avey; E/W, 1A: July Ratley — Judy Hotchkin; 2A: Terry Dell — Carol Nelson; 3A/1B: Jerry Clark — Shorty Armstrong; 2-3B: George Clarke — Mike Hollins, Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz.

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AROUND THE UNITS

Simple card stabilizes long-term partnership



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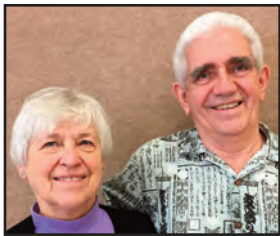
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By Frank Larson

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Congratulations to **Larry Smith** for earning his Gold Life Master rank during a road trip to the Palm Desert Regional. One of Larry's other passions is geocaching, where he's known for racking up caches almost as easily as masterpoints.

Congrats also to Larry's partner and wife, **Laura Smith**, who will soon bring a second Gold Life Master ring into their household.

Another long time and successful husband-wife partnership in our club is **Tom and Betty Wightman** who have played together for 67 years. In 1950, while living in



Laura and Larry Smith

Argentina, they had to learn Spanish before playing their first duplicate game. Mexico City became their home in 1953, and it wasn't unusual for them to spot concentration camp tattoos on the arms of their fellow players.

Mexican duplicate highlights included playing alongside Dr. George Rosenkranz (of bridge and birth control fame), and also the day Betty and a partner won the women's division of the Mexican nationals. When asked how, during all these years, they've kept it not only civil but also fun, Betty said, "We don't play many conventions, so we don't get confused." Tom winked and replied, "She's right."

Board election, sectional plans

The unit board met recently and filled the following 2017 positions: Trumpet reporter, **Dianne Maffia**; membership, **Lael Cooksley**; treasurer, **Chip Cleveland**; sec-



Betty and Tom Wightman

retary, **Susan Battistella**; vice president, **Lorraine Rodich**; president, **Frank Larson**.

The High Desert Sectional in Bend is set for Aug. 25-27. Co-chairs **Lorraine Rodich** and **Susan Battistella** are gearing up for another stellar bridge weekend featuring not only our famous basket giveaways, but also double and triple masterpoints. Plan now to attend.

Results

Cascade Club

Unit Game, October — 1: Don Crozier — Richard Wilson; 2: Judy & Ron Mundt

Unit Game, November — 1: Patricia Massler — Mark Hickman; 2: Larry & Laura Smith.

Club Championship — 1: Don Crozier — Frank Murphy Jr.; 2: Carol Orazetti — Dorothy Tokerud.

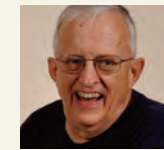
Club Championship, December — 1: Judy & Ron Mundt; 2: Patty Massler — Frank Larson.

Unit Game, December — 1: Don Crozier — Patty Massler; 2: Frank Murphy Jr. — Bill Roberts.

Redmond Club

Unit Game, November — 1: Judy & Ron Mundt; 2: Donna Jackson — Carolyn Hennig.

Unit Game, December — 1: Larry Smith — Jim Hurlbut; 2: Rosemary Segall — Carol Orazetti.



Klamath Falls

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By Bobby Thompson

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Snowbirds shrink games in K Falls; one leaves flock

It has been a long duplicate bridge winter with 14 players gone to the warmer weather of Arizona, California and even Hawaii.

One of the snowbirds has become a resident of Arizona and will visit us in the summer. **Harvey Bush**

and his wife, Sharon, are now living in Green Valley, where several other District 20 members reside. Harvey loves the clear-as-a-bell blue sky and 70-plus temperature of the desert. We have the same clear blue sky with 25-35 degrees and snow!

We have 14 other players winter headquartering in those warmer areas. Many members had retired from playing as age and illness have slowed them down. Unfortunately, our winter games range from mostly three- to a rare five-table Howell movement.

All the birds will be home by May and we look forward to Mitchell movements — and especially our Klamath Falls Sectional tournament June 16-18 at Elmer's Restaurant.

Our quarterly (October through December) point parade leaders were **Carol McClure**, **Laila Griffith**, **Doug Higgs** and **Harvey Bush**. The intermediate leaders were **Dale Taylor**, **Reid Sherwin**, **Linda Lilly** and **Jo Ann Koenig**.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 13 (4.5 tables) — 1-2A: Randall Paul — Doug Higgs; 1-2A/1B: Jo Ann Koenig — Ethel Rust; 3-4A/2-3B: Ed McClure — Reid Sherwin, Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp.

Unit Game, Dec. 4 (4 tables) — 1A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 2A: Randall Paul — Doug Higgs; 3A: Harvey Bush — Ed McClure; 1B: Rosella Wilde — Pat Florence; 2B: Tom & Petra Gellner.

Christmas Party, Dec. 11 (5.5 tables) — 1: Ed McClure — Harvey Bush; 2A/1B: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp; 3A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3A/2B/1C: Jo Anne Siebecke — Patti Collom; 3A/2B/1C: John & Judy Woodward.

Unit Game, Jan. 8 (3.5 tables) — 1A: Ed McClure — Doug Higgs; 2A: Laila Griffith — Carol McClure; 3-4A: Teddy Romtvedt — Reid Sherwin; 3-4A: Dale Taylor — Keith Thorp.



Harvey Bush

Sectional coming soon; new board elected

Daffodils and crocuses will be poking their pretty heads through the soil just in time to greet players attending the Rogue Valley 2017 Spring Sectional, March 24-26, in Phoenix, Ore.

Games will be played at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center at 4149 South Pacific Highway, just south of Medford.

"We'll have great bridge for every level of player," said tourney chair **Larry Diamant**, "including 299er games, open events, and Swiss teams."

Sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, Swiss teams will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a second session after a short lunch break. A Subway sandwich lunch will be available for purchase.

Friday's games are single sessions, with 299er events and stratified open pairs. Saturday's 299er games are single sessions; the open game will be play-through. Games for 299ers will depend on player availability. Sunday's Swiss teams will be stratified by average masterpoints. Strats for all open events are C, 0-750; B, 750-1500; and A, 1500+.

Jeff Jacob will be the director in charge. **Gee Gee Walker** is partnerships chair and can be reached at 541-292-3474 or by email at ggwalker@gmail.com. She can help you find a partner or teammates for the team event Sunday.

Leah and **Mark McKechnie**, operators of the Voorhies Bridge Center, will host a



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By Jim Flint

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reception for players after Friday's second session.

Fees will be \$10 per player per session, \$13 for non- or unpaid ACBL members, and \$9 for those with less than 50 MPs.

Beginner classes continue

Gee Gee Walker, who started teaching beginners' classes last year, offered two classes in early 2017, Jan. 21 to April 1.

Each course consists of eight lessons and are held on Saturdays — Bridge Basics 2, Competitive Bidding from 10 a.m. to noon; and Defense in the 21st Century from 1 to 3 p.m.

She conducts midweek practice sessions and encourages students to kibitz club games when possible.

Quarterly unit games

The Unit 484 board scheduled four special games in 2017, all on Saturdays, with games starting at noon, preceded by a complimentary lunch.

The first unit game was held Feb. 11 and was a Grand National Teams qualifying event.

On April 29, it will be a pro-am stratified pairs game. Each pair must consist of

a player with more than 300 points and one with less than 300.

The pro-am format will be repeated on Sept. 9, but this time as a team game. Each team will have two "pro" players and two "ams." During the competition, the pros will play the pros and their teammate ams will play each other.

On Dec. 2, the unit will combine a stratified pairs game with the annual holiday party.

Unit board elections

At the annual membership meeting, new board members were elected to serve along with hold-over board members.

Serving on the board in 2017 are **Gee Gee Walker**, president; **Kathleen Moore**, vice president; **John Cowles**, secretary; **Michael Pavlik**, treasurer; and members **Larry Diamant**, **Maynard Vitalis** and **Jill Wolcott**.

On Dec. 7, Unit 484 held a Swiss teams game and holiday party (see results below).

Big Games: On Dec. 23 in a five-table game, **John Cowles** and **Terry Ansnes** topped the field with a 70.5% score. On Dec. 27 in a game with two and a half tables, **Gee Gee Walker** and **Molly Tinsley** dominated with a 77.5% effort.

Results

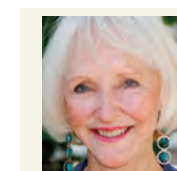
Unit Teams Game, Dec. 7 — 1: Robert Scott, Mark Jernigan, Jim Flint, Gee Gee Walker; 2: Dennis Kendig, John Cowles, Maynard Vitalis, David McKee; 3: Michael Pavlik, Dana Shaver, Charles Harrison, Pat Shaver.

GP players recall good times, first gold points in Seaside

The **Seaside Regional** has been a favorite with Grants Pass club members for years. We travel up the rustic and beautiful Pacific coastline to the charming city of Seaside.

In the past, members have rented homes (sleeping as many as six). We've shared wonderful food, beverages and camaraderie after hard fought sessions, spending hours discussing the challenging hands. It's amazing how getting out of town, playing hours of bridge, and spending quality time together cement great friendships.

Friendships blossomed again during the 2016 tournament held the last week in September. There were several "firsts" to be celebrated. Grants Pass partners **Denise McElney** and **Sharon Warren** plus



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By Sharon Warren

partners **Sharla Coon** and **Yvette Ome** made the seven-hour road trip to play four days of bridge. We played in Gold Rush games, knockouts, and 299er events.

Coon and Ome played four days at their first regional tournament. Even though they qualified to play in the 99er games, they were encouraged by a very smart director to challenge themselves and play up in the 299er games. They came in first

in one of the sessions and second in another and had their photos taken in the prestigious Winner's Circle.

They continued challenging themselves by playing in a Gold Pairs game. They also signed up at the partnership desk and found teammates for a knockout session. Unfortunately, they did not make it past the first round.

They also attended a newcomers' welcome party so all those new to regionals could share their experiences. They found it to be a confidence builder.

McElney and I have attended the Seaside Regional three times, so it was not a first for us. However, we did come home with our very first gold points. Our KO

teammates were from the Seattle area whom we met at Seaside three years ago.

There are so many players in the knockout games in Seaside that afternoon semifinals are held in the church next door. Going home with our first gold points plus some red points made it a worthwhile trip.

The Seaside committee is to be commended. All the directors, greeters and vendors were very friendly, adding to the overall positive experience, especially for first-timers. The weather was chamber of commerce perfect. We enjoyed the walks along the beach, the food available at the convention center, plus the opportunity to make new bridge friends. You never forget the first time.

AROUND THE UNITS



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By Steve Tubbs

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NLM sectional is rescheduled

The weather took top billing for our club in December and January. Play was warmest at the annual Christmas party, held this year at Royal Oaks Country Club (see results below).

Year-end tabulations crowned **Janie Pearcy** as club masterpoints victor by several lengths, with **Jim Newfield**, handicapped by a mandated absence from play, coming in second.

Snow, ice and freezing rain led to a number of club closures. Most notably, **Liz Fullerton**, chair of the January NLM tournament, had to scramble when road conditions threatened life and limb. Working in concert with **Kathy Mather**, they postponed the event and sent out notices to the bridge community. Mather found ACBL's communications program to be very useful getting the word out to players. Luckily, the ACBL approved alternative dates of March 11-12.

The weather closed the Vancouver club on five other occasions. Longview/Kelso also was shuttered for two games.

Some members, anticipating the bad weather, fled to the Palm Springs area. Rosalyn Borys, Beverly and Michael Walker, Rita Docken, Jim Nolan, Kathy and Rich Rodeman, Jim Anstine, Steve and Linda Tubbs all headed south, but took bad weather karma with them, experiencing temperatures well below average for the month and record-setting rainfalls. It resulted in large crowds at the bridge tables, with folks seeking respite from the cold.

Newly elected officers are unit president **Darrell Graham** and vice president **John Dove**. **Janie Pearcy** stepped away as recorder to handle new duties as unit secretary.

Big game: **Kathy** and **Tim Trinkle** were hot, scoring 71% on Jan. 16. This led 121 Howell movement players in The Common Game.

Results

Christmas party — N/S, 1: Louise Kurzet — Jay Kurzet; E/W, 1: Ian Kirk — Margi Redden.



Liz Fullerton



Darrell Graham

New unit website expected to launch soon

The new year brought with it new happenings in Unit 487.

For starters, the Portland sectionals are now being held at Montgomery Park in the Northwest Industrial District. The first event was held Jan. 27-29 with 249½ tables. Some 270 participants left the venue with new silver points. Foremost among them was **Jim Wisner**, who collected 30.16 points with a first in open pairs and two seconds in team games. Also, kudos to **Don Tofte** and **Dave Green** for scoring 72.9% in the Saturday evening pairs game. Montgomery Park's next sectional is scheduled for June 9-11.

The unit's new website is under construction at this writing. With luck, it will be up and operating around the time this issue goes to print. A special thanks is in order for **Chris Wiegand**, who put it together. An updated unit roster will be posted there every month to assist members in search of partners. Also on the site will be the latest Our Bridge To You, along with a list of special events. Find us at acbld20.org/unit487.

A paper version of the roster has been published for those less computer savvy.



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By Ron Root

www.acbld20.org/unit487

The bulk of these have been distributed to the unit's clubs. Just ask your club owner or director for a free copy (your unit dollars in action).

Portland Bridge Club

♦ The "Learn to Defend" seminar was a huge success with 14 tables of newer to advancing bridge players learning how to play that aspect of their game.

♦ Mother Nature took its toll, with snow and ice forcing several closures.

♦ For the third year in a row the PBC hosted a New Year's Day brunch and bridge party, with 18 tables in attendance.

♦ A correction from our last issue:

Michael Walker has not left us. His primary directing job is on the seas, which he has done annually for many years. He will be back with us in April through November.

♦ The Friday once-a-month birthday

bash games have become a big success. Members play for free if their birthday falls during that month.

♦ Their 49er game has been growing steadily, regularly having a five- to six-table game every Tuesday. More newcomers will be joining in the fun when they finish our next "Learn to Play Bridge" class, which began in February.

The Ace of Clubs

♦ The Ace's Saturday game has a new start time, noon.

♦ The annual Oscar Wallace Trophy game was played March 4. Since the holiday party was missed due to inclement weather, the event also celebrated the grateful end of this winter's snowpocalypse.

♦ A leprechaun lunch will be served at the game on St. Patrick's Day.

♦ April 1 is the Ace's Pro-Am game, so line up an appropriate fool to partner with.

♦ On April 15 at noon the Ace is holding the Art Gillis Memorial Game. A main dish is being provided by the club, and members are asked to bring side dishes.

The unit's election party will be held March 26 at Ace of Clubs. Game fee will be \$5.

Seaside honors two with Goodwill Awards

At the Christmas Party at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, two players were honored with unit Goodwill Awards for outstanding service to bridge — **Don Amend** and **Lewis Richardson**.

When Amend was the unit president many years ago, he was responsible for persuading the district to share some of its regional profits with the host unit that provided all the volunteers and shut down its club games. He suggested 25 cents a table (it's now 35 cents) and over many years, Don's efforts have brought thousands of dollars to the Seaside unit.

Richardson is the unit webmaster and treasurer for two clubs. He also assists Monica Taylor in setting up and clearing the games she directs twice a week and has done so for many years.

Time for bridge at the beach

It's nearly springtime so think about the Seaside Sectional April 21-23.

For 70 years our unit has hosted this popular sectional, and although the days



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By Sue Kroning

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of a free salmon dinner are long gone, there are lots of excellent restaurant vouchers to be won in daily prize drawings.

299ers R Us!

We have so much on offer for newer players at the Seaside Sectional — big 299er games daily and on Saturday a 99er game which is free for 0-5 masterpoint players.

There will be a talk on Saturday evening, and fun playing in the lowest bracket of the Swiss teams on Sunday. You can play just one session if you prefer.

Moving up in years

Flora Law, longtime treasurer of the Astoria Club, turned 90, and our youngest player **Jed He** turned 21.

A recent immigrant from China, Jed has been taught and mentored by the irreplaceable **Manny Suarez**. Jed not only loves the game and is becoming a skilled player, but has benefited socially and linguistically by being embraced by the bridge community.

Unit Christmas party

Thanks to **Doug West** and **Ray Lowe** for ably directing two sections at the Christmas party. It was followed by the annual general meeting of the unit at which **Fred Kulczykcki**, **Manny Suarez** and **Doug West** were re-elected to the board. The day was rounded off with a delicious steak and salmon dinner. Doug is also the big winner of masterpoints in 2016, with more than 250.

Moving up the ranks

Congratulations to new Life Master **Jane Swynenburg**, who just needed a bit of silver to go over in a club StAc game

Also moving up the ranks are **Doug Goelz**, Junior Master; **Tom Stanley**, Club Master; **Joyce Haller**, NABC Master; and **Ruby Life Masters Sharon Crapko** and **Lew Richardson**.

Bridge classes

Those indefatigable ladies **Sandy Baker** and **Ann Gramson** are teaching two classes, one for beginners and one on commonly used conventions.

Also, once a month at their Bridge Games 'R Us Club they offer a 299er game and dinner at Ann's house. There have been 27 new unit members in the last three years as a result of their wonderful work.

Vancouver Bridge Club

Unit 452

Non-Life Master Sectional

~~March 11-12~~ 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



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District 20 ACBL

Eugene 299er Sectional

April 14-15, 2017

Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd.
Springfield, Oregon

Friday, April 14
10 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)
3 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)

Saturday, April 15
9 a.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single session)
2 p.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

\$9 Per Player Per Session (\$12 Unpaid/Non-ACBL Members)

Come join the fun for our first-ever 299er tournament!

- Pre-duplicated boards for all sessions, including Swiss Teams.
- Mini-lesson on Swiss Team Strategy prior to the event.
- Postmortem discussion on two or three selected hands after each session.
- Lots of good things to eat.
- Coburg Pizza across the parking lot.
- Three strats: 100-300, 50-100 & 0-50.

Information: Visit our website at emeraldbridgeclub.net or contact Ellen McCumsey at generosity1@live.com

Directions: From I-5, take Exit 194A to Springfield-126E. Proceed on 126 E to Mohawk exit. Exit right and proceed 0.4 mile to Centennial Blvd., which is the fourth light. Turn left. Look for Coburg Pizza on the left and turn into parking lot. Emerald Bridge Club is on your right.

AROUND THE UNITS

Eugene club adds weekly party bridge session



Eugene/ Springfield

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By John Lean
www.emeraldbridgeclub.org

December was memorable for the success of the Emerald Bridge Club-sponsored seminar by **Roger McNay** and **Jeff Taylor** held Dec. 10. All attendees praised the content and delivery of this learning opportunity, pitched squarely at the improving intermediate to advanced players. In fact, this tutorial was so well received that it is now set to become an annual event.

Many players graduate from playing party bridge to duplicate in one form or another. Unfortunately, the transition frequently seems to be viewed as a rite of passage. This interpretation always seems to understate the value and enjoyment to be derived from an evening of bridge in the company of friends.

Two stalwarts of the Eugene bridge scene, **David Partridge** and **Don Marsh**, feel strongly that party bridge could be entertaining and challenging without loss



A lecture by Roger McNay at EBC was well received.

of appeal, so they are offering an informal session to just play bridge and discuss the hands afterwards. Not to be viewed as part of a training program, but intended solely to augment the satisfaction and pleasure of playing traditional party bridge, this group will meet at EBC on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Cost will be \$5. Please check the EBC website, emerald-bridgeclub.net, for final details.

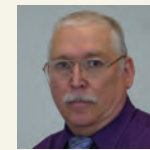
For some time now within the EBC and Unit 479 there has been an emerging feeling that the structure by which masterpoints are awarded favors the more

accomplished players. In an effort to redress this imbalance, the unit is sponsoring a sectional tournament exclusively for those with less than 299 masterpoints. Fees for ACBL members are \$9 per session, non-ACBL \$12 per session. The event will be held on the premises of EBC April 14-15. Format will be two sessions on each day, with a Swiss Team competition on Saturday, preceded by a talk from **Don Marsh** on the strategy for playing in this type of contest.

This stratified competition with a clearly defined upper limit for participants is a brand new concept for Eugene and Unit 479, and owes much to the vision and hard work of **Judy Nevell** and **Ellen McCumsey**.

In an effort to portray the constant evolution of the game, in the future I plan to talk to some of the leading lights in our local bridge community to see in which new exciting directions our game is headed.

Finally, it is with great sadness we record the passing of **Jerry Walsh**, a long time, respected figure in the Eugene bridge community. Our condolences to his wife, **Janet**, and the extended family.



Albany/ Corvallis

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By Bob Peery

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Movement keeps aged spry; unit does well in races

The elections are over and most of the new officers for the Albany Club, Corvallis Club and Unit 477 have been selected.

Darrell Christenson is the president of the Albany Club and **Carol Harms** remains president of the unit board.

In January **Evelyn Wick** celebrated her 99th birthday. She followed that up with a game with another player in his 90s, **Gene Mohan**. Both sat East-West so had to move after each round. It makes one wonder if the movement is what adds to their longevity.

There was a GNT game held in Albany in January. Even though the brackets were 2500+, 500-2500 and 0-500 NLM, there were no C teams. I think the newer players are missing an excellent chance to score extra points in these Swiss team events. Of the eight teams competing, seven earned points. Instead of regular games where only the top 40 percent of the players score points, Swiss team games frequently award points to all players, and seldom do fewer than 80 percent of the teams score something.

Masterpopint races

The annual list of winners of district and national races has been posted. Our unit had 16 people place in either the Mini-McKenny or Ace of Clubs competition in District 20. The big story is that two of our players placed in the top of the national organization in their brackets.

Dennis Harms was 10th in the national Ace of Clubs 1500-2500 bracket. **Irva Kay Neyhart** placed 147th in the Barry Crane Top 500 race, measuring total points for all ACBL members, and won her bracket (2500-3500) in the national Ace of Clubs. She also won both the Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs in her bracket for District 20.

The other players placing in the top 10 in District 20 in their brackets are Rich Turnbull, Bryon Van Fleet, Allison Walkingshaw, Linda Smith, Gayle Peterson, Allison Evans, Eileen Boal, Paul Hochfeld, Dick Jarvinen, Mark Rowe, Carol Harms, Terry Hill, Brian Breckenridge and Rick Garvin.

Salem elects almost entirely new unit board

Bridge life slowed down around the holidays for Salem area bridge players, with several games called off due to inclement weather, as they were elsewhere in the district. That sort of contributes to a paucity of news.

But we soldier on.

There is a new board of directors in place for the Salem unit as a plethora of members answered the call to volunteer and serve. There is one carryover from the previous board, **Jan Petroski**, our treasurer.

Making up the rest of the panel are **Shain Oleson**, president; **Day Westine**, vice president; **Judy Lathrop**, secretary; and directors **Loren Meyer**, **Laurie Naemura** and **Don Pitt**.

The Salem Bridge Club board of directors is made up of **Paul Graham**, president; **Zina Galaka**, vice president; **David Astle**, secretary; **Anita Walker**, treasurer; and directors **Jean McKinney**, **Joan Page** and **Susan Palmer**.

Kevin Kacmarynski is the club manager and his wife, **Jen Cabbage**, volunteers as webmaster.

On the tournament trail

Kevin Kacmarynski of Monmouth had the only tournament win for Unit 490 members during the last quarter of 2016.



Salem

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By Tom McGuire

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At the Vancouver Fall Sectional, he paired with Trumpet editor **Amy Casanova** and teammates **Krista Garver** and **Katie Leonard** of Portland. They were first in Flight X of the A/X Swiss teams.

We mourn the passing of **Ralph Faulkner**, a Silver Life Master who was a consistent attendee at Salem Bridge Club's Tuesday and Friday games, on Dec. 18. He was 96.

Big Games: **Zina Galaka** and **Tom McGuire** came up two of them: a 78.9% on Oct. 25 at Salem Bridge Club, and a 73.2% tally to open the year Jan. 3 at SBC.

Promotions

We had several rank changes during the quarter: **Karen Crooch**, **Bill Gille**, **Laurie Naemura** and **Doug Reed**, all of Salem, and **Marion Hull** of McMinnville, Junior Masters; **Sharon Douglas**, **George Silva** and **Shirley Silva**, all of Salem, Club Mas-



Ralph Faulkner

ters; and **Don Pitt** of Salem, Regional Master. And a milestone: **Tom McGuire** of Salem is a Silver Life Master.

Katheryn Lewis Award

Tom McGuire won the 2016 Katheryn Lewis Memorial Award for the most masterpoints won in unit games during a calendar year. He compiled 31.45 masterpoints in winning the award for the second time (2014). **Kevin Kacmarynski**, who was the 2015 winner, had 22.35; **Susan Palmer** and **Bill Anning** tied for third with 17.36 and **Norma Stofiel** finished with 16.21.

Katheryn Lewis was an early member of the unit and the award has been in existence since 1977.

Results

Unit Game, Nov. 6 (12 tables) —1A: Teresa Ozias — Jean Ozias; 2A: David Astle — Kathy Astle; 3A: Ellie Hall-Pitzer — Glenda McPherson.

Unit Game, Nov. 16 (4.5 tables) —1A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Mike Sweet; 2A/1B: Ellie Hall-Pitzer — John Peterson; 3A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge.

Unit Game/Christmas Party, Dec. 11 (15 tables) —1A: Irva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge; 2A/1B/1C: Frank Taussig — Claudia Burton; 3A: Teresa Ozias — Janet Suggs.

Unit Game, Dec. 21 (5 tables) —1A/1B: Randy Jordan — Tom McGuire; 2A/2B: Don Pitt — Glenda Fleming; 3A: Kevin Kacmarynski — Mike Sweet.

Unit Game, Jan. 18 (4.5 tables) —1A: Shain Oleson — Jerry Gordon. 2-3A: Randy Jordan — Tom McGuire, Mike Sweet — Kevin Kacmarynski.

Carle: Sticking around

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should be conducted.

The key to successful tournaments is good attendance. It enables us to do more with respect to hospitality, special programs and amenities. So please continue to support the D20 tournaments.

Although retiring as president, by no means am I dropping out of sight. I will still be webmaster, still a second alternate to the Board of Governors, still will play often at the D20 regionals and now will be the D20 secretary.

My thanks go to the current and former D20 board members for all they have done for the district and for supporting me as president. And a special mention with a big thank you to **Marie Ashton**, who has been a steady and excellent business manager throughout my term and several before me. She keeps the D20 board on track and running efficiently.

Remember: play bridge and have fun!

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Vilhauer: Board rescinds STaC fee increase

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The board passed several measures designed to reduce the costs of doing business. Among them:

- ♦ Spring and summer board meetings will end the day before the Board of Governors meeting.
- ♦ Pre-tournament entertainment activities at NABCs for spouses and guests of the board of directors will no longer be provided by the ACBL.
- ♦ Board members' per diem is reduced to compensate for meals provided by ACBL or other entities. Several motions were passed that apply to NABCs.
- ♦ The Wagar Women's KO event is removed from the summer NABC due to lack of attendance.

- ♦ The Women's Swiss Teams is removed from the spring nationals.
 - ♦ A four-session Women's Pairs is added to the summer NABC.
 - ♦ Players in national events will no longer play the same hands as in the regional events for security reasons.
 - ♦ There will be automatic penalties for violations of electronic devices rules.
 - ♦ Members of the ACBL board may not play in any event conflicting with board meetings. They may play in multiple-session team events.
- In other business, the board rescinded the STaC fee of an extra dollar.

Finances are better in 2016, as

the league will have a slight surplus this year. Technology continues to be a priority for spending money.

A reminder for D20 players: the district is hosting an NABC in Honolulu in November 2018. Be sure to make your plans for Hawaii early.

We have four regional tournaments in D20 in 2017, including the recent one in Portland/Vancouver — Medford in May, Eugene in August and Seaside in October.

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

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

Morning Side Series (117 players)

- 1/2 Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
- 1/2 Paul Darin, San Diego CA
- 3/4 Donna Compton, Dallas TX; Kay Moran, Dallas TX

Afternoon Side Series (170 players)

- 1/2 Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
- 1/2 Paul Darin, San Diego CA
- 3 John Coone, Vernon BC

WINNERS AT THE OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

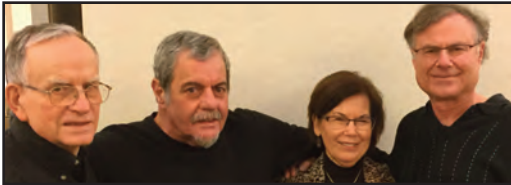
Columbia River Mon-Tues Knockout



Howie Smith, Mike Annett, Lynne Annett, Jack Sands

Bracket 2

Portland Tues-Wed Knockout



Harvey Orndorf, Ira Grifel, Felicia Wershba, Jerold Wershba

Bracket 2

Beaverton Thurs-Fri Knockout



Dave Mead, Cynthia Brogan, Kathleen Vask, Reinhard Bohme

Bracket 3

Mount Hood Fri-Sat Knockout



Hal Montgomery, Roger McNay, Ethel Birnbach, Jon Bartlett

Bracket 1

Ridgefield Saturday Compact Knockout



Andrey Dashkov, Andrey Ayupov, Lisa Hedlund, Jim Wheeler

Bracket 4

Wednesday Evening Swiss



Garry Lowe, Nelda Linman, Ron Root, Isolde Knaap

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Sunday 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss



Randy Naef, Eileen Boal, Becky McKenzie, Mike Green

Bracket 2

Monday, Feb. 20

Monday Evening Charity Pairs (72 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 2A Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
- 3A Ian Kirk — Margi Redden, Portland OR
- 1B Marjorie Gilmore — Karen DeMeritt, Richland WA
- 2B/1C Denise Anthony — Michael Anthony, Terrace BC
- 3B Yuri Wiitala, Kirkland WA; Christopher Class, Sequim WA
- 2C Richard Gettmann — Frank Larson, Bend OR
- 3C Perry Cowgill — Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA

Monday Evening 299er Charity Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1D John Dove Sr., Vancouver WA; Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
- 2D/1E-F Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR
- 3D Zack Woodbury — Mike Goffe, Portland OR
- 2E Christine Walter — Bill Walter, Vancouver BC
- 3E/2F Judy Brown, Washougal WA; Elizabeth Scully, Portland OR

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Columbia River KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Brenda Jacobus — Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
- 2 Ken Scholes — Sandra Scholes, Bellevue WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA; Dave Westfall, Spokane WA
- 3/4 Barbara DiCicco, Burke VA; Mary O'Shea, Portland OR; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR; Winnie Nineman, Vancouver WA
- 3/4 Ron Root, Beaverton OR; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Robert Probasco, Marilyn Nesbit, Ketchum ID

Columbia River KO Bracket 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Howie Smith — Jack Sands, Portland OR; Lynne Annet, Mike Annett, Hood River OR
- 2 Sandra Baker, Seaside OR; Maryjane Swynenburg, Cannon Beach OR; Ann Marie Gramson — Gilbert Gramson, Warrenton OR
- 3/4 Kent Livingston — Alan Stewart — Mike Ampsacher, Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA
- 3/4 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA; Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR; Stan Blascow, Philomath OR

Columbia River KO Bracket 3 (10 teams)

- 1 Ronald Mundt — Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR; Joan Borberg, Sally Miller, Portland OR
- 2 Michael Rickus — Kathy Kuebbing, Newport OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR; Chris Gates, Depoe Bay OR
- 3/4 Layne Benben — Cookie Hegge — Ginny Kopacz, Portland OR; Terry Strand, Wilsonville OR
- 3/4 Judy Nevell — Ralph Zack — Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR

Tuesday Open Pairs (52 pairs)

- 1A Stu Swan — Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR
- 2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 3A Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA
- 1B/C Burton Voorhees — Kinga Voorhees, Victoria BC
- 2B Esther Ellis, Kingsland TX; B.J. Sanders, Austin TX
- 3B Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA; David Baer, Seattle WA
- 2C Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR; Bill Holloran, West Linn OR
- 3C Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; James Weider, Portland OR

Tuesday Honeysuckle Gold Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1C/D Joan Eck — Theresa Eck, Seattle WA
- 2C/D Darlene Allen, Squamish BC; Denise Holst, Courtenay BC
- 3C Donna Gering — Lynn Morgan, Vashon WA
- 3D Janet Clemmons, Hillsboro OR; Joan Peres, Portland OR
- 1E Robert Robyns — Judith Robyns, Reno NV
- 2E Deanne Takasumi, Tigard OR; Bonnie Scheeland, Portland OR
- 3E Richard Zier — Vicki Setzer, Vancouver WA

Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (22 pairs)

- 1A Kay Moran — Donna Compton, Dallas TX
- 2A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
- 3A Richard Carle, Longview WA; Inva Neyhart, Corvallis OR
- 1B/C Richard Gettmann — Frank Larson, Bend OR
- 2B/C Perry Cowgill — Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA
- 3B Esther Ellis, Kingsland TX; B.J. Sanders, Austin TX
- 3C George Steele, Austin TX; Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1A/B Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK; Winston Falls, Vancouver WA
- 2A Jeff Reynolds — Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 3A/2B Paula Strand, Kirkland WA; Margaret Moen, Seattle WA
- 3B Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA
- 1C Richard Gettmann — Frank Larson, Bend OR
- 2C Betty Metzner — Rudi Metzner, Camas WA
- 3C Janet Fiero — Sally Wright, Missoula MT

Tuesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (26 pairs)

- 1D/F Karen Stone — Sylvia Hearing, Portland OR
- 2D/E Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 3D Patty Crisp — Jane Mausshardt, Portland OR
- 3E/2F Nancy Mittelstadt — Yvonne Evans, Portland OR
- 3F Lee Machado — Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR

Tuesday Evening Side Pairs (20 pairs)

- 1A Gene Fomin, Glacier WA; Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC
- 2A/1B Ann Grill — Mary Lou Mansfield, Vancouver WA
- 3A Jim Milam, Idaho Falls ID; Samuel Jones, Portland OR
- 2B/1C Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
- 3B Peggy Lou Faylor, Nampa ID; Carson Ohm, Kelowna BC
- 2C Judy Nevell, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 3C Bruce Boan — Peggy Boan, Mill Bay BC

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs (12 pairs)

- 1D Don Kirkpatrick — Bob Nordstrom, Beaverton OR
- 2-3D Ricardo Berdichevsky — Fran Allen, Portland OR
- 2-3D Nely Johnson — Stuart Director, Portland OR
- 1E/F Judy Brown, Washougal WA; Elizabeth Scully, Portland OR
- 2E Bill Walter — Christine Walter, Vancouver BC
- 3E/2F Dixie Kroupa — Tom Kroupa, Lake Oswego OR

Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams (15 teams)

- 1 Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Patrick Dunn — Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV
- 2-3A Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Howard McCormick, Kent WA
- 2-3A/1B/C Nancy Swanson — Betsy McCormick — Nancy Jonske — Diane Mackenzie, Portland OR
- 2B Don Robinson — Pete Grice — Judy Stauffer — Pat Sales, Boise ID
- 3B Gerald Hickman — Margie Hickman, Bellingham WA; Marjorie Mandery — Roger Mandery, Mount Vernon WA

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Portland KO Bracket 1 (10 teams)

- 1 John Ashton — Irene Pickett, Portland OR; Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR; Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
- 2 Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR; Meg Myers, Beaverton OR; Cristal Nell, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR

- 3/4 Michael Hansen — Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA; Marc Franklin, Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR

Portland KO Bracket 2 (16 teams)

- 1 Jerold Wershba — Felicia Wershba, Portland OR; Ira Grifel — Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR
- 2 Dwayne Brackhahn — Ron Senn, Beaverton OR; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Robert Hormel, Lake Oswego OR
- 3/4 Sally Lewis — Mike Mills — JoAnn Marks; Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR
- 3/4 Paul Burma, Sunnyside WA; Doug Sanders, Grandview WA; Kenneth Lockwood — William Fromherz, Yakima WA

Portland KO Bracket 3 (16 teams)

- 1 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Becky McKenzie — Karen Nelson, Corvallis OR
- 2 Michael Anthony — Denise Anthony, Terrace BC; Dennis Lee; Susan Lee, Smithers BC
- 3/4 Joanne Ruyle — Beth Unger, Portland OR; Michael Scott-Kerr; Eleanor Scott-Kerr, Victoria BC
- 3/4 John Dove Sr. — Reinhard Bohme, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vask, Camas WA; Jo Ann Smith, Bothell WA

Wednesday Open Pairs (52 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 2A Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 3A Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR
- 1B David Baer, Seattle WA; Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA
- 2B Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR; Christopher Class, Sequim WA
- 3B/1C Kinga Voorhees — Burton Voorhees, Victoria BC
- 2C Michael Schultz, Lake Oswego OR; Lynn Perey, Beaverton OR
- 3C Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA

Wednesday Rose Gold Pairs (34 pairs)

- 1C Sandy Freeling, Edmonds WA; Margaret King, Seattle WA
- 2C Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Jason Metzker, Beaverton OR
- 3C/1D Henrietta Moore — Paul Sekulich, Olympia WA
- 2D Joan Eck — Theresa Eck, Seattle WA
- 3D Marcia Cramer, Tacoma WA; Joan Page, Salem OR
- 1E Brenda Wilson, North Saanich BC; Mel Zimmerman, Victoria BC
- 2E Robert Robyns — Judith Robyns, Reno NV
- 3E Richard Kennedy — Tony Alberts, Seattle WA

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
- 2A/1B Doug Sanders, Grandview WA; Paul Burma, Sunnyside WA
- 3A Bruce Brownfield — Leonard Wisbey, Graham WA
- 2B Art Silvas — Lee Silvas, Renton WA
- 3B Pete Grice — Don Robinson, Boise ID
- 1C Perry Cowgill — Blythe Bartlett, Vashon WA
- 2C Joseph Coulter, Vancouver WA; Sumi Whitehead, Camas WA
- 3C Darrel Mooney, Boise ID; Robert Hartley, Meridian ID

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs (28 pairs)

- 1A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
- 2A John Coone, Vernon BC; Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 3A Jeff Reynolds — Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 1B/1C Richard Gettmann — Frank Larson, Bend OR
- 2B Kay Adams — Wendie Berge, Seattle WA
- 3B/2C Daniel Hendry — Sandra Hendry, Kennewick WA
- 3C Janet Fiero — Sally Wright, Missoula MT

Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1D Randy Dietrich, Portland OR; Don Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR
- 2D George Oleary — James Unterspan, Portland OR
- 3D/1E Sherry Lacombe-Ingham — Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA
- 2-3E Robert Bolin — Louis Lauman, Lake Oswego OR
- 2-3E/1F James Hart, Beaverton OR; Gene Livingston, Phoenix AZ
- 2F Louise Lauman, Lake Oswego OR; John Seibert, Portland OR
- 3F Karen Stone, Portland OR; Judy Brown, Washougal WA

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A John Coone, Vernon BC; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
- 2A/1B Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
- 3A/2B Kay Adams — Wendie Berge, Seattle WA
- 3B/1C Frank Larson — Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
- 2C Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
- 3C Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1D/E Randy Dietrich, Portland OR; Don Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR
- 2D-E/1F Karen Stone, Portland OR; Judy Brown, Washougal WA
- 3D/E Louis Lee, Portland OR; Craig Cooley, West Linn OR
- 2F Sherry Lacombe-Ingham — Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA

Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams (20 teams)

- 1A Ron Root, Beaverton OR; Isolde Knaap, Woodburn OR; Nelda Linman, Bend OR; Garry Loue, Newport OR
- 2A Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; David Rosenstein, Henderson NV; Andrea James — Charles James, Auburn WA
- 3-4A/1B Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR
- 3-4A/1B Karen Vaillancourt, Kent WA; Karen Westerlund, Kirkland WA
- 3-4A Thomas Carmichael — Steven Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico
- 2B/1C Rick Zander, Sequim WA; Brian Metke, Camp Sherman OR; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA; Sandy Thor, Seattle WA
- 3B/2C Jo Ann Smith, Bothell WA; John Dove Sr.; Reinhard Bohme, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vask, Camas WA

Thursday, Feb. 23

Vancouver KO Bracket 1 (13 teams)

- 1 Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Marc Jacobus — Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV
- 2 Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Polly Dunn — Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV
- 3/4 Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA; Edward Lee, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR; Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
- 3/4 John Lusky — Jim Elliott — Eric Stoltz — Marc Zwierling — Randy Pickett, Portland OR

Vancouver KO Bracket 2 (12 teams)

- 1 Todd Werby, Tiburon CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; William Bailey, Palo Alto CA; Jakob Kristinsson, Deerfield Beach FL
- 2 June Hensala, Lake Oswego OR; Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Jan Yocum — Molly Harris, Portland OR
- 3/4 Richard Garvin — Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR; Allan Selberg, Albany OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 3/4 Inva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge — Carol Harms — Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR

Vancouver KO Bracket 3 (13 teams)

- 1 Kent Livingston — Alan Stewart — Elsie Chan — Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA
- 2 Karen Hudesman — Donald Stark — David Binney — Dave Walker, Seattle WA
- 3/4 Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; James Weider — Mary O'Shea, Portland OR; Barbara DiCicco, Burke VA
- 3/4 Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA; Gerald Brown — Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA

Vancouver KO Bracket 4 (15 teams)

- 1 Michael Rickus — Kathy Kuebbing, Newport OR; Chris Gates, Depoe Bay OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR

- 2 Ronald Mundt — Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR; Sally Miller — Joan Borberg, Portland OR

Thursday Open Pairs (72 pairs)

- 1A Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA; John Ashton, Portland OR
- 2A Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
- 3A Dave Westfall, Spokane WA; John Moffat, Bellingham WA
- 1B Paul Conroy, Aberdeen WA; David Baer, Seattle WA
- 2B/1C Terry Nagel — Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR
- 3B/2C Andrey Ayupov — Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR
- 3C Betsy Brezel, Union WA; Thomas Kuehne, Berrington WA

Thursday Rhododendron Gold Pairs (40 pairs)

- 1C/E David Smith — Linda Smith, Corvallis OR
- 2C Andy Wasserman — Marcia Wasserman, Piedmont CA
- 3C/2D-E Janet Landesberg — Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA
- 3D/E Donald Pitt, Salem OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

Thursday Morning Side Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1A Jeff Reynolds — Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; July Ratley, Redding CA
- 3A/1B David Castles, Portland OR; Robert Law, Tigard OR
- 2B/1C William Fromherz — Kenneth Lockwood, Yakima WA
- 3B Esther Ellis, Kingsland TX; B.J. Sanders, Austin TX
- 2C David Muller, Vancouver WA; Mark Hickman, Bend OR
- 3C Robert Hartley, Meridian ID; Darrel Mooney, Boise ID

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs (34 pairs)

- 1A Steven Pessin — Ginny Stark, Eugene OR
- 2A Duane Christensen — Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 3A John Reiser — Georgia Farman, Florence OR
- 1B Dorene Smyth, Portland OR; Maureen Schroder, Kirkland WA
- 2B Jessica Onstrom, Portland OR; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR
- 3B/1C Denise Anthony — Michael Anthony, Terrace BC
- 2C JoAnn Marks — Sally Lewis, Portland OR
- 3C Elsie Nogle, Bellevue WA; Marianne Timmins, Redmond WA

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1D Maureen Fennerty, Portland OR; Ann Moore, Beaverton OR
- 2D Leanne Kerner, Portland OR; Susan Brown, Wilsonville OR
- 3D/1E-F Kristin Steinmetz, Portland OR; Paul Walker, Oregon City OR
- 2E Angel Almanza — Donald McConnell, Portland OR
- 3E Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR; Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
- 2F Judy Brown, Washougal WA; Elizabeth Scully, Portland OR
- 3F Lois Garner — Carole Starr, Portland OR

Thursday Evening Side Pairs (18 pairs)

- 1A/C Barbara Keller — Morgan Landry, Juneau AK
- 2A Dennis Heller — Connie Heller, Clinton WA
- 3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC
- 2B/C Frank Larson — Richard Gettmann, Bend OR

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs (15 pairs)

- 1D/F Fran Henry-Jansa — Mark Jansa, Portland OR
- 2D Andrew Nuxoll — Bruce Backup, Portland OR
- 3D/2E Joe Harjung — Matthew Dudley, Portland OR
- 3E Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR; Luanne Stoltz, Portland OR

Thursday Evening Swiss Teams (20 teams)

- 1A Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Galen Hesson, Shoreline WA; Charles James — Andrea James, Auburn WA
- 2A/1B Steven Pessin — Ginny Stark, Eugene OR; Bert Adams — Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA
- 3A Inva Neyhart — Brian Breckenridge — Dennis Harms; Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
- 2-3B John Crutcher, Olympia WA; Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA; Sylvia Markham — Roy Markham, Montesano WA
- 2-3B Gerald Brown — Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA; Deborah Lackey, Washougal WA
- 1-2C Gerald Hickman — Margie Hickman, Bellingham WA; Marjorie Mandery; Roger Mandery, Mount Vernon WA
- 1-2C Sandy Thor, Seattle WA; Valerie Lycette, Issaquah WA; Mary Wondra, Lopez WA; Marilyn Knipp, Delta BC

Friday, Feb. 23

Beaverton KO Bracket 1 (9 teams)

- 1 Bill Lawrence — Sandra Lawrence, Clackamas OR; Kathy Hansen; Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
- 2 Thomas Carmichael — Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico
- 3/4 Ron Senn — Dena Senn — Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR; Betty Apalategui, Hillsboro OR
- 3/4 Steven Drew, McMinnville OR; Carol Kilmer — Marc Franklin; Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR

Beaverton KO Bracket 2 (9 teams)

- 1 Chris Aberg — Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR; Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
- 2 Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Wende Keirse, Ridgefield WA; Linda Yount, Federal Way WA
- 3/4 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Eileen Milligan — Mary Alice Seville, Corvallis OR
- 3/4 William Campbell, Mercer Island WA; Tracey Guice, Seattle WA; Art Silvas — Lee Silvas, Renton WA

Beaverton KO Bracket 3 (13 teams)

- 1 Charles Mead, Ridgefield WA; Reinhard Bohme; Cynthia Brogan, Vancouver WA; Kathleen Vask, Camas WA
- 2 Beth Unger — John Seibert, Portland OR; Eleanor Scott-Kerr; Michael Scott-Kerr, Victoria BC
- 3/4 Larry Jones — Joanne Ruyle — Ancer Haggerty, Portland OR; Clariner Boston, Tigard OR
- 3/4 Carroll Vaughan — Russell Vaughan, Federal Way WA; Susan Tenborg, Graham WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA

Friday Open Pairs (56 pairs)

- 1A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; July Ratley, Redding CA
- 2A Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Dave Westfall, Spokane WA
- 3A Bob Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Tom Devine, Ferndale WA
- 1B Jerry Thorpe — Paul Bartron, Tacoma WA
- 2B Michael Eyer, Lake Oswego OR; Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
- 3B Louise Johns, Beaverton OR; Gerard Hallee, Hillsboro OR
- 1C James Lenobel — Cindy Oishi, West Vancouver BC
- 2C Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO; Jack Hawks, Walnut Creek CA
- 3C Andrey Ayupov — Andrey Dashkov, Beaverton OR

Friday Azalea Gold Pairs (40 pairs)

- 1C/E Deb Dotters — Vern Katz, Eugene OR
- 2C Sam Aucoin, Honolulu HI; George Steele, Austin TX
- 3C John Dove, Vancouver WA; Jo Ann Smith, Bothell WA
- 2D/E Deb Wenneman, Vashon WA; Susie Kalhorn, Burton WA
- 3D/E Dick Kennedy — Tony Alberts, Seattle WA

Friday Morning Side Pairs (24 pairs)

- 1A/C John Crutcher, Olympia WA; Guy Audett, Port Orchard WA
- 2-4A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 2-4A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA

Player roundup

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

At the Oregon Trail Regional, we asked: *What topic would you like to see a guest speaker discuss at the next regional? Here are people's answers.*



Jan Clemmons



Sally Miller



Mike Pham



Angel Almanza



Deanne Takasumi



Mike Goffe



Andrey Ayupov



Margaret Matin



Bruce Backup



Kathy Kershner

Opening leads.
Jan Clemmons
Hillsboro OR

Doubles.
Mike Pham
Portland

Defense.
But keep it simple!
Deanne Takasumi
Tigard OR

Table etiquette.
Andrey Ayupov
Beaverton OR

Bidding slams.
Bruce Backup
Portland

Rehashing the basics, play of the hand.
Sally Miller
Portland

Strong 2♣ auctions — what to do after that?
Angel Almanza
Beaverton OR

Defense.
Mike Goffe
Portland

Leads.
Margaret Matin
Portland

Anything and everything! But mostly bidding.
Kathy Kershner
Portland

- 2-4A Jeff Reynolds — Genie Reynolds, San Francisco CA
- 2B Richard Gettmann — Frank Larson, Bend OR
- 3B B.J. Sanders, Austin TX; Esther Ellis, Kingsland TX
- 2C Gordon Delf, Kelowna BC; Lilla Wallace, Vancouver WA
- 3C Lorraine Almy — Donald Almy, Edmonds WA

- Friday Afternoon Side Pairs (30 pairs)**
- 1A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
 - 2A/1B Nancy Swanson — Betsy McCormick, Portland OR
 - 3A/2B Garry Lowe, Newport OR; Ray Lowe, Astoria OR
 - 3B/1C Chris Cross, Portland OR; Thomas Scharf, Vancouver WA
 - 2C Linda Rudnick, Beaverton OR; Kenneth Dunbar, Lake Oswego OR
 - 3C Ralph Zack — Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR

- Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs (28 pairs)**
- 1D Don Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR; Randy Dietrich, Portland OR
 - 2D Patricia Jacob, Wilsonville OR; Jane Urban, Portland OR
 - 3D Michael Pham — Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
 - 1E Toni Albano — Fran Allen, Portland OR
 - 2E Richard Zier — Vicki Setzer, Vancouver WA
 - 3E Joy Fletcher, Vancouver WA; Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
 - 1F Isabel Knostman — Fredrick Knostman, Vancouver WA
 - 2F Lee Machado — Judy Farrell, Portland OR
 - 3F Judy Dauble, Lake Oswego OR; Jacqueline Joseph, Portland OR

- Friday Evening Side Pairs (18 pairs)**
- 1A/B Thomas Kuehne, Berrington WA; Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR
 - 2A John Coone, Vernon BC; Paul Harding, New Westminster BC
 - 3A/2B Dorene Smyth, Portland OR; Maureen Schroder, Kirkland WA
 - 3B Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR; Diane Schaub, Portland OR
 - 1C Frank Larson — Richard Gettmann, Bend OR
 - 2C Barbara Keller — Morgan Landry, Juneau AK

- Friday Evening 299er Pairs (21 pairs)**
- 1D Randy Dietrich, Portland OR; Don Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR
 - 2D/1E Steven Vegdahl — Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR
 - 3D Mike Goffe — Michael Pham, Portland OR
 - 2E/1F Angel Almanza, Portland OR; Ned Branigan, Beaverton OR
 - 3E Richard Zier — Vicki Setzer, Vancouver WA
 - 2F Luanne Stoltz — Lisa Schaller, Portland OR
 - 3F Phillip Porter, Vancouver WA; Norman Haller, Camas WA

- Friday Evening Swiss Teams (25 teams)**
- 1A Patrick Dunn — Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Kim Eng, Issaquah WA
 - 2A Janie Pearcy — Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA; Jack Marsh, Portland OR; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
 - 3A/1B Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie — Pat Moore, Corvallis OR; Kathy Rooney, Gooding ID
 - 2B Dennis Harms — Carol Harms — Paul Hochfeld; Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
 - 3B/1C Douglas Merritt — Myra Falletta — Connie Sloper; Donna Andrews, Grants Pass OR
 - 2C Gayanne Alexander — Allison Evans, Corvallis OR; Donald Pitt, Salem OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR

Saturday, Feb. 25

- Mount Hood KO Bracket 1 (14 teams)**
- 1 Jon Bartlett — Ethel Birnbach; Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR;
 - 2 Ray Miller — Cristal Nell, Seattle WA; Stanford Christie, Kirkland WA; Michael Christensen, Redmond WA
 - 3/4 Samuel Asai, Hood River OR; Duane Christensen — Carol Christensen Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
 - 3/4 Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; Richard Carle, Longview WA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR

- Mount Hood KO Bracket 2 (12 teams)**
- 1 Donald Tofte — Edward Lee — Kent Huang, Portland OR; David Green, Sherwood OR
 - 2 David Binney — Karen Hudesman — Donald Stark; Dave Walker, Seattle WA
 - 3/4 John Swanson — Reidun Decker — Cynthia Glad; Sue Anderson, Seattle WA
 - 3/4 Ginny Stark — Steven Pessin, Eugene OR; Irva Neyhart; Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR

- Mount Hood KO Bracket 3 (14 teams)**
- 1 Beau Hovda, Bothell WA; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR; Mike Ampsacher; Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA

- 2 Jerold Wershba — Felicia Wershba — Judy Karush, Portland OR; Ira Grifel, Lake Oswego OR
- 3/4 Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Linda Hann, Roseburg OR; Burton Voorhees — Kinga Voorhees, Victoria BC
- 3/4 Robert Peery — Joyce Dickerson, Corvallis OR; Allan Selberg, Albany OR; Steve Colmer, Huntington Beach CA

- Mount Hood KO Bracket 4 (15 teams)**
- 1 Sandra Hendry — Donna Parkes — Daniel Hendry, Kennewick WA; Leanne Zaring, Richland WA
 - 2 Terry Nagel — Harriett Kessinger, Eugene OR; Justin Beck, Sherwood OR; Kevin Marmel, Portland OR
 - 3/4 Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA; Ram Kashyap — Kathleen Holahan; Mike Mills, Portland OR
 - 3/4 Dave Drischell — John Thomas — William Etryre; Martha Potter, Seattle WA

- Saturday Open Pairs (52 pairs)**
- 1A Eric Stoltz — Mark Tolliver, Portland OR
 - 2A Daren Kuo — Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA
 - 3A Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Ron Tracy, Edmonds WA
 - 1B Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Michael Sweet, Salem OR
 - 2B Ian Kirk, Portland OR; Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA
 - 3B Bryan Delfs, Kent WA; Eric Sieg, Seattle WA
 - 1C Judy Nevell — Cynthia Palman, Eugene OR
 - 2C Cindy Oishi — James Lenobel, West Vancouver BC
 - 3C JC Chupack — Scott Chupack, Seattle WA

- Saturday Tulip Gold Pairs (28 pairs)**
- 1C/D Zack Woodbury — Mike Goffe, Portland OR
 - 2C Jan Kulczycki — Fred Kulczycki, South Bend WA
 - 3C Gerald Hickman — Margie Hickman, Bellingham WA
 - 2D/1E Lee Soreng — Cornelia Wonham, Eugene OR
 - 3D Denise Holst, Courtenay BC; Darlene Allen, Squamish BC
 - 2E Hank Schouten — Richard Krueger, Portland OR

- Friday-Saturday Morning Swiss Teams (8 teams)**
- 1A Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Jakob Kristinsson, Deerfield Beach FL; Sam Asai, Hood River OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA
 - 2A Paul Hochfeld — Brian Breckenridge — Irva Neyhart; Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
 - 3A/1B Bert Adams — Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; Ginny Stark; Steven Pessin, Eugene OR
 - 2B/1C Terry Nagel — Harriett Kessinger — Bing Kibbey; Ralph Zack, Eugene OR

- Ridgefield Compact KO Bracket 1 (12 teams)**
- 1 Dave Grubbs, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Julie Godefroy; Ole Godefroy, Bellevue WA
 - 2 Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; David Rosenstein, Henderson NV; Irene Pickett — Flo Savage, Portland OR

- Ridgefield Compact KO Bracket 2 (13 teams)**
- 1 John Wolf — David Partridge — Jon Neimand — Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
 - 2 Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Galen Hesson, Shoreline WA; Melinda Westgate, Mercer Island WA; Lorenzo Migliorini, Seattle WA

- Ridgefield Compact KO Bracket 3 (9 teams)**
- 1 Mary Alice Seville — Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Randy Naef, McMinnville OR
 - 2 Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR; Edward Goldman, Ashland OR; Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA; James Weider, Portland OR

- Ridgefield Compact KO-4 (10 teams)**
- 1 James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Lisa Hedlund, Portland OR; Andrey Dashkov — Andrey Ayupov, Beaverton OR
 - 2 Michael Anthony — Denise Anthony, Terrace BC; Dennis Lee — Susan Lee, Smithers BC

- Saturday Morning Side Pairs (27 pairs)**
- 1A Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Marilyn Kalabsa, Ramona CA
 - 2A/1B Robert Law, Tigard OR; David Castles, Portland OR
 - 3A John Coone, Vernon BC; Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
 - 2B/1C Mike Goffe — Zack Woodbury, Portland OR
 - 3B/2C Ray Lowe — Jane Lowe, Astoria OR
 - 3C Frank Larson — Richard Gettmann, Bend OR

- Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (24 pairs)**
- 1A/C Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
 - 2A/C Roger Johanson — Judy Vopava, Lisbon IA
 - 3A/B Margaret Moen, Seattle WA; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA
 - 3C Ralph Zack — Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR

- Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs (20 pairs)**
- 1D/E Virginia Weis — Richard Turnbull, Corvallis OR
 - 2D/E Bruce Vanderploeg — Carol Vanderploeg, Vancouver WA
 - 3D-E/1F Richard Zier, Vancouver WA; Sue Freitag, Clackamas OR
 - 2F Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR
 - 3F Gene Livingston, Phoenix AZ; James Hart, Beaverton OR

- Saturday Evening Side Pairs (16 pairs)**
- 1A Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC
 - 2A John Coone, Vernon BC; Paul Harding, New Westminster BC
 - 3A Peter Smith, Kennewick WA; Tom Edwards, Richland WA

- Saturday Evening 299er Pairs (10 pairs)**
- 1D/F Roger Thomas, West Linn OR; Jon Gassaway, Beaverton OR
 - 2D/E Jan Petroski, Woodburn OR; Jean McKinney, Salem OR
 - 3D/E Rosemary Vazeux, Seattle WA; Mary Blanchett, Issaquah WA
 - 2F Susan Braden, McMinnville OR; Evelyn Landsburg, Portland OR

- Saturday Evening Swiss Teams (24 teams)**
- 1A David Taylor — Marty McCune — Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Paul Schwaighart, Normandy Park WA
 - 2A Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; June Hensala, Lake Oswego OR; Fred Dorr, Portland OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
 - 3A Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT; Richard Carle, Longview WA

- 1-3B Dennis Harms — Carol Harms — Terrance Hill; Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
- 1-3B Bert Adams — Carolyn Adams, Steilacoom WA; Dee Cockfield, Bend OR; Rosemary Segall, Redmond OR
- 1-3B Elinor Hood — Donald Weber, Portland OR; Gilbert Gramson; Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR
- 1C Darrell Graham, Portland OR; Nancy Cole; Kimberly Dauphin, Vancouver WA; Connie Saylor, Beaverton OR

Sunday, Feb. 26

- A/X Swiss Teams (37 teams)**
- 1A/1X Scott Chupack — JC Chupack — Eric Sieg, Seattle WA; Bryan Delfs, Kent WA

- 2-3A John Lusky — Mark Tolliver — Raj Garg, Portland OR; Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA
- 2-3A/2X Charles Burns — Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA; Marc Franklin; Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR
- 3X Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR; Katherine Leonard; Krista Garver, Portland OR; Henri J Jansen, Corvallis OR

- Fast Pairs (25 pairs)**
- 1A Jeff Taylor, Eugene OR; Hal Montgomery, Portland OR
 - 2A Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; July Ratley, Redding CA
 - 3A Bruce Yoder, Port Orchard WA; Gregory Trautman, Olympia WA
 - 1B Ankur Rathji, San Francisco CA; Meg Myers, Beaverton OR
 - 2B Paul Hochfeld — Terrance Hill, Corvallis OR
 - 3B Kathleen Holahan — Leslie Kelson, Portland OR
 - 1C Cindy Oishi — James Lenobel, West Vancouver BC

- 0-2000 Teams Bracket 1 (8 teams)**
- 1 Don Robinson — Pete Grice — Judy Stauffer — Pat Sales, Boise ID
 - 2 John Weinberg — Sarah Weinberg, Mercer Island WA; Art Silvas; Lee Silvas, Renton WA

- 0-2000 Teams Bracket 2 (8 teams)**
- 1 Randy Naef, McMinnville OR; Michael Green, Yamhill OR; Eileen Boal, Albany OR; Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR
 - 2 Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR; Edward Goldman, Ashland OR; James Weider, Portland OR; Lawrence Swanson, Walnut Creek CA

- 0-2000 Teams Bracket 3 (8 teams)**
- 1 Marlene Sumi, Burnaby BC; Tom Cotton, Surrey BC; Denise Holst, Courtenay BC; Darlene Allen, Squamish BC
 - 2 Norma Bueno, Beaverton OR; Shari Jerand, Tigard OR; Bruce Peterson, Aloha OR; Frank Straulemann, Portland OR

- 0-2000 Teams Bracket 4 (11 teams)**
- 1 Don Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR; Donald McConnell; Randy Dietrich, Portland OR; Charles Guse, Tigard OR
 - 2 Judy Nevell — Cynthia Palman — Ralph Zack — Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR

- Sunday Morning 299er Teams (5 teams)**
- 1D Janet Landesberg — Dan Edelstein, Vancouver WA; Andrew Nuxoll, Bruce Backup, Portland OR
 - 2D/1E-F Joy Fletcher — Sherry Lacombe-Ingham — Richard Zier, Vancouver WA; Norman Haller, Camas WA



Ethel Birnbach, Stu Swan
Tuesday Open Pairs



Mark Itabashi, Peter Gelfand
Wednesday Open Pairs



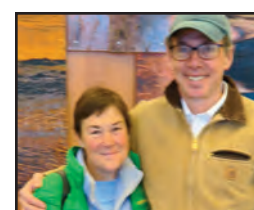
John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf
Thursday Open Pairs



Mark Itabashi, July Ratley
Friday Open Pairs



Linda & David Smith
Thursday Gold Pairs



Deb Dotters, Vern Katz
Friday Gold Pairs



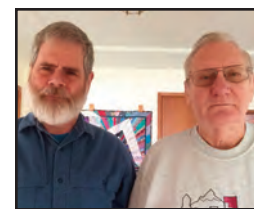
Mike Goffe, Zack Woodbury
Saturday Gold Pairs



Sue Freitag, John Dove
Monday Evening 299er Charity Pairs



Frank Larson, Rich Gettmann
1C five times in side games
(Tues. M&A, Wed. A&E, Fri. E)



Randy Dietrich, Don Kirkpatrick
Won four 299er games (Wed., Fri.),
Sunday 0-2000 Teams Bracket 4



Denise Holst, Darlene Allen
2C/D Tuesday Gold Pairs



Jan Petroskey, Jean McKinney
2D/E Saturday Evening 299er Pairs

Top masterpoint winners

Total masterpoints: 9926.05 earned by 828 players. Total attendance: 1586 tables.

1	127.62	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	25	48.72	Donald Tofte, Portland OR	51	35.79	Jerold Wershba, Portland OR	105	26.05	Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA	141	21.15	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR	172	18.91	Miriam Witters, Happy Valley OR
2	79.43	Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA	26	47.21	Bill Hardy, Beaverton OR	52	35.79	Felicia Wershba, Portland OR	110	25.83	Jim Elliott, Portland OR	142	21.15	Carol Harms, Corvallis OR	173	18.70	Tom McKenna, Eugene OR
3	79.43	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	27	46.47	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA	53	35.77	Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR	111	25.49	Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR	143	21.12	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA	174	18.69	Molly Harris, Portland OR
4	79.43	Chris Compton, Dallas TX	28	45.88	Kou-Ping Cheng, Saratoga CA	54	35.30	Richard Carle, Longview WA	112	25.40	Sandra Lawrence, Clackamas OR	144	21.02	Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR	175	18.68	Reinhard Bohme, Vancouver WA
5	79.43	Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	29	45.88	Daren Kuo, Saratoga CA	55	35.08	Ed Ulman, Portland OR	113	25.40	Bill Lawrence, Clackamas OR	145	21.02	Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR	176	18.66	Lisa Fishman, Beaverton OR
6	75.60	Ethel Birnbach, Portland OR	30	43.72	John Moffat, Bellingham WA	56	34.51	Mary Hovda, Sandy OR	114	25.07	Richard Gettmann, Bend OR	146	20.90	Flo Savage, Beaverton OR	177	18.54	Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukie OR
7	74.98	Hal Montgomery, Portland OR	31	42.67	Mike Ampsacher, Vancouver WA	57	33.95	Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	115	24.86	Frank Larson, Bend OR	147	20.74	James Weider, Portland OR	178	18.25	Donald Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR
8	73.86	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA	32	42.67	Elsie Chan, Vancouver WA	58	33.95	Samuel Asai, Hood River OR	116	24.86	Steven Pessin, Eugene OR	148	20.69	Pauline Bullert, Vancouver WA	179	18.16	Raj Garg, Portland OR
9	73.35	John Ashton, Portland OR	33	42.33	Stu Swan, Portland OR	59	31.13	Randy Naef, McMinnville OR	117	24.86	Ginny Stark, Eugene OR	149	20.69	James Weider, Portland OR	180	18.25	Donald Kirkpatrick, Beaverton OR
10	69.93	Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA	34	42.30	Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR	60	31.13	Michael Green, Yamhill OR	118	24.86	Ginny Stark, Eugene OR	150	20.60	Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR	181	18.16	Raj Garg, Portland OR
11	69.53	Roger McNay, Beaverton OR	35	42.17	Mary Lou Moriarty, Portland OR	61	30.77	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR	119	24.86	Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR	151	20.60	Jon Neimand, Eugene OR	182	18.04	Dena Senn, Beaverton OR
12	67.95	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	36	42.17	Marc Franklin, Portland OR	62	30.66	Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR	120	24.81	Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR	152	20.50	Michael Rickus, Newport OR	183	18.03	Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
13	67.95	Dave Westfall, Spokane WA	37	42.13	Bruce Cuthbertson, Vancouver WA	63	30.29	Ron Senn, Beaverton OR	121	24.80	Connie Coquillette, Vancouver WA	153	20.50	David Gustafson, Florence OR	184	18.01	Pete Grice, Boise ID
14	61.42	Cristal Nell, Seattle WA	38	42.00	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR	64	29.57	Cynthia Sinn, Beaverton OR	122	24.79	Kent Huang, Portland OR	154	20.03	Jim Wisner, Portland OR	185	18.01	Donald Robinson, Boise ID
15	60.83	July Ratley, Redding CA	39	40.57	Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR	65	29.40	Kent Livingston, Vancouver WA	123	24.53	Randy Pickett, Portland OR	155	19.99	Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA	186	18.04	Dena Senn, Beaverton OR
16	58.06	Jon Bartlett, Portland OR	40	40.57	Tom Joyce, East Hartford CT	66	29.24	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	124	23.80	Lynda Hirst, Vancouver WA	156	19.99	Cliff Allen III, Camas WA	187	18.03	Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
17	57.15	Irene Pickett, Portland OR	41	39.93	Gerry Marshall, Las Varas NA	67	29.11	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR	125	23.71	Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID	157	19.99	Cliff Allen III, Camas WA	188	18.03	Paul Hochfeld, Corvallis OR
18	54.70	Eric Stoltz, Portland OR	42	39.25	John Lusky, Portland OR	68	28.41	Nelda Linman, Bend OR	126	23.54	Alan Stewart, Vancouver WA	158	19.97	Kathleen Vasks, Camas WA	189	18.01	Pete Grice, Boise ID
19	54.44	Edward Lee, Portland OR	43	38.96	Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR	69	28.14	Amy Casanova, Portland OR	127	23.41	Harvey Orndorf, Lake Oswego OR	159	19.95	Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR	190	17.39	Robert Hormel, Lake Oswego OR
20	54.44	David Green, Sherwood OR	44														



Ask John

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

Dlr: South ♠ Q 3
 Vul: E-W ♥ AKQ 10 6
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A J 10 6 2

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

♠ A J 8
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ Q 10 9
 ♣ K Q 7 5

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4NT	Dbf	5♦ ⁽²⁾
Dbf	5♥ ⁽³⁾	Dbf	6♥

All Pass
 1. No alert
 2. One or four key cards.
 3. Break in tempo.

Dear John,

At a local club game the above auction took place. Perhaps this could have been avoided had South chosen to open this perfectly respectable 12-count. But that was not the case. South's 2♣ bid, intended as Drury, was not alerted by North. North's jump to 4NT was interpreted as RKCB (what suit?) and South apparently answered for hearts, one or four. In clubs the answer would be two with the queen.

Slam in either strain is obviously not making, so we got a good result. Strange bidding aside, what are South's ethical responsibilities? Is 4NT RKCB for hearts or clubs? South knows she bid clubs artificially in support of hearts. She responded to 4NT in hearts although her partner did not alert the 2♣ bid (and admitted later she did not field the Drury response) and intended 4NT as RKCB for clubs.

I think South acted responsibly, answering in hearts. But there was a huddle by North after 5♦, eventually bidding 5♥. South's raise to six is the next question. After an ace-asking sequence and sign-off, what are the responder's responsibilities?
 — Fit by BIT

Dear BITsit,

South's decision to pass initially seems very odd to me. Even in more conservative times, 12 HCP, two quick tricks and great intermediates called for a 1♣ opening. Of course, that might propel the partnership to 6♥ or 6♣, a better contract that only needs either the hearts to break or the spade finesse to win.

As to player responsibility, South must imagine entering an "isolation booth" where alerts, questions from the opponents and partner's responses to those questions are to be ignored. South has shown heart support by employing Drury, so the response showing one key card in the agreed suit was accurate. Our hero then fell from grace. Partner's BIT (break in tempo) carries the definite message that the partnership is missing no more than one key card. That important piece of information is *unauthorized* to South, who should fear that the partnership lacks two key cards after partner's retreat to 5♥.

An action by South here would require a feature of the hand that partner could not possibly know. Picture a void, for instance. To avoid this problem, lovingly referred to as "hesitation Blackwood," North should consider his plan of action over any of the possible responses to 4NT and display his next bidding card in tempo. If 6♥ had made, the director would have reverted the contract to 5♥ making six. As played, the cards punished South for bidding on with unauthorized information.

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



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

MARCH 2017

11 - 12	NEW DATES Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
17 - 19	Almond Blossom Sectional	Eagles Hall, Chico CA
17 - 19	Heart of the Valley Sectional	Linn County Fair/Expo Cener, Albany OR
17 - 19	Ontario Sectional	Clarion Inn, Ontario OR
24 - 26	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

APRIL 2017

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

MAY 2017

6 - 7	Grand National Teams (A/C)	Online at various locations
8 - 14	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
May 15 - 21	ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL	Inn at the Commons, Medford OR
19 - 21	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

JUNE 2017

2 - 4	Eugene Sectional	Morse Event Center, Eugene OR
9 - 11	Portland Spring Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
16 - 18	Klamath Falls Sectional	Elmer's Restaurant, Klamath Falls OR
23 - 25	Salem Sectional	Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, Keizer OR

JULY 2017

14 - 16	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
21 - 23	Rogue Valley Summer Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR

AUGUST 2017

July 31 - Aug. 6	EMERALD EMPIRE REGIONAL	Valley River Inn, Eugene OR
4 - 6	Sutter Buttes Sectional	St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Yuba City CA
18 - 20	Vancouver Summer Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA
21 - 27	Western Conference STaC	Local clubs
25 - 27	High Desert Sectional	Bend Senior Center, Bend OR

SEPTEMBER 2017

8 - 10	Portland Fall Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
15 - 17	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI
22 - 24	Boise Fall Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID

OCTOBER 2017

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

NOVEMBER 2017

3 - 5	Redding Fall Sectional	Win-River Hotel & Casino, Redding CA
4 - 5	Heart of the Valley 299er Sectional	Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, Corvallis OR
11 - 12	Vancouver Fall Sectional	Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver WA

DECEMBER 2017

9 - 10	North American Pairs	Online at various locations
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TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

March 31-April 2	Seattle Sectional, Everett WA
April 17-23	Victoria Regional BC
April 28-30	Tacoma Sectional, Fircrest WA
May 4-7	Tri-Cities Sectional, Richland WA
May 19-20	Sequim Sectional WA
May 19-21	Summerland Sectional BC
May 26-29	Seattle Sectional, Bothell WA
June 9-11	Spokane Sectional WA
June 12-18	Penticton Regional BC
June 20-25	Anchorage Regional AK
Aug. 21-27	Puget Sound Regional, Lynnwood WA

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

April 19-23	Reno Sectional, Sparks NV
April 29-30	Danville Sectional CA
May 6-7	Sacramento Sectional, Carmichael CA
May 19-21	Monterey Sectional, Marina CA
May 29-June 4	Sacramento Regional CA
June 10-11	San Francisco Sectional CA
June 17-18	Oakland Sectional CA
Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Santa Clara Regional CA

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

April 21-23	Twin Falls Sectional ID
May 15-21	Salt Lake City Regional UT
May 26-29	Whitefish Sectional MT
June 16-18	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
July 10-16	Casper Regional WY
Aug. 14-20	Edmonton Regional AB

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

April 3-9	Chandler Senior Regional AZ
April 20-23	Tucson Sectional AZ
April 28-30	Scottsdale Sectional & I/N Regional AZ
May 5-7	Santa Fe Sectional NM
May 23-29	Denver Regional CO
June 19-25	Las Vegas Regional NV
July 31-Aug. 6	Phoenix Regional, Scottsdale AZ

DISTRICT 22: acbl.district22.com/d22

April 10-16	San Diego Regional CA
May 12-15	Temecula Sectional CA
June 2-4	Orange County Sectional, Garden Grove CA
Sept. 4-10	Orange County Regional, Costa Mesa CA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 20-30	Summer 2017	Convention Center, Toronto ON
Nov. 23 - Dec. 3	Fall 2017	Grand Hyatt, San Diego CA
March 8-18	Spring 2018	Marriott, Philadelphia PA
July 26 - Aug. 5	Summer 2018	Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA