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Bridge Across the District

Summer 2017

D20 players perform in KC

District 20 players got a few noteworthy results at the Spring NABC in Kansas City.

Hal Montgomery and **Don Lowry** were second in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs (see story, page 3), and **Mark Bennett** of Honolulu was third.

Rick Prouser and **Ray Robert** were fifth in North American Pairs Flight B (see story, page 8), and **Tom** and **Katie Fagan** made overalls at 19th.

Chris Gibson placed seventh in the NABC+ Fast Pairs with Jeff Ford of Seattle, who also placed fifth with Kim Eng in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, an event won by fellow D19 player Cristal Nell.

Jon Bartlett and **Roger McNay** got an overall in the Silodor Open Pairs, and **John Lusky** in the Jacoby Swiss.

Laurie Rowe had high qualifying scores in two events — in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs with Bartlett and in the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs with **Irva Kay Neyhart**.

In regional events, **Clyde Coon** of Boise won the second bracket of the final Sunday bracketed Flight B Swiss and was first in C a week earlier in the Sunday Daylight Open Pairs.

Gary and **Alice Nelson** of Bend won the lowest strat of the Monday Afternoon 299er Pairs.

Cost cuts shorten board meetings in KC, Toronto

The trip to the spring nationals in Kansas City was very nice as we were able to enjoy the famous Kansas City barbecue. One restaurant close to the hotel was always busy, so we Googled for another site.

When the cab took us there, we realized it was in a gas station. The ribs were amazingly excellent at the gas station!

Tournament attendance was slightly below estimates but the playing sites were very nice, split between two hotels.

The hotels were connected by an enclosed walkway, which kept us out of the terrible weather that week.

The board has been under heavy pressure to reduce expenses. The meetings in Kansas City were reduced from four days to three, and we adjusted the meetings in Toronto to save two days of hotel and per diem expenses for all 25 board members.

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Merlin Vilhauer
D20 District Director

Before there was bridge

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

Believe it or not, your fellow bridge mates are more than just good at cards. Here, we'll introduce you to three such players whose ca-

reers were nothing short of extraordinary — with three more to come in the fall.

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



Bob Fox has been an ER doctor and a scuba diver before settling down as a bridge club owner.

Taking the plunge

From emergency physician to scuba diver to bridge director and computer gamer, Bob Fox has had a colorful career

By **Jim Flint**
The Trumpet

If it hadn't been for a rainy day in Cancun, this guy who couldn't pass a swimming test might not have become the professional scuba diver he is today.

But that's just part of the story of Bob Fox — Southern Oregon bridge player, instructor, club owner, director, retired physician, advanced online computer gamer, and film buff who watches about 500 movies a year.

Fox, 67, lives with his wife, Darby, about a half hour northwest of Medford on a secluded bit of acreage in Evans Valley.

He received his undergraduate degree from Harpur College in Binghamton, N.Y. — often referred to as the "Berkely of the East," Fox said — in math and science, specializing in chemistry and biology.

Then he attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, earning his M.D. in 1975.

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The rocket scientist: Richard Witt



The pathologist: Kathy Holahan

Medford turnout falls 20%

Two new area reps join district board; 1 needed

The mission of District 20 is to provide four regionals for our players. The **Oregon Trail Regional** table count was up 6% over our budget. I am writing this message as I attend the **Rogue Valley Regional** in Medford, where the



Sam Asai
D20 President

table count was 17% below projections and down 20% from 2015.

The D20 board has nine voting members — eight area reps plus the district director, Merlin Vilhauer.

Our two newest members, **Judy Mundt** from Bend and **Mike Eyer** from Portland, are introduced in this article.

I want to congratulate the four winners of our GNT competitions held in May. These four teams will represent District 20 in the summer nationals in Toronto in July. (See story, page 3.)

The D20 board will have its second meeting of the year Friday, Aug. 4, in Eugene. As your D20 president, I will

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Excitement for Eugene heats up

Pack your bags for Eugene and enjoy some summer bridge on the banks of the Willamette River. The **Emerald Empire Regional** begins July 31 and concludes on Aug. 6.

The Valley River Inn hosts the event and is conveniently located near restaurants and shopping.



Judy Davis
Tournament Manager

Like all District 20 regionals, this tournament offers a variety of games at all skill levels and great hospitality.

If you need a break between the games, enjoy a relaxing walk along the river. If you're a wine connoisseur, check out the wineries Lane County offers. One of my favorites is King Estate, which also offers great food and spectacular views of the valley.

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Don't be like my old car – celebrate your wins

The first car I ever owned was a 1962 Ford Falcon. Even though it was bondo gray and a little rumped on one side, it was a cool looking car.

Nothing about it worked very well. To roll up my window, I had to have a pair of needle-nosed pliers handy so I could guide the glass up the track.

I once spent a day crammed under the dash replacing the windshield wiper motor, and another day in the parking lot of a grocery store replacing the starter. My trunk was a collection of fluids, tools and parts. It broke down all of the time and I had absolutely no faith in that car.

Even though it was rough, being the owner of a Falcon was like joining a club. There were more of them on the road back then, but still not very many. When I passed another Falcon, the other driver and I would nod or wave and a shared sense of pride and understanding would brighten my journey — until the next breakdown.

This was about 20 years ago, and sadly, I do not have any photographs of that car.

It's hard to believe there was a time that we did not document and broadcast every single event in our lives, daily. For the most part, I'm pretty happy that there is little evidence of my teens and 20s floating around out there.

Where am I going with this? Two things come to mind. First, obviously being a bridge player is like joining a secret Falcon club.

When our game is mentioned in an arti-

cle, or a TV show (*who else is watching "Fargo"?*) or in a book, it's like the same sense of pride that you know the code. There are fewer of us on the road these days, to be sure, so finding ways to identify with your tribe outside of the club or tournament is exciting.

Second is that, after a year of doing The Trumpet, I know y'all do *NOT* like having your picture taken.



Amy Casanova
Managing Editor

I get it, I really do. We are all getting a little gray and rumped. I tend not to look my best after playing two sessions.

But there is unmistakable joy on the faces of the players who have just won or placed in an event, or accomplished a new rank, and we'd really like to share that.

This club of bridge players we belong to is fascinating. We are from all walks of life, levels of education and economic status, diverse in religion and politics, mixed together at a table. You may not know much about your opponent, or partner for that matter.

I had the opportunity to meet and play with my co-editor **Jim Flint** at the recent **Rogue Valley Regional** and learned that he is a published haiku writer. I told him he should try bridge haiku and he gave it a shot:

*Heads down, shoulders hunched ...
on the last tournament day
how slow moves the clock.*



This isn't Amy's old car — she has no pictures of it. To prevent this from happening to you, you should get your picture taken when you make Life Master or win a regional event.

I can close my eyes and see my old car. I had dreams of painting it a buttery yellow and driving it across the country. I eventually did make it back and forth across the country, but it was definitely not in that car. Our goals can morph and change with circumstances. The players who volunteered their answers and pictures for the roundup summed up the reason for the journey nicely: the people, the sense of accomplishment, the next level.

Coming soon: Reader survey

Speaking of changing and morphing, I've been thinking of ways to improve The Trumpet. Since we've gone to a quarterly publication schedule, and since results are so instantly and readily available on the internet, I'm on the lookout for ways to enhance the content.

Some time in the next few months, we will be creating a reader survey. When that happens, I hope you will take the time to share your thoughts with us.

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Please find my void!

Dlr: East ♠ Q 9 3
Vul: Both ♥ A K Q 10
IMPs ♦ Q J 8 7
♣ K Q

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

♠ A 8 7 4 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 8 3

West Diane	North	East Chip	South
1♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass?	All Pass

Diane led the ♦A, which was a great lead. I discouraged with the ♦3, hoping for a spade shift. If she finds it, it goes spade ruff, ♦K, diamond ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff with the ♥J, spade ruff, ♣A, at which point dummy is good — down four.

But that's not what happened.

Diane shifted to the ♣5, I won the ♣A, and then showed the card I'd just denied, cashing the ♦K. I then played the ♦9, asking for a spade (and regretting not doubling).

We can still get it down three if partner believes me, but from her side it looks like underleading the ♠K risks giving up the setting trick. So she plays a club to dummy.

Declarer cashed two hearts, finding the 4-2 break. He can continue pulling the rest of my trump and cash the ♦Q and the ♠A, but when he lets Diane in with the ♠K at trick 12, she has a good club — down two.

Instead, he played a spade from dummy. I ruffed and returned a club, which he ruffed. That gave him the ruff on the short side he was looking for, but didn't improve his result. Reduced to spades, he led the ♠A, giving me a second ruff — down two.

— Chip Dombrowski

Booking the first teleport back to Oregon

Two days after the spring Trumpet went to press, I was at the Memphis airport trying to get to Kansas City. It was my second time flying somewhere this year and, coincidentally, the second time this year that I missed a flight. After the obligatory Facebook post, I called my mom (who's not on Facebook).

Just a few days before, she had been having dinner with my brother and sister, who was in town for a wedding. Remembering that I would be traveling to the NABC soon, Mom asked them if I'd left yet.

"How would we know?" Jen asked. "You talk to Chip more than we do."

"Because he would have posted on Facebook that he missed his flight."

Thanks, Mom, I thought. *I wonder how many likes my post has so far?*

After several hours on standby, I went home. It was a lot easier traveling the next day without luggage.

Kansas City was cold, and the mile walk between where I was staying and the Crown Center was uphill both ways. Working the full 11 days was much more excruciating than I could have imagined. Among the bright spots, I interviewed Bill Gates after his win in the 10K Swiss.

With the work schedule what it is, I didn't play a single hand in Kansas City. My next bridge outing would be a month later in Gatlinburg.

Finally, somewhere within driving distance — no flights to miss. Nevertheless I inquired about the condo's late check-in procedure, just to be safe. That turned out to be a good thing. After driving 8 hours, when I was just 9 miles away, I made a wrong turn that added an hour onto the trip.

And yet science has still failed to develop teleportation. Why?

Gatlinburg

I played three days with **Diane Cacamise**, **Al Wilson** and **Suzanne Cook**, who were among more than 20 players who made the much longer trip from District 20. The best day was the first day, when after scratching in the morning side game and getting through the first two rounds of a bracket 5 knockout (out of 16 brackets), I counted the masterpoints and realized I'd made Silver Life Master. And then went out for karaoke with co-workers.

The next day I had the opportunity to play in a board-a-match for the first time. The score would say that it did not go well, but it was tons of fun and did not diminish my eagerness to try it again.

The most interesting hand came the third day, in a two-session Swiss. Both vulnerable, as dealer I have:

♠— ♥9 6 5 2 ♦K 9 6 3 ♣A 7 6 4 2.

My partner opens 1♠ in third seat and RHO doubles. I liked my hand a lot better for defense wherever the opponents wanted to play, so I passed. LHO bid 2♥ and RHO raised to 3♥ (2NT would be a better bid, but I guess he liked his hearts).

I wanted to double, but deemed it too risky at IMPs. Where are our tricks coming from if they get in and pull all my trump before I convince partner to start giving me spade ruffs?

As it turned out, I *needed* to double in order to convince partner to give me spade ruffs. Keeping quiet concealed the defensive potential of my hand, causing my partner to play passively for a one-trick set rather than aggressively for the possible down four, which we can take before declarer gets in. (See the right column for the full hand.)

In the end, declarer, who knew I was void all along from the five spades in his own hand, decided to give me a couple ruffs, going down two. We lost 3 IMPs on the board, but the only consequence for that round, which we won handily, was that it left us 1 IMP short of a blitz.

On the GNT sidelines

The following weekends, while working on the Trumpet — as I do most weekends — I caught some of District 20's GNTs, kibitzing online. It was unfortunate I couldn't play — especially for my teammates **Bob Wierman** and **Judy Ratley**, who were left stranded a few weeks before the event.

Although I am a member of District 20, the grass roots events require players to live where they play. To get an exception, there was one more hurdle: petitioning **Merlin** and the District 10 director.

The rules do allow exceptions to the geographic requirement, but the one I was seeking, the service-based exception, also has its own geographic requirement.

In addition to having a history of service and membership to the unit and district I want to play in, and having not played in any other district's North American events — all criteria I met — I had to also "live sufficiently close to the district borders."

To me, these words were vague to the point of meaningless. Isn't "close enough" whatever two district directors say it is? Alas, I didn't win that one.

I'm not giving up on my dream of winning a national title for District 20. I'll be back sooner or later. I hope sooner.

I think a true service-based exception should exist. I don't think there's any other person in the ACBL working as hard as I am for their district while living as far away from it, so it appears I'm the only person who would be affected if those words were struck from the conditions of contest.

But failing that, someday I'll move back.

Coming soon to a regional near you

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to my first visit to Oregon since moving away. I'll be at the **Eugene Regional** in August, and I hope to see all of you there.

It'll only take four flights to get there. What could possibly go wrong?

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Deaths

Sherman (Daryl) Birney – 76, of Astoria OR died Feb. 21, 2017.

Earl Chandler – 94, of Boise ID died April 11, 2017.

Bill Rosencrantz – 77, of Coos Bay OR died April 8, 2017.

Mohamed Shagrun – 81, of Chico CA died Feb. 24, 2017.

Lelona (Lionie) Songy – 69, of Eureka CA died Mar. 10, 2017.

Mary Toyota – 92, of Yuba City CA died Jan. 31, 2017.



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NAP AND GNT

Four GNT teams advance to Toronto NABC

Operation improvements reduce online wait times

District 20 held its GNT finals April 29-30 and May 6-7. The winning teams are:

♦ **Open** — John Lusky, Randy Pickett, John Ashton, Dennis Metcalf, Marc Zwerling and Jim Elliott.

♦ **A** — Hal Montgomery, Jon Bartlett, David Brower, Mike Redden and Joel Datloff.

♦ **B** — Chuck Swart, Jim Wiser, Ray Robert and Rick Prouser.

♦ **C** — Roger Thomas, Jon Gassaway, Ben Levy and Bev Walker.



Hal Montgomery
NA Events Coordinator

Each team will receive a \$2,000 stipend from D20 to represent us.

The finals were contested on Bridge Base Online from 12 venues in five states. The events ran very smoothly in large part because of the extensive work done by **Mike Weber, Rich Carle** and me prior to starting

each flight. We should also acknowledge the efforts of BBO as host.

BBO and Weber designed the events to reduce the time between rounds. Furthermore, BBO wrote a script for and implemented a simultaneous round robin with an odd number of teams, something BBO had never done before. It worked very well and was a vast improvement over teams having long sitouts.

We had players competing from new venues in Yuba City, Chico and Corvallis. Other players were competing from venues that had hosted before: Boise, Honolulu, Medford, Portland, Seaside and Vancouver.

We had 29 teams comprising 120 players. Though this is half as many teams as D21 which includes San Francisco, it is almost twice as many as D19, which includes Seattle and British Columbia.

Arun Savara, from Hawaii, wrote that 11 players had a pleasant time playing in three flights at the home of **Tom and Katie Fagan**.

Jamie Newman and **Ron Jauch** played in Flight A from a venue in Nevada City, Calif. She said that venues are easy to set up. All you need is good wi-fi and someone to host. The venue doesn't have to be at a bridge club.

I was impressed by **Beverly Walker**



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



Flight A: Hal Montgomery, Mike Redden, Joel Datloff, David Brower, Jon Bartlett



Flight B: Ray Robert, Rick Prouser, Chuck Swart, Jim Wiser



Flight C: Roger Thomas, Jon Gassaway, Benjamin Levy, Beverly Walker

who was on the winning Flight C team. She wrote that at first she was a reluctant bridge player. Now, however, she feels that bridge is right up her alley because although you may never master the game, you can get better. See page

19 for comments from **Roger Thomas**.

The qualifying period for the **North American Pairs** is run through the summer. Our online finals will be Dec. 9-10. We have made it easy to host a playing venue. If you're interested, contact D20.

Teachers' Corner

Teachers share tips from breakfast meeting

I love fellow bridge teachers. Always supportive and full of great ideas, they want nothing but success for other teachers.

At February's Oregon Trail Regional, we had a well-attended teachers' breakfast where District 20 teachers shared their creative teaching hints.

Gee Gee Walker says that she holds separate practice sessions geared to reinforce her lessons.

Starting class by getting students to create a hand from the lesson before is **Eileen Milligan's** tip.

Bidding flash cards, which **Lynda Hirst** created, have helped her students remember the meaning of various bidding sequences.

Rich Carle likes to have a trusted assistant in his classes to keep him on topic

and to help clarify a point if it appears to escape the student's grasp.

Beginning her sessions with a joke,



Mary Alice Seville
D20 Education Liaison

Mary Alice Seville has found it lightens the mood and gets her students' attention.

Upon sharing a class handout with another bridge teacher, I heard the exclamation, "Wow, this is really amazing!" I'm not going to lie. For a moment I was pretty puffed up. While I didn't think my simple handout deserved that kind of accolade, I was pleased to see it made an impression until she continued, "You put the card symbols in! How did you do that?"

So it wasn't the content, it was the use of technology that impressed her.

I have since found that there are others who struggle with how to embed pips in

their documents. It's an easy trick. In Microsoft Word, click "Insert" on the top bar. A pull-down menu will appear. From there, click "Symbol." This will bring up a character map with all sorts of nifty wingdings. Double-click the character you want and it will be placed into your document.

Barbara Seagram is going to present a three-day seminar in Eugene on Aug. 2-4. The dynamic speaker has co-authored 24 bridge books, including the popular "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." The cost is \$80 for all three sessions, if registration is received by July 17. Her topics are: "Defensive Strategy and Signaling," "Preempts for Fun and Profit," and "Stripping Can Be Fun."

For more information, contact Deborah Lackey at Deborah@DeborahLackey.com or go to www.acbld20.org.

Kansas City NABC



Hal Montgomery and Don Lowry were second in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs in Kansas City.

Montgomery, Lowry second in Leventritt

By Hal Montgomery

The Trumpet

Don Lowry and I had a wonderful time playing in the Silver Ribbon Pairs at the spring nationals in Kansas City. Our second-place finish was fueled by the best of Kansas City barbecue: ribs and burnt ends.

A high finish in a large pair game is always a combination of good partnership play and generous opponents. You have to think clearly to take best advantage of their generosity. The following hand in which we got a 97% score is an example of all of these factors.

Dir: South	♠A 8 6		
Vul: E-W	♥K Q J 9		
	♦A 6 2		
	♣Q 9 4		
	♠K Q 10 7 5 2	♠J 3	
	♥7 3	♥8 2	
	♦Q J 9	♦10 8 7 4	
	♣A 2	♣J 10 6 5 3	
		♠9 4	
		♥A 10 6 5 4	
		♦K 5 3	
		♣K 8 7	
West	North	East	South
Hal		Don	
			Pass
1♠	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Most of the field bid and made 4♥, which earned them 59%. There were three pairs that tried 3NT. One made it and scored 16%. At our table and another, declarer went down and earned 3%.

My RHO expected a better spade stopper and was upset when his very strong passed hand was not enough. Please note that if declarer's spades were ♠AJx instead of just ♠Axx, they would have made 11 tricks in notrump for a near top (along with anyone else there). I think responder made a good matchpoint decision. Perhaps when holding four hearts and a nonpositional spade stopper, it would have been better to double instead of overcalling INT.

Don led the ♠J. I overtook with the queen and returned the ♠10. I wanted to get at least two spade tricks and didn't want declarer to duck the jack when holding ♠A8xx. I led my ♠2 to the third trick.

On the run of the hearts I have to find three pitches. I can easily throw the ♣2 and one spade. What should I play on the last heart? If declarer has the ♦10, they would have three tricks in that suit if I pitch one from ♦QJ9. Would that hurt my score? I pitched my ♦9.

What should Don pitch on the run of the hearts? He trusted me that the play of the ♠Q, 10 and 2 guaranteed that my entry was the ♠A. Therefore, he pitched clubs on each of his four discards. Without that trust he might have held on to his clubs and thrown two diamonds.

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THE SECTIONAL SECTION

Summer sectionals

Cancelation: Klamath Falls

The Klamath Falls Top Gun Sectional scheduled for June 16-18 has been canceled. See page 15 for more information.

Medford

The Rogue Valley Summer Sectional will be held July 21-23 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix OR. See ad this page for details.

Yuba City

The Sutter Buttes Sectional will be held Aug. 4-6 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Yuba City CA. See ad page 5 for details.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Summer Sectional will be held Aug. 18-20 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver WA. See ad page 5 for details.

Bend

The High Desert Sectional will be held Aug. 25-27 at the Bend Senior Center in Bend OR. See ad page 6 for details.

Eureka

The Eureka Sectional will be held Sept. 8-10 at Ocean West Senior Village in McKinleyville CA. See ad page 6 for details.

Portland

The Portland Fall Sectional will be held Sept. 8-10 at Montgomery Park in Portland. See ad page 7 for details.

Boise

The Boise Harvest Sectional will be held Sept. 8-10 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boise ID. See ad page 7 for details.

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Boise (153 tables)

1	29.26	Duane Christensen, Boise ID
	29.26	Carol Christensen, Boise ID
3	21.40	K.C. Jones, Boise ID
4	20.40	Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
5	17.77	Clyde Coon, Boise ID
	17.77	Bill Cook, Twin Falls ID
7	14.76	John Cissel, Boise ID
8	13.07	Ian Martindale, Boise ID
	13.07	Charlene Martindale, Boise ID
10	13.05	Jim Milam, Idaho Falls ID
11	11.67	Jim Thomas, Boise ID
12	11.08	Marilyn Nesbit, Ketchum ID
	11.08	Bob Probasco, Ketchum ID
14	10.09	John Gitzen, Meridian ID
	10.09	Carol Holmes, Meridian ID

Maui (100 tables)

1	20.19	Gary Donner, Bluffton SC
2	15.98	John Millard, Kihei HI
3	14.97	Alain Schreiber, Bellevue WA
4	13.87	Rodney Paxton, Las Vegas NV
	13.87	Henriette Mufich, Las Vegas NV
6	13.43	Jack Patnode, Kula HI
7	12.16	Norton Rimer, Kihei HI
	12.16	Judy Rimer, Kihei HI
9	11.80	W. Aalbersberg Jr., Suva Fiji
10	10.98	Harry Rogers, Wailuku HI

Big Island (122 tables)

1	22.28	Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI
2	21.23	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
3	19.60	Jim Cheney, Hilo HI
4	15.11	Allan Young, Hilo HI
5	14.23	Penny Kallaus, Kailua HI
6	12.52	Harry Messenheimer, Pahoa HI
7	11.94	Richard Lanke, Honolulu HI
	11.94	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
9	11.35	Dean Jenkins, Kailua Kona HI
10	11.25	Chuck Clark, Kailua Kona HI
11	11.22	Richard Gittleman, Kamuela HI

Honolulu - March (119 tables)

1	22.24	Robert Liu, Honolulu HI
2	21.23	Everett Fukushima, Aiea HI

3	21.19	Thomas Lum, Honolulu HI
4	20.86	Godfrey Chang, Honolulu HI
5	15.01	Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
6	13.95	Cherilyn Young, Honolulu HI
7	13.70	Steven Johnson, Honolulu HI
8	13.60	Jean Choi, Honolulu HI
9	11.62	Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI
10	11.45	Ronald Wong, Honolulu HI
11	10.52	Mary Phillips, Honolulu HI
12	10.32	Mark Bennett, Honolulu HI

Vancouver NLM (49 tables)

1	3.89	Elizabeth Brooke, Portland OR
2	3.87	Linda Marshall, Beaverton OR
	3.87	Dee Poujade, Portland OR
4	3.84	Martha Maroney, Lake Oswego OR
	3.84	Frank Nemeth, Portland OR

Albany (142 tables)

1	25.97	Kevin Kacmarynski, Monmouth OR
2	17.09	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
3	13.77	Henri Jansen, Corvallis OR
4	13.68	John Wolf, Eugene OR
	13.68	David Partridge, Eugene OR
6	12.52	Judy Kay, Beaverton OR
	12.52	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
8	11.55	Eileen Boal, Albany OR
9	10.44	Amy Casanova, Portland OR
10	10.06	Dennis Harms, Corvallis OR
	10.06	Carol Harms, Corvallis OR
12	9.35	Stephen Rasmussen, Beaverton OR
	9.35	Paul Reeves, Tigard OR
	9.35	Margi Redden, Portland OR
	9.35	Ian Kirk, Portland OR

Ontario (131 tables)

1	23.44	Stephen Visocan, Townsend MT
	23.44	Robert Donaldson, Ogden UT
3	17.46	Martin Mack, Henderson NV
	17.46	Dudley Brown, Grandview WA
5	16.94	Suzanne St. Thomas, Boise ID
	16.94	Kathy Downen, Boise ID
7	16.83	Craig Jones, Boise ID
8	14.80	William Wood, Meridian ID
	14.80	Jill Wood, Meridian ID

10	13.32	Steve Nafus, Boise ID
	13.32	Don Gile, Star ID
12	12.85	Jim Thomas, Boise ID

Chico (79 tables)

1	19.31	Steve Sellers, Eureka CA
	19.31	Garth Gregory, Chico CA
3	16.94	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
	16.94	David Wilmington, Eureka CA
5	12.93	Douglas Jacobs, Chico CA
	12.93	Carl Oeser, Roseville CA
7	9.85	Leslie Reynolds, McKinleyville CA
	9.85	Jane Horgan, Fallbrook CA

Medford Spring (88 tables)

1	15.40	Kemble Yates, Ashland OR
2	14.47	Scott Foster, Medford OR
3	12.01	Sandra Brown, Arcata CA
	12.01	Phillip Frankel, McKinleyville CA
5	11.38	David McKee, Ashland OR
6	10.78	Richard Brumund, Phoenix OR
7	9.58	James Smith, Mapleton OR
	9.58	Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR
9	9.41	Mark Jernigan, Ashland OR
10	9.22	Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA

Redding Spring (104 tables)

1	24.99	Judi Callahan, Fair Oaks CA
	24.99	Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA
3	17.05	Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR
	17.05	Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
5	14.27	Jack Woodard, Chico CA
	14.27	Danny O'Broclyn, Yuba City CA
7	12.55	Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA
	12.55	Bob Wierman, Anderson CA
9	11.96	Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA
	11.96	David Wilmington, Eureka CA

Eugene NLM (40 tables)

1	5.13	Deb Dotters, Eugene OR
2	3.84	Lee Soreng, Eugene OR
	3.84	Connie Wonham, Eugene OR
4	3.80	John Lean, Eugene OR
5	3.27	Vern Katz, Eugene OR

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District 20 Seeks

New Tournament Manager

The D20 Tournament Manager is responsible for running four D20 regionals a year. The position pays a stipend plus expenses, which will be determined by the D20 Board.

For a complete job description, please go to the D20 Manual of Policies and Procedures at:

http://web2.acbld20.org/board/MOPP/D20_MOPP_A_5_TnMan.pdf.

Requirements include: Excellent people skills; excellent organization skills; familiarity with Word, Excel and Publisher; the ability to travel to all four D20 mainland regional tournaments annually and knowledge of bridge and bridge tournaments.

Responsibilities include: Having your phone number and email address listed for correspondence and communication; arranging meetings and tournaments; designing, printing and distributing tournament flyers; hiring and overseeing The Daily Bulletin editor and a photographer; supervising the tournaments; arranging for hospitality and payments to caddies and for gratuities; making hotel arrangements; and more.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume by July 1 to:

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Portland, OR 97223

Phone: 503-244-5733

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For further details about the work entailed, please contact Marie Ashton at the address and phone number listed above.

Candidates must reside in D20.



Unit 484

Friday-Sunday

July 21-23

Come make a **Big Splash** at the

Southern Oregon Summer Sectional

Dan Voorhies Bridge Center
4149 S. Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon

SCHEDULE

Friday, July 21 (single sessions)

299er Pairs*10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Stratified Open pairs10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 22 (single sessions available)

299er Pairs*10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Stratified Open pairs <i>play through</i>10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 23

Swiss Teams, stratified by avg. MPs10 a.m. and TBA
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Lunch available between sessions

*299er games depend on player availability

HOSTS AND INFORMATION

Director: Steve Kaessner

Chair & Partnerships: Gee Gee Walker,
541-292-3474, ggwalker@gmail.com

PLAYER FEES

\$1.00 per player per session (\$1.30 non- and unpaid ACBL members).

STRATIFICATIONS

A = 2000+	For 299er events:
B = 750-2000	A = 200-300
C = 0-750	B = 100-200
	C = 0-100

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

DIRECTIONS

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

The Bidding Toolbox

Responses and rebids after 1NT opening – part 1

OK, finally you've been dealt a hand with decent point count and open a 15-17 HCP 1NT. Now what?

For the purposes of this discussion, we'll assume the partnership is playing four-suit transfers. We'll talk about responder's two-level bids here, in the first of three parts.



Jim Flint
The Bidding Toolkit

First, let's talk about situations where there is no bidding interference by the opponents. How does responder bid?

Unless you're from another planet, 2♣ is Stayman, asking opener if she has a major of four cards or more.

All other two-level bids are transfers:
2♦ = transfer to hearts (responder has five or more hearts).

2♥ = transfer to spades (five or more).

2♠ = transfer to clubs (six or more).

2NT = transfer to diamonds (six or more).

With a maximum hand and a good fit, opener can **super-accept** the transfer.

A super-accept in the majors promises four or more trumps and can be shown in two ways — by bidding a new suit or by jumping a level in accepting the transfer. After a major-suit transfer:

♦ Bidding another suit shows a doubleton in that suit, at least four cards in the transferred suit, and maximum HCP.

♦ Jumping to three of responder's major also shows four or more trumps and a maximum.

While some partnerships use a super-accept in a new suit to show a doubleton in that suit, others show a secondary source of tricks in that suit. Many don't

use either of these options. Those who do deny such a feature if they simply jump a level in the transferred suit.

A personal note: I am not averse to opening 1NT with a five-card major, but I never do it with a doubleton in the other major. Here's why: If you have three in the other major, being transferred in that suit is no problem. But if you have only two in the other major, you can miss a 5-3 fit in the major in which you hold five cards.

So with 15-17 HCP and a five-card major, I open one of the major if the other major is a doubleton.

Minor suit super-accepts

Super-accepts of minor suit transfers are different animals. A super-accept shows three of the transferred suit with at least one of the top three honors and maximum HCP. (Some partnerships don't require maximum HCP in super-accepts of minors since the transfer promises at least six cards in the suit.)

Minor-suit super-accepts are not jumps in the suit. They are shown by "breaking" the transfer; i.e., bidding in between the transfer bid and the transfer suit.

So, after 2♠ (transfer to clubs):

♦ 2NT (in between 2♠ and 3♣) = at least three clubs, at least one of the top three honors, and maximum HCP.

And after 2NT (transfer to diamonds):

♦ 3♣ (in between 2NT and 3♦) = at least three diamonds, at least one of the top three honors, and maximum HCP.

After the super-accept, responder can decide whether 3NT or a minor slam is in the offing, or, if not, simply sign off in the transferred suit, in which case the strong hand becomes dummy.

So, after transferring to clubs and

opener breaks the transfer (super-accepts), what do you do with these hands?

1. ♠98 ♥Kxx ♦xx ♣KQJxxx
2. ♠QJ ♥Qx ♦xx ♣QJ109xxx
3. ♠xx ♥Ax ♦xxx ♣QJ109xx
4. ♠xx ♥xx ♦Kxx ♣Axxxxx

Bid 3NT with the first hand. Partner is promising the ♣A, and with a nine-card fit, you are assured of six club tricks. With your ♥K and partner's values, it's worth a try.

On the second hand, you know you are missing, at most, one of the top three honors, but you have a 10-card fit. Six, maybe

seven, tricks in the suit are possible. It's worth the gamble with your pushers.

On the third hand, only five club tricks are likely. Moreover, if the opponents knock out your ♥A entry on the opening lead, and can hold up on, say, the ♣A until the third round, partner may not be able to bring home the club suit. Sign off in 3♣.

On hand four, your club suit is iffy in notrump, even with partner's honor. Signing off in 3♣ is the more prudent option.

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

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Aug. 4-6, 2017

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New location!

Open Games

- Strat A: 2,000+ mp
- Strat B: 750-2,000 mp
- Strat C: 0-750 mp

(Stratified based on pair average)

All 299er pairs stratified at the director's discretion

Entry Fees

- ACBL member: \$10 per person per session
- Non/unpaid member: \$13 per person per session

Lunch

Available for purchase on Sunday

Friday, Aug. 4

10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (single session)

299er pairs

3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (single session)

299er pairs

Saturday, Aug. 5

10 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs (double session; single-session pairs welcome)

(Regionally-rated Fund Game!)

299er pairs

3 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (second session; single-session pairs welcome)

299er pairs

Sunday, Aug. 6

10 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams
Start time for second session TBA.

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Vancouver USA Summer Sectional

Join us at the
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Aug. 18-20, 2017

Friday, Aug. 18

- Stratified Open Pairs.....10 a.m.
- 299er Stratified Pairs.....10 a.m.
- Paul Gabalis Stratified Open Pairs.....3 p.m.
- 299er Stratified Pairs..... 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19

- Stratified Open Pairs (2 single sessions)10 a.m.; 3 p.m.
- 299er Stratified Pairs10 a.m.
- Garland Wilson 299er Stratified Pairs..... 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 20

- Memorial Strati-flighted Swiss Teams10 a.m. & TBA
- *Stratified Fast Pairs (single session)10 a.m.

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

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

Fees:
\$10 for members, \$13 for non- and unpaid ACBL Members
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Free coffee, tea and snacks!

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Friday, Aug. 25 10 a.m. & 3 p.m., Stratified Open Pairs & 199er pairs
(3 p.m. game free for players with less than 5 MPs)
Single sessions

Saturday, Aug. 26 10 a.m. & 3 p.m., Stratified Open Pairs & 199er pairs
Play through

Sunday, Aug. 27 10 a.m. & TBA, Stratified Swiss Teams
Lunch will be available on Sunday, but must be purchased by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday

Strats: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+; 199er: 0-200 MPs

Directions: From Highway 97, take Reed Market Road east. The Senior Center is on the left, just past 15th Street.

Accommodations:

Lodging and restaurants in the area are plentiful.

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*Down-graded sectional; silver points 65% of normal silver points

Unit 458 Presents Eureka California Sectional*

Sept. 8-10, 2017

Ocean View Mobile Home Park
1090 Murray Road, McKinleyville, CA
(707) 839-3207

Friday, Sept. 8

11 a.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, single session

4 p.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, single session

Saturday, Sept. 9

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. — Stratified Open Pairs, double session play through with option of playing only one session

Sunday, Sept. 10

10 a.m. & TBA — Swiss Teams

Cost: \$10 per session; \$13 for unpaid and non-ACBL players

Stratification — A: open, B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

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THE IN! CROWD

For Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Playing in the opponents' suit: Not a good idea

Sherry Squirrel is wringing her hands, "Oh my gosh, oh my gosh." Meanwhile, she's thinking, *this game is so frustrating. I don't know why I keep coming back to it. I try to read books and it is like they are speaking another language.*



Margi Redden
D20 I/N Coordinator

Sherry Squirrel is playing the Pro-Am game with Stephanie Owl at the Ace in Portland.

Stephanie Owl opens 1♣. Sherry thinks partners are always opening her singleton, but she never knows if it's really clubs or a convenient minor.

Sherry's hand:

♠8 6 5 2 ♥K Q 9 5 ♦J 10 6 4 ♣4

And that dang right hand opponent overcalls 1♦. What would you do? Sherry decides on a nice "lead-directing" 1♥ bid. Pass. Then Stephanie Owl bids 2♦! What is she doing?

Sherry thinks, well I do have diamonds so I guess I can pass. Owl's head twirls and her eyes bulge a bit.

Eventually, Stephanie Owl made three diamonds, so Sherry relaxes, guessing it wasn't too bad. Unfortunately it did not

score as well as 2NT and a couple of partnerships made 3NT. The full deal:

Dlr:	South	♠J 7 4			
Vul:	None	♥10 7 3			
		♦Q 3			
		♣K J 7 5 2			
		♠8 6 5 2	♠K Q		
		♥K Q 9 5	♥A 8 2		
		♦J 10 6 4	♦A 7		
		♣4	♣A Q 9 8 6 3		
			♠A 10 9 3		
			♥J 6 4		
			♦K 9 8 5 2		
			♣10		
West	North	East	South		
Sherry		Stephanie			
			Pass		
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦		
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass		
Pass!	Pass				

Stephanie Owl shares that it is not the first time she has played in the opponents' suit and likely it won't be the last. She will never forget making a Michaels cuebid where on her right, they opened 1♣ and she bid 2♠ – pass, (long hesitation) pass, pass. Her partner had seven spades opposite her void.

Sherry is happy to go on to the next hand and circle this one on the score

Stephanie Owl's advice

First, instead of bidding 1NT or 1♥, try a negative double here. It takes up no space and, wow, is it powerful. A double here shows both unbid suits – in this auction, both majors.

Second, ASBAF: All Strange Bids Are Forcing.

Partner's bid of 2♦ in this auction is a cuebid promising a strong hand and wanting more information about responder's. What if you hold a long heart suit? You may want to be in game in hearts. Or what if you have hearts and clubs?

Or partner may be looking for another diamond stopper, which you happen to have.

Finally, notrump pays more than a minor in scoring so do not be afraid of it.

sheet so they can review it later.

From Margi

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Eugene and Seaside. And remember, playing in the opponents' suit is usually not a good idea.

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

MORE NEW ACBL MEMBERS

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Lynn Von Tempsky, Lahaina HI

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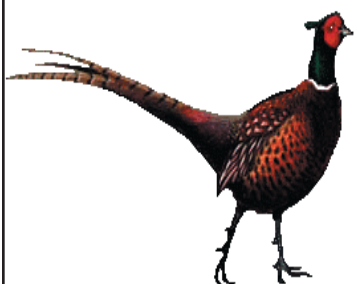
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Sept. 8-10, 2017

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Friday, September 8

1 and 6 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)
1 p.m.: 199er pairs (single session)

Saturday, September 9

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Stratified Open Pairs (two-session play through)
10 a.m.: 199er pairs (single session)

Sunday, September 10

10 a.m.: Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)
10 a.m.: 199er Swiss Teams (single session)

Masterpoint Ranges

A=unlimited

B=750-1500

C=0-750

- Stratification for pair and team events by average masterpoints

- \$10/session for ACBL members, \$13 for unpaid or non-ACBL player per session for pairs games

- \$120 per Swiss team Sunday includes lunch

- \$40 per 199er Single-session Swiss Teams

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PORTLAND FALL SECTIONAL

Sept. 8-10, 2017

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FRIDAY, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Single session pairs

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)
Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified)
Novice pairs (0-100, Stratified, # of tables permitting)

Playing site
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Portland, OR 97210
503-228-7275



SATURDAY, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Pairs

Stratiflighted Open Pairs, two-session playthrough (but single session entries welcome)

Flight AX (plays separately), A=3000+, X=0-3000

Flight BCD: B (1250-2000), C (750-1250), D (0-750)

Single session events (10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.)

Non LM pairs (0-500, Stratified), one session events
Novice pairs (0-100, play separately if # of tables permit)

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

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Flight AX (A=3000+, AX=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 AX.

All brackets determined by average masterpoints of team

Lunch included between sessions.

Please, no scents or perfume

ACBL players (0-5) play FREE!

FREE Coffee & Snacks

Head Director: Jeff Jacob

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

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

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KANSAS CITY SPRING NABC

Prouser, Robert place fifth in NAP Flight B

Pair of tops in last session puts D20 pair in overalls

By Rick Prouser
For The Trumpet

Ray Robert and I demonstrated that, if nothing else, we're somewhat consistent by barely securing the fourth (and final) qualifying position in the District 20 Flight B NAP pairs for the second year in a row.

Last year we played in the NAP event at the NABC in Reno and, while we qualified for the finals on the second day, we put together two average sessions to finish somewhere in the middle of the field.

Given a second chance this year, we hoped to improve our performance at the NABC in Kansas City, held in March.

The NAP Flight B field consists of about 100 pairs, four from each of ACBL's 25 districts. The structure is a two-session qualifying event in which about half the field qualifies for the two-session final.

We had an excellent first qualifying session (second in the 97-pair field) followed by a slightly above average second session, which left us in 12th place entering the final. Going into the finals, pairs receive a matchpoint carry-over based on their qualifying results, so our 12th place after the first day put us ahead of most of the field.

Unfortunately (although, to be honest, it had little to do with "fortune") we had a horrific first session in the finals, highlighted ... er, lowlighted ... by unforced defensive errors, poor hand evaluation, and general lack of sharpness. We were more than a board under average for the session and had dropped to 36th in the field. At that point, improving on our previous year's results seemed rather unlikely.

But we did manage a reversal in the final session. Ray describes the most



Ray Robert and Rick Prouser

memorable point of the last session:

"After that, we knew that we needed to win the final session to climb back into the overalls. It didn't start out auspiciously. The first round we watched the pair that eventually finished second overall become the only north-south to bid a making diamond slam against us. But we bided our time, taking what the opponents offered, until midway through the round.

"Our hosts were one of the pairs that was leading at the break; they had just missed winning the event last year in Reno. Here is the bidding, nobody vulnerable, on board 11. I was sitting West:

Dir: South	♠AK65			
Vul: None	♥Q7			
	♦AQ6			
	♣J1084			
	♠83	♠J9742		
	♥J109832	♥K54		
	♦10	♦J842		
	♣K976	♣5		
		♠Q10		
		♥A6		
		♦K9753		
		♣AQ32		
West	North	East	South	
Ray		Rick		
			INT	
2♥	Dbl	Redbl	All Pass	

"So it was five lads (two kings and three jacks) against the world, or at least against 31 HCP of the world. Deep Finesse projected down two; minus 600 would be a zero since no north-south pair bid any of the making slams.

"The defense started out with ♠K-A, dropping South's ♠10-Q and improving dummy's ♠J-9 immeasurably. After two diamonds, second one ruffed, declarer took stock. Giving up a club and cross-ruffing would more or less guarantee down one for a plus board. But tops are better: it seemed that hearts had to be distributed as they were, else North-South would have driven to a slam. So the hearts went jack-queen-king to South's ♥A and then I ruffed the diamond return. The next round of hearts drew the last two. A club ruff provided the crucial dummy entry to enjoy the good spades. Plus 640.

"North-South had a brief discussion while we picked up board 12. This time partner struck. He overcalled with a four-card spade suit, which I duly supported. North and South each pictured the other with spade shortness, so they convinced themselves to try a vulnerable heart game. Nothing doing; plus 300. We walked away with 49.5 out of 50 matchpoints.

"We played well for the rest of the session and had the best score in the field that evening. Despite our disaster in the afternoon, we managed to climb 31 positions in the final to finish fifth overall in the event."

Playing in the NAP was enjoyable and challenging, and we hope to give it another shot next year to see if we can take another step forward.

The NAP also was an excellent reminder of what it takes to win competitive events. Of the 104 boards played in the two-day event, we probably played really well on 95. But missed opportunities, egregious errors and lapses of concentration took their toll.

I've come to realize that the ability to stay focused is what very frequently makes the difference.

NAP Flight C is a great experience

By Jan Clemmons
For the Trumpet

How would you like to meet and play bridge with people from across North America? Or, would you appreciate the chance to get to know another city's culture? And how about the honor of playing in the NLM North American Pairs as a representative of District 20?

My partner, Deanne Takasumi, and I traveled to Kansas City in March for the Spring NABC and we experienced all the above and more.



Deanne Takasumi and Jan Clemmons

Some players, more especially NLM players, may not realize how much a national tournament has to offer them. All of the same NLM venues are available, such as 299er and Gold Rush Pairs games, as well as bracketed knockouts and Swiss teams. The tournament also offers guest lecturers twice a day, an amazing opening night reception, and an I/N happy hour later in the week.

It was very exciting for us to play in the NAP event in a room with almost 100 pairs representing all the districts. We tried our best, but fell short of qualifying for the second day. Now that we are hooked, though, we will be trying to qualify again for 2018.

I encourage all NLM players to consider competing for the chance to represent District 20. It is a rewarding experience, one to remember.

Deanne and I also took a day to check out the flavor of Kansas City. We both enjoy travel, so exploring the city was fun.

KC is known for barbecue and jazz and we were able to enjoy both. Staying at the tournament hotel provided us with easy access to all that Kansas City has to offer.

All in all, we loved our trip. We met new people, connected with other players from Oregon who were attending, and experienced some challenging and most satisfying bridge playing.

Silver: D20 pair second in NABC event

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What would happen if I kept three diamonds? At trick 9 declarer would lead a club from dummy. I could win it and cash one spade. Then declarer would have the rest. If after I had thrown a diamond and Don had thrown two diamonds, declarer would have made nine tricks. When Don

held onto his diamonds, declarer had only eight tricks and had to lead a club while I still had enough spades to beat him. A near top helped us to our strong finish.

The second-place finish in a national pairs event was worth 75 platinum points. Fellow District 20 player Mark Bennett of Honolulu finished third.

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The Emerald Empire Regional Educational Festival presents...

A 3-Day Seminar with
Barbara Seagram
August 2, 3 and 4, 2017
For Novice, Intermediate & Advanced Intermediate Players

PROGRAM:
8:45 9 a.m.: Meet and Greet
9 11:30 a.m.: Lesson

Wednesday: Defensive Strategy and Signaling
Thursday: Preempts for Fun and Profit
Friday: Stripping Can Be Fun

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

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

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

REGISTRATION FORM FOR BARBARA SEAGRAM SEMINAR

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

I plan to attend Weds Thurs Friday (check boxes)

NAME: _____

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

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

SECTIONAL RESULTS

Vancouver Spring (124 tables)

1	28.96	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
2	22.55	Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR
3	19.25	Kathleen Mather, Vancouver WA
4	13.40	Amy Casanova, Portland OR
5	11.05	Ronald Frazier, Clackamas OR
	11.05	Robert Law, Tigard OR
7	10.18	Susan Carle, Longview WA
	10.18	Richard Carle, Longview WA
	10.18	Charles Burns, Vancouver WA
10	9.28	Janie Percy, Vancouver WA
11	9.01	Joseph Titone, Vancouver WA
12	8.98	Louise Kurzet, Portland OR

Seaside (191 tables)

1	29.87	Louis Beauchet, Sherwood OR
2	19.86	William Holloran Jr., West Linn OR
3	18.51	John Ashton, Portland OR
4	17.22	Lynne Schaeffer, West Bloomfield MI
	17.22	Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR
6	16.52	Dennis Metcalf, Vancouver WA
7	15.52	Larry Sullivan, Vancouver WA
8	13.45	Sharon Crapko, Seaside OR
9	13.39	Alan Johnson, Happy Valley OR
10	13.33	Paul Bartron, Tacoma WA
11	13.10	Paul Harding, New Westminster BC
12	12.54	Jon Gustafson, Manzanita OR
13	12.24	Irene Pickett, Portland OR
14	11.24	Amy Casanova, Portland OR
15	11.07	Reidun Decker, Seattle WA
	11.07	John Swanson, Seattle WA
17	10.45	Randy Pickett, Portland OR
18	9.70	Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR

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
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or see flyer at acblD20.org to book.

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INFORMATION

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- Deluxe (single or double) \$99.
- Riverview (single or double) \$103.
- Additional adults \$20 each per night.
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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.acblD20.org

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAM

- 299er games twice daily
- I/N party
- Daily talks
- Prize games

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

The rocket scientist

Richard Witt worked on the Atlas rocket, space shuttle

By Jen Smith
The Trumpet

Richard Witt played bridge for years with his wife, Lois. But before he got into the game, he served in the Navy during the Korean War, got a degree in engineering and worked as a rocket scientist.

That's right — a rocket scientist. But backing up, let's start with the early days. Witt originally started college at UCLA, but quickly left to join the Navy during the Korean War. He was stationed at the USS Bashaw, but when his tour of duty was over, he decided it was time to go back to college. So he put himself through USC, graduating with a bachelor's of science in engineering.

Then it was off to work, where Witt started his career at an aerospace company in Southern California. Eventually, he decided to move to Sunnyvale, Calif., and went to work for Lockheed Martin. There, Witt was in charge of the Atlas rocket development. (NBD.)

"I had the privilege of working on the first Air Force space shuttle mission," Witt explains. That mission just happened to take the very first camera to the moon, landing on July 4, 1982. "It was during this time that I was introduced to bridge," Witt says. "Never having any lessons, I began filling in and playing with the fellows on our noon-time breaks."

Witt met Lois around this time. "She played bridge, so we began taking lessons together," he describes. From there, their bridge-playing habit continued to grow. "We have been on several cruises where it was fun to meet other bridge players from all over the country."



Richard Witt of Longview, Wash., with his wife, Lois. Witt led Atlas rocket development for Lockheed Martin and was involved with the space shuttle program.

When Richard and Lois moved to Longview, Wash., in 2006, they set out to find local bridge players in the area. It wasn't long before the two settled into their new club, run by Rich Carle.

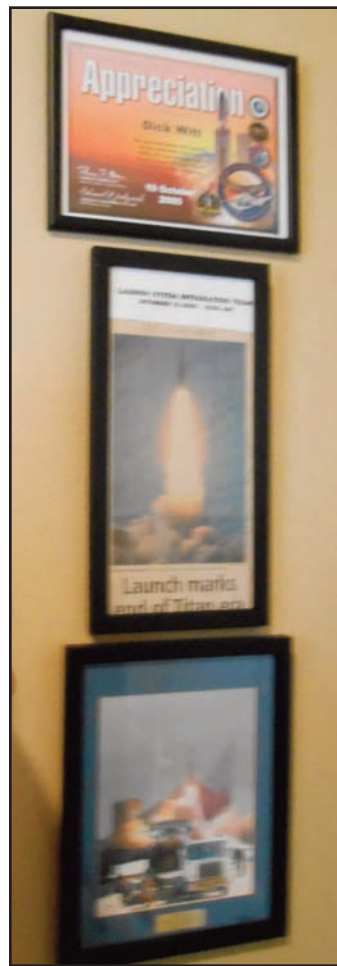
Unfortunately, Witt now suffers from Alzheimer's and is no longer able to play. But he continues to inspire the Longview club to support The Longest Day, an annual charity event that raises money for Alzheimer's. This year's event is coming up on June 21.

If you'd like to join, a list of participating clubs in District 20 can be found at web3.acbl.org/participating-clubs/?game=912&district=20. If there isn't one near you, you can also donate directly at act.alz.org.

Lois Witt and Rich Carle contributed to this story.



Memorabilia from Witt's career adorn the walls of his home.



The pathologist

Kathy Holahan rose to board of large Portland medical group

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

Portland bridge player Kathleen Holahan had a successful career in medicine. Retirement has allowed her to pursue a longtime interest in bridge and develop new ventures related to her hobby of raising and showing Persian cats.

"My thoughts regarding retirement always included dreams of being able to play duplicate bridge," Kathy said. "I would be thinking about those clubs as I drove into work early to be there when the surgeons started their surgery."

"After retirement I started playing at the Eastside Bridge Club, taking lessons to update my skills. The condo that my husband and I had owned next to the Sellwood Bridge was condemned to allow construction of a new, wider bridge, resulting in my relocation to the South Waterfront in 2010. The location of my new home makes it even easier for me to participate in the duplicate bridge games in my neighborhood as well as at the Portland Bridge Club."

Her hobbies include maintaining an online international feline pedigree database featuring the breeds with which she worked. Pedigrees are sent to her from all over the world, and the database has become a widely-used resource, with pedigrees going back to about 1880.

Holahan was born near the end of World War II in Michigan, the oldest of six siblings, five girls and one boy. She graduated from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University with an M.D. degree and some skill in playing contract bridge.



Kathy Holahan of Portland also raises show cats.

She married Mark Fisher, a commercial real estate developer, while in Detroit. Part of their mutual attraction included playing party bridge, with recognition that it is not always that easy to find a good partner.

Her specialty training in pathology took them to Minneapolis, where five years of residency and fellowship at the University of Minnesota included subspecialty training in surgical pathology, hematopathology and clinical pathology. Kathy then accepted a pathology position with the Kaiser Permanente program in Portland, which allowed her to concentrate in areas of specialty and interest. After two years, she was elected to the Northwest Permanente board of directors where she served two terms.

Areas of extracurricular interest for Kathy and her husband included bridge, horseback riding, sports cars, and breeding and showing pedigree cats (longhair Persians and the shorthair variants, exotic shorthairs). Mark died in 2002 following a protracted neurologic disorder, and Kathy decided to retire in 2004.

The Diver: Rainy week in Cancun led to life-altering career shift for doctor who couldn't pass swim test

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He started out in emergency medicine for Los Angeles County General Hospital. It was a hectic schedule, but he was prepared.

"After training in the south Bronx, it was nothing," he said.

He later switched to family medicine, running a hospital's outpatient clinic in Baldwin Hills, a minority community in south central L.A. After it was closed, he rented what had been a beauty salon across the street and opened his own clinic to serve that community.

"It was a solo practice," he said, "although I had coverage when I was out of town. But I didn't get my first vacation until after five years" — in 1984.

"I went to Club Med in Cancun and that changed the rest of my life."

He went to the all-inclusive resort to unwind and enjoy the amenities. However, he had a little bad luck with the weather.

"It was raining most of the time, so when somebody asked, 'Does anyone want to learn to dive?' I figured I was going to be wet all the time anyway, so why not?"

There was no time for a swim test. He took the plunge and he loved it.

Fox had wanted to dive since he was a youngster. The trouble he had passing swim tests stemmed from a traumatic event in the water as a child when he almost drowned.

The diving lessons changed everything. He returned to Club Med resorts for five-week stints every year — diving, riding horses, learning dressage and archery. It was diving that became his big passion.

He progressed through the various experience levels and soon was an expert — a



professional diver and instructor with a deep knowledge of the sport and the gear involved. Experts must have logged over 500 dives. Fox has logged more than 4600.

"In the early '90s I was asked if I would work as a dive medicine physician for them," Fox said. "So I took training to learn dive accident management, rescue techniques, and how to operate recompression chambers."

From then on, his schedule involved alternating five months at the clinic and one month at a Club Med.

In 1995, Club Med asked if he was interested in working full time. When he said yes, they backed up a little, noting that they usually didn't hire Americans.

"They said if I learned French, they'd hire me. So I learned French," he said.

He sold his practice and began his career with Club Med, working four to five months straight, taking a month off in L.A., then repeating the schedule.

He worked at Club Meds in the



An insufficient cuebid? Bob Fox handles an unusual director call during a club game at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center.

Caribbean, Mexico, Asia and Africa.

During that time he began teaching dive instructors CPR and emergency procedures — in and out of the water. He's had his share of performing deep water rescues. He takes recreational divers on outings and knows how to operate the boat.

Another big change in his life happened in 1999.

"I met Darby at Club Med, and we got married later that year. Darby, about 20 years his junior, was a massage therapist, originally from Orlando.

When he decided to retire, he continued to work twice a year for Club Med, a month at a time.

In 2003, he and Darby sold most of their things and spent two months driving around the country looking for a place to live. They eventually arrived in the Rogue Valley and decided to stay. They rented a home in Ashland for a year before buying the Evans Valley acreage.

Fox hadn't played much bridge until he arrived in the Rogue Valley.

"I took lessons from Bill Holt and Bernadine Lacy (both club owners at the time), attended tournaments, and even started teaching bridge in 2006," he said.

He earned his director's credentials and directed at both clubs frequently.

After Leah McKechnie opened the bridge

center in Phoenix, south of Medford, he took over responsibilities as club owner for the Monday and Thursday games.

What's the key to being a successful director?

"Know your players," he said. "And, like a medical doctor, know what you know and know what you don't know."

He explained that when he gets a director call, if he is unfamiliar with the situation, he doesn't bluff. He tells them he needs to check the book before making a ruling.

"The players appreciate that," he said.

When he directs more experienced players, he keeps the game going at a faster pace and the director calls are tighter.

"But for beginners, I'm more lax on time. I want to accommodate them rather than scare them," he said.

For all games, his philosophy is to be polite but firm. "You want them to know you're in charge. You don't want anarchy," he said.

His Phoenix Rising clubs raised more money for Alzheimer's research during the Longest Day promotion in 2016 than any other club in the district.

"My mother died of Alzheimer's," he said, explaining his motivation. "My players stepped up and really helped make it a success."

He continues to work for Club Med twice a year and will continue as long as he is able, he said.

And oh, about the computer gaming. He recently started a new online game and in two weeks was ranked 2900 among the 300,000 playing the game. Those kids out there don't know a 67-year-old geezer is taking them to the cleaners.

How to grow your games? Take the survey, then discuss

Task force seeks feedback; Eugene meeting planned

By Rich Carle
The Trumpet

One of ACBL's most important priorities is growth, in membership and in tables played per year.

That is also important for club owners, managers and teachers who are on the front lines dealing with their enterprises in the face of cost pressures and changing demographics.

It's clear that growth is necessary if club games are to continue to be viable, and for tournaments to reverse declines in attendance.

Accordingly, two committees have been established to address the issue. Kevin Lane is leading the Club Task Force for the Board of Directors and Steve Moese chairs the Board of Governors' Teacher & Club Manager Committee. Both are collaborating with board representatives and management to engage teachers and club managers to get

the best ideas for implementing growth strategies at the local level. The goal is to increase membership, game attendance, and class sizes by 20%.

Open, candid and comprehensive feedback is sought from the stakeholders through a questionnaire via an online survey. If you have received an email inviting you to participate in the survey, please do so. You are encouraged to forward the survey link to others for input.

In addition, we are planning roundtable discussions of this subject at the Eugene Regional in August. D20 President Sam Asai is organizing a get-together between sessions for unit and club officials on Thursday, Aug. 3. A Saturday breakfast for bridge teachers will be arranged by Education Coordinator Deborah Lackey.

We value your feedback and want to learn from you what District 20 can do to help grow club game participation and recruit new members.

Rich Carle is a member of the BOG Teacher & Club Manager Committee. He can be reached at acbl20@hotmail.com.

Regionals

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When we bid farewell to summertime on Oct. 2, it once again will be time for everyone's favorite District 20 regional on the Oregon coast in Seaside. We love the games and the hospitality.

There will be ice cream on Monday night, clam chowder on Wednesday, and hot dogs and beer on Friday night, all complimentary. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

Between sessions, you can enjoy a walk on the beach, great seafood or shopping.

With the conclusion of the Oregon Coast Regional on Oct. 8, I will be resigning as your tournament manager. It has been a fun, exciting and challenging two-year adventure. You have made me feel valued and appreciated. I have thoroughly enjoyed managing these district events and it has been a rewarding experience in so many ways. I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to help make a small contribution to this game that we all love so much.

I look forward to seeing you in Eugene and Seaside. Enjoy the games.

Tournament manager Judy Davis can be reached at judydavis@comcast.net.

Asai: New area rep needed for Calif. units; TM search is on

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host a meet and greet reception for unit presidents and club owners on Aug. 3 between sessions.

The intent of the reception is to have an informal discussion of any issues that units wish to discuss. The Seaside regional will host a similar event.

Area 2 Rep. **Larry Crumb** (Redding, Eureka, Chico, Yuba City, Nevada City) has resigned his position due to health reasons. Larry has served as tournament coordinator and vice president during his tenure on the D20 board and will continue to be tournament coordinator. I want to thank him for his dedicated service to our district and wish him better health, hoping to see him at our tournaments soon.

If anyone is interested in the area rep position, please contact me or **Marie Ashton**, business manager.

The search for a replacement for our tournament manager, **Judy Davis**, is ongoing. We have two resumes at present and the search period is still open. I thank Judy for the excellent job she has done. I expect our search committee to have a candidate by the time of the Eugene board meeting.

The Eugene regional July 31 to Aug. 6 will feature a seminar by Barbara Seagram. There is still time to sign up. Please contact **Deborah Lackey**, education liaison for our district, for more information.

Mike Eyer

After finishing his undergrad degree and joining the Air Force, Mike Eyer was introduced to bridge in the mid '70s under the warm, caring tutelage of the Klamath Falls group.

Since those were the dinosaur days before hand records, he was in awe that people could remember hands all the while enjoying beverages at the Winema Hotel.

Michael traveled for a living, keeping the Northwest safe from chemical leaks, explosions and radioactive materials. He had the privilege of playing at games everywhere, even the food stand at the drive-in theater in Mount Vernon, Wash., while the movie was being shown.

Mike has served the Portland unit and D20 in almost every capacity: two terms as unit president, sectional and regional tournament manager, treasurer for the last Portland national (31 years ago, really?), national board of governors, first alternate district director and is currently both the district recorder and area rep. Mike is on both the national charity and goodwill committees. One of his favorite activities is teaching at the regional intermediate/newcomer breakouts.



Mike Eyer

Judy Mundt

The new representative for Area 7 (Bend, Klamath Falls, Jackson County and Grants Pass) is Judy Mundt of the Cascade Bridge Club in Bend. Judy and her husband Ron started playing duplicate in 2009 and since then have been avid players and tournament goers. They are hoping to attain Silver Life Master rank by the end of next year.

As a relatively new player, Judy recognizes the importance of promoting the game and attracting new players. The addition by Judy Davidson of the Ace of Hearts game in Bend several years ago offers a 299er game on Tuesday and has had as many as 10 tables.

Clubs within Area 7 have worked to offer venues for the newer players and lessons are offered by a number of clubs for both new and experienced players as an ongoing promotion of duplicate bridge.

Visitors to the Bend area are welcomed and encouraged to play in these games. Any questions or comments can be sent to Judy at jandrmundt@aol.com.



Judy Mundt

District president Sam Asai can be reached at samuel.p.asai@gmail.com.

Vilhauer: Meeting location, cost of board travel weighed

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I believe we can shorten the board meetings by taking care of more items with conference calls before the meeting. I am hoping a better solution can be found — save money but allow the board of directors to play Friday and Saturday at the NABCs.

CEO search

The ACBL is in search of a new CEO. Robert Hartman submitted his resignation in January.

A search committee was appointed with Jay Whipple from District 9 (Florida) as chairman. The committee is made up of five board members and two outside business people. The board hopes to have someone in place by the board meeting in Toronto.

Other business

The board of governors asked the board of directors to reconsider the motion to provide the third and fourth place finishers in the NAP with \$200 and \$100 subsidies, respectively. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made not to hold the fall board meeting at the NABC but instead at headquarters in Horn Lake. Some board members feel this would be good as it would save money and have the board see the headquarters in action. I voted against this motion, which failed. I think it sends a message to the fall NABC hosts that the board should not attend. I feel the board members are ambassadors to tournaments. District 20 is having an NABC in Hawaii in fall 2018 and we would like everyone to attend.

Masterpoint awards for regional events at NABC will increase by about 15%. This

is an effort to reward players for attending NABC events, which have been on the decline the past few years.

Another change: Club games with more than one section may issue overall awards.

District news

The district is hosting an NABC in Honolulu in November 2018. Be sure and make your plans early for Hawaii. The district will be running charity games at local clubs to support the tournament.

We have two more regional tournaments in District 20 in 2017 — Eugene in August and Seaside in early 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.

The Oregon Coast Regional

at Seaside

SCHEDULE

MONDAY October 2

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

TUESDAY October 3

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

WEDNESDAY October 4

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

THURSDAY October 5

9 a.m. Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5)
9 a.m. ♦ 299er Stratified Pairs (1 session)
1 p.m. Lewis and Clark Bracketed KOs
(winners continue at 7; and at 1 & 7 on Friday)
1 & 7 p.m. Three Strat Open Pairs (2 sessions)
1 & 7 p.m. ♦ **Chinook Gold Pairs** (2 sessions)

(Thursday continues - see next column)

THURSDAY October 5 (continued)

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

FRIDAY October 6

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

SATURDAY October 7

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

SUNDAY October 8

10 a.m. & TBA Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & TBA *Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams
10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Stratified Fast Pairs
(All 2-session events)
*Lowest brackets will include 299er and 0-750 teams. Gold points in every bracket!

October 2-8, 2017

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INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER PROGRAMS

- ♦ Saturday prize games.
- ♦ Between session party.
- ♦ Tips for Tops: Daily speakers 6:15 pm.
- ♦ Mini-Classes: Wed. - Sat. 12 - 12:30 pm.
- ♦ Morning 299er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 299er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Evening 299er Pairs Mon. - Sat.
- ♦ Afternoon 99er Pairs Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Gold Pairs daily Tues. - Sat.
- ♦ Gold point opportunity on Sunday in the lower brackets of the 2-session Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams .
- ♦ Prize beads.

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STRATIFICATIONS

Three Strat Open Pairs: Open/2000/1250

♦ **Gold Pairs:** 750/300/200

Stratified Events:

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

♦ **299er Events:**

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

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

Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss Teams:

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

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams:

0-2000; teams play in groups of 7-9 by MP

range; gold points in each bracket; (20 VP).

SCHEDULE NOTES

- Eligibility for flighted events based on top player's MP total. Thereafter, strats determined by average of pair or team.
 - Midchart conventions allowed in stand alone Flight A/AX events and top bracket of KOs (except Compact). Midchart defenses to opponents' 1NT openings are allowed in all events.
 - One bracket KO may be handicapped.
 - Play 2 times in side game series to qualify for overall gold points.
 - ♦ Indicates Intermediate/Newcomer events.
- TABLE FEES:** ACBL members \$12; non and unpaid ACBL members \$16; under age 26, \$5.

AROUND THE UNITS



Boise



By Ian Martindale

boisebridge.club

199ers boost Boise sectional

We regretfully announce that **Earl Chandler** has passed away at the age of 94. Earl was always a gentleman. He is survived by his wife Kay, residing in Maui.

Please note that the spring Trumpet calendar listing for the Boise Fall Sectional had the wrong dates, The correct dates are Sept. 8-10. We hope District 20 will arrive in force.

A notable feature of our unit membership (and the ACBL as a whole) is that the majority of players have less than 200 masterpoints, so the challenge for the unit board is to reach out to those members and enhance their participation. We hold a separate under-200 section at tournaments and unit games for their benefit, and they responded in numbers for the Sweetheart Sectional in February. It was the most successful tournament we have had for some years and we are grateful for the efforts of **Sue Uranga** and **Linda Lau**, and membership chair **Tim Kempf**.

The Longest Day

We have started planning for The Longest Day with **Nancy Feldman** leading the way. We plan to reach out to non-duplicate groups, of which there are many in Boise, to join in the charitable effort.



Nancy Feldman

The unit board and the Bridge Cooperative have jointly promoted lessons for beginning players taught by **Duane Christensen**, assisted by **Leslie Muir** and **Nancy Feldman**. We anticipate that the new players will soon become regulars.



After freezing during the winter, the Snake River in Ontario reached flood stage during spring.

Climate issues batter Ontario



Ontario



By Inge Dickerson

This was the winter of our discontent. Malheur and Payette counties, where most of our bridge players live, have experienced a tremendous disaster. Hundreds of structures collapsed from snow and ice loads, and several of our players have experienced destruction of buildings and produce.

There was also great loss of life to the antelope and elk herds, who could not break through the ice-covered meadows for feed. The Snake River, which had been frozen over, has been above flood stage since mid-February, and because of the huge snow loads in the mountains, it is estimated that the condition will continue well into June.

Our players showed exceptional fortitude just getting to the Elks in Ontario for a game of bridge, and those unable to drive were given rides. Miraculously, there was little reduction in player numbers.

Our annual sectional tournament kicked off this year on St. Patrick's Day. We tried a new venue and played at the



Inge Dickerson and Beth McDaniel were the top pair from District 20 in the ACBL-wide Senior Game.

Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, which was a huge success. Most of our snowbirds returned from Arizona just in time, and there were more tables in play than ever before.

Our 299er events were especially well attended. We received many positive comments about the building and its museum for Native American and Japanese artifacts. As always, our ladies outdid themselves in providing delicious morsels to keep up our strength.

On March 27, **Beth McDaniel** and **Ingeborg Dickerson** were the top pair from District 20 in the ACBL-wide Senior Game with a score of 70.24%.



Nampa/Caldwell



By Marilyn Tripple

Time marches on

I am getting concerned that we need to be training and recruiting younger players into our midst.

I don't know about all the other units reporting to this publication, but it is a totally rare occurrence for our club to see anyone under the age of 60 playing in our regular games. I am a member of a duplicate group which plays the third Wednesday of every month at a local country club. Our group consists of 12 members, and at 80, I am the youngest!

So, if you'll indulge me for a few minutes, I'd like to take a little trip down memory lane, clear back to August 2009, and share a photo of some our current and past bridge players in the Nampa-Caldwell unit. Starting with those standing in the photo, taken at the Caldwell



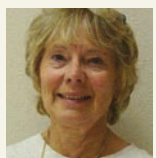
Morey, Giardina, Faylor, Gabiola, Lucas; (seated) Tripple, Simpson. Three of them have died since 2009.

Elks Lodge, are **Joy Morey**, Doris Giardina (deceased), **Peggy Faylor**, **Mary Gabiola**, Norma Lucas (deceased); seated, **Marilyn Tripple**, and Ernestine Simpson (deceased). What fond memories we have of our dear departed friends, and what a great addition they were to our bridge games.

We have some bragging to do for some of our Nampa-Caldwell members, plus some Ontario and Boise friends who share their talents with us on Mondays. Our club member and former president, **Peggy Faylor**, together with partner **Roy Youngblood** of Ontario, placed eighth overall in the ACBL-wide International Fund Game, scoring 66.96%. Wheee! I can barely count that high! That placed them as the top scorers in District 20!

Also, congratulations to new Sapphire Life Master **Dolores Echanis** of Ontario, and new Gold Life Master **Sandy Watson** of Boise.

The Dalles club's historic venue gets improved



Mid-Columbia



By Peyt Turner

The Dalles games have had five venues of play over the years. Our bridge home of the past 15 years is Old St. Peter's Landmark, the former St. Peter's Catholic Church, where some unchurch-like words have been said on Mondays and Wednesdays. Built in 1897, it is a registered historic place.

The church has a 176-foot steeple, a 6-foot rooster weather vane that has never needed repair, 34 unique stained-glass windows and its original, still-working organ. There's also a statue of the Virgin Mary that was carved from the keel of a large vessel that sank in the San Francisco Bay and was purchased by the family of those on that ship who survived.

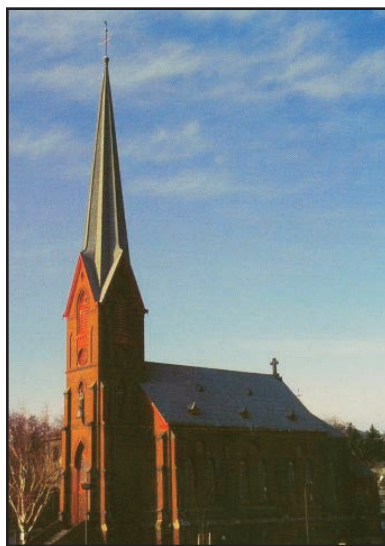
In 1971 the church was deemed too small for the congregation and many aging members could not get up the stairs. After a new church was built, the old one was slated for demolition. Dr. Paul Volt of The Dalles was instrumental in fundraising and community efforts that resulted in its preservation.

The coverings for the basement floor were various cheap carpets that had been

difficult to keep clean. A source of funds was found to replace the carpeting with a wooden floor. **Anne Bialous** offered her home as a temporary venue while the floor was installed, so that we wouldn't miss any games. Our games there in early April were enhanced by an almost distracting view of the Columbia River, The Dalles dam, and some commercial activities along the riverfront.

The fact that the bridge club finally found a home in the church came about due to Bialous, who, coincidentally, is the daughter of Dr. Paul Volt, who helped save the church from demolition. There were various restrictions on the use for the church since it is a historical building, and some other groups seeking to use the basement have been turned away, but she was able to facilitate the approval for its use as a venue for bridge.

Most of us were not aware of her family's involvement in rescuing the church, which has allowed it to remain as a venue for concerts and weddings. Incidentally,



Old St. Peter's Landmark serves as home to The Dalles Bridge Club.

Anne has not just a father and brother named Paul, but also a husband, whom she married at Old St. Peter's.

Updates on members

Jim Heitkemper traveled to Walla Walla in March to attend the Spring Fling Sectional. The director found Jim three different partners, and he found some success at Swiss teams with a woman from Spokane as the captain.

Marylee Webber, **Lynn Rosen**, **Norma Clark** and **Janet Meader** went to the Portland

sectional, all bringing home points.

Ann Dollarhide is about ready to come back to bridge following therapy after her minor stroke. **Dick Miller** is having issues with his leg, awaiting word from doctors. **Janet Meader's** knee surgery hadn't been what was hoped for, so she got a stem cell treatment that should get better results.

Results

Unit Game, Feb. 12 — 1: Marylee Webber — Lynn Rosen, 2: Darlene Kemper — Gary Cotter, 3: Elaine Rife — Peggy Oberst.
Unit Game, March 15 — 1: Fay Lemuel — Norma Clark, 2: Alyce Dunn — Jim Heitkemper, 3: Darlene Kemper — Gary Cotter.

Yuba City

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some silver points. **Danny O'Brooklyn** led the local contingent with 14.27 points, thanks to a first-place finish on Saturday. **Mary Mayfield**, **Carol Nelson**, **Johnnie Houser** and **Pat Pommerenck** also earned points there. **Mary** also bid and made her first 7NT contract, a contract no one else in the room found on that hand.

Results

Club Championship, Jan. 23 — 1A: Tom Frye — Michel Leduc, 2A/1B: Ramon Lopez — Jerry Fishell, 3A/2B: Don Johnson — Rick Shipley, 3B: Fred Till — Bruce Boley.
Club Championship, Feb. 9 — 1A: Tom Frye — Pat Pommerenck, 2A/1B/1C: Rick Shipley — Lyn Clark, 3A/2B: Don Johnson — Michel Leduc, 2C: Mary Mayfield — Ramon Lopez.
Junior Fund Game, March 2 — 1A: Tom Frye — Mary Mayfield, 2A/1B: Pat Pommerenck — Johnnie Houser, 3A/2B/1C: Ramon Lopez — Alan Ludwig.
Local Charity Game, March 20 — 1A: Tom Frye — Ramon Lopez, 2A: Don Johnson — Rick Shipley, 3A/1B/1C: Don & Lois Hay, 2B/2C: Lyn Clark — Carol Nelson.
Membership Game, March 23 — 1A/1B: Tom Frye — Rick Shipley, 2A: Mary Mayfield — Danny O'Brooklyn, 3A: Jack Woodard — Carol Huston, 2B/1C: Ramon Lopez — Jerry Fishell.
ACBL Senior Game, March 27 — 1A: Don Johnson — Rick Shipley, 2A: Pat Zieger — Tom Frye, 1B: Norma & Rich Hayes, 2B: Carol Nelson — Johnnie Houser.

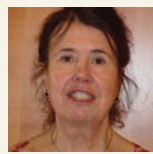
AROUND THE UNITS

Eureka players conquer Chico, steal the silver

I am sorry to have to report that we suffered a loss in the demise of **Lonnie Songy**. She was a great supporter of our club, for years phoning members to see who could play and arranging partners. In addition, she volunteered for many charities, including Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Tail Waggers. In short, she was a kindly, warm-hearted person, who will be missed.

We had a memorial game in her honor on March 27, sponsored by **David and Linda Oliver**. It was well attended and raised money for her charities. It included a multi-course banquet catered by **Sharon Hebert and Mark Phelps**.

Many of our club members have been traveling and beating the opposition elsewhere. At the Chico Sectional, **Steve Sell-**



Eureka



By Frederica Aalto

www.acbdld20.org/unit458

ers and his partner **Garth Gregory** were the top two masterpoint winners with 19.31 points; **Suzanne Cook** and **David Wilmington** grabbed tied for third with 16.94; and **Leslie Reynolds** and **Jane Horgan** were seventh with 9.85. In addition, **Phil Frankel** and **Sandra Brown** headed north to Medford and came in third. Our club may be small, but it is mighty!

Speaking of tournaments, this is an early notification of the date of our sectional: Sept. 8-10. By then, you'll be long-



Phil Frankel, Suzanne Cook, Sandra Brown and David Wilmington have done well in recent sectionals.

ing for the cool of the coast and a dose of mountains and redwoods. Come enjoy our famous food and hospitality and give our players a challenge.



Redding



By Joan Sullens

www.bridgescore.com/redding

Bringing bridge to the hospital

Every Tuesday, for the past year, several of our Redding players have journeyed out to the Veterans' Hospital to play bridge with one of the disabled vets. **Bud Hamilton** met this veteran while visiting there and found he loved bridge but had nobody to play with.

Bud asked for volunteers. Now a different threesome makes the trip each Tuesday, and it's so appreciated. Kudos to all volunteers, whether it be to teach, assist, play or drive.

Another new addition to the Gold Life Master circle is **Gene Biek!** Congratulations are definitely in order. Gene hasn't gone the tournament route for many years. His points have been earned primarily at the club level, a real accomplishment.

Results

Club Championship, Redding Monday Club — N/S, 1A: Jeanne Carpenter — Diane Prettyman; 2A: July Ratley — Bob Wierman; 3A/1B: Cindy Huntington — Jan Williams; 2B: Ken Murray — Carole Schmitz; 3B: Bud Hamilton — Hilary Prince, 1C: Mary Brim — Pat Denniston, 2C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Moseman. E/W, 1A: Wilhelmina White — Marv Grudem; 2A/1B: Mike Hollins — Dolores Mackey; 3A: Pat Ashton — Joan Sullens; 2B: Dorothy Hoots — Sue McKown; 3B: Jerry Clark — Shorty Armstrong; 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen; 2C: Wendell Enders — Janet Druckenmiller. Restricted, 1D: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson; 2D: Mary Lou Schmidt — Arlene Jensen; 3D: Joe Willardson — Ron Ramsey.

Club Championship, Redding Thursday Club — 1A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 2A: Gene Biek — Gail Lonnberg; 3A: Jim Norton — Joan Sullens; 1B: Sue McKown — Dorothy Hoots; 2B: Pat Ashton — Gerri Wolfe; 3B: Jim & Faye Hickenbottom

Junior Fund Game, Redding Monday Club — 1A: Carole Schmitz — Marv Grudem; 2A/1B: Jim & Carol Reed; 3A: Florence Hungerford — Joan Corbeau; 2B/1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen; 3B: Bud Hamilton — Wilhelmina White; 2C: Pen Boehm — Dave Klasson. Restricted, N/S, 1D: Barbara Hopson — Bill Kurz; 2D: Margaret Hughes — Johnny Brazo; 3D: June Naegli — Katherine Clowdus. E/W, 1D: Sharon Dent — Carolyn Chandler; 2D: Kathie Callahan — Ron Linebarger; 3D: Roger Decker — Frances Roberts.

Membership Game, Redding Thursday Club — 1A: Gail Lonnberg — Florence Hungerford; 2A/1B: Mike Hollins — George Clarke; 3A: Pat Ashton — Joanne Weilbrenner; 2B: Barbara Hopson — Bud Hamilton; 3B: Pat Maddox — JoAnn Perkins.

Unit Game, January — 1A/1B: Jeff Speer — Joan Sullens; 2A/2B: Jim & Carol Reed; 3A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 3B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey.

GNT Qualifier, Redding Thursday Club — 1A/1B: Carol Nelson — Jim Norton — Joanne Weilbrenner — Pat Ashton; 2-3A: Carol Schmitz — Wilhelmina White — Marv Grudem — Jerry Clark, 2-3A/2B: Jeff & Kim Speer — David Klassen — Joe Willardson; 3B: Marilyn Avey — Ken Murray — Terry Dell — Joan Corbeau.

Membership Game, Redding Monday Club — 1-2A/B: Bud Hamilton — Wilhelmina White, George Clarke — Mike Hollins; 3A: Jeanne Carpenter — Joan Sullens; 1C: Vicki Pugh — Peg Sorensen; 2C: Dave Klasson — Pen Boehm.

InterClub Championship, Redding Monday Club — N/S, 1A/1B: Jan Williams — Pat Ashton; 2A: Judy Hotchkin — Florence Hungerford; 3A/2B/1C: Peg Moseman — Vicki Pugh; 3B: Marlene Lamoreaux — Jan Joiner. E/W, 1A: Bob Wierman — July Ratley; 2A: Gail Lonnberg — Carol Nelson; 3A/1B: Gerri Wolfe — George Clarke; 2B: Jerry Clark — Pen Boehm; 3B: Sue McKown — Joann Jensen; 1C: Keld & Jeanne Sorensen. Restricted, N/S, 1D: Therese Johnsen — Rosdalie Langston; 2D: Joe Willardson — Ron Ramsey; 3D: Arlene Jensen — Margaret Hughes. E/W, 1D: Jackie McCall — Elsa Zoll; 2D: Carolyn Chandler — Sharon Dent; 3D: Bill Kurz — Barbara Hopson.

Awards Day Unit Game — 1A/1B: Ken Murray — Dolores Mackey; 2A/2B: Carole Schmitz — Wilhelmina White; 3A: Florence Hungerford — Judy Hotchkin; 3B: Jan Joiner — Marlene Lamoreaux; 1C: Jeff & Kim Speer; 2C: Gerri Wolfe — Joann Jensen.

Senior Game, Redding Club — 1A/1B: Wilhelmina White — Bud Hamilton; 2A/2B: Mike Hollins — George Clarke; 3A: Gene Biek — Judy Hotchkin; 3B: Gerri Wolfe — Pat Ashton; 1C: Pen Boehm — Dave Klasson; 2C: Jeff & Kim Speer; 3C: Mickey Thomas — Vicki Pugh. Restricted, 1D: Sharon Dent — Carolyn Chandler; 2D: Elsa Zoll — Jackie McCall; 3D: Therese Johnsen — Rosalie Langston; 2E: Aloma & Ray Butler; 3E: Frances Roberts — Roger Decker.

Reschedule revives unit game; annual party will honor Mo

The unit was saddened in February by the loss of **Dr. Mohamed (Mo) Shagrun**, who was featured in this column just a few months ago. His interment at the Muslim cemetery in Live Oak was followed by a 40-day period of mourning as prescribed by Islamic law.

As a measure of the esteem in which he was held by the academic community in his native Libya, the university in Tripoli renamed its main auditorium in his honor and published a booklet detailing his contributions to education.



Mohamed Shagrun

Likewise motivated by the desire to commemorate this special friend, the unit board has voted to rename its annual Summer Bridge

Bash in his honor, awarding prizes to the winners in each stratification level.

Meanwhile, we play on, swapping anecdotes and quoting various "Mohamedisms." My personal favorite was his tongue-in-cheek compliment to a partner (me) who had just lucked into a top board: "Not even I could have played it better!" Flattering, but almost never true.

Unit games: Throw the switch, Igor

In the immortal words of Victor Frankenstein, "It's alive. It's alive!" The once moribund monthly unit game in Chico has been revived — not by lighting, but by the simple expedient of rescheduling from a Sunday to a Friday.

In the ensuing three months, attendance has nearly tripled, from a nadir of three or four tables, to an average of nine. Beneficiaries of this shift are listed in the results below.



Chico



By Doug Jones

Sectional: More chairs than pairs

Traditionally, the annual Almond Blossom Sectional is held at the Eagles Hall in Chico in March. And so it was this year, although we probably could have made do in a space the size of the Giants' bullpen.

Despite a modest turnout, however, those who did show up were treated to a great tournament, with a sumptuous hospitality table worthy of a cruise liner and plenty of parking spaces.

When the smoke had cleared, top matchpoint honors went to **Garth Gregory** and **Steve Sellers**, with 19.71. Newcomers **Gale Alvistur** and **Alan Ludwig** also had notable results. Special appreciation goes to the stage crew: **Alvistur, Sherri Faroky** and **Mark Bloom**.

Finally, unit members took their show on the road at the Redding Sectional in April. **Jack Woodard** and **Danny O'Brooklyn** swept to victory in the Grass Roots Pairs on Saturday while **Gale Alvistur** and **Sherri Faroky** finished first in B and C in the Friday morning open pairs.

Results

Unit Game, Jan. 20 — 1A: Carol Huston — Mark Bloom, 2A: Peggy & Larry Skinner, 1B/3A: Jenni Boles — Dennis Deromedi, 1C: Gale Alvistur — Sherri Faroky.

Unit Game, Feb. 17 — 1A: Jack Woodard — Danny O'Brooklyn, 2A: Chuck Hodel — Carol Myers, 1B/3A: Fay Frazier — Sharon McNutt, 1C: Phil Lind — Bob Gordon.

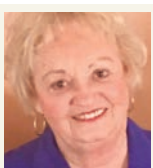
Unit Game, March 14 — 1A/1B: Jack Woodard — Sherri Faroky, 2A/2B: Jenni Boles — Jan Keller, 1C: Sally Smith — Maria Martin.

Volunteers step up in club manager's absence

We have been sorely tested, I think we are moving forward. **Dottie Ellis's** accident has been an awakening for all of us. Bridge is a learning experience and so is running a club. Many players stepped up to the task in Dottie's absence.

Jack Grasham, with the help of his wife, **Debbie**, has kept the club running. Setting up tables and chairs, shuffling and preparing the boards, and providing the snacks and drinks include **Kirk Roberts, Claudia Kemper, Ned Flaxington** and **Ron Smith**. **Al Wilson** has been directing games. What a team!

We appreciate the players coming from other cities and states to make it all work.



Brookings Tri-City Bridge Club



By Betty McCormick

Among them are **Doc** and **Judy Faulstick**, **Pat Pedrick**, **Larry Kruse**, **Pat and Susan O'Neil**, **Pat Werlich**, **Jean Whitman**, **Virginia Aghevil**, and **Gary Stromberg**.

We also have some fairly new members to our club: **Valerie Albi** and **Steve Carter**. One of our favorites, **Ryan Porter**, moved back to Portland.

The team of **Kirk Roberts** and **Ruby**

Bryson (she is 92), often lead the pack. They have had two games over 70%.

Other outstanding players include **Al** and **Genieve Wilson**, **Claudia Kemper**, **Ned Flaxington**, **Bill Waddle**, **George Kuppler**, **Dee** and **Warren Glaze**, **Pat** and **Susan O'Neil** and **Jack** and **Debbie Grasham**. They all often have games over 60%.

We are in the planning stages for setting up lessons for new players and for those who would like to return to the world of bridge. If you have any suggestions for us we would welcome them.

Three new directors just passed the test in our club. They are **Jack Grasham**, **Kirk Roberts** and **George Kuppler**.

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I/N guide designed to demystify tournaments

An idea that **Gee Gee Walker** first saw at the Vancouver tournament was tweaked and expanded for the recent Medford Regional — a comprehensive tournament guide for intermediate and newcomer players.

“Big tournaments can be a bit intimidating for the newer player,” said Walker, president of Unit 484, host unit for the Medford regional. “So we developed a guide just for the I/N crowd.”

Folders stuffed with information about the various events, strategies, a fat-free convention card, and a special welcome from I/N coordinator Margi Redden were offered to all I/N players.

Also included in the folders were ACBL pamphlets, a personalized “My Schedule” chart with space to list partners for events, a list of FAQs, a beginner’s guide to knock-outs, a list of special events for I/N players at the regional, and information about masterpoints and player rankings.

The goal was to provide a road map that would help I/N players navigate a bigger tournament and encourage more tournament participation.

“We wanted to take some of the mystery out of it and make it a more pleasant experience,” Walker said.

Summer Sectional set for July 21-23

The Southern Oregon “Big Splash” Summer Sectional will be held July 21–23 at the Dan Voorhies Bridge Center in Phoenix, just south of Medford.

It’s the sweet spot in the weather calendar, with temperatures averaging in the mid-80s and no rain on the horizon.

Unit 484 adopted the “daylight” sched-



Jackson County
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By Jim Flint

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ule (10 and 3 start times) for the tournament, leaving evenings open for players to explore and enjoy the area’s amenities. Attractions include the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Britt Music Festival, and dozens of dine-out options.

Players who come a day early or stay an extra day can use the time to check out Rogue Valley and Applegate Valley wineries, do some white water rafting, shop the unique boutiques and malls, or explore hiking and biking trails.

There will be 299er games, stratified open pairs events and Sunday Swiss teams. For complete details, check the ad on page 4.

Gee Gee Walker is tourney chair and in charge of partnerships. You can reach her at 541-292-3474 or at ggwalker@gmail.com. She also can help find teammates for the Sunday Swiss.

New director debuts

While director and player **Sharon Fauss** recovers from surgery, bridge center owner **Leah McKechnie** put out a call for new directors to serve as backup. **Dennis Kendig**, who had already taken the director’s course, stepped up.

Directing his first game April 14, Kendig called on his experience as a soccer referee in Southern California to have a little fun with the crowd. The retired attorney

used his referee’s whistle and announced he was pulling a yellow card for first offenses and a red card for second calls. He got the laugh he was looking for.

Beginner lessons boost attendance

Unit 484 is starting to see a payoff from bridge classes for beginners taught by **Gee Gee Walker**.

The Friday noon club, directed by **Leah McKechnie**, now has a 199er game running simultaneously with the open game. On most Fridays, there are 10-13 open tables and three to four 199er tables.

Bob Fox’s Monday noon club also is seeing some of those players in the I/N game run simultaneously with the open pairs, with the same or even higher turnout.

Big game: Phil Thurston and Bob Valine scored 70.7% March 20 in a 13-table game.

Rogue Valley Spring Sectional results

Friday morning open pairs — 1: Phillip Frankel – Sandra Brown; 2: David McKee – Robert Serrett; 3: Kemble Yates – Bob Valine.

Friday morning 299er pairs — 1: Sheila Daniel – Miriam Wallace; 2: Sharla Coon – Yvette Orme.

Friday afternoon open pairs — 1: Mark Matson – Addie Greene; 2: John Cowles – David McKee; 3: Ted Marconi – Michael Pavlik.

Saturday morning 299er pairs — 1: Kathleen Moore – Kay Bain; 2: Everett Anderson – Gwen Mitchell; 3: Robert & Jill Wolcott.

Saturday open pairs — 1: Bob Fox – Richard Brumund; 2: Kemble Yates – Scott Foster; 3: Jon Neimand – Jim Lopes. 4: Ted Marconi – Charles Harrison Jr.

Sunday Swiss teams — 1: Mark Jernigan – James Flint – James Smith – Al Wilson; 2: Scott Foster – Kemble Yates – Jim Lopes – John Retzlaff – Terry Ansnis; 3: Keith Thorp – Dale Taylor – Jon Neimand – Marie Houck; 4: Noreen Tibbet – Dennis Dunn – Phillip Frankel – Sandra Brown.



Bend/Redmond
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By Dianne Maffia

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Farewell fete for departing belle

Summertime is here and Mother Nature is dressing herself in a magnificent array of colors as usual, but this year she has a special treat in store for Central Oregon. For the first time in 26 years, the area will experience a total solar eclipse on Aug. 21. It will be a sight to behold and all the cities in the path of the eclipse will be overrun with eclipse chasers.

When the furor of the eclipse is over, the excitement continues the following weekend with the High Desert Sectional Aug. 25–27. The tournament will be held at the Bend Senior Center, 1600 Reed Market Road. All of our tournament committees are working diligently to make this weekend extra special, and remember that you may win one of our famous gift baskets!

We bridge players thrive on the competition of tournament play, but recognize the need to relax between sessions. So, when you come to our tournament this year feel free to take advantage of the many things Bend has to offer, such as the river trails for walking and biking, local breweries and wineries, and restaurants for casual or fine dining.



Bea Harder and Kitty Thompson

On a different note, let me introduce you to a delightful pair of Southern belles. **Bea Harder** from South Carolina and **Kitty Thompson** from West Virginia met at the Redmond Bridge Club 10 years ago when they were just learning the game. The ladies immediately became fast friends. They both exude true southern charm. They are kind and generous, soft spoken, and always make you feel welcome. They play a simple game but with their intrinsic compatibility they can be deadly opponents.

Bea and Kitty have traveled together to tournaments in Seaside, Vancouver, Portland and Reno, and when sharing quarters with other bridge players kept everyone entertained in the evenings with their wonderful storytelling.

The Redmond club recently held a farewell party for Bea who will be moving to Portland to be closer to her children. Everyone is sad to see her leave Bend, but we all are hoping she will be coming back to play in our sectional in August, and Kitty has told her she already has a place for her to stay

Results

Cascade Club

Unit Championship, January — 1: Larry & Laura Smith, 2: Connie Fox – Joy Jones.

Unit Championship, February — 1: Richard Gettman – Frank Larson, 2: Donald Crozier – Dorothy Tokerud.

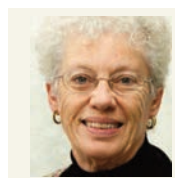
Unit Championship, March — 1: Berta & Chip Cleveland, 2: Patty Massler – Roger Nootenboom.

Redmond Club

Unit Championship, January — 1: Birgit Ball-Eisner – Stephanie Whitcome, 2: Jim Hurlburt – Rosemary Segall.

Unit Championship, February — 1: Frank Larson – Larry Smith, 2: Lois Bihary – Patty Massler

Unit Championship, March — 1: Lael Cooksley – Nancy Serne, 2: Jean Finch – Dianne Maffia.



Grants Pass
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By Nancy Hitchcock

Even though spring had returned to District 20, several Grants Pass Club members already are penciling in the possibility of returning in January to Mazatlan, Mexico, for daily afternoon bridge games at the historic Playa Mazatlan Hotel, right on the beach.

For many years, the Mazatlan Bridge Club hosted Bridge Quest, a two-week club event, and in 2017 they instituted their first sectional tournament. **Jim and Nancy Hitchcock** and **Sandee Rose** attended the well-organized tournament, which attracted a number of Canadian and American snowbirds wintering in Mexico.

The 2018 Mazatlan Sectional is scheduled for Jan. 18–21, and the local club will host daily games the week before and



Mazatlan hosted its first sectional in January.

after the tournament.

Buz Trevor, tournament director, has good things to say about the venue.

“Mazatlan is a city with a vibrant cultural life and a wide variety of affordable restaurants,” Trevor said. “It is an easy city to travel around safely, and there are a number of day trips that can be arranged for those who wish to extend their stay either side of the tournament.”

Classes continue

On the home front, Grants Pass continues to grow its membership. Our spring Sunday afternoon 10-session class, Bridge Basics, concluded in mid-April, with weekly attendance of 14–18 people. Our summer class is Common Conventions, which introduces several conventions and reviews basic bidding.

Both beginning and returning students enjoy our twice monthly early Thursday evening games, called Bridge Express. Students meet at 5:30, have a light meal, and

play an unsanctioned duplicate-style game, with opportunities to discuss and ask questions.

They are out by 8:30, having played about 20 boards. Some students have developed partnerships here for moving on to a sanctioned novice game. Pro-Am games scheduled every other month provide additional opportunities for new players to learn from more experienced mentors.

racked up by Griffith and **Bobby Thompson** in March. The pair of Libras scored a hot 74.4%.

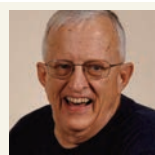
Results

Club Championship, Feb. 2 (3.5 tables) — 1A/1B/1C: Reid Sherwin – Ethel Rust; 2A: Carol McClure – Bobby Thompson; 3A/2B: Patsy Florence – Patti Collom.

Unit Game, Feb. 12 (5 tables) — 1A: Carol McClure – Laila Griffith; 2A: Ed McClure – Bobby Thompson; 3A/1B: Teddy Romtvedt – Reid Sherwin; 2B/1C: Jo Ann Siebecke – Patti Collom; 3B: Dale Taylor – Keith Thorp; 2C: Don Mesner – Marge Narramore.

Unit Game, Mar. 12 (5 tables) — 1A: Randall Paul – Doug Higgs; 2A: Laila Griffith – Carol McClure; 3A/1B/1C: Patti Collom – Jo Ann Siebecke; 2B/2C: John & Judy Woodward; 3B: Teddy Romtvedt – Reid Sherwin.

Unit Game, April 2 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Carol McClure – Laila Griffith; 2A: Randall Paul – Bobby Thompson; 3A: Ed McClure – Doug Higgs; 1B: Don Mesner – Marge Narramore; 2B: Duane Weiss – Bud Wakefield.



Klamath Falls
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By Bobby Thompson

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their tournament. It can be a miserable job but Mrs. Walker kept them happy!

Quarterly top point winners in the club were **Doug Higgs**, Griffith and McClure in the open category while **Dale Taylor**, **Reid Sherwin** and **Patti Collom** topped the NLM group.

The only big game of the quarter was

Klamath Falls sectional canceled

The Klamath Falls Sectional scheduled for June 16–18 has been canceled because accommodations in our area were booked with many other functions in town. The Oregon Institute of Technology graduation, normally a week earlier, is the same weekend our tourney was scheduled and hundreds of rooms were gone in a heartbeat. Our apologies to all players planning to attend.

The Rogue Valley Regional in May was delightful and the variety of things to do besides the good bridge was amazing. Big kudos to Medford’s **Gee Gee Walker** for being a fabulous partnership chair for

AROUND THE UNITS

Rosters online; special accomplishments



Vancouver/ Longview



By Steve Tubbs

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Many volunteer at tournaments

Rumor at this writing has it that spring has sprung, but it remained a distant vision as club members consoled their drowning blues with play at the tables.

The unit played a major role in staffing the partnership desk at the Hilton, host site of the Oregon Trail Regional. Kudos to **Chuck Burns**, partnership desk coordinator, and a host of volunteers who stepped up to the plate to lend a hand: Lynda Hirst, Janie Percy, Kathy Mather, Barbara Pyles, Liz Fullerton, Kent Livingston, Lilla Wallace and Ann Grill. An extra shoutout goes to Pyles for stepping into the fray and playing when no other player stepped forward.

Liz Fullerton pulled off the "move coup," handling the rescheduled non-life master tournament held at the Vancouver club. Our numbers were a bit down, but not the enthusiasm. In the first session on Saturday, some Portland westsiders took first. Club pride was salvaged by **Ben Levy** and **Lilla Wallace**, taking first in their section and third overall.

Cynthia Brogan agreed to be tournament chair for the April Vancouver Sectional. Brogan entered the fray with hopes and expectations that the bridge community would continue to find the Kastel site at the School for the Deaf a warm and welcoming venue.

Darrell Graham is directing our newest game, a Thursday night session for newcomers in the 0-50 range. The inaugural event was well received. It is gratifying that in the March 23 game, no fewer than five of the players had less than 4 points! We've got our fingers crossed for the players and the game.

Rich Carle reports from Longview/Kelso that four members have serious health issues: **Joann Berry**, **Wanda Burness**, **Diane McKinney**, and **Ken Stulgis**.

On a brighter note, Canterbury Park, an upscale independent living facility in Longview, hosted the club March 6. The folks there were very friendly and provided a light lunch and treats. It was a great experience enjoyed by all. The game was an ACBL-wide inter-club championship. **Fr. Jerry Woodman** and **Jill Ferrier** placed third overall in the event.

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Are you one of those who has trouble finding a partner for a game at the last minute? Do you forget or misplace your favorite partner's contact information? If these, or any of a variety of other "couldn't get a hold of you" issues periodically crop up, Unit 487 has the answer for you.

Since April, the unit roster has been available online. It is password protected. An email was sent to all unit members with the password. If you don't use email, just ask anyone who does how to access it. Each month it is updated from ACBL records. If you notice your information is out of date, simply log on to acbld.org and update it, and the change will hit the unit roster the following month. The new roster is at unit487.acbld20.org.

Singing in Spain

It's time to sing the praises of two of the unit's more "vocal" players, **David Muller** and **Roy Wilkinson**. They are members of the Oregon Repertory Singers. A few in the group, Dave included, will perform in Barcelona the first week of July.



David Muller and Roy Wilkinson

Connie Marfell wins WBF event

Connie Marfell won a free entry in the European Women's Pairs Championships this month in Montecatini, Italy, by win-



Portland



By Ron Root

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ning the World Bridge Federation's Spring Women's Festival, an online competition that drew 387 players from 49 countries.

The festival is a seven-day event with six short sessions a day, many of them at odd hours. Events are scattered around the clock so that players all over the world have opportunities to play, but serious players try to play every session, even if it means getting up at 2 and 5 a.m. every day for a week. Marfell will play with Louise Nilsen of Norway, a previous winner of the online event, in Italy.



Connie Marfell

Ethel Birnbach shines

At February's Oregon Trail Regional, **Ethel Birnbach**, one of Unit 487's own, earned more masterpoints than any other District 20 player. Two things make this achievement amazing. First, she was days short of turning 90. Second, she accomplished her feat while playing only seven sessions, whereas most top players did 13. She won a two-session pairs event, the Friday-Saturday KOs, and placed in a third event as well.



Ethel Birnbach celebrates her 90th birthday.

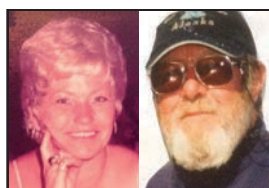
Hal Montgomery, **Jon Bartlett**, **Stu Swan** and **Roger McNay** shared in her success, but despite playing more sessions than Ethel, none could match her points earned. In the old days, this accomplishment would have gotten her name engraved on the Harrison Holmes Trophy. Ethel's regional success wasn't an isolated incident. In September 2016, she won 13 straight home KO matches with various partners.

Betty Rossmann was also winning regional events at age 90. Both were highly successful in college at a time when women received little support. They are raising the bar for over-70 players. We wish them continued success.

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New Thursday director; sectional up slightly

The Valentine's Day party and game at the country club always elicits a surprising number of charming poems. (It helps that poets get a free play.) Here is **Jim Bernard's** poem to his wife.



Cherie and Jim Bernard

To Cherie

We've been together for 64 years
Through lots of laughter and quite a
few tears
But one thing is sure: I married a lass
With a whole lot of class
And come hell or high water,
Our love will last.

New director

We are happy to welcome **Jon Gustafson** as the Thursday director. Jon, a relative newcomer to the coast, is an ex-



Seaside/ Astoria/Ilwaco



By Sue Kroning

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pert player who brings considerable directing and computer experience to the table. Jon's wife, **Barbara**, has joined with **Jayne Swynenburg** to provide the Seaside Club's Friday hospitality, providing delicious goodies and dealing with all the setup and cleanup. Thank you to them and the other ladies who assist them while the guys are busy with the tables and chairs. We are grateful to all of you.

Promotions

Sandra Baker has achieved Silver Life Master rank, and **Beth Kandoll** and **Jan Amend** are new Junior Masters. Our unit continues to maintain healthy growth with 111 members, of whom 13 are Rookies, 19 Junior Masters, 9 Club Masters and 12

Sectional Masters, all ranks below 100 masterpoints.

Welcome to new ACBL member **Betty Huckestein**, and to new player to the area **Billie Juneau**, and a sad farewell to **Daryl Birney**, who passed away in March.

Seaside Sectional

The Seaside Sectional started on a lovely sunny day, a rarity this wet and rainy spring, and was up by five tables over last year, despite the popular Victoria Regional being held at the same time. Particularly gratifying was the turnout of 299er players which enabled us to offer a 99er game.

Top masterpoints winners were **Larry Sullivan**, **Sharon Crapko** and **Jon Gustafson**, all in double figures, while 299er **Vern Fowler**, playing with a pickup partner, earned 5.27 silver points.

It's always fun to play bridge at the coast and we have games every day Monday through Saturday, and once a month a 299er game on a Sunday. Check us out at www.seasidebridge.net.

2017-18 North American Pairs ACBL District 20

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

NAP club qualifying games are held in June, July, and August. Two such games per sanctioned session are permitted: each pay 1/2 Red-1/2 Black masterpoints at sectional rating. Players qualify as individuals and can form new partnerships for the D20 Finals. Check with your club for dates of qualifying games.

District Finals

The District 20 NAP Finals are online Dec. 9-10 at various sites around the district.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Look on the ACBL website for additional details, including the Conditions of Contest, at http://www.acbld20.org/NA_Events/NAP/2017/NAP_info.pdf. Or, contact the district NAP Coordinator Hal Montgomery at dewitt@imaginata.com, phone (503) 583-3717.

NABC Fundraiser Games!

Sept. 18-24, 2017

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

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

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



AROUND THE UNITS

Corvallis club hosts memorial; a 96th birthday



Rain, hail, sleet, snow! — and the members of Unit 477 played on. Despite the despiriting weather throughout January, February and March, only two games were canceled due to particularly treacherous conditions — only two out of over 135 scheduled games at the two bridge centers. There is obviously a cadre of hardy, dedicated and possibly crazy card players in Albany and Corvallis.

The weather was actually fairly decent on Jan. 28 when the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center hosted a memorial service for longtime club member **Frances Hewes**. Frances started taking bridge lessons over a decade ago and became a beloved member of the club. Her bridge instructor at the time, **Mary Alice Seville**, reflects, “I don’t remember exactly when she started taking lessons and playing because she fit right in immediately being part of the group. It seemed like she had always been there.” Because of her enthusiasm for the game and her connection to the club, Frances’ family asked to have the celebration of life at the Corvallis venue. This is



Helga Petkovich, 96, and Walter Dobek

quite a testament to the supportive, familial atmosphere at the HOV Bridge Center.

The Albany/Corvallis Bridge Clubs love to party and February provided another opportunity to celebrate. On Feb. 14, the Tuesday afternoon players feted **Helga Petkovich** on her 96th birthday with cake and cookies. Helga joined the club in the summer of 2015 after she had moved up from Hidden Valley Lake, Calif., to live with her daughter and son-in-law. She had played party bridge for 70 years down there and was not about to give it up. She has adapted to duplicate bridge with ease. As soon as she arrived here, she teamed up with another novice player from Philomath, **Walter Dobek**. They have been partners ever since.

The annual Heart of the Valley Sectional Tournament was held in March at

the Linn County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Albany. As everyone knows, tournament success is dependent on many volunteers. The surprising element to this year’s tournament, however, was the number of newer bridge players who became actively involved. **Janie Peery**, who has been playing only for a little over a year, stepped up to co-chair the event. Other novice players, **Catherine Van Fleet** and **Jackie Grattan**, organized the food. Also impressive was the number of novice players who turned out for the games. While the numbers were down in the open pairs, numbers were considerably up in the 299er division. The participation of our newer players kept the tournament in the black. Kudos to them!

Jackie and Catherine were back in action for the annual Salem Challenge, a friendly rivalry between Unit 477 and Unit 490, at HOV Bridge Center on April 9. The two women were responsible for organizing and setting up the scrumptious display of potluck fare that greeted us and our guests. Salem/McMinnville fielded 10 pairs. A remarkable 22 tables of bridge players packed the center! Though greatly outnumbered, Unit 490 did extremely well. Six of their seven open pairs placed as did two out of three 299er pairs. Unit 477 retained the trophy, thanks to the extraordinary turnout that day.



Eugene improves club facilities

Unit 479 members convened at Shadow Hills Country Club in February for their annual meeting, lunch and election. The pretext for this activity was to play some bridge! But you were way ahead of me on this.

Jeff Taylor and **Paul Craviotto** emerged as the overall bridge winners.

The successful candidates for the board of were **Paul Craviotto**, **Laurie Rowe**, **Sherri Morgan** and **Deb Dotters**. In the subsequent March board meeting, Paul was re-elected president, **Cindi Palmer** will serve as vice president, Sherri Morgan will keep track of the funds, and **Betsy Ovitt** has agreed to do secretarial duties for another year.

EBC has completed a plumbing upgrade at the club. This has allowed the installation of a long overdue dishwasher, as well as a full-sized hot water heater. Players contributed nearly \$4,000 towards this project, and the unit helped out with \$1,700.

In addition to the normal showers it brings, April also means charity games. Once again, EBC is making a big push to benefit Food for Lane County. **Jeff Taylor** and an anonymous donor have put up a \$2,000 match, which is a pretty decent start! The grand totals will be reported in the next issue, but the target is for double sevens — \$7,000 and 700 pounds of nonperishable food items.

Carolyn Kortge from the Eugene Register-Guard visited the club, gathering information for a column on seniors and bridge.

One of our senior players, **Virginia Garver**, is holding a birthday party on June 14. She will be 96. The game will start at 10 and lunch will be served.

The unit held its first annual 299er sectional in April. A detailed report on this event will appear in the next issue. Prime organizers are **Ellen McCumsey** and **Judy Nevell**, both well known for meticulous planning and attention to detail.

How bridge has changed

One of the things that impressed me when I joined EBC was the preparedness of the more accomplished players to spend time mentoring newer members. I recently sat down with **Marylou Bert** to ask her about her life in bridge, and how the game has changed over the many years she has been playing.

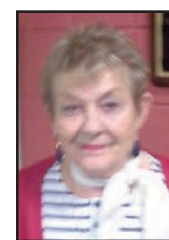
“Well, the first thing that comes to mind is how much lighter the requirements to open the bidding are in the modern game,” she said.

“There are also more relays in both forcing club and nonforcing club auctions.

“There is more reliance on losing trick count for major suit auctions, and less reliance on high card points except in notrump auctions.

“Possibly the most dramatic change is how and where the game is played. The advent of online bridge offers busy professionals a chance to play pretty much anywhere at anytime, and for only a small fee,” she said.

A special thank you is in order to **Don Marsh** for helping gather material for this issue’s column.



Marylou Bert

Salem area players see tournament success

Whee! What a delightfully fruitful quarter the first one of 2017 was at the tables for several Unit 490 members, and a pair of drop-ins, as well — with an exception.

On the tournament trail, **Kevin Kacmarynski** (of Monmouth) was stellar at the Heart of the Valley Sectional in Albany in March. **Mike Green** (Yamhill) and **Randy Naef** (McMinnville) had a marvelous time at the Oregon Trail Regional. And **Don Pitt** (Salem) found the Albany event much to his liking.

“I’ve never won a tournament before,” was how Kevin put it. He was the overall masterpoint leader in Albany. With **Louis Beauchet** (Sherwood) he won the Friday afternoon stratified pairs. Then with **Henri Jansen** (Corvallis) won the Saturday open pairs. Finally, he scored a second-place finish in the Sunday Swiss Teams. Along the way he became a Silver Life Master.

Earlier at the Oregon Trail Regional, Kevin and **Mike Sweet** (Salem) were first in B in the Saturday open pairs.

“Mike Green achieved Life Master in Vancouver in amazing style,” said **Steve Drew**, longtime director at Oak Valley Bridge Club in McMinnville.

“Playing with Randy Naef and various Corvallis teammates, he won over 31 masterpoints,” Drew said — “first in a KO, first in a compact KO, first in the Sunday Swiss, and 3/4 in another KO. In the Swiss, they scored 120 out of 140 victory points!”



Pitt, meanwhile, playing with **Glenda Fleming** of Albany, scored firsts in both the Friday morning and the Saturday morning 299er pairs at the Heart of the Valley Sectional.

Big games

Now come the 70-percenters: Six high-scoring games were recorded late January through mid-April. Two of them were chalked up by Corvallis players **Irva Neyhart** and **Brian Breckenridge**. The following big games were scored at the Salem Bridge Club and a unit game.

- ♦ **Randy Jordan** (Salem) and **Shain Oleson** (Salem) scored 75.2% Jan. 26.
- ♦ **Susan Palmer** (Keizer) and **David Canoy** rolled to 70.8% Feb. 3.
- ♦ Irva and Brian had a 70.2% effort Feb. 5.
- ♦ **Gayle Goodman-Wilkins** (Salem) and Susan Palmer scored 74.8% Feb. 7.
- ♦ Irva and Brian had a monster 77.7% score March 8.
- ♦ **Jackie Mischler** (Salem) and **Paul Graham** (Salem) hit 71.3% April 11.

New members: We welcomed three new people to Unit 490: **Jim Boylan** (Salem), **Bob Demaster** (McMinnville) and **Tim Ramey** (Salem).

Promotions

Recent rank changes include new Junior Master **Fred Goll** (Salem); Club Masters **J.P. Perchellet** (Salem), **Demaster & Marion Hull** (McMinnville); and NABC Master **Sue Owens**.

Away back at the top of this yarn mention was made of an exception to all the good things happening in Unit 490. It came in the semi-annual Inter-Unit Championship hosted by our good friends from Albany-Corvallis Unit 477.

They skunked us! Albany-Corvallis rolled, winning 516.21 to 486.83.

We have a new race for the Kathryn Lewis Memorial Award for the most masterpoints won in unit games during a calendar year. **Randy Jordan** (Salem) leads the 490 crowd at 8.48, **Shain Oleson** (Salem) follows with 8.17 and **Tom McGuire** (Salem) has 7.55.

Results

- Unit Game**, Feb. 5 (9.5 tables) — 1A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, 2A/1B/1C: Claudia Burton – Frank Taussig, 3A/2B: Tom McGuire – Norma Stofiel.
- Unit Game**, Feb. 15 (5 tables) — 1A/1B: Randy Jordan – Tom McGuire, 2A/2B: Shirley Scofield – Shirley Carlson, 3A: Shain Oleson – Jerry Gordon.
- Unit Game**, March 5 (12 tables) — 1A/1B: Shain Oleson – Randy Jordan, 2A: Laurie Rowe – Irva Neyhart, 3A: Zina Galaka – Ted Gegoux.
- Unit Game**, March 15 (4.5 tables) — 1A: Glenda McPherson – Glenn Hossner, 2A/1B: Randy Jordan – Tom McGuire, 3A: Ted Gegoux – Garry Lowe.
- Unit Game**, April 2 (14.5 tables) — 1A/1C: Ross & Jeanne Hibler, 2A: Irva Neyhart – Brian Breckenridge, 3A: Carol & Jim Sanner.

Portland

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Ace’s birthday, The Longest Day

Coming up in June are two events with dinners. On June 16, the Ace is turning 40. A celebratory game will be held at 7 p.m. with dinner at 6 at a cost of \$20.

On June 21, there will be a Longest Day 299er game at 11 a.m. and an open game at 6 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and extra points will be awarded. These games benefit the Alzheimer’s Association.

Ask John: Try a narrower question

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I sympathize with your reaction. Nothing irritates me more than hearing a response like “New Hamilton” when I ask about a bid. Heck, I didn’t even know old Hamilton. But the table opponents are only human, and most are trying to be honest and helpful. I think that a mid-explanation correction by the partner is improper and may convey unauthorized information. Clearly, the TD

should be summoned.

It might be better to preface your future inquiries with something like, “At the moment I don’t care about your carding, but would you please tell me about your leads?” That might be greeted with a raised eyebrow but should elicit only the info that interests you.

Send questions for Ask John to trumpeteditor@gmail.com.

WINNERS AT THE ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL

Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout



Karla Stewart, Eileen Milligan, Noeline Myers, Mary Alice Seville

Thursday-Friday Knockout



Linda Hahn, Cheryl Berens, Jackie Donnelly, Larry Diamant



Gary Smith, Judy Smith, Pat Johnson, Liz Axford

Saturday Compact Knockout



Brian Breckenridge, Irva Kay Neyhart, Kathy Hansen, Mike Hansen

Thursday Afternoon 299er Swiss



Kathleen Moore, Kay Bain, Jill Wolcott, Bob Wolcott



Warren Glaze, Dee Glaze, Jack Grasham, Debbie Grasham

Monday, May 15

Monday Evening Charity Pairs(20 pairs)

- 1A Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Rich Carle, Longview WA
- 2A Jeffrey Taylor – Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR
- 3A Molly Tinsley – Jim Lopes, Ashland OR
- 1B/C Patricia Trenkel – Fred Trenkel, Ontario OR
- 2-3B/C David Wolfe – Elke Wolfe, Gold Hill OR
- 2-3B/C John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA

Monday Evening Charity Swiss Teams(17 teams)

- 1A Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Mary McCune, Marty McCune, Seattle WA
- 2A Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ; Ellen Anten, Encino CA
- 3A Dawn Campbell, Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
- 1B/C Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR; Donald Pitt, Salem OR
- 2B Robert Wolcott, Jill Wolcott, Medford OR; Judith Smith, Gary Smith, Merced CA
- 3B Dennis Kendig, Edward Goldman, Robert Serrett, Ashland OR; Maynard Vitalis, Medford OR

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday Open Pairs(24 pairs)

- 1A July Ratley, Redding CA; Louis Quiggle, Phoenix AZ
- 2A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; John Miller, Discovery Bay CA
- 3A John Ashton, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
- 1B/C David Bryant – Edward Goldman, Ashland OR
- 2B/C Carol Smith – David Cartwright, Oakland CA
- 3B/C David McKee – William Reeves, Ashland OR

Tuesday Gold Pairs(19 pairs)

- 1C Colin Hensley – Anne Dudman, San Jose CA
- 2C/1D Donald Pitt, Salem OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 3C/2D/1E David Glen – Katharine Esslinger, Ashland OR
- 3D/2E Dale Taylor – Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR
- 3E Betsy Ovitt – Joyce Spence, Eugene OR

Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs(6 pairs)

- 1A/B Dennis Dunn, Medford OR; Noreen Tibbet, Gold Hill OR
- 2A/B/1C Pat Werlich, Medford OR; Betty McCormick, Brookings OR
- 2C Warren Glaze – Dolores Glaze, Brookings OR

Tuesday Afternoon Swiss Teams(7 teams)

- 1A Brian Breckenridge, Irva Neyhart, Corvallis OR; Michael Hansen, Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA
- 2A Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Steve Gross, Westlake Village CA; Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA
- 3A Marty McCune, Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA
- 1B/C Donald Walker, Angie Knight, Central Point OR; John Hassen, Roger Hutchings, Medford OR

Wednesday, May 17

Tuesday-Wednesday KO Bracket 1(10 teams)

- 1 Joan Cremin, Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Huub Bertens, Jeff Roman, Bend OR
- 2 William Bailey, Palo Alto CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX
- 3/4 Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR; Donald Crozier, Bend OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR; Jon Neimand, Eugene OR
- 3/4 Dawn Campbell, Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Tuesday-Wednesday KO Bracket 2(11 teams)

- 1 Eileen Milligan, Noeline Myers, Mary Alice Seville, Karla Stewart, Corvallis OR
- 2 Judy Nevell, Ralph Zack, Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR; Ellen McCumsey, Junction City OR
- 3/4 Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR; Wilhelmina White, Carole Schmitz, Redding CA; Maynard Vitalis, Medford OR

- 3/4 Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Michael Hollins, Marilyn Avey, Marvin Grudem, Redding CA

Wednesday Open Pairs(42 pairs)

- 1A Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Suzette Wynn, Phoenix AZ
- 2A John Ashton, Portland OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
- 3A Robert Bjorge, Bellingham WA; Nina Lubick, Laguna Woods CA
- 1B/C Carol Smith – David Cartwright, Oakland CA
- 2B/C Beatrice Bridges, Grants Pass OR; Mark McKechnie, Medford OR
- 3B/C Donald Walker – Angie Knight, Central Point OR

Wednesday Gold Pairs(26 pairs)

- 1C Elizabeth Axford – Patrick Johnson, Clinton WA
- 2C/1D John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 3-4C Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR; Nancy Remple, Portland OR
- 3-4C/2D/1E Frank Larson – Bill Bergmark, Bend OR
- 3D Donald Pitt, Salem OR; Glenda Fleming, Albany OR
- 2E Susan Haas, Redding CA; Kirk McElney, Grants Pass OR
- 3E Elizabeth Smith – Betty Dugan, Davis CA

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs(10 pairs)

- 1A/B David Bryant – Robert Serrett, Ashland OR
- 2A/B Susan Haas, Redding CA; Skip Weiss, Florence OR
- 3A/B Jerry Kenefick – Addie Greene, Ashland OR

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs(16 pairs)

- 1A Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR
- 2A/1B David Bryant, Ashland OR; Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR
- 3A/2B/1C Michael Hollins, Redding CA; Gerald Clark, Anderson CA
- 3B Carole Schmitz – Wilhelmina White, Redding CA
- 2-3C Susan Haas, Redding CA; Skip Weiss, Florence OR
- 2-3C Gretchen King – Harley King, Ashland OR

Thursday, May 18

Thursday Open Pairs(24 pairs)

- 1A John Miller, Discovery Bay CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA
- 2A Duane Christensen – Carol Christensen, Boise ID
- 3A/1B Robert Haar, San Rafael CA; Rick Prouser, Lake Oswego OR
- 2B Ian Kirk, Portland OR; Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA
- 3B Carol Smith – David Cartwright, Oakland CA
- 1C Joan Borberg, Portland OR; Sandra Wilson, Beaverton OR
- 2C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3C Glen Scroggins, Olympia WA; Jose Palmas, Vancouver WA

Thursday Morning Side Pairs(6 pairs)

- 1-2A/B Rita Sheppard, Jacksonville OR; Lawrence Crumb, Fortuna CA
- 1-2A/B Myra Falletta – Jim Hitchcock, Grants Pass OR

Thursday Morning 299er Pairs(24 pairs)

- 1D Patricia Robbins – Orrin Robbins, Olympia WA
- 2D/1E Susan Fairchild – Clifford Fairchild, Corvallis OR
- 3D/2E David Glen – Katharine Esslinger, Ashland OR
- 3E Dennis Powers – Hedy Schoonover, Ashland OR
- 1F Mary Anne Polus – Eagle Point OR; Gwen Mitchell, Medford OR
- 2F Gordon Wade – Dolores Wade, Weed CA
- 3F Elizabeth Smith – Betty Dugan, Davis CA

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs(14 pairs)

- 1A Marilyn Avey – Marvin Grudem, Redding CA
- 2A Margi Redden, Portland OR; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA
- 3A/1B/C Carole Murphy, Hood River OR; Mary Bell, Canyonville OR
- 2-3B/2C Michael Hollins, Redding CA; Gerald Clark, Anderson CA
- 2-3B Rita Sheppard, Jacksonville OR; Lawrence Crumb, Fortuna CA
- 3C Noeline Myers – Karla Stewart, Corvallis OR

Thursday Afternoon Open Swiss Teams(6 teams)

- 1A Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Dawn Campbell, Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR
- 2-3A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Portland OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; July Ratley, Redding CA
- 2-3A/1B Kathy Hansen, Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA; Irva Neyhart, Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR

Thursday Afternoon 299er Swiss Teams(6 teams)

- 1D Robert Wolcott, Jill Wolcott, Kay Bain, Medford OR; Kathleen Moore, Jacksonville OR
- 2D/1E Warren Glaze, Dolores Glaze, Jack Grasham, Debbie Grasham, Brookings OR

Friday, May 19

Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 1(12 teams)

- 1 Joan Cremin, Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Huub Bertens, Jeff Roman, Bend OR
- 2 Jim Houghton, Pollock Pines CA; Tom Zinkle, Folsom CA; John Jefferson, Joanne Merry, Davis CA
- 3/4 William Bailey, Palo Alto CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA
- 3/4 Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Polly Dunn, Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA; Michael Levy, Keizer OR

Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 2(9 teams)

- 1 Cheryl Berens, Oakland OR; Lawrence Diamant, Ashland OR; Jackie Donnelly, Phoenix OR; Linda Hann, Roseburg OR
- 2 Mark McKechnie, Leah McKechnie, Medford OR; Andrea Shapiro, Ashland OR; Richard Brumund, Phoenix OR
- 3/4 Michael Pavlik, Ashland OR; Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA; Charles Harrison Jr., Yreka CA; Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR
- 3/4 Michael Rickus, Newport OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR; Judy Mundt, Ronald Mundt, Sunriver OR

Thursday-Friday KO Bracket 3(8 teams)

- 1 Patrick Johnson, Elizabeth Axford, Clinton WA; Judith Smith, Gary Smith, Merced CA
- 2 Keith Thorp, Shay Kinney, Reid Sherwin, Klamath Falls OR; Ray Kinney, Goodyear AZ
- 3/4 Mel Chaplin, Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA; Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA; Chris Coppel, Eureka CA

Friday Open Pairs(38 pairs)

- 1A Marty McCune, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA
- 2A John Ashton, Portland OR; Scott Foster, Medford OR
- 3A Ed Ulman, Portland OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA
- 1B Amy Casanova, Portland OR; James Flint, Ashland OR
- 2B Ian Kirk, Portland OR; Deanna Birch, Vancouver WA
- 3B/1C Douglas Merritt – Connie Sloper, Grants Pass OR
- 2C Ralph Zack – Bing Kibbey, Eugene OR
- 3C Robert Haar – Gail Haar, San Rafael CA

Friday Gold Pairs(16 pairs)

- 1C/1D John Shribbs – Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
- 2C Jose Palmas, Vancouver WA; Glen Scroggins, Olympia WA
- 3C/2D Glenda Fleming, Albany OR; Donald Pitt, Salem OR
- 3D John Dove Sr. – Elizabeth Fullerton, Vancouver WA
- 1E Patricia Robbins – Orrin Robbins, Olympia WA
- 2E Kathleen Moore, Jacksonville OR; Kay Bain, Medford OR

Friday Morning Side Pairs(14 pairs)

- 1A Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR; Donald Crozier, Bend OR
- 2A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
- 3A Marilyn Avey – Marvin Grudem, Redding CA
- 1B/C Gerald Clark, Anderson CA; Michael Hollins, Redding CA
- 2B Addie Greene – Marjorie Stober, Ashland OR
- 3B Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Bob Valine, Ashland OR
- 2C Dennis Kendig, Ashland OR; Maynard Vitalis, Medford OR

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs(18 pairs)

- 1A Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA
- 2A/1B Michael Rickus, Newport OR; David Gustafson, Florence OR
- 3A/2B Theodore Marconi, Mount Shasta CA; Charles Harrison Jr., Yreka CA
- 3B Susan Taylor, Renton WA; Gail Fraser, Snohomish WA
- 1C Mel Chaplin – Marilyn Chaplin, Brentwood CA
- 2C Alden Sprowles, McKinleyville CA; Chris Coppel, Eureka CA

Strategic Thinking

Evaluating the field, opponents is key to matchpoint strategy

Like most bridge players, I've been working hard to improve my game. And although I've been playing bridge for only eight years, I've learned many things, both in terms of bridge and social life. This is such a rich game!

I joined the ACBL and started playing "seriously" two years ago. Since then I've gotten to play a lot with many different partners and I noticed that bridge is not just about technique, it's also about being strategic and attentive. That is especially true at matchpoints.

Any player who wants to be successful must master the strategic aspect of the game. And trust me, the only way to develop a smart and efficient strategy is to be at the table as much as you can (playing online doesn't work).

Among the strategic elements any good player must consider is paying attention to the field and to the opponents. When you sit down to play, you must ask yourself two questions: How strong is the field? How strong are your opponents? You must adapt your play with regard to both elements.

Let's see how that works. With everyone vulnerable, you pick up:

♠A Q 8 2 ♥K 4 ♦Q J 6 5 ♣K J 9 3.

You open 1NT and partner (after using Stayman or not) invites with 2NT. Do you go?

Bidding a reluctant 3NT after suffering for one minute is not a good solution. If you are playing in a strong regional field, bid 3NT; everyone else will be there (great players bid aggressively), often making because of great play. At your club, pass. Only a few pairs will be in game, and they

might go down, while the rest of the room will be in 2NT. You just have to count on your great declarer play to grab a trick somewhere and you will beat all those who went down in 3NT plus those who made fewer tricks in 2NT.

The field notwithstanding, against good opponents, pass; they are unlikely to give you a trick. Against modest opponents, go for it; there is a good chance they will be kind defenders.

You don't know your opponents? In that case, observe their attitude. If they look serious and confident, they play well.

The key is to consider both factors. For example, you will often face good pairs in a strong field. You then need to decide who is better and play accordingly.

Playing at my friendly local club, my RHO opens 1♦ and I have (red versus white):

♠9 8 4 ♥K J 9 7 ♦10 8 4 ♣K 4 2.

The books say you should pass. However, against novice opponents, my advice is to bid 1♥ as lead indicating. The opponents will not double you.

Another hand came from a recent sectional. I open 2NT with:

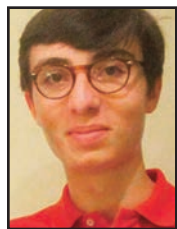
♠J 9 6 ♥A K ♦K Q J 7 ♣A K 8 5.

My partner transfers me to spades and then jumps to 6♥. That shows a strong 5-5 in the majors and asks me to pick a slam.

Matchpoint-greedy, I bid 6NT. Wrong! The field was relatively weak, so I should be conservative and bid 6♠, knowing that making 6♠ will give us a good score anyway. I went down in 6NT while 6♠ was making.

Make more strategic decisions and you'll probably win more events. See you at the table.

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



Louis Beauchet
Guest Contributor

Player roundup

By Amy Casanova
The Trumpet

At the Rogue Valley Regional and around town, we asked players this question: What motivates you to continue learning and playing bridge? Here are their answers.



Ed Celnicker

I've always been intrinsically motivated to get better at things. That, and a former club owner told me I made Goren look modern.

Ed Celnicker
Milwaukie OR



Sharla Coon

You know you can never master it, but you keep learning.

Sharla Coon
Grants Pass



Nancy Hitchcock

I like the people.

Nancy Hitchcock
Grants Pass



Karen Douek

Bridge saved me. It's a distraction from work, a place I can go to forget about the world.

Karen Douek
Portland OR



Judi Roberts

I'm just trying to get better.

Judi Roberts
Tigard OR



Deanna Birch

It gives me a sense of achievement.

Deanna Birch
Vancouver WA



Gene Hval

I like the people.

Gene Hval
Portland OR



Phyllis Sutter

I'm on a quest to make Life Master.

Phyllis Sutter
West Linn OR



Nancy Remple

I'm just riding her coattails.

Nancy Remple
Portland OR
on playing with Phyllis Sutter

Saturday, May 20

Saturday Open Pairs (32 pairs)

- 1A Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; Michael Levy, Keizer OR
2A Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA; John Miller, Discovery Bay CA
3A Bobby Thompson - Randall Paul, Klamath Falls OR
1B/1C Susan Taylor, Renton WA; Gail Fraser, Snohomish WA
2B/C David McKee, Ashland OR; Richard Maison, Yakima WA
3B David Taylor, Seattle WA; Judy Davis, Portland OR
3C Edwin Miller - David Runkel, Ashland OR

Saturday Gold Pairs (10 pairs)

- 1C/D John Shribbs - Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA
2C Genevieve Wilson, Brookings OR; Chris Coppel, Eureka CA
3C Pamela Gibson, Redmond WA; Sharon Peters, Bothell WA
2D Robert Wolcott - Jill Wolcott, Medford OR
3D/1E Lee Soreng - Cornelia Wonham, Eugene OR
2E Debbie Grasham - Jack Grasham, Brookings OR

Saturday Compact KO (12 teams)

- 1 Irva Neyhart, Brian Breckenridge, Corvallis OR; Kathy Hansen, Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA
2 William Bailey, Palo Alto CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA
3 Jon Bartlett, Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (6 pairs)

- 1A/B Hubert (Bud) Hamilton, Kenneth Murray, Redding CA
2A/B Marilyn Chaplin - Mel Chaplin, Brentwood CA

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (8 pairs)

- 1A Jon Neimand, Eugene OR; James Smith, Mapleton OR
2A/1B Ronald Mundt - Judy Mundt, Sunriver OR
3A Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR; Donald Crozier, Bend OR
2B Keith Thorp, Klamath Falls OR; Glen Scroggins, Olympia WA

Saturday Afternoon Swiss Teams (4 teams)

- 1 Marty McCune, Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA

Sunday, May 21

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams (13 teams)

- 1A William Bailey, Palo Alto CA; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA
2A Patrick Dunn, Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Michael Levy, Keizer OR; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR
3-4A Marty McCune, Mary McCune, Seattle WA; Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Patti Hartley, Kenmore WA
3-4A Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery III, Ed Ulman, Amy Casanova, Portland OR; Jean Barry, Livermore CA

Sunday Flight B Swiss Teams (6 teams)

- 1B David Bryant, Robert Serrett, Edward Goldman, Ashland OR; Neal Smith, Jacksonville OR
2B Mark Matson, Medford OR; Addie Greene, Andrea Shapiro, Ashland OR; Richard Brumund, Phoenix OR

Monday-Wednesday Side Game Series (84 players)

- 1 David Bryant, Ashland OR
2/3 Skip Weiss, Florence OR
2/3 Susan Haas, Redding CA

Thursday-Saturday Side Game Series (92 players)

- 1/2 Albert Wilson Jr., Brookings OR
1/2 Donald Crozier, Bend OR
3/4 Jon Neimand, Eugene OR
3/4 James Smith, Mapleton OR



Marty McCune, Barbara Nist
Friday Open Pairs



Jeff Taylor, Mike Levy
Saturday Open Pairs



July Ratley, Louis Quiggle
Tuesday Open Pairs



Cris Barrere, John Miller
Thursday Open Pairs



Merlin Vilhauer, Rich Carle
Monday Charity Pairs



John & Patty Shribbs
Friday & Saturday Gold Pairs



Anne Dudman, Colin Hemsley
Tuesday Gold Pairs



Rick Prouser, Bob Haar
1B Thursday Open Pairs



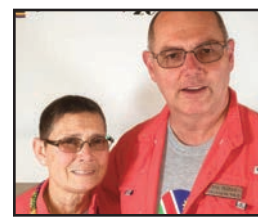
David Bryant
Monday-Wednesday Side Series



Liz Axford, Pat Johnson
Wednesday Gold Pairs



Dennis Dunn, Noreen Tibbet
Tuesday Afternoon Side Pairs



Pat & Orrin Robbins
Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs

Top masterpoint winners

Table with 3 columns of player names, scores, and locations. Total masterpoints: 3597.01 earned by 277 players.

Flight C: Playing in GNT is easier than you think

World travel anyone? This year's Grand National Teams event is part of the North American Bridge Championships to be held in July in Toronto.

How does one qualify for the NABC GNT experience?

The first leg of qualifying is very straightforward: find another pair aspiring to enter the national event and play in a first-round qualifying game at a club. You don't even have to qualify as the team you expect to form for the second round of qualifying, although it doesn't hurt to remain together, if possible.

The second round is the District 20 qualifying tournament. And you don't have to travel far. Play is online, on the popular Bridge Base site.

There are four divisions - Open, Flight A, Flight B and Flight C.

The reward for first place is an opportunity to play in the NABC finals, with travel expenses assisted by District 20 subsidies.

This year, my teammates - Jon Gassaway, Benjamin Levy and Beverly Walker - and I were fortunate enough to punch that Flight C ticket to Toronto. I know that I can say that we are all looking forward to being part of District 20's Toronto contingent.



Roger Thomas
Guest Contributor

Some of you may be wondering how many years of experience and number of

masterpoints did it take to win. Well, Jon and I have been playing as partners for under a year and are each still well below 100 masterpoints.

But remember, you must enter to have a chance to win. Don't miss it next time around.

Hello Summer NABCs!

July 20-30, 2017



Congrats to the GNT teams representing District 20 in Toronto!



Watch Facebook for updates on their progress beginning July 20.
www.facebook.com/d20trumpet





Ask John

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

Dlr: South ♠A J 3
 Vul: Both ♥9 6
 IMPs ♦K 5 4 2
 ♣A 10 8 5

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

♠Q 9 8 7 4
 ♥K 8 3
 ♦J
 ♣Q 9 4 2

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	?

Dear John,
 Not really sure why the West hand did not open the bidding, but the auction progressed as shown. I, sitting South, chose to pass INT since every time I rebid 2♠ my partner is 1-4-5-3 and LHO has ♠AKJ 10. My partner said he thinks I should have bid 2♠. I think his INT is a stretch and 2♣ would have been more welcome, especially considering we were playing IMPs. It looks like E/W can make a bunch of hearts so maybe I shouldn't feel too bad.

—Mr. Dither

Dear Mr. D,
 Wow! And I thought I was a pessimist! A goal in the auction is to reach a contract where small cards will take tricks. With this hand, I would judge that is more likely to happen in spades. Partner's values will either win tricks or reinforce my rounded suit honors.

Additionally, it will be harder for the opponents to balance over 2♠ than 1NT. That may not be a concern against Caspar (West, who passed in second chair with 12 HCP, two quick tricks, and a reasonable five-card suit) and Milquetoast (East, who refused a 1♥ overcall with a hand improved by the opening bid).

A club lead from West would position the defense to beat 2♠ by a trick. 1NT should do much worse. An E/W heart contract could easily produce 10 tricks after south leads his singleton ♦J.

♣♦♥♠♣♦♥♠

Dear John,
 I wasn't going to ask this question because I thought it seemed rather petty and tacky, but then a very similar question showed up in the April Bulletin so I thought, "What the heck?"
 It's irritating to me when I ask an opponent what their leads are and they tell me their carding too. Especially when they tell me their discards. I think it's kind of a wake-up to their partner. Evidently "Ruling the Game" feels otherwise and indicates that any inquiry should elicit full disclosure. I agree that looking at the convention card is the best solution, but often they are not filled out.
 Also, what should happen when one opponent corrects the other? If I ask LHO, "What are your discards?" and he answers, "Upside down," but then RHO says, "Standard" during the play, is that unauthorized information? Is there any rectification if the wrong answer is given and declarer (mis)plays accordingly?
 —Is It Just I?

Dear Is It,
 Because the moderator of "Ruling the Game" is Matt Smith, a close, personal friend and, in my opinion, the most knowledgeable TD in the ACBL, I would be uneasy commenting on the excellent response given in the April Bridge Bulletin.

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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

DISTRICT 20 REGIONALS & SECTIONALS

JUNE 2017

9 – 11	Portland Spring Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
16 – 18	Klamath Falls Sectional CANCELED	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	Eureka Sectional	Ocean West Senior Village Clubhouse, McKinleyville CA
8 – 10	Portland Fall Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR
8 – 10 NEW DATES	Boise Fall Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
15 – 17	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 2 – 8	OREGON COAST REGIONAL	Seaside Convention Center, Seaside OR
14 – 15	Vancouver Fall NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
20 – 22	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
17 – 19	Honolulu Sectional	Ala Wai Clubhouse, Honolulu HI

DECEMBER 2017

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

JANUARY 2018

Jan 8 – 14	HAWAII REGIONAL	Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki, Honolulu HI
13 – 14	Vancouver Winter NLM Sectional	Vancouver Bridge Club, Vancouver WA
19 – 21	Garden Isle Sectional	Sun Village Recreation Center, Lihue HI
26 – 28	Portland Winter KO Sectional	Montgomery Park, Portland OR

FEBRUARY 2018

9 – 11	Boise Sweetheart Sectional	Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise ID
Feb 19 – 25	OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL	Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver WA

MARCH 2018

23 – 25	Rogue Valley Spring Sectional	Dan Voorhies Bridge Center, Phoenix OR
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TOURNAMENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 19: www.d19.org

June 20-25	Anchorage Regional AK
July 7-9	Anacortes Sectional WA
July 14-16	Seattle Sectional, Bellevue WA
July 28-30	Bremerton Sectional WA
Aug. 4-6	Nanaimo Sectional BC
Aug. 21-27	Puget Sound Regional, Lynnwood WA
Sept. 1-4	Spokane Sectional WA
Sept. 1-4	Olympia Sectional WA
Sept. 16-17	Seattle I/N Sectional WA
Oct. 16-22	Olympia Regional WA

DISTRICT 21: www.d21acbl.com

June 28-July 2	Mountain View Sectional CA
July 14-16	Castro Valley Sectional CA
Aug. 5-6	Sonoma Sectional CA
Aug. 16-20	Reno Sectional, Sparks NV
Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Santa Clara Regional CA
Sept. 9-10	Santa Rosa Sectional CA
Sept. 16-17	Stockton Sectional CA
Oct. 9-15	Reno Regional, Sparks NV

DISTRICT 18: www.wasumi.org

July 10-16	Casper Regional WY
July 21-23	Hayden Sectional ID

Aug. 3-6	Helena Sectional MT
Aug. 11-13	Idaho Falls Sectional ID
Aug. 14-20	Edmonton Regional AB
Aug. 25-27	Missoula Sectional MT
Sept. 15-17	Salt Lake City Sectional UT
Oct. 11-13	World Senior Games, St. George UT

DISTRICT 17: www.d17acbl.org

June 19-25	Las Vegas Regional NV
July 28-30	Grand Junction Sectional CO
July 31-Aug. 6	Phoenix Regional, Scottsdale AZ
Aug. 18-20	Loveland Sectional and I/N Regional CO
Aug. 24-27	Colorado Springs Sectional CO
Sept. 1-4	El Paso Sectional TX
Sept. 21-24	Tucson I/N Regional AZ
Oct. 9-15	Taos Regional NM

DISTRICT 22: acbl.district22.com/d22

July 14-16	Big Bear Lake Sectional CA
Aug. 4-6	San Diego Sectional CA
Aug. 18-20	Santa Barbara Sectional CA
Sept. 4-10	Orange County Regional, Costa Mesa CA
Sept. 15-17	Bakersfield Sectional CA
Sept. 22-24	Lompoc Sectional CA
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Ventura Regional 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
Nov. 22 – Dec. 2	Fall 2018	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu HI